

George Town Council
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**Confirmed Minutes of Council held on the 15th November 2017
Meeting Commenced at 1.00 pm**

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1. PRESENT

Mayor Bridget Archer
Cr Tim Harris (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Chris Ashley
Cr Heather Barwick JP
Cr Doug Burt
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr John Glisson
Cr Tim Parish
Cr Peter Parkes

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager
Acting Team Leader – Corporate and Finance
Executive Officer (Governance)
Executive Assistant (Governance)

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

293/17 2.1 - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18TH OCTOBER 2017

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parish
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 18th October, 2017 numbered 273/17 to 289/17 and 292/17 as previously circulated to Elected Members be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley		✓	Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

Cr Ashley abstained from voting.

CARRIED

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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

[Refer to Minute No. 243/16. The period set aside for public question time will be at least 15 minutes. Questions given on notice will be addressed first. Once questions on notice have been addressed, persons who have registered their interest to ask a question will be called to do so in the order in which they have registered. Persons attending Council meetings will have the opportunity to register their interest to ask a question without notice prior to the commencement of the meeting. Council staff will be on hand to assist with this process.

Participants cannot ask more than 2 questions in a row with a maximum of 2 minutes per question. If a person has more than (2) questions, they will be placed at the 'end of the queue' and may, if time permits, ask their further questions once all other persons have had an opportunity to ask questions. Persons who have not registered their interest to ask a question will be given an opportunity to do so following all those who have registered. All questions must be directed to the Chairperson.

For further information on Council's Public Question Time Rules and Procedure, please refer to George Town Council Public Question Time Policy No. 18.]

Questions asked and answers provided may be summarised in the minutes of the meeting.

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3.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced: 1.02 pm
Concluded: 1.31 pm

Mrs Rainbow, George Town

- Q1. Mrs Rainbow asked if Council could approach businesses within George Town and encourage them to remain open over long weekends/public holidays, possibly taking it in turn to open.

The Chairperson responded advising Mrs Rainbow that she was happy to raise her comments through the Chamber of Commerce however noted that businesses are required to pay penalty rates over weekends and public holidays and therefore they would need to be confident of attracting customers over these periods.

Mr Neilsen, George Town

- Q1. Mr Neilsen stated that as a regular user of Victoria Street he had noticed some very near misses between cars on the corner of Franklin Street and Old Temco Road and suggested that cars need to come to a full stop at the intersection. Mr Neilsen asked if a Stop Sign could be installed at this intersection.

The Chairperson advised Mr Neilsen that the intersection at Victoria Street and Franklin Street had been identified as a Black Spot area and Council had been successful in obtaining Black Spot funding for the placement of a roundabout at that intersection. The Chairperson advised that Council intended to carry out that work in conjunction with the reparations intended for Franklin Street.

Mr Neilsen enquired whether a land resumption was required.

The Chairperson advised that she did not believe so.

Mrs Wootton, Low Head

- Q1. Mrs Wootton stated that in answer to her question at the May and June meetings in regard to the disappearance of the double lines from the area from Ainslie Nursing Home to the Lagoon Beach and also on the approaches to the corner at the Lagoon Bay picnic ground – Mr Jolly's letter in answer, advised that her concern had been referred to the Department of State Growth. Mrs Wootton asked if the Department of State Growth had given an answer yet and if so what the answer was.

The Chairperson took the question on notice.

- Q2. Mrs Wootton stated that she had a concern some years ago with the danger along the section of the Main Road from the Railway bridge to the start of Victoria Street – which is very irregular and dangerous especially at night and when it's wet. Most of the guideposts are missing as a result.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mr de Paoli saw the problem and left instructions for it to be marked with white lines along the side of the road in this section and eventually it was marked, much to everyone's delight. However, with the last mark earlier this year this section was again missed out and it's virtually disappeared. Mrs Wootton asked if the white lines along the sides of the road from the railway bridge to the start of Victoria Street could be re-marked when the next road marking takes place – and kept marked.

The Chairperson acknowledged Mrs Wootton's comments and advised that the matter will be followed up.

Mrs Rainbow, George Town

Q2. Mrs Rainbow referred to a survey that had been circulated by the Future Impact Group and asked who had authorised the survey. Mrs Rainbow stated that she had phoned Council and was told that Council was not aware of the survey. Mrs Rainbow stated that there was no indication as to how the information would be used, nor were there any contact address for the Group.

The Chairperson responded and advised that Council was considered to be a stakeholder to the Group and provided some information in respect to the nature of the Group. The Chairperson also advised that there are a number of Councillors who attend those meetings being Cr Glisson, Cr Burt and Cr Parkes and it was her understanding that the survey is entirely voluntary and it was merely seeking the views of the community.

The Chairperson referred the question to Cr Parkes to provide some further commentary.

Cr Parkes advised that the Group originated from a group of community members, Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Hub and that the survey was a platform to see how the group could assist with the community's concerns.

The Chairperson felt it was important to the model that it was community led and whilst Council is involved in many of those types of activities; Council is not the only entity or stakeholder involved with this Group. The Chairperson further advised that the whole of the community has the right and responsibility to contribute to the place making of where they live. These types of groups such as the Future Impact Group are a mechanism for some of those voices to be heard, particularly as sometimes voices are not heard in this forum as not everyone is going to come along to a Council meeting. We know that not everyone engages in all different types of consultation groups, this is just another way to provide an environment where people can contribute and have their say. The Chairperson advised that what comes out of these forums assists decision making across the board.

Mrs Rainbow asked for clarification that the Group was not a government agency.

The Chairperson referred the question to Cr Glisson who advised that the Group started about 5 years ago. At that stage there was one Councillor involved although not in official capacity as a Councillor, being Tim Cory. Tim Cory, Cr Glisson and others got together on an irregular basis to discuss ways of trying to identify things that our community could do to make themselves prouder of their community and build within our community without necessarily taking everything to Council.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Cr Glisson advised that it was more a way of finding out what the community wanted rather than what Council wanted. Over a period of time more people got involved and were looking at a range of things that could be done for our community by our community rather than by the Council. They looked at a collective impact arrangement and Cr Glisson stated that there are a whole range of things that go on within this community and people next door to each other do not know what is going on and it is a way of identifying in a broader sense what is happening collectively. The group has gradually evolved to sub committees which look at various aspects of community members.

Mrs Rainbow stated that she was concerned that if we are working with groups that are not coming back to Council and there is no feedback to the rest of the community this would create “a them and us” situation.

The Chairperson clarified that no one is excluded and if Mrs Rainbow was interested in participating in those meetings that she was sure that either Cr Burt, Cr Glisson or Cr Parkes might be able to provide her with some details around that. The Chairperson also reiterated that as Cr Glisson had advised, the nature of these collective impact groups is to provide a way for grass roots action to give people pride in their community and to get people actively involved in the shaping of their community. Council of course has an interest in that and there may be matters that come out of that process that Council can operate in or impact on.

Q3. Mrs Rainbow advised that she had received a response to a previous question about no smoking and again referred to smoking within the vicinity of public buildings and stated that Regent Square was also a public place and people should be encouraged not to smoke around any of these areas. Mrs Rainbow felt it was the same as encouraging people not to smoke near school crossings.

The Chairperson responded that as previously advised, distances in regard to smoking around buildings and playgrounds was governed by the Public Health Act and it was the enforcement around these types of matters that was the difficulty.

Mr O’Doherty, George Town

Q1. Mr O’Doherty referred to his ongoing question which he had originally asked in September last year in regard to Franklin Street. Mr O’Doherty stated that it was now over 12 months and he wanted to know, as a ratepayer, what caused the breakup of Franklin Street and the ongoing breakup and how much funds had been spent on that section to date. Mr O’Doherty again requested a copy of the report on Franklin Street.

The Chairperson advised that she had received no further information at this stage in regard to that report. The Chairperson referred the question to the General Manager who advised that Council does have a partial report, excluding the financials and that she could prepare what is currently available for Mr O’Doherty and anything else as it comes to hand would also be provided. As yet there is not a full report available.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

- Q2. Mr O'Doherty referred to the two articles in yesterday's Examiner newspaper in respect to the review and the revision of Council's capital budget. Mr O'Doherty stated that it was good to see that Council has started addressing the deficit and asked if the Chairperson thought that Council would be sticking to addressing the deficit and not have people getting together doing this and that to get popular during an election year?

The Chairperson stated that it was her opinion, which she felt was shared by the Council as was indicated at the time that the budget was set, that everyone here was uncomfortable about setting that budget and only did so on the basis that was clearly articulated around the table that it wouldn't be realised and that there must be an organisational review and operational savings must be identified to prevent that projected deficit being realised at the end of the year. The Chairperson stated that she felt it was safe to say unequivocally that that is still the position of the Council and it was also probably reasonable to say that if there are opportunities ongoing throughout this financial year to continue to refine those budget estimates, Council will do so.

Mr Austin, George Town

- Q1. Mr Austin stated that it appeared to him that the whole Council had taken an about turn as to how it faces its financial matters and felt that this was due to the new General Manager who was very popular in the town and was doing a good job from reports he had heard. Mr Austin stated that he hoped the Council can agree and not wage war on each other, come to some agreement and make this a Council that works better for the community.

The Chairperson agreed with and thanked Mr Austin for his comments.

Mrs Wootton, Low Head

- Q3. Mrs Wootton referred to the survey that Mrs Rainbow had earlier raised and advised that she had not received the survey at Low Head and was unaware of anyone else in Low Head receiving it and asked how it had been distributed.

The Chairperson referred the question to Cr Parkes who advised that the distributor was provided with 3,000 copies to distribute through George Town.

The Chairperson advised Mrs Wootton that if she wished to participate the survey forms were available at the HUB or the IGA.

Mrs Rainbow, George Town

- Q4. Mrs Rainbow commented that she had recently had a spillage in her back yard where water was airborne and witches had been put out and also referred to the recent spillage into the Cove. Mrs Rainbow advised that she felt that witches hats and appropriate signage should have been also been put in place to prevent children from walking through the effluent that was floating at the bottom part of that reserve.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

The Chairperson stated that the problem was identified as a blockage in the pipe and it was flushed out with high pressure water so it was actually water that was in that area of the reserve. It did present some challenges over the weekend because of the timing of the triathlon. The Chairperson took the opportunity to thank Council's EHO who drove from his home in Latrobe to George Town and back on Saturday to ensure that there was absolutely no risk to public health.

Mr Austin, George Town

- Q2. Mr Austin referred to the cutting down of the tree at Esplanade North and stated that he had examined the tree several times and still could find no apparent fault with the tree from the cuttings on the ground. Mr Austin also stated that they had been lying on the ground since last meeting and asked if they were going to stay there or be removed?

The Chairperson responded that she felt they would be removed but would follow the matter up.

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil.

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3.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Refer to Minute No. 425/00, which states in part, “that a copy of all written replies to questions from the Public Gallery be included in the following Council Agenda.”)

Mrs Rainbow, George Town

8th November, 2017

Mrs Rainbow

Dear Mrs Rainbow

RE: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18TH OCTOBER 2017

Thank you for your attendance at the 18th October 2017 Ordinary Council meeting where you asked the following question:

Q1. If Council could consider the placement of “no smoking” signs outside the HUB and other public buildings to deter people from smoking in these areas.

Response

In Tasmania, there are a range of public places that are smoke-free under the Public Health Act 1997. For public buildings, no smoking is take place within 3 metres of entry or exits and 10 metres of air intakes for ventilation equipment.

Council has forwarded your concern, as a resident of George Town, to the George Town Community Hub to consider erecting no smoking signs outside the entry/exit door to the Hub to remind customers of their obligations.

I appreciate the concern you expressed at the October Council meeting.

Yours sincerely

Justine Brooks-Bedelph
GENERAL MANAGER

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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications of experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



**Justine Brooks-Bedelph
GENERAL MANAGER**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless the general manager certifies in writing that such advice was obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee.
- (3) The Minister by order may determine the qualifications and experience required by a person to be a qualified person.
- (4) If the Minister does not make an order under subsection (3), the general manager may determine the qualifications and experience required by a person to be a qualified person.

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6. PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Council will act as a planning authority under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* in respect of any items included in this section of the agenda.

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

25. Acting as a planning authority

- (1) If a council or council committee intends to act at a meeting as a planning authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the chairperson is to advise the meeting accordingly.*
- (2) The general manager is to ensure that the reasons for a decision by a council or council committee acting as a planning authority are recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

Nil.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil

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9. CORPORATE SERVICES

294/17 9.1 - PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
Acting Team Leader – Corporate and Finance

REPORT DATE: 9 November, 2017

FILE NO: 29.11, 32.1

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Revised Operating Statement by Budget Centre

OBJECTIVE

This report provides the proposed amendments to the 2017-18 budget.

BACKGROUND

The 2017-18 Budget was adopted by Council on 12 July 2017, with the condition that -

“That Council will review the budget following the completion of the planned full operational review and amend the budget to match the outcomes that Council has agreed to implement as a result of the review.”

Council has considered the proposed budget amendments at a workshop. Detailed budget work papers have been provided to elected members to support these discussions.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Budget Estimates

Local Government Act 1993 Section 82 – Estimates states:

- (1) *The General Manager must prepare estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.*
- (2) *Estimates are to contain details of the following:*
 - (a) *the estimated revenue of the Council;*
 - (b) *the estimated expenditure of the Council;*
 - (c) *the estimated borrowing by the Council;*
 - (d) *the estimated capital works of the Council;*
 - (e) *any other detail required by the Minister.*
- (3) *Estimates for a financial year must –*
 - (a) *be adopted by the Council, with or without alteration, by absolute majority;*
and
 - (b) *be adopted before 31 August in that financial year; and*
 - (c) *not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year.*
- (4) *A Council may alter by absolute majority any estimate referred to in subsection (2) during the financial year.*

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2012/2017

The ten-year goals of Council are to:

1. Foster the growth of a diverse business and industry mix and to foster population growth.
2. Support an active, vibrant, and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods.
3. Conserve our natural environment and heritage and ensure it is enjoyed by our community, visitors and future generations.
4. Strengthen the vibrancy of our towns and enhance the benefits of living in a rural setting and living close to the river and coast.
5. Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Mission:

George Town Council will strive to achieve the community's vision of a vibrant, engaged and diverse municipality through: the provision of quality and affordable services, the usage of available assets and resources, the application of sound governance principles and prudent financial management and a focus on sustainability in all that we do.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Review of the operational budget has been undertaken in line with the proposed outcomes in the operational review.

The original budget projected an underlying deficit of \$1,122,500, the proposed amended budget is projecting this be reduced by \$584,731 to a deficit of \$537,769.

Projected savings less of the costs of the proposed outcomes of the operational and organisational review are \$1,001,435. The impact of these projected savings over a full financial year will greatly assist in returning Council to an underlying surplus position in coming years.

Primary areas of improvement to budget are:

- Employee Costs and on-costs.
- Materials – budget has been reduced to bring materials costs in line with the 2017 budget and past expenditures.
- Other Expenses – further savings in insurance, street lighting and registrations.
- Reimbursements – higher than budgeted income from reimbursements has been achieved.
- Other revenues –amended in line with actuals achieved in 2017.

Negative impact on budget is projected in:

- Contracts/consultancy – due to professional consultancies and additional costs relating to the Organisation Review process.

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294/17 9.1 - PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Proposed Revised Operational Budget 2017/2018				
	<u>2017 Full Yr Budget</u>	<u>2018 Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Estimate 2018</u>	<u>Variance to original budget</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Operating Income</u>				
Contributions operational	0	0		
Grants operational	2,006,102	913,846	913,846	0
Investment Income	429,000	304,259	304,259	0
Other Revenues	27,506	36,453	46,453	10,000
Rates	7,778,008	7,904,461	7,904,500	39
Reimbursements	76,682	92,631	143,018	50,387
Statutory Charges	255,826	258,872	258,872	0
User Charges	178,976	185,607	185,607	0
<u>Total Operating Income</u>	10,752,100	9,696,129	9,756,555	60,426
<u>Operating Expenditure</u>				
Contracts	2,075,242	2,309,114	2,366,089	56,975
Depreciation Amortisation	2,969,280	2,995,730	2,995,730	0
Employee Costs	3,869,404	3,958,772	3,530,467	-428,305
Finance Costs	139,232	111,464	111,464	0
Impairment	140,000	10,000	5,000	-5,000
Internal Hire	-2	-6,790	-6,790	0
Materials	672,061	798,236	690,311	-107,925
Other Expenses	1,578,949	1,555,949	1,515,899	-40,050
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	11,444,166	11,732,475	11,208,170	-524,305
<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>	-692,066	-2,036,346	-1,451,615	584,731

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	<u>2017 Full Yr Budget</u>	<u>2018 Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Estimate 2018</u>	<u>Variance to original budget</u>
Federal Assistance grant prepaid in 2016/2017		913,846	913,846	0
<u>Underlying Deficit</u>	-692,066	-1,122,500	-537,769	584,731
<u>Capital Items</u>				
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	0	0		
Contributions capital	60,000	0		
Grants capital	686,617	4,278,475	4,278,475	
Physical Resources Received Free	0	0		
Net asset revaluation increment/decrement	0	0		
<u>Total Capital</u>	746,617	4,278,475	4,278,475	
<u>Net Surplus</u>	54,551	3,155,975	3,740,706	
Less loan principal repayments		136,787	136,787	
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments		0	0	
Plus depreciation		2,995,730	2,995,730	
Less prepaid Financial Assistance Grant		913,846	913,846	
Less Net asset revaluation increment/decrement		0	0	
<u>Cash Surplus/Deficit</u>		5,101,072	5,685,803	

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	<u>2017 Full Yr Budget</u>	<u>2018 Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Estimate 2018</u>	<u>Variance to original budget</u>
Less purchase/construction of assets (2017/2018 and carry forward capital program)		8,954,690	8,388,863	565,827
<u>Cash Deficit</u>		-3,853,618	-2,710,424	
Estimated cash at start of year		4,661,682	4,987,116	
Estimated cash at end of year		808,064	2,276,692	
Total Estimated Savings - Operational and Capital				1,150,558

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**294/17 9.1 - PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That the amended budget estimates prepared by the General Manager pursuant with Section 82 (4) of the Local Government Act as summarised in the preceding be approved and adopted.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Parish

That the amended budget estimates prepared by the General Manager pursuant with Section 82 (4) of the Local Government Act as summarised in the preceding be approved and adopted.

The Chairperson called a Point of Order against Cr Glisson at 1.40 pm LG(MP)R 23(1)(b) a councillor speaking is being interrupted or distracted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

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295/17 9.2 - REVISED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
REPORT DATE: 9 November 2017
FILE NO: 32.1
ATTACHMENT: Revised Capital Work Program 2017/2018

SUMMARY

This report recommends the revised capital works program for the financial year 2017/2018.

BACKGROUND

At the Special Meeting of Council held on 12th July 2017, The Council by an amendment and substantive motion unanimously carried *“that the Capital Works expenditure for the 2017/2018 financial year and the carry forward capital works as reported be approved and adopted with the item relating runway lighting referred to a Council workshop prior to expenditure”*.

To assist in addressing the anticipated underlying deficit for the 2017/2018 financial year and the limitation to Council in being able to fund the replacement of assets into the future, the 2017/2018 capital works program was revised by the then Acting Infrastructure & Engineering Manager and presented to elected members for discussion at the 6th September Council Workshop.

The revised capital works program post workshop discussion for the financial year 2017/2018 is presented for Council’s endorsement.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 4

Strengthen the vibrancy of our towns and enhance the benefits of living in a rural setting and living close to the river and coast.

Key objectives

1. To identify and respond to changing needs for infrastructure and facilities.

Key priorities

1. Review and manage the assets and infrastructure Council currently owns in line with community needs.
2. Continue regular maintenance of Council infrastructure facilities.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Each project within the Capital Works Program is assessed individually for risk matters.

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295/17 9.2 - REVISED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed capital program that includes Carry Forward and 2017/2018 projects put forward is \$8,388,863. In addition \$136,787 of loan repayments are to be funded which totals \$8,525,650.

Capital expenditure for all projects in the 2017/2018 financial year will be funded by capital grants at \$4,727,232, developer contribution at \$99,772 with the remainder of \$3,561,859 to be funded from council revenue.

Capital grants comprise the following:

Australian Government	Funding (\$)
Black Spot Funding	342,617
Flood Recovery & Betterment Program	71,940
National Stronger Regions Funding	210,000
Roads to Recovery	574,675
Road Infrastructure Funding	3,528,000
Total Grant Funding	4,727,232

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

That the revised Capital Works Expenditure reported for 2017/2018 be approved and adopted, subject to the approval of a cost benefit analysis where indicated.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Capital Works Expenditure reported for 2017/2018 be approved and adopted, subject to the approval of a cost benefit analysis where indicated.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parish
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the revised Capital Works Expenditure reported for 2017/2018 be approved and adopted, subject to the approval of a cost benefit analysis where indicated.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick		✓	Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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296/17 9.3 - GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL MEETING HELD 11TH OCTOBER 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 1st November 2017

FILE NO: 29.11

ATTACHMENT/S: Unconfirmed Minutes George Town Council Audit Panel Meeting, 11th October 2017

DECISION

Moved: Cr Glisson
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the unconfirmed minutes of the George Town Council Audit Panel meeting held 11th October 2017, as attached to this report be received.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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10. COMMUNITY SERVICES

297/17 10.1 - COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Events Officer

REPORT DATE: 8th November 2017

FILE NO: 23.2

ATTACHMENT: (A) Grant Application (Services & Event) Launceston Triathlon Club
(B) Grant Application (Project) George Town Skating Committee

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary and recommendations relating to requests for community grants or assistance.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2026

Goal 02:

Support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods.

Key Objective 1

Support and advocate for organisations and community groups to grow community capacity.

FINANCES

The 2017 / 2018 budget allocation for Community Grants is \$12,000.

This allocation has been divided into two categories:

- Community Grants \$7,000
- Fee Remission \$5,000

COMMUNITY GRANTS			
Organisation	Grant Category	Amount \$	Minute #
Hannah Lenthall	Achiever Grant	200.00	231/17
George Town Scouts Club	Community Grant	950.00	231/17
James Hawes	Achiever Grant	200.00	254/17
TOTAL		\$1,350	
GRANT FUNDING REMAINING		\$5,650	

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FEE REMISSION			
Organisation	Grant Category	Amount \$	Minute #
George Town Ladies Darts Association	Community Grant – Services	410.00	231/17
George Town Garden Club	Community Grant – Services	311.05	231/17
Lighthouse Regional Arts	Community Grant – Services	200.00	254/17
George Town Neighbourhood House	Community Grant – Services	128.00	254/17
George Town RSL Sub Branch	Community Grant – Services	920.00	277/17
George Town Little Athletics Club	Community Grant – Services	155	278/17
TOTAL		2,124.05	
GRANT FUNDING REMAINING		2,875.95	

1. Launceston Triathlon Club

Council has received a community grant application from the Launceston Triathlon Club seeking sponsorship for two of the three George Town Triathlons being held as part of the 2017 / 2018 Launceston Triathlon Club Series.

OFFICER'S COMMENT

The completed Grant Application forms an attachment to this report. Please note that the application has two parts, one to contribute to Council fees and services charges, and one to support event staging costs.

The Launceston Triathlon Club has organised three George Town Triathlons as part of their 2017/2018 Triathlon Series. The first triathlon took place on Sunday 12th November, with the remaining two to take place in George Town on Saturday 16th December and Sunday 11th February 2018. These triathlons follow very successful George Town triathlons in the past three years which has seen an average of 85 competitors, and over 200 spectators.

Note that the original grant application for funding for the three triathlons was not received in time to be included in the October Council agenda. Accordingly, a revised grant application was submitted for the remaining two triathlons.

The event will consist of three categories –

- Trystars (Junior) – 50m swim and a 750m run
- Super Sprint 300m swim, 10km bike, 2.0km run
- Club Championships 750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run.

The two events will commence at York Cove, with the course taking the senior participants to Temco Road and back to York Cove.

No road closures will be required although access to the boat ramp is closed during the event as this is the transition area. Traffic management signs and course marshals will be at all intersections affected by the event, with all bike riders abiding by road rules at all times.

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297/17 10.1 - COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

A community grant of \$950 is sought from Council, as follows:

- \$600 Community Events Grant for costs associated with the event;
- \$350 Community Services Grant to assist with costs for Council Services – road barrier placements, road permit fees, Council support on the day.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk in relation to this item is considered minimal.

2. George Town Skating

A Community Grant application (Project) has been received from Fay Clark, co-ordinator for the George Town Skating Committee, for a grant to cover the purchase cost of helmets for use by participants.

OFFICER'S COMMENT

George Town skating provides an activity for the youth of George Town. Held on a Friday night at the community centre, the average number of participants each week is 30.

Skating is run totally by volunteers who give up their time to co-ordinate the weekly event, run a canteen and supervise during the evening.

The committee has recently been informed that they are legally obligated to provide helmets for the participants, and that these must meet Australian Standards.

A total of 40 helmets is required to meet insurance and legal obligations, and whilst the cost of these is not high (\$7.00 each), it would put a huge impost on the organising committee financially.

The Skating committee is seeking a grant of \$280 for the purchase of 40 helmets.

Council's Officer advises that as the George Town Skating Committee is not an Incorporated Association nor are they auspiced by an eligible organisation. Accordingly, they do meet the eligibility criteria for funding of a Community Grant, however Council may decide to provide a grant outside of policy guidelines. This item was presented to elected members for discussion at the 8th September 2017 Council Workshop.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk in relation to this item is considered minimal.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Provides a community grant of \$950 to the Launceston Triathlon Club for costs associated with the hosting two triathlons in George Town; 16th December 2017 and 11th February 2018.

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2. Gives consideration to providing a Community Grant (Project) of \$280 to the George Town Skating Committee for the purchase of 40 helmets for use by participants at indoor skating.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Provides a community grant of \$950 to the Launceston Triathlon Club for costs associated with the hosting two triathlons in George Town; 16th December 2017 and 11th February 2018.
2. Provides a Community Grant (Project) of \$280 to the George Town Skating Committee for the purchase of 40 helmets for use by participants at indoor skating.

The Chairperson called a Point of Order against Councillors at 2.00 pm LG(MP)R 23(1)(b) a councillor speaking is being interrupted or distracted.

Cr Harris left the meeting at 2.05 pm.

Cr Harris returned to the meeting at 2.06 pm.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson		✓
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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11. MAYOR

298/17 11.1 - MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 9th November, 2017

Mayor Bridget Archer		
<i>October</i>	18	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	23	Attended and opened the Re-opening of Rose Garden at Senior Citizens Centre, George Town
	23	Attended meeting with General Manager and Don Mackrill regarding Emergency Management
	26	Met with organiser of the Folk Festival
	31	Attended LGAT Mayors Professional Development
<i>November</i>	1	Attended LGAT General Meeting
	6	Attended the Asbestos Awareness Month Campaign – Betty the ADRI House at George Town
	7	Attended the 2017 Spirit of Tasmania Cycling Tour
	8	Attended Council Workshop
	9	Attended TasWater General Meeting
	9	Attended the George Town Reunion of 3 Platoon A Company 1 RTR (1959 - 2017) Dinner
	11	Attended the George Town Remembrance Day service

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Burt
Seconded: Cr Harris

That the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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12. GENERAL MANAGER

299/17 12.1 - COUNCILLOR MOTION UPDATE

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
REPORT DATE: 9th November, 2017
FILE NO: 14.12
ATTACHMENT: Nil.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT			
Nil.			
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES			
Min No.	Date	Motion	Action
057/17	15/03/17	<p>Lulworth Community Association Concern – Hurst Street Speeding</p> <p>1. Receive and note the report and proceed with action as per Section 31 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> 'Obstructions for prohibition or restriction of vehicular traffic' and advertise in two separate issues of the local newspaper, a notice of intention to make application to the Transport Commission with 28 days from the date of first publication provided for the public to make written representations and allocate funding in the 2017/18 capital works budget should approval be granted by the Transport Commission.</p> <p>2. That concurrent to that process that Council liaise further with the Lulworth community to identify the specific nature of the problem and that Council formulate some alternative treatments for consideration as well.</p>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>Letter sent to Transport Commission dated 4th July 2017.</p>
069/17	15/03/17	<p>Notice of Motion – Tip Voucher for Ratepayers</p> <p>A) That Council provide all ratepayers in the municipality with 1 free tip voucher per quarter (to be used within the relevant quarter but at any day/time) in the 2017/18 financial year instead of conducting hard waste and green waste collection. The voucher to apply to loads not exceeding that of a ute with trailer and be limited by Council's normal conditions in relation to allowable material.</p> <p>B) That this be done on a trial basis for the 2017/18 year and data be collected on the usage and cost of providing the vouchers and compared with the 2016/17 costs of providing hard/green waste collection to inform future decision making.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>In progress.</p>
070/17	15/03/17	<p>Notice of Motion – Depot Plant and Equipment</p> <p>A) That Council conduct an audit of all (depot) plant and equipment to assess whether it is redundant, fit for purpose, safe and represents ongoing value for money and that a report be prepared for elected members with a view to disposing of excess or useless plant and equipment and developing a plan for future replacement of retained plant and equipment.</p> <p>B) That Council develop a policy in relation to the purchase/procurement of plant and machinery giving specific regard to ensuring that plant and equipment is fit for purpose, safe and represents good value. The policy should provide specific guidance in relation to the acquisition of second hand</p>	<p>In progress.</p>

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		plant and equipment, and promote direct consultation with the workforce prior to purchase/procurement.	
084/17	19/04/17	<p>Dalrymple Road Speed Limit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That council reconstructs Dalrymple Road from East Arm Road to Industry Road to a rural collector standard desirable design speed 100km/h by continuing the recent upgrade works by stages. 2. That Council again contacts the Department of State Growth to request an 80 km/h speed limit be introduced for the road length north of East Arm Road with commencement of the 80 km/h limit relocated to the north as upgrade works are progressed. 3. Consider redesigning the Dalrymple Road/Industry Road junction to provide continuity to Industry Road post the Industry Road upgrade. 4. Install the curve warning signage as listed. <p>Advance the bridge upgrade works to facilitate upgrading the 15 tonne load limit to 25 tonnes.</p>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>Curve warning signage has been installed.</p>
136/17	17/05/17	<p>Accessible Car Parking</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receives the report from the Manager of Infrastructure and Engineering and notes the report information; and b) Undertakes an audit of Council's existing accessible car parking infrastructure within the George Town boundary to determine compliance with regulations; and c) Develops a priority list with a view to progressively upgrading these assets, according to available funding, resources and needs. 	In progress.
273/17	18/10/17	<p>George Town Community Safety Committee – One-Way Traffic Flow, Weymouth</p> <p>It is recommended that Council seek the views of residents of both Campbell and Ralph Streets with regard to the installation of a one-way loop and comments related to the perceived hazards by vehicle with boat trailers travelling south on Campbell Street.</p>	<p>Letters sent to residents.</p> <p>Completed surveys required by 14/11/2017.</p>
CORPORATE			
019/15	21/01/15	<p>Council Facilities Future Use and Development – Strategic Development</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council approves an extension to the final facilities report completion date sought in minuted resolution 336/14 to reflect Council's intention to review the Strategic Plan 2012-17, and adopt the revised Plan, and b) Council is presented with updated report progress at workshops, with a view to further consideration of timelines at future Council meetings. 	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Further investigations underway regarding options.</p>
249/15	15/07/15	<p>Internal Audit Function</p> <p>That Council receives and endorses the Audit Panel Committee's Recommendation; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Authorises the General Manager to make arrangements with other Council's participating in the Internal Audit Project for the exchange of trained internal audit officers to undertake an internal audit program; and (b) That progress reports regarding internal audit, findings and any recommendations are reported to the Audit Panel for consideration at each meeting of the Audit Panel. 	<p>A schedule of internal audit programs has been determined and will be progressed subject to resourcing.</p>
068/17	15/03/17	<p>Notice of Motion – Rate Modelling</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Council requests the General Manager to arrange to 	<p>Papers prepared and</p>

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		<p>undertake further modelling to be reported to Council at the next available workshop on rating scenario's that would assist the Council to consider alternative rating methodologies that do not concentrate the rating burden on specific categories of ratepayer to one that is more evenly distributed. This should consider possible rate capping, fixed charges and timeframes over which the introduction of any alternative rating methodology may be achieved.</p> <p>b) in order to reassure the ratepayers no change to the current rating model be introduced without full public consultation and public meetings held.</p>	<p>provided.</p> <p>Council to note.</p>
088/17	19/04/17	(a) That due to the announcement of a pre-feasibility study to assess the potential for a merger between George Town Council and West Tamar Council and in the interests of potentially expending funds on duplicated services or assets, that no new long term contracts, agreements or projects are entered into without the approval of Council and further that the long term is defined as 2 years.	In progress.
134/17	17/05/17	<p>Northern Economic Stimulus Package Proposed Borrowing</p> <p>(a) That Council advises Treasury that it no longer wishes to borrow the funds approved under the Northern Economic Stimulus; and</p> <p>(b) That once design work and community consultation are completed in 2017/2018 Council consider funding the following recreation projects as part of its 2018/2019 budget or via grant funding opportunities as they become available;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regent Square playground area, stage two, children's play equipment, landscaping, recreation facilities and landscaping and infrastructure works. • Windmill Point upgrade and associated works. Hillwood walking track and recreation area upgrade (Recreation/park area to Hillwood Recreation Ground; Stage one. • York Cove beautification and upgrade area works. <p>and</p> <p>(c) Council requests further information from the relevant Manager in respect to the following projects including scoping, design, costings and risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goulburn Street - cul de sac; • Weymouth – cul de sac/recreation area; • Lulworth - stormwater/drainage; and • Bellingham - stage two. 	<p>Completed.</p> <p>In progress.</p> <p>In progress.</p>
194/17	19/07/17	<p>Financial Report Operating Budget</p> <p>(a) The Financial Report from the Director Corporate Services be received and the information noted.</p> <p>(b) That no new initiatives or projects are authorised or undertaken without a review and report of available funding and the impact on the underlying surplus being presented to Council and that this requirement be rigorously applied to future project/initiatives proposed.</p> <p>(c) That \$11,000 be transferred from WO1184 Infants Wading Pool Renewal as these funds are no longer required for that project and that they be transferred to WO1398 CCTV camera installation to cover the additional costs of the fifth pole and</p>	<p>Ongoing – to be noted.</p> <p>Completed.</p>

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		cameras and the more complex works required for the power supply.	
202/17	19/07/17	<p>Conservation Covenants – Rate Rebates That the report on Conservation Covenants – Rates Rebate from the Director of Corporate Services be received; and that Council:</p> <p>a) Continue the rate rebate scheme for conservation covenants, including private forest reserves, established under the Nature Conservation Act 2002 for a further three years, and</p> <p>b) Sets the rate rebate at \$5 per hectare per annum for covenanted land with a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$500 per property, and</p> <p>c) Caps the total annual rebate at \$4,000 per annum for the duration of this three year period.</p>	In progress.
203/17	19/07/17	<p>Potential Council Land Sales That Council:</p> <p>(a) Authorises the Acting General Manager to apply the processes determined by sections 177 through to 178A of the Local Government Act 1993 (where relevant to the land) to land identified as PID 1931747, 6450301, 1723024, 7888524, 1737346, 2048374.</p> <p>(b) Authorises the Acting General Manager to apply to the holder of the Caveat C774447 and the Land Titles Office for the removal of the Caveat on land identified as PID 6447460 and if the Caveat C774447 is removed, to apply the processes determined by sections 177 through to 178A of the Local Government Act 1993 (where relevant to the land) on the land identified as PID 6447460.</p> <p>(c) Authorises the Acting General Manager to apply the processes determined by sections 177 through to 178A of the Local Government Act 1993 (where relevant to the land) to apply to transfer the land identified as PID 2526022 back to Housing Tasmania under reservation C627696.</p> <p>(d) Authorises the Acting General Manager to apply to Taswater to facilitate the placement of an easement on the land identified as PID 6457933 and at the completion of the easement, apply the processes determined by sections 177 through to 178A of the Local Government Act 1993 (where relevant to the land).</p> <p>(e) Authorises the General Manager to obtain a flora and fauna report for the land identified as PID 2721418.</p>	In progress.
275/17	18/10/17	<p>Certified Financial Statements – 2016-2017 That the 2016/2017 certified financial statements as tabled be received and noted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 s.84(4).</p>	Completed.
COMMUNITY			
262/16	19/10/16	<p>George Town Community Safety Committee – Pedestrian Crossing at the Eastern End of Macquarie Street That Council requests an investigation be undertaken into the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the eastern end of Macquarie Street in preparation for capital works proposals for the next financial year.</p>	Approved in 2017/2018 budget WO1477.
263/16	19/10/16	<p>Lease from Crown Land Services – Land at Hillwood That Council resolves to apply to Crown Land Services for a lease over the land bounded by Craighburn Rd, Hillwood Jetty Rd and Egg Island Creek.</p>	In progress.

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101/17	19/04/17	Community Consultation Policy That Council review its <u>Community Consultation Policy</u> at the next available workshop.	To be Workshopped.
103/17	19/04/17	George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting held 4th April 2017 a) That a report be brought to the next Council meeting in respect to a recommendation from the George Town Community Safety Group being: <i>“that the George Town Community Safety Committee recommends to Council that a review of existing disability car parking spaces within the town boundary be undertaken to assess compliance with regulations.”</i>	To be undertaken.
206/17	19/07/17	Council Policy – Draft Events and Activities Sponsorship Policy To defer to a workshop.	To be workshopped.
276/17	18/10/17	Community Grants/Assistance – George Town Skating Committee That Item 2 be deferred.	Workshopped 8/11/2017.
277/17	18/10/17	Community Grants/Assistance – George Town RSL Sub-Branch That Council provide a Community Grant (Services) of \$920 to the George Town RSL Sub Branch for costs associated with road closure and hire of chairs for the 2017 Remembrance Day Memorial Service being held on the 11 th November 2017.	Completed.
278/17	18/10/17	Community Grants/Assistance – George Town Little Athletics Club That Council provide a Community Grant (Services) of \$155 to the George Town Little Athletics Club to cover the cost of hire of the Graham Fairless Centre and water usage for their garage sale & car wash fundraising event, to be held on Sunday 22 nd October 2017.	Completed.
279/17	18/10/17	Review of Council Policy No 10 – Community Grants/Assistance Policy That Council adopt the revised Community Assistance Policy, to be effective from 1 st January 2018.	Completed.
GENERAL MANAGER			
350/12	19/12/12	Landscape Management Plan Regent Square That Council recognises the sentiment of the motion and resolves to consult with the whole community in developing and adopting a landscape management plan for Regent Square that promotes the heritage values in harmony with the visual and environmental values and the cultural public use aspects of the Square.	In progress.
339/14	15/10/14	Notice of Motion – Council Layout Any changes to the operation and or layout of the Council Offices and Council Chambers be submitted to and approved by Council prior to implementation.	Report to Council when plans are designed. Proposed plans presented at 6 th July 2016 workshop.
071/15	18/02/15	Light Industrial Subdivision That the facilitation of an extended Light Industrial Subdivision be investigated by Council Officers and a brief presented to an elected members workshop.	In Progress. Included in the Bell Bay Structure Plan.
072/15	18/02/15	Extension of South Street That a report on the extension of South Street eastward to Old Bell Bay	In Progress. Included in the

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		Road adjacent to the Council Depot and Thompson Avenue precinct be investigated and a brief presented to an elected members workshop.	Bell Bay Structure Plan.
110/15	18/03/15	<p>Economic Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council receive and acknowledge the information contained in this report. 2. That Council continue their efforts to facilitate and participate with key stakeholders towards furthering an economic prospectus initiative to outline the opportunities for economic, social and liveability development investment in this scenic and beautiful area of Tasmania. 3. That Council progress these discussions with our political representatives and their agencies, private enterprises and our local community organisations. 	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>
319/15	19/08/15	<p>Local Government Reform</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Receive and note the information presented in this report; and 2) Agree to collaborate with participating Northern Councils to undertake a benchmarking process involving Councils in northern Tasmania which establishes a standardised evidence base providing data on both quantitative and qualitative aspects of operations and which additionally identifies from the data areas of potential for resource sharing and other collaboration between the Councils; and 3) Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to participate in these investigations and projects as outlined and in accordance with Council's resolutions; and 4) That George Town Council will continue to participate in the benchmarking/shared services investigation project with the four panel members as outlined or an expanded panel as agreed with the State Government and participating Councils. 	<p>Completed.</p> <p>In progress.</p> <p>In progress.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
157/16	15/06/16	<p>Notice of Motion – Policy No. 17 Disability Access Policy</p> <p>That General Manager bring to the next workshop of Council, Council Policy No. 17 disability access policy, and that this policy be workshopped with the staff on a whiteboard before going to the Council table for adoption by council.</p>	In progress.
331/16	21/12/16	<p>Rate Modelling</p> <p>That council requests the General Manager to make arrangements for rate modelling to be conducted, to review possible alternatives (as allowed for under the Local Government Act 1993), in rating methodology, for council consideration and to report the findings at the next available workshop.</p>	In Progress.
142/17	17/05/17	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Terms of Reference – Feasibility Study into Voluntary Amalgamation: George Town and West Tamar Councils</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the Mayor be authorised to sign the MOU between the Tasmanian State Government, the West Tamar Council and the George Town Council; and b) The George Town Council authorises a variation to the conditions contained in Council resolution 187/15 and authorises the General Manager to utilise funds allocated to local government reform in the Governance department budget (FY2017) to fund a maximum of 25% of the total project cost to deliver a feasibility study in to a voluntary amalgamation between the George Town Council and West Tamar Council. 	<p>Completed.</p> <p>In progress.</p>
263/17	20/09/17	<p>Local Government Reform – Northern Region Shared Services</p> <p>That Council:</p>	In progress.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the Northern Tasmanian Councils – Shared Services Study Report prepared by KPMG; 2. That Council agrees to participate in the establishment of governance arrangements to the agreed outcomes of the Report; 3. Where financially and practically able, consider participation in the Shared Services Study Implementation plan process and undertake shared initiatives at a whole-of-region or sub-regional level; and 4. Notify the Minister for Local Government of Council’s consideration of the study. 	
283/17	18/10/17	Recommendation to Rescind – George Town Council – Application of the Principle of Competitive Neutrality – Strategy No. 4 That Council rescinds the existing Application of the Principle of Competitive Neutrality Strategy No. 4 effective immediately.	Completed.
284/17	18/10/17	Recommendation to Rescind – George Town Council – Competitive Neutrality Complaints Strategy – No. 5 That the existing Competitive Neutrality Complaints Strategy – No. 5 be rescinded and replaced with the Competitive Neutrality Complaints - Procedures effective immediately.	Completed.
285/17	18/10/17	Review of Special Committees Policy No. 7 That the existing Special Committees Policy No. 7 Version 01 be rescinded and replaced with the proposed Establishment of Special Committees Policy No. 7 Version 02 effective immediately.	Completed.
286/17	18/10/17	George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee – Proposed Recess of Committee That Council agrees to place the George Town Sports Complex Committee into recess until December 2017 and considers further the future of the Committee at that time.	Completed.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report from the General Manager and notes the information provided.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parish
 Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council receives the report from the General Manager and notes the information provided.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

Cr Parkes requested a status update on the proposed art work for display in local businesses’ windows policy. The General Manager took this question on notice.

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300/17 12.2 - COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 9th November 2017

FILE NO: 14.10

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a record of workshops held in accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

Wednesday 8th November 2017

- Operational & Capital Works Program Budget Review
- Tenders – Soldiers Settlement Road and The Glen Road
- Agenda & Minutes Rationalisation and Future Financial Reporting
- Community Grant application – George Town Skating Committee
- 2016/2017 Draft Annual Report
- Draft October 2017 Minutes
- Proposed 2018 Meeting & Workshop Dates

Present: Mayor Bridget Archer, Deputy Mayor Tim Harris, Cr Chris Ashley, Cr Heather Barwick, Cr Doug Burt, Cr Greg Dawson, Cr John Glisson, Cr Tim Parish, Cr Peter Parkes

Apologies: Nil.

In Attendance: General Manager
Manager Community Development
Acting Team Leader – Corporate and Finance
Engineer
Consultant – Infrastructure and Engineering
Executive Officer – Governance

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report from the General Manager and notes the information.

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300/17 12.2 - COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – NOVEMBER 2017 (CONT.)

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That Council receives the report from the General Manager and notes the information.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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301/17 12.3 - 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 9th November 2017

FILE NO: 17.1

ATTACHMENT: Nil

SUMMARY

To recommend to Council that the 2016/2017 Annual Report, as previously circulated to Elected Members, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th December 2017 commencing at 6.00pm.

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective 04

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no formal requirement in the Local Government Act, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015 or the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 for a council to present its previous AGM's minutes or the Annual Report for adoption at an AGM. A General Manager must however keep minutes of an AGM.

The Local Government Division's checklist does however provide the following comments on good practice in relation to the preparation of an annual report:

“Prepare and adopt an annual report as soon as possible after the end of the financial year, as recent information is of most relevance to readers. Copies of the report should be available by 1 November to provide the community sufficient time to read the report before the Council's Annual General Meeting.”

Based on the preceding comments it is recommended that Council adopts the 2016/2017 Annual Report.

The first of two notices of the 2017 Annual General Meeting will be placed in the Examiner newspaper on Saturday 18th November 2017 with the second notice on Wednesday 22nd November 2017. *[The Local Government Act requires that an AGM is not held before 14 days after the date of the first publication of a notice.]* The Annual Report will be made publicly available after 4.00pm on Monday 20th November 2017 with submissions to the Annual Report closing on Friday 1st December 2017 @ 12.00noon.

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301/17 12.3 - 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting will be presented to the December ordinary Council meeting for adoption.

This matter was discussed at the Council workshop held on the 8th November 2017.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 2016/2017 Annual Report.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council adopts the 2016/2017 Annual Report with an amended profile of Cr Parkes.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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302/17 12.4 - COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE – 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 9th November 2017

FILE NO: 14.21

ATTACHMENT: Draft 2018 Council Meeting/Workshop Schedule

SUMMARY

To present the proposed 2018 Council Meeting/Workshop Schedule to Council for review, consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 requires that:

Regulation 6 (Times of Meetings)

- (1) A meeting is not to start before 5.00pm unless otherwise determined by the Council by absolute majority or by the Council Committee by simple majority.
- (2) After each ordinary election, a Council and a Council Committee are to review the times of commencement of meetings.

Regulation 7 (Notice of Meetings)

- (2) At least once in each year, the general manager is to publish in a daily newspaper, or in a prescribed newspaper, circulating in the relevant municipal area a notice containing –
 - (a) the times and places of the ordinary council meetings for the next 12 months; and
 - (b) the times and places, as known, of the council committee meetings for the next 12 months.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are recognised.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 5

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community

Key Objective

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

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302/17 12.4 - COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE – 2018 (CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENT

The attached 2018 Council Meeting/Workshop Schedule is based on existing ordinary Council meeting days (3rd Wednesday of the month) and workshop arrangements (1st Wednesday of the month) commencing at 1.00pm. It is proposed that the General Manager and Mayor will determine whether a January 2018 workshop is required closer to the date.

Due to logistics, acoustics/recording issues, costs and WH&S it is recommended to Council that all Council meetings be held at George Town.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 72B(1) of the Local Government Act a Council must hold an Annual General Meeting on a date that is not later than the 15 December in each year. In the past the AGM has been held in the first week of December. It is suggested that the 2018 AGM be held in November. The 15th is suggested.

It is also suggested that the December 2018 Council meeting be held on the 2nd Wednesday rather than the 3rd Wednesday.

The proposed Council Meeting/Workshop Schedule was discussed at the 8th November 2017 Council workshop.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) adopts the following 2018 ordinary Council meeting schedule; and

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th January	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st February	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st March	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th April	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	16 th May	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 th June	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th July	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	15 th August	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	19 th September	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th October	1.00pm
Annual General Meeting	15th November	6.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st November	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	12 th December	1.00pm

- b) that Council adopts the following 2018 Council workshop schedule:

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302/17 12.4 - COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE – 2018 (CONT.)

Date	Time
Wednesday 10 th January (TBC)	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th February	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th March	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th April	1.00pm
Wednesday 11 th April (Budget)	1.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd May	1.00pm
Wednesday 9 th May (Budget)	1.00pm
Wednesday 6 th June	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th July	1.00pm
Wednesday 1 st August	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th September	1.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th November	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th December	1.00pm

DECISION

Moved: Cr Glisson
 Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council

a) adopts the following 2018 ordinary Council meeting schedule; and

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th January	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st February	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st March	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th April	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	16 th May	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 th June	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th July	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	15 th August	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	19 th September	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th October	1.00pm
Annual General Meeting	15th November	6.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st November	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	12 th December	1.00pm

b) that Council adopts the following 2018 Council workshop schedule:

Date	Time
Wednesday 10 th January (TBC)	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th February	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th March	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th April	1.00pm
Wednesday 11 th April (Budget)	1.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd May	1.00pm

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302/17 12.4 - COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE – 2018 (CONT.)

Wednesday 9 th May (Budget)	1.00pm
Wednesday 6 th June	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th July	1.00pm
Wednesday 1 st August	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th September	1.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th November	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th December	1.00pm

An **Amendment** was:

Moved: Cr Dawson
 Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council

a) adopts the following 2018 ordinary Council meeting schedule; and

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th January	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st February	5.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st March	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th April	5.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	16 th May	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 th June	5.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th July	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	15 th August	5.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	19 th September	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th October	5.00pm
Annual General Meeting	15th November	6.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st November	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	12 th December	5.00pm

b) that Council adopts the following 2018 Council workshop schedule:

Date	Time
Wednesday 10 th January (TBC)	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th February	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th March	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th April	1.00pm
Wednesday 11 th April (Budget)	1.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd May	1.00pm
Wednesday 9 th May (Budget)	1.00pm
Wednesday 6 th June	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th July	1.00pm
Wednesday 1 st August	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th September	1.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th November	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th December	1.00pm

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302/17 12.4 - COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE – 2018 (CONT.)

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson		✓
Cr Ashley		✓	Cr Parish		✓
Cr Barwick		✓	Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council

a) adopts the following 2018 ordinary Council meeting schedule; and

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th January	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st February	5.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st March	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	18 th April	5.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	16 th May	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 th June	5.00pm
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Ordinary Council Meeting	19 th September	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 th October	5.00pm
Annual General Meeting	15th November	6.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	21 st November	1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	12 th December	5.00pm

b) that Council adopts the following 2018 Council workshop schedule:

Date	Time
Wednesday 10 th January (TBC)	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th February	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th March	1.00pm
Wednesday 4 th April	1.00pm
Wednesday 11 th April (Budget)	1.00pm
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Wednesday 6 th June	1.00pm
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Wednesday 1 st August	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th September	1.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	1.00pm
Wednesday 7 th November	1.00pm
Wednesday 5 th December	1.00pm

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302/17 12.4 - COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE – 2018 (CONT.)

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson		✓
Cr Ashley		✓	Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick		✓	Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

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13. PETITIONS

303/17 13.1 - PETITION - REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT IN BEECHFORD

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 3rd November 2017

FILE NO: 14.5

ATTACHMENT: Extract of Petition “Reduce the Speed Limit in Beechford”

SUMMARY

To receive a petition submitted by Ms Charlotte Blank, Mr Steve Bruinewood and Mr Roger Cary regarding the speed limit in Beechford.

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

A petition with 68 signatures, submitted by Ms Charlotte Blank, Mr Steve Bruinewood and Mr Roger Cary has been received by the Council (extract of the petition included as an attachment to this report). The petition meets the general requirements of s.57(2) of the Local government Act 1993.

The petition states:

“Reduce the speed limit throughout the village of Beechford from 60km to 50km relocate and replace the limit sign where it currently changes from 100km/hour to 60km/hour back towards Lefroy before the blind corner at the village limit”

The petition has been forwarded to Council’s Infrastructure & Engineering Department for action. As required under s.60(2)(b) of the Act, a report will be brought back to Council within 42 days for Council to determine any action to be taken in respect of the petition.

The General Manager will give reasonable notice to Ms Blank, Mr Bruinewood and Mr Cary of when the Council is to consider this petition.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to s.58(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council receives the petition regarding the reduction of the speed limit in Beechford, tabled by the General Manager and submitted by Ms Blank, Mr Bruinewood and Mr Cary.

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303/17 13.1 - PETITION - REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT IN BEECHFORD (CONT.)

DECISION

Moved: Cr Burt
Seconded: Cr Harris

Pursuant to s.58(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council receives the petition regarding the reduction of the speed limit in Beechford, tabled by the General Manager and submitted by Ms Blank, Mr Bruinewood and Mr Cary.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

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15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cr Dawson left the meeting at 2.55 pm.

[Refer to Minute No. 362/15 which states "At any Ordinary Meeting of Council when a 'without notice' question from a councillor is accepted, and when this question is taken on notice',

- a) The General Manager is to record in the minutes of that meeting the 'question', and that the question was 'taken on notice'.*
- b) Provide the answer to the question 'taken on notice, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, in writing."]*

Cr Glisson

Cr Glisson requested confirmation of the costs for the pre-feasibility study on the potential merger between George Town Council and West Tamar Council. The General Manager took the question on notice.

Response

Response provided under Item 17.5 Closed meeting in accordance with LG(MP)R 2015 15 2(g).

Cr Glisson

Cr Glisson thanked Council for providing the information on the Tobacco-Free Communities project. Cr Glisson stated that the document asked for each community to have a Tobacco-Free Communities Project team, comprising local community representatives (e.g. from council, community centre, health centres etc.). Cr Glisson asked as Council supports the project, would Council or Council Officers be nominating individuals?

Through the Chairperson, the General Manager took the question on notice.

Response

It is the intention that the Tobacco-Free Communities Project team would be open to all community groups including Council's elected members and relevant staff. Details of the project scope, funding and advertising have not been determined at this stage. The Project team would be broadly open to the community to nominate persons if they wish.

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15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Cr Harris

Cr Harris requested a status update of the Land Sales. The General Manager took the question on notice.

Response

Section 137 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

Council has publically advertised (9 August 2017) the properties specified, as per the requirements of the Act. The Act allows a period of 90 days where the land owners or other parties that have a legal interest can pay the outstanding rates in full. The 90 day period ends on 7 November 2017.

Section 178 Sale of Public Land

Council has publically advertised (27 September 2017) the properties specified, as per the requirements of the Act. The Act allows a period of 21 days where the community/public can register objections. This period expired on 18 October 2017. Three (3) objections were received. The process for considering those objections is currently being enacted.

Cr Glisson requested further information on the Tobacco-Free Communities Project team. The question was taken on notice by the General Manager.

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16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

17. CLOSED MEETING

304/17 17.1 - INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council move into closed meeting at 3.00 pm to discuss the following items:

- Item No. 1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 18th October 2017 LG(MP)R 15(2)(g) and LG(MP)R 34(6)
- Item No. 2 Legal Expenditure LG(MP)R 15(2) (a); (b); (d); (e)(i)(ii); (f); (g); (i); and (j)
- Item No. 3 The Glen Road Upgrade LG(MP)R 15(2)(d)
- Item No. 4 Councillors Questions Without Notice Taken on Notice From Previous Ordinary Council Meeting LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson		
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

CARRIED

Cr Dawson returned to the meeting at 3.01 pm.

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309/17 17.6 - OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Burt

That Council moves out of the Closed Meeting and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Archer	✓		Cr Dawson	✓	
Cr Harris	✓		Cr Glisson	✓	
Cr Ashley	✓		Cr Parish	✓	
Cr Barwick	✓		Cr Parkes	✓	
Cr Burt	✓				

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

**Cr Bridget Archer
MAYOR**