

# MINUTES

## **POST-ELECTION MEETING**

Thursday 17 May 2012

The Council Chambers 35 Bloomfield Street CLEVELAND QLD

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#### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.02pm.

#### 2 DECLARATION OF POLL

| Attachments: | Notice of Result of Election - Mayor       |
|--------------|--|
|              | Notice of Result of Election - Councillors |

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2012, in accordance with section 100 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011,* the Returning Officer, Harold Guy, declared the result of the poll for the elections of Mayor of the Redland City Council held on 28 April 2012.

#### <u>Mayor</u>

#### Cr Karen Williams

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, in accordance with section 100 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, the Returning Officer, Harold Guy, declared the result of the poll for the Councillors of Divisions 1 and 3 to 10 of the Redland City Council held on 28 April 2012.

#### <u>Councillors</u>

| Cr Wendy Boglary     |
|----------------------|
| Cr Kim-Maree Hardman |
| Cr Lance Hewlett     |
| Cr Mark Edwards      |
| Cr Julie Talty       |
| Cr Murray Elliott    |
| Cr Alan Beard        |
| Cr Paul Gleeson      |
| Cr Paul Bishop       |
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On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, in accordance with section 100 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011,* the Returning Officer, Harold Guy, declared the result of the poll for the Councillor of Division 2 of the Redland City Council held on 28 April 2012.

#### <u>Councillor</u>

Division 2

Cr Craig Ogilvie

#### **3 DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

#### Attachments: Mayor and Councillor Declarations

Before any person can act as Councillor of a local government, they are required to make a Declaration of Office in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The Declaration of Office was taken before the Chief Executive Officer at the Redlands Showgrounds on Thursday 17 May 2012.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that Declaration of Office was made by all Councillors and the Mayor. The Chief Executive Officer tabled the certificates signed by each of the Mayor and Councillors as evidence.

#### 4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

| Cr K Williams | Mayor                  |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Cr W Boglary  | Councillor Division 1  |
| Cr C Ogilvie  | Councillor Division 2  |
| Cr K Hardman  | Councillor Division 3  |
| Cr L Hewlett  | Councillor Division 4  |
| Cr M Edwards  | Councillor Division 5  |
| Cr J Talty    | Councillor Division 6  |
| Cr M Elliott  | Councillor Division 7  |
| Cr A Beard    | Councillor Division 8  |
| Cr P Gleeson  | Councillor Division 9  |
| Cr P Gleeson  | Councillor Division 9  |
| Cr P Bishop   | Councillor Division 10 |
|               |                        |

#### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP GROUP:**

| Mr G Stevenson PSM                        | Chief Executive Officer                                   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Mr N Clarke                               | General Manager Governance                                |  |  |
| Mr M Drydale                              | General Manager Corporate Services                        |  |  |
| Mrs L Rusan General Manager City Services |   |  |  |
| Mr G Photinos                             | Acting General Manager Environment Planning & Development |  |  |

#### MINUTES

Mrs E Striplin Acting Team Leader, Corporate Meetings & Registers

#### 5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

#### 6 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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|----------------------|--|
| Responsible Officer: | Nick Clarke<br>General Manager Governance                                |
| Author:              | Trevor Green<br>Principal Advisor Corporate and Democratic<br>Governance |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Post-Election Meeting Council is required to appoint a Deputy Mayor.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a decision from Council to appoint a Deputy Mayor.

#### BACKGROUND

Section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Council to appoint a Deputy Mayor from the Councillors (other than the Mayor) at the Post-Election Meeting.

#### ISSUES

The Deputy Mayor acts for the Mayor during:

- 1. The absence or temporary incapacity of the Mayor; or
- 2. A vacancy in the office of Mayor.

#### **RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN**

#### 8. Inclusive and ethical governance

Deep engagement, quality leadership at all levels, transparent and accountable democratic processes and a spirit of partnership between the community and Council will enrich residents' participation in local decision making to achieve the community's Redlands 2030 vision and goals.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The additional remuneration for a Deputy Mayor is currently provided for in the budget.

#### PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS

There are no planning scheme implications associated with this report

#### CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred in the preparation and recommendation of this report.

#### OPTIONS

#### Preferred

That Council resolve to appoint a Councillor as Deputy Mayor, for a period of two years.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to appoint a Councillor as Deputy Mayor, for a period of two years.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

| Moved by:    | Cr M Edwards |
|--------------|--------------|
| Seconded by: | Cr J Talty   |

That Council resolve to appoint Cr Alan Beard as Deputy Mayor, for a period of two years.

#### CARRIED

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- FOR: Crs Hardman, Hewlett, Edwards, Talty, Beard and Williams
- AGAINST: Crs Boglary, Ogilvie, Elliott, Gleeson and Bishop

#### 7 COUNCIL MEETINGS

| Dataworks Filename:  | GOV Statutory Council Resolutions  |
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| Attachments:         | <u>Meetings Calendar - May to December 2012</u><br>Council Committee Charters 2012 |
| Responsible Officer: | Nick Clarke<br>General Manager Governance  |
| Author:              | Trevor Green<br>Principal Advisor Corporate and Democratic<br>Governance           |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Post-Election Meeting Council must consider the day and time for holding other meetings (meeting calendar). There are also a number of other associated matters that need to be resolved by Council in making this decision. This report makes recommendations to Council in relation to:

- 1. Standing Committee Structure;
- 2. Standing Committee Charters;
- 3. Standing Committee Members;
- 4. Standing Committee Chairpersons;
- 5. Whether to Delegate any Formal Decision Making Authority to any Standing Committees;
- 6. Standing Committee Quorums;
- 7. Whether to Exempt any Standing Committees (other than those with delegated decision making authority) from the Requirement to Keep Minutes; and
- 8. 2012 Meeting Calendar (May to December).

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine a number of matters relating to Council meetings.

#### BACKGROUND

The decision making process conducted through local government meetings, is an important role of local governments and their elected representatives. As such, the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and the *Local Government (Operations) Regulations 2010* (the Regulations) and Council's Local Law and Subordinate Local Law No. 5 Meetings contain provisions on this matter. These provisions place often detailed requirements on both local governments and elected representatives on how these meetings are to be conducted.

The second matter that a local government must consider at the Post-Election Meeting is the day and time for holding other meetings (meeting calendar). There are then a number of other associated matters that need to be resolved by Council in making this decision. These include:

#### 1. Standing Committee Structure

A local government may appoint from its Councillors, standing committees. A standing committee is a committee constituted to deal with a particular area of the Council's jurisdiction on an ongoing basis. Accordingly standing committees exist perpetually to consider matters that fall within their jurisdiction.

#### 2. Standing Committee Charters

The charter for each standing committee details the matters that the committee is constituted to deal with.

#### 3. Standing Committee Members

A standing committee can consist of all or a number of the Councillors. Councillors nominated to committees have the role of ensuring that policies, strategies and objectives of the Redland City Council are formulated to best serve the public interest of the area generally.

#### 4. Standing Committee Chairpersons

The chairpersons of the committees have the responsibility to preserve order and to ensure proceedings are conducted in a proper manner, and that the intent of the meeting is properly ascertained with regard to any questions before the meeting. Council may appoint a chairperson of each committee or alternatively, each committee may appoint one of its members as chairperson.

### 5. Whether to Delegate any Formal Decision Making Authority to any Standing Committees

While the primary role of standing committees is to make recommendations to full Council, Council may delegate decision making powers to a committee. This can be on a permanent basis, or on a matter relating to an individual decision.

#### 6. Standing Committee Quorums

The quorum for a standing committee is the number either fixed by Council, or alternatively fixed by the committee. The committee cannot meet unless the quorum is present.

# 7. Whether to Exempt any Standing Committees (other than those with delegated decision making authority) from the Requirement to Keep Minutes

Where a standing committee is not given delegated powers for decision making (i.e. the committee makes recommendations which are then considered by full Council at a General Meeting), Council can resolve to exempt the committee from the requirement to keep minutes.

#### ISSUES

#### 1. Standing Committee Structure

After review of Council's standing committees, a new committee structure is recommended:

- 1. Corporate Services and Governance Committee;
- 2. City Services Committee;
- 3. Redland Water Committee (to commence from July 2012);
- 4. Development Assessment and Community Standards Committee; and
- 5. Environment and Planning Committee.

The committee structure will be reviewed after six months of operation.

#### 2. Standing Committee Charters

It is recommended that the attached committee charters be adopted.

#### 3. Standing Committee Members

It is recommended that each standing committee consist of all Councillors.

#### 4. Standing Committee Chairpersons

Each of the five standing committees requires a chairperson to be appointed. In line with the recommended committee structure two year trial period, it is recommended that committee chairpersons be appointed for two years.

#### 5. Delegation of Formal Decision Making Authority to Standing Committees

It is recommended that all committees be delegated formal decision making authority under section 257 *Local Government Act 2009* where one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- a) A decision is required to be made to meet statutory timeframes. For example:
  - (i) Decide development applications under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and the Integrated Planning Act 1997; and
  - (ii) Provide instructions to legal counsel for appeal matters actioned under Chapter 6 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and Chapter 4 of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

b) A decision is required to be made to meet other timeframes. For example:

Closing dates for submissions.

c) There is significant benefit that would justify making the decision. For example:

Entering into a contract by a certain date would provide financial benefits.

The delegation is made with the following provisos:

- (i) That officers (report authors) must provide justification for the use of the delegation in the committee report and include this in the report recommendations; and
- (ii) That for a standing committee to use delegated authority, there must be a minimum of eight Councillors in attendance at the meeting who vote in favour of the resolution.

#### 6. Standing Committee Quorums

It is recommended that standing committee quorums be fixed at six Councillors.

### 7. Exemption of Standing Committees (other than those with delegated decision making authority) from the Requirement to Keep Minutes

In accordance with the principles of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Council's Corporate Plan 2010-2015, regarding transparent and effective democratic processes, and decision-making in the public interest; it is recommended that all committees are required to keep minutes.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN

#### 8. Inclusive and ethical governance

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#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications impacting Council as a result of this report.

#### PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS

There are no planning scheme implications associated with this report.

#### CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred in the preparation and recommendations of this report.

#### OPTIONS

#### Preferred

That Council resolve as follows:

- 1. To appoint the following standing committee structure:
  - 1. Corporate Services and Governance Committee;
  - 2. City Services Committee;
  - 3. Redland Water Committee (to commence from July 2012);
  - 4. Development Assessment and Community Standards Committee; and
  - 5. Environment and Planning Committee.

The committee structure will be reviewed after six months of operation.

- 2. To adopt the attached Council committee charters;
- 3. That each standing committee consist of all Councillors;
- 4. That Council appoint chairpersons to each of the five standing committees. The appointments are to be for a period of two years;
- 5. That all committees be delegated formal decision making authority under section 257 *Local Government Act 2009* where one or more of the following circumstances apply:
  - a) A decision is required to be made to meet statutory timeframes. For example:
    - i) Decide development applications under the *Sustainable Planning Act* 2009 and the *Integrated Planning Act* 1997; and
    - ii) Provide instructions to legal counsel for appeal matters actioned under Chapter 6 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and Chapter 4 of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.
  - b) A decision is required to be made to meet other timeframes. For example:

Closing dates for submissions.

c) There is significant benefit that would justify making the decision. For example:

Entering into a contract by a certain date would provide financial benefits.

The delegation is made with the following provisos:

- i) That officers (report authors) must provide justification for the use of the delegation in the committee report and include this in the report recommendations; and
- ii) That for a standing committee to use delegated authority, there must be a minimum of eight Councillors in attendance at the meeting who vote in favour of the resolution.
- 6. That standing committee quorums be fixed at six Councillors;
- 7. That all standing committees are required to keep minutes; and
- 8. That Council adopt the attached 2012 meeting calendar (May to December).

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve as follows:

- 1. To appoint the following standing committee structure:
  - 1. Corporate Services and Governance Committee;
  - 2. City Services Committee;
  - 3. Redland Water Committee (to commence from July 2012);
  - 4. Development Assessment and Community Standards Committee; and
  - 5. Environment and Planning Committee.

The committee structure will be reviewed after six months of operation.

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- 5. That all committees be delegated formal decision making authority under section 257 *Local Government Act 2009* where one or more of the following circumstances apply:
  - a) A decision is required to be made to meet statutory timeframes. For example:
    - (i) Decide development applications under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*; and
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- (ii) That for a standing committee to use delegated authority, there must be a minimum of eight Councillors in attendance at the meeting who vote in favour of the resolution.
- 6. That standing committee quorums be fixed at six Councillors;
- 7. That all standing committees are required to keep minutes; and
- 8. That Council adopt the attached 2012 meeting calendar (May to December), as amended.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by: Cr A Beard Seconded by: Cr L Hewlett

That Council resolve as follows:

- 1. To appoint the following standing committee structure:
  - 1. Corporate Services and Governance Committee;
  - 2. City Services Committee;
  - 3. Redland Water Committee (to commence from July 2012);
  - 4. Development Assessment and Community Standards Committee; and
  - 5. Environment and Planning Committee.

The committee structure will be reviewed after six months of operation.

- 2. To adopt the attached Council committee charters;
- 3. That each standing committee consist of all Councillors;

4. That Council appoint the follow chairpersons to each of the five standing committees. The appointments are to be for a period of two years:

| COMMITTEE   | CHAIRPERSON       |
|---|-------------------|
| Corporate Services and<br>Governance              | Cr Mark Edwards   |
| City Services                                     | Cr Wendy Boglary  |
| Redland Water<br>(to commence from July 2012)     | Cr Lance Hewlett  |
| Development Assessment and<br>Community Standards | Cr Murray Elliott |
| Environment and Planning                          | Cr Julie Talty    |

- 5. That all committees be delegated formal decision making authority under section 257 *Local Government Act 2009* where one or more of the following circumstances apply:
  - a) A decision is required to be made to meet statutory timeframes.

For example:

- i. Decide development applications under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*; and
- ii. Provide instructions to legal counsel for appeal matters actioned under Chapter 6 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and Chapter 4 of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

b) A decision is required to be made to meet other timeframes. For example:

Closing dates for submissions.

c) There is significant benefit that would justify making the decision. For example:

Entering into a contract by a certain date would provide financial benefits.

The delegation is made with the following provisos:

- i. That officers (report authors) must provide justification for the use of the delegation in the committee report and include this in the report recommendations; and
- ii. That for a standing committee to use delegated authority, there must be a minimum of eight Councillors in attendance at the meeting who vote in favour of the resolution.
- 6. That standing committee quorums be fixed at six Councillors;
- 7. That all standing committees are required to keep minutes; and
- 8. That Council adopt the attached 2012 meeting calendar (May to December), as amended.

#### CARRIED

DIVISION

- FOR: Crs Hardman, Hewlett, Edwards, Talty, Elliott, Beard, Gleeson and Bishop
- AGAINST: Crs Boglary, Ogilvie and Williams.

#### 8 APPOINTMENTS/NOMINATIONS OF COUNCILLORS TO TASK FORCES/EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

| Dataworks Filename:  | GOV Council Meeting Dates & Information                                  |
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| Responsible Officer: | Nick Clarke<br>General Manager Governance                                |
| Author:              | Trevor Green<br>Principal Advisor Corporate and Democratic<br>Governance |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are a number of regional forums, taskforces, boards and committees, where Council is required to be represented, or where it is in Council's best interest to be represented by elected representatives.

This report provides recommendations for the appointment (or nomination) of Councillors to external organisations and task forces.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek decisions to appoint (or nominate as appropriate) Councillors as representatives of Redland City Council to task forces and external organisations.

#### BACKGROUND

In addition to the statutory duties associated with Council's ordinary meetings and standing committees, there are also a number of regional forums, taskforces, boards and committees, where Council is required to be represented, or where it is in Council's best interest to be represented by elected representatives.

A Councillor's role as the representative of Redland City Council includes promoting Redland's policies, strategies and objectives and ensuring that Council's interests are represented in regional policy development.

To assist Councillors and ensure effective capture and communication of information, these positions are often supported by nominated officers.

#### ISSUES

Councillors are recommended to be appointed (or nominated as appropriate) as representatives of Redland City Council to the task forces and external organisations as attached.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN

#### 8. Inclusive and ethical governance

Deep engagement, quality leadership at all levels, transparent and accountable democratic processes and a spirit of partnership between the community and Council will enrich residents' participation in local decision making to achieve the community's Redlands 2030 vision and goals.

8.3 Establish and maintain effective partnerships with local, regional and national organisations and governments to deliver the visions and goals of the community

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications impacting Council as a result of this report.

#### PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS

There are no City Planning & Environment implications associated with this report.

#### CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred in the preparation and recommendations of this report.

#### OPTIONS

#### Preferred

That Councillors be appointed (or nominated as appropriate) as representatives of Redland City Council to the task forces and external organisations as attached.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors be appointed (or nominated as appropriate) as representatives of Redland City Council to the task forces and external organisations as attached.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

| Moved by:    | Cr L Hewlett |
|--------------|--------------|
| Seconded by: | Cr K Hardman |

That Council resolve that the following Councillors be appointed (or nominated as appropriate) as representatives of Redland City Council to the task forces and external organisations:

|  | 1  |
|--|--|
| Contiguous Local Authority Group (CLAG)                                      | Cr Paul Gleeson  |
|  | Cr Mark Edwards  |
| Council of Mayors (SEQ) - Regional Planning & Growth<br>Management Committee | Cr Wendy Boglary   |
|  | Mayor Karen Williams<br>(subject to CoMSEQ<br>appointment) |
| Council of Mayors (SEQ) - Environment & Sustainability                       | Cr Paul Bishop   |
| Committee  | Mayor Karen Williams<br>(subject to CoMSEQ<br>appointment) |
| Council of Mayors (SEQ) - Infrastructure Committee                           | Cr Julie Talty   |
|  | Mayor Karen Williams<br>(subject to CoMSEQ<br>appointment) |
| Local Disaster Management Group  | Mayor Karen Williams<br>(Chair)                            |
|  | Deputy Mayor Alan Beard                                    |
| Donald Simpson Over 50's Leisure Centre Board of Management                  | Cr Craig Ogilvie   |
| Mayor's Moreton Bay Task Force   | Mayor Karen Williams                                       |
| North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum Inc                                | Cr Paul Bishop   |
| Redland Museum Advisory Committee  | Cr Wendy Boglary   |
| Redlands Advisory Group on the Ageing (RAGOSI)                               | Mayor Karen Williams                                       |
|  | Deputy Mayor Alan Beard                                    |
|  | Cr Julie Talty   |
| Redlands Bicycle Advisory Committee  | Cr Craig Ogilvie   |
| Regional Development Australia Logan and Redlands Inc (RDA)                  | Cr Wendy Boglary (subject to Ministerial approval)         |
| Regional Arts Development Fund Committee (RADF)                              | Cr Craig Ogilvie (Chair)<br>Cr Paul Bishop                 |
|  |  |

**CARRIED** (unanimously)

#### 9 AUDIT COMMITTEE

| Dataworks Filename:  | GOV Audit Committee  |
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| Responsible Officer: | Nick Clarke<br>General Manager Governance                                |
| Author:              | Trevor Green<br>Principal Advisor Corporate and Democratic<br>Governance |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2009* requires Council to establish an Audit Committee. Council's Audit Committee Charter states that the Audit Committee consists of two Councillors and two external members.

With the conclusion of the 2008-2012 local government electoral term, Council is required to review the appointment of Councillors to the Audit Committee.

It is also considered prudent, to extend the memberships of the two external committee members until the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements.

Council would seek two external members for the Audit Committee, by an Expression of Interest process, for a four-year period commencing after the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements through to the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2015/2016.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to

- 1. Appoint two Councillors to Council's Audit Committee;
- 2. Extend the contracts of the external audit committee members, Mr Len Scanlan (independent chair of the Audit Committee) and Mr Virendra Dua (independent external member) until the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements; and
- 3. Seek two external members for the Audit Committee, by an Expression of Interest process, for a four-year period, commencing after the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements through to the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2015/2016.

#### BACKGROUND

The primary objective of the Audit Committee is to assist Council in fulfilling its corporate governance role and oversight of the financial measurement and reporting responsibilities imposed under the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, the *Local Government Act 2009* and other relevant legislation. The Audit committee is an Advisory Committee of Council.

The requirement for the establishment of an Audit Committee is provided for under Section 105 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. It operates in accordance with Part 10, Subdivision 2, Sections 157-160 of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* (the Regulation).

Council's Audit Committee Charter states that the Audit Committee consists of two Councillors and two external members. At Council's General Meeting of 28 March 2012, Council resolved to approve the extension of Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua as external members of the Audit Committee until 30 June 2012. Previously the agreement with the external Audit Committee members was to expire in March 2012. The extension to the 30 June 2012 was due to the postponement of the local government elections until 28 April 2012.

#### ISSUES

As part of the decisions being made at the Post-Election Meeting, two Councillors are to be appointed to the Audit Committee. It is usual practice for the Mayor to be a member of the Audit Committee.

While Council has approved the extension of Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua as external members of the Audit Committee until 30 June 2012, it is now considered prudent to further extend their membership until the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements, as part of the adoption of the Annual Report. The adoption of the Financial Statements, as part of the adoption of the Annual Report, usually occurs in October/November each year.

The extension of their memberships to this point would provide additional continuity of experience through the changeover of Council. Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua have indicated their interest to the extension, if approved.

It is recommended that the next external members of the Audit Committee be appointed for the four year local government electoral term, up to and including the adoption of the 2015/2016 Financial Statements, as part of the adoption of the Annual Report.

Council would seek two external members for the Audit Committee, by an Expression of Interest process, for a four-year period commencing after the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements through to the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2015/2016.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN

#### 8. Inclusive and ethical governance

Deep engagement, quality leadership at all levels, transparent and accountable democratic processes and a spirit of partnership between the community and Council will enrich residents' participation in local decision making to achieve the community's Redlands 2030 vision and goals.

8.5 Be transparent and consistent in the way we manage the organisation, its risks and obligations and ensure we are delivering against our priorities.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications impacting Council as a result of this report. The remuneration paid to the independent members of the Audit Committee is currently within budget.

#### PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS

The City Planning & Environment Group was consulted and it is considered that the outcome of recommendations in this report will not require any amendments to the Redlands Planning Scheme.

#### CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has occurred in the preparation and recommendations of this report. Consultation has occurred with the Internal Audit Group and Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua.

#### OPTIONS

#### Preferred

That Council resolve to:

- 1. Appoint two Councillors as members of Council's Audit Committee, for a period of two years;
- 2. Approve the extension of Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua as external members of the Audit Committee until the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements, as part of the adoption of the Annual Report; and
- 3. Seek two external members for the Audit Committee, by an Expression of Interest process, for a four-year period commencing after the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements through to the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2015/2016.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

- 1. Appoint two Councillors as members of Council's Audit Committee, for a period of two years;
- 2. Approve the extension of Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua as external members of the Audit Committee until the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements, as part of the adoption of the Annual Report; and
- 3. Seek two external members for the Audit Committee, by an Expression of Interest process, for a four-year period commencing after the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements through to the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2015/2016.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

| Moved by:    | Cr P Bishop  |
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| Seconded by: | Cr M Elliott |

That Council resolve to:

- 1. Appoint the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Corporate Services and Governance Committee as members of Council's Audit Committee, for a period of two years;
- 2. Approve the extension of Mr Len Scanlan and Mr Virendra Dua as external members of the Audit Committee until the adoption of the 2011/2012 Financial Statements, as part of the adoption of the Annual Report; and
- 3. Seek two external members for the Audit Committee, by an expressions of interest process, for a four-year period commencing after the adoption of the2011/2012 Financial Statements through to the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2015/2016.

CARRIED

#### 10 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.24pm.

Signature of Chairperson:

Confirmation date: