



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

9 JULY 2015

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.01 AM**

1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor G A Belz
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – General Manager Corporate Services
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services
Mr G Van der Walt – Acting Manager Finance
Ms E Brodel – Media and Communications Officer
Ms T Jacobsen – Governance Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 2015/2016 OPERATIONAL PLAN

File No: 8320

Attachments:

1. 2015/16 Operational Plan - Office of CEO
2. 2015/16 Operational Plan - Corporate Services
3. 2015/16 Operational Plan - Regional Services
4. 2015/16 Operational Plan - Community Services

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

General Manager Corporate Services presenting the 2015/2016 Operational Plan for adoption in accordance with s174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the 2015/2016 Operational Plan as attached to the report be adopted pursuant to s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 ADOPTION OF 2015/2016 BUDGET

File No: 8785

Attachments: 1. **Rockhampton Regional Council Budget 2015/2016**

Authorising Officer: **Drew Stevenson - Acting General Manager Corporate Services**

Author: **Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance**

SUMMARY

In accordance with Chapter 5, Part 2, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government must adopt, for each financial year a budget for its Operations prior to 1 August in the financial year. The budget papers were circulated via memo to all Councillors on 25 June 2015. At the time of writing only very minor changes were proposed for the Capital Program, which as they are not substantial, will be held to the first Budget Revision.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

1. Council receive and adopt the 2015/16 Budget including forward estimates in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* comprising:-
 - a) The Budgeted Income and Expenditure Statement, Budgeted Statement of Financial Position, Budgeted Statement of Cashflows and Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity for the 2015/16 financial year, 2016/17 financial year and 2017/18 financial year;
 - b) One Page Budget Summary for the 2015/2016 financial year; and
 - c) The relevant measures of Financial Sustainability for 2015/2016 and the next nine financial years.
 2. Council adopt the Revenue Statement as tabled and more specifically:-
 - a) Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories into which rateable land is categorised and the description of each of those categories for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015 is as set out in Section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
 - b) Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council delegates to the CEO the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs, as set out in Section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
 - c) Pursuant to Sections 80 and 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land included in each category for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015, as set out in Section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
 - d) Pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a minimum differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land in the Local Government area for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015 as set out in Section 3 the Revenue Statement.
 - e) Pursuant to Section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will limit the percentage increase in the differential general rate. The limitation on increases for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015 shall be as set out in Section 4 of the Revenue Statement.
 - f) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a special charge for the purpose of raising revenue for each
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Rural Fire Brigade for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015, as set out in Section 5 of the Revenue Statement.

- g) Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a separate charge on all parcels of rateable land for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of maintenance of the road network for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015, as set out in Section 6 the Revenue Statement.
 - h) Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a separate charge on all parcels of rateable land for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for environmental protection, enhancement and conservation for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015, as set out in Section 6 the Revenue Statement.
 - i) Pursuant to Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy Utility Charges for Water, Sewerage and Waste & Recycling for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015, as set out in Section 7 of the Revenue Statement.
 - j) Pursuant to Section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, all rates and charges shall be due and payable within 35 days of the issue date of a notice to pay as set out in Section 10 of the Revenue Statement.
 - k) Pursuant to Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will charge interest on overdue rates and charges at an interest rate of 11% per annum, compounded on daily rests, on rates and charges remaining outstanding 30 days after the due date as set out in Section 11 of the Revenue Statement.
 - l) Pursuant to Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will allow a discount of 10% on gross Council rates and charges excluding all special charges, separate charges or water consumption charges, provided payment of the full amount outstanding and overdue rates and interest is paid by the due date as set out in Section 12 of the Revenue Statement.
 - m) Pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council allows rating concessions in the manner described in Section 13 of the Revenue Statement.
3. Council adopt the Debt Policy in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
 4. Council adopt the Long Term Financial Forecast as provided, which includes the Income and Expenditure as well as the value of Assets, Liabilities and Equity for Rockhampton Regional Council, in accordance with Sections 169 & 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
 5. Council receives the financial position for the 2014/15 financial period as contained in the attached report in accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
 6. In accordance with Section 169(3)(i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council receive the estimated statement for each significant business activities and commercial business units.
 7. Council receives the remainder of the documentation as working papers to support the 2015/16 adopted budget including the 2015/16 Approved Capital List and Budget Report.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Williams
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:09am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE