MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SCONE COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Greg McDonald (General Manager), Mr Wayne Phelps (Acting Director Corporate & Community Services) and Ms Karen Boland (Governance & Executive Support Officer).

APLICATIONS FOR ATTENDING MEETING VIA VIDEO LINK

RESOLVED that the application received from Cr Burns to attend the meeting via video link be accepted.

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

APOLOGIES:

Nil

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Nil

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORP.03.1	FINANCIAL SUMMARY & INVESTMENT REPORT
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Greg McDonald - General Manager
AUTHOR:	Wayne Phelps - Acting Director Corporate & Community Services

23/059 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 Capital Works Expenditure Report; and
- 5. adopt the proposed budget variations.

Moved: Cr J Burns Seconded: Cr E Flaherty CAI	RRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Councillor Questions:

Cr Burns enquired if Council would engage an external investment consultant to invest its funds to achieve a higher yield.

Response: Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that unfortunately Council is bound by the OLG regulations with regard to investment strategies which are conservative and primarily term deposits or government bonds. Taken on notice to investigate further.

CORP.03.2RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONSRESPONSIBLE OFFICER:Wayne Phelps - Acting Director Corporate & Community ServicesAUTHOR:Karen Boland - Governance & Executive Support Officer23/060RESOLVEDFor notation only.Seconded: Cr B McKenzieMoved: Cr E FlahertySeconded: Cr B McKenzie

CLOSED COMMITTEE

23/061

RESOLVED That the Committee move into Closed Committee with the press and public excluded in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CORP.03.1 PROPERTY UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Greg McDonald - General Manager

AUTHOR: Karen Lee - Senior Administration Officer - Business Services

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to give an update on various property matters within Council.

23/062 RESOLVED

That Council advertises its intent to reclassify lots 1 and 3 DP 212047 and lot 12 DP 227553 being 97 and 98 Hill Street respectively to Operational land and that this be advertised for a minimum of 28 days and the submissions be reported back to Council.

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

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

23/063 RESOLVED

That the meeting move back into Open Committee.

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

Upon resuming Open Committee, and in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the General Manager provided a summary of the resolutions passed in Closed Committee.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55am.