

# **MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday 16 November 2020 6:00pm Via Zoom:

# MEMBERSHIP

Administrator Noel Harvey Administrator Karen Douglas Administrator Hugh Delahunty

> Confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2020

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

# 1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm The Chair, Administrator Noel Harvey read the Council Prayer and acknowledgement of country.

#### IN ATTENDANCE via videoconference Zoom

Administrator Noel Harvey Administrator Hugh Delahunty Administrator Karen Douglas

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey Acting General Manager Corporate Performance, David Anderson General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning, Rebecca Stockfeld General Manager Martin Collins

Guests:

Martin Thompson, Senior Partner, Crowe representing the Victorian Auditor-General's Office

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Nil

#### 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

#### 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

#### 5.1- CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS 2019/2020

The purpose of this report is to present Council with final draft Financial and Performance Statements for 2019-2020, to seek approval for the Statements and authorise two Administrators on behalf of Council to certify the Statements in their final form.

The Acting General Manager Corporate Performance David Anderson noted that following completion of the year audit of Council's financial statements a change was required as a result of the interpretation of AASB16 Leases.

Accordingly, a reduction to operating expenditure was made reducing Council's operating surplus to \$486,000. In accordance with resolutions of the Audit and Risk Committee and Council at their respective meetings on 27 October 2020, the amended statements were referred to the Chair of the Committee who indicated that he understood the reason for the change and had no concerns with it.

Mr Anderson indicated that there is no change to Council's cash position and that Council's balance sheet at 30 June 2020 remains strong.

Council is now able to formally approve the finance and performance statements as amended and presented to the meeting and authorise their certification.

# **CONFIRMED MINUTES**

#### **Council Resolution**

#### That Council:

- 1. Approves the Annual Financial Report, Performance Statement and Governance Checklist for the 2019/2020 financial year.
- 2. Authorises Administrator Harvey and Administrator Douglas to certify the Financial and Performance Statements in their final form on behalf of, and with the full authority of the Council.

# MovedAdministrator Karen DouglasSecondedAdministrator Hugh Delahunty

# CARRIED

Administrator Delahunty acknowledged the efforts of the Finance team for the preparation of the report.

Chief Administrator Harvey endorsed the comments of Administrator Delahunty and thanked Martin Thompson from Crowe representing VAGO who have supported the extension of the deadline for the preparation of the Annual Financial Report, Performance Statement and Governance Checklist which will be presented to Parliament in March 2021.

## **6 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

#### 7 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Administrator Noel Harvey declared the meeting closed at 6.09 pm

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Chair, Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor