# MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SCONE COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

### PRESENT:

Cr James Burns (Chair), Cr Belinda McKenzie and Cr Elizabeth Flaherty.

#### APLICATIONS FOR ATTENDING MEETING VIA VIDEO LINK

Nil

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Noted that Cr Adam Williamson is on a leave of absence.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Wayne Phelps (Manager Finance) and Ms Karen Boland (Governance & Executive Support Officer)

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Nil

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Nil

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CORP.06.1 FINANCIAL SUMMARY & INVESTMENT REPORT

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Greg McDonald - General Manager **AUTHOR:** Wayne Phelps - Manager Finance

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#### **RESOLVED**

## That the Committee:

- 1. note the Fund and Function Summary Report;
- 2. note the Cash and Investment Report:
- 3. note the Responsible Accounting Officer's Statement on the Investments;
- 4. note the Loan Schedule and balances outstanding:
- 5. note the Capital Works Expenditure Report; and
- 6. note the High Level (Surplus) Deficiency Report.

Moved: Cr E Flaherty Seconded: Cr B McKenzie CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WHITE PARK MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE **CORP.06.2** 

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Greg McDonald - General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Karen Lee - Senior Administration Officer - Business Services

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**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the White Park Management & Development Committee meeting held on 7 June 2023.

Moved: Cr J Burns Seconded: Cr B McKenzie **CARRIED** 

> **FOR** AGAINST

Councillor Burns Councillor Flaherty

Councillor McKenzie

Total (2) Total (1)

CORP.06.3 PROPERTY UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Greg McDonald - General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Karen Lee - Senior Administration Officer - Business Services

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**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee note the report and actions undertaken to date on the property strategy.

Moved: Cr E Flaherty Seconded: Cr B McKenzie CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORP.06.4** RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Wayne Phelps - Manager Finance

**AUTHOR:** Karen Boland - Governance & Executive Support Officer

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**RESOLVED** 

For notation only.

Moved: Cr B McKenzie Seconded: Cr E Flaherty CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS:**

Cr Flaherty requested clarification if leftover excavated material from the Golden Hwy was used instead of locally sourced gravel on a road in Merriwa as it has been reported to her that the repairs were sub-standard.

Response: General Manager advised that leftover excavated material from the Golden Hwy can be

used if deemed suitable but would require clarification of the actual road in question so

that staff can investigate further.

Still await clarification from Cr Flaherty regarding the road in question. Update:

Councillor Clarification: Cr Flaherty advised the road in question was Forest Reserve Road.

Cr Flaherty requested a breakdown of grant funding and loan borrowings pertaining to the airport project (air site and museum), Merriwa MR358, Scone Saleyards, White Park, Campbell's Corner and the Scone Golf Course.

Response: Taken on notice.

Cr Flaherty enquired with regard to the 2022-2023 DPOP, what were the anticipated loan funded projects that Council intended to borrow \$8.87M, and why did the loan funding not progress. What is the current plan for those specific projects?

Response: Taken on notice.

Cr Flaherty enquired with regard to the DPOP, what do loans of \$19.6M in 2023 budget and \$17.39M in the 2024 budget pertain to?

Response: Taken on notice.

Cr Flaherty enquired with regard to the operating performance ratio in 2022 of (20.21%), a five fold increase in a 4 year time frame from 4.04%, the report notes the trajectory is expected to continue. Does Council have projections of benchmarks for the 2023 and 2024 financial years.

Response: Taken on notice.

Cr Flaherty enquired if a breakdown of the Hunter Warbirds Café revenue and expenditure could be provided.

Response: Taken on notice.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.31am