



**Redland**  
CITY COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 30 January 2013**

The Council Chambers  
35 Bloomfield Street  
CLEVELAND QLD

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.30am and acknowledged the Quandamooka people, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which Council meets.

The Mayor also paid Council's respect to their elders, past and present, and extended that respect to other indigenous Australians who are present.

## 2 DEVOTIONAL SEGMENT

Ken Mihill, Chair of the Ministers' Fellowship, led Council in a brief devotional segment.

## 3 RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Mayor Karen Williams acknowledged that Redland City Council crews and emergency workers were working tirelessly to respond to damage reports from the severe weather that has affected the City.

Council had received approximately 300 call outs over the weekend with requests still coming in and Mayor Karen Williams said crews were prioritising works based on urgency and immediate danger to people and property.

## 4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cr K Williams	Mayor
Cr A Beard	Deputy Mayor & Councillor Division 8
Cr W Boglary	Councillor Division 1
Cr C Ogilvie	Councillor Division 2 – entered at 10.31am
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 P Gleeson	Councillor Division 9
Cr P Bishop	Councillor Division 10

### EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP GROUP:

Mr B Lyon	Chief Executive Officer
Mr N Clarke	General Manager Governance
Mrs T Averay	General Manager Environment Planning & Development
Mr G Holdway	Acting General Manager Corporate Services
Mrs L Rusan	General Manager City Services
Mr G Soutar	General Manager Redland Water and RedWaste

### MINUTES:

Mrs J Parfitt	Team Leader Corporate Meetings & Registers
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**5 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****5.1 CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 4 DECEMBER 2012**

Moved by: Cr P Bishop  
Seconded by: Cr M Edwards

That the minutes of the City Services Committee Minutes held on 4 December 2012 be confirmed.

[City Services Committee Minutes 4 December 2012](#)

CARRIED

**5.2 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 5 DECEMBER 2012**

Moved by: Cr A Beard  
Seconded by: Cr J Talty

That the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee Minutes held on 5 December 2012 be confirmed.

[Environment & Planning Committee Minutes 5 December 2012](#)

CARRIED

**5.3 CORPORATE SERVICES & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
11 DECEMBER 2012**

Moved by: Cr M Edwards  
Seconded by: Cr W Boglary

That the minutes of the Corporate Services & Governance Committee Minutes held on 11 December 2012 be confirmed.

[Corporate Services & Governance Committee Minutes 11 December 2012](#)

CARRIED

**5.4 REDLAND WATER & REDWASTE COMMITTEE MINUTES 11 DECEMBER  
2012**

Moved by: Cr P Gleeson  
Seconded by: Cr C Ogilvie

That the minutes of the Redland Water & RedWaste Committee Minutes held on 11 December 2012 be confirmed.

[Redland Water & RedWaste Committee Minutes 11 December 2012](#)

CARRIED

**5.5 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT & COMMUNITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES 12 DECEMBER 2012**

Moved by: Cr M Elliott  
Seconded by: Cr W Boglary

That the minutes of the Development Assessment & Community Standards Committee Minutes held on 12 December 2012 be confirmed.

[Development Assessment & Community Standards Committee Minutes 12 December 2012](#)

CARRIED

**5.6 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 19 DECEMBER 2012**

Moved by: Cr P Bishop  
Seconded by: Cr M Edwards

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 19 December 2012 be confirmed.

[General Meeting Minutes 19 December 2012](#)

CARRIED

**6 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Chief Executive Officer presented the following items for noting:

**6.1. APPEAL TO RAISE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A PIANO FOR RPAC**

At the General Meeting on 14 December 2011 Council resolved that a report be prepared and presented to Council on how to establish such an appeal.

A report addressing this matter will be presented to a Coordination Committee meeting.

Cr Beard advised the meeting that he had been informed by the conductor of the Cleveland symphonium, who have taken up residence at RPAC, that they had made an application for a grant to purchase a piano. The Cleveland symphonium believe that the grant application will be successful and that they will be providing a grand piano to RPAC, which they will own and rent to potential users in the future.

**6.2. PETITION (DIVISION 5) REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TREES IN HASLINGDEN DRIVE, REDLAND BAY**

At the General Meeting on 31 October 2012 Council resolved that the petition, which reads as follows,

1. Be received and referred to a Committee or officer for consideration and a report to the local government; and
2. That the Principal Petitioner be advised in writing.

*“Petition from residents regarding trees planted on foreshore in Haslingden Drive, Redland Bay.”*

A report addressing this matter will be presented to a Coordination Committee meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that discussions had taken place with the principal petitioner and it was agreed that further funds would be sought at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Review to undertake some vegetation clearing and for future vegetation management.

## **7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Moved by: Cr M Elliott

Seconded by: Cr J Talty

That Council adjourn the meeting for a 15 minute public participation segment.

CARRIED

1. Ms K Crees of Victoria Point, addressed Council in relation to vegetation management on her property and fire hazards.
2. Ms K Murphy of Thornlands, addressed Council in relation to vegetation management and fire hazards.
3. Ms E Ulrick of Lamb Island, addressed Council in relation to the recent storm emergency and the loss of power on Lamb Island and the difficulties experienced by residents.
4. Ms G James of Macleay Island, addressed Council in relation to the recent storm emergency and problems experienced by Macleay Island residents.

### **MOTION TO RESUME MEETING**

Moved by: Cr M Edwards

Seconded by: Cr W Boglary

That the meeting proceedings resume.

CARRIED

## **8 PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **8.1 PETITION (DIVISION 8) SUBMISSION FROM RESIDENTS AGAINST MCU012993 – MULTIPLE DWELLINGS (X75) AT OLD CLEVELAND ROAD EAST, WELLINGTON POINT**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by: Cr A Beard

Seconded by: Cr M Edwards

That the petition, regarding MCU012993 (Multiple Dwellings x75 at Old Cleveland Road East, Wellington Point) be acknowledged and referred to Sustainable Assessment for review under the application process, noting that this is a code assessable application and there are no appeal rights. Cr Beard stated he hoped that resident's concerns would be taken into consideration.

CARRIED

**9 MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE ITEM**

Moved by: Cr P Bishop

Seconded by: Cr J Talty

That a late item – *Fleet Procurement Update* – be received and discussed as Item 12.1.3.

CARRIED

**10 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Nil



**11 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil.

## 12 DIRECT TO COUNCIL REPORTS

### 12.1 CORPORATE SERVICES

#### 12.1.1 DECEMBER 2012 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Datworks Filename:** FM Monthly Financial Reports to Committee

**Attachment:** [RCC Monthly Financial Report December 2012](#)

**Responsible Officer:** Amanda Daly  
Acting General Manager Corporate Services

**Author:** Sandra Bridgeman  
Financial Reporting Manager

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 204(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Chief Executive Officer to present the financial report to a monthly meeting and accordingly the December 2012 financial reports are now presented to Council for noting.

The December 2012 financial performance report provides indication of financial outcomes at the end of December 2012. Trends will have been noted by the Executive Leadership Group and relevant officers who can provide further clarification and advice around actual to budget variances.

The revised budget presented in the attached report reflects the first quarter budget review adopted by Council in October 2012. The second quarter budget review is expected to further address any material variances between budget and actuals following the results from the first six months of the financial year. The results from the second quarterly budget review are expected to be reflected in the February 2013 financial reports once adopted by Council.

The following adopted 2012-2013 Key Financial Stability and Sustainability Ratios were either achieved or favourably exceeded by Council as at the end of December 2012:

- Level of dependence on general rate revenue;
- Ability to pay our bills – current ratio;
- Ability to repay our debt – debt servicing ratio;
- Cash balance;
- Cash balances – cash capacity in months;
- Longer term financial stability – debt to assets ratio;
- Operating surplus ratio;
- Net financial liabilities;
- Interest cover ratio; and
- Asset Consumption ratio.

However, the following indicator was unfavourable and therefore outside of Council's target range:

- Operating performance.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose is to present the December 2012 financial report to Council and explain the content and analysis of the report. Section 204(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Chief Executive Officer of a local government to present statements of its accounts to the local government. The financials also provide Council with regular analysis of performance against budget; variances can then be identified on a monthly basis and subsequently addressed if required via budget submissions through the quarterly budget review process.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Corporate Plan contains a strategic priority to support the organisation's capacity to deliver services to the community by building a skilled, motivated and continually learning workforce, ensuring assets and finances are well managed, corporate knowledge is captured and used to best advantage, and that services are marketed and communicated effectively.

## **ISSUES**

Please refer to the attached Monthly Financial Performance Report.

## **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

8.7 Ensure Council resource allocation is sustainable and delivers on Council and community priorities

8.8 Provide clear information to citizens about how rates, fees and charges are set and how Council intends to finance the delivery of the Community Plan and Corporate Plan

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered that the outcome of recommendations in this report will not require any amendments to the Redlands Planning Scheme.

## **CONSULTATION**

Consultation has taken place amongst Council departmental officers, Financial Services Group officers and the Executive Leadership Group.

**OPTIONS****PREFERRED**

That Council resolve to note the End of Month Financial Reports for December 2012 and explanations as presented in the attached Monthly Financial Performance Report.

**ALTERNATIVE**

That Council requests additional information.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by: Cr P Bishop

Seconded by: Cr P Gleeson

**That Council resolve to note the End of Month Financial Reports for December 2012 and explanations as presented in the attached Monthly Financial Performance Report.**

**CARRIED**

**12.1.2 QUARTERLY PROJECTS REPORT DECEMBER 2012****Dataworks Filename:** FM Quarterly Projects Report**Attachment:** [Financial Quarterly Project Reports December 2012](#)**Responsible Officer:** Gavin Holdway  
Acting General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Sandra Bridgeman  
Financial Reporting Manager

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The attached financial report provides the December 2012 year-to-date operational and capital project expenditure for the individual projects of Council. Additionally, the report presents the original and revised full year budget and further provides a variance percentage between the year-to-date revised budget and actual expenditure for each project.

The revised budget presented in the attached report reflects the first quarter budget review adopted by Council in October 2012. The second quarter budget review is expected to further address any projects where material variances exist between budget and actuals following the results from the first six months of the financial year by further revising the project's budget or by re-phasing the expected timing of the expenditure.

**PURPOSE**

This report presents year-to-date expenditure against revised budget for operational and capital projects across the groups of Council. Projects are listed by the lead agency group which reflects the group within Council that the project owner is part of. The report is designed to assist in the financial monitoring, delivery and timing of project commencement, progress and completion.

**BACKGROUND**

This report presents operational and capital project expenditure across individual groups of Council.

**ISSUES**

As detailed in the 'December 2012 Monthly Financial Reports', Council is currently under spent when compared to year-to-date budget for operational expenses and capital expenditure by \$3.7M and \$5.6M respectively. This report identifies by project where this operational and capital expenditure variance exists within projects, appreciating that not all operational and capital expenditure relates to projects.

**RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN****8. Inclusive and ethical governance**

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8.8 Provide clear information to citizens about how rates, fees and charges are set and how Council intends to finance the delivery of the Community Plan and Corporate Plan

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Please refer to the December 2012 Quarterly Projects Report.

### **PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered that the outcome of recommendations in this report will not require any amendments to the Redlands Planning Scheme.

### **CONSULTATION**

Consultation has taken place amongst Council departmental officers, Financial Services Group officers and the Executive Leadership Group.

### **OPTIONS**

#### **PREFERRED**

That Council resolve to note the December 2012 Quarterly Projects Report.

#### **ALTERNATIVE**

That Council requests additional information.

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved by:** Cr M Edwards

**Seconded by:** Cr P Gleeson

**That Council resolve to note the December 2012 Quarterly Projects Report.**

### **CARRIED**

**12.1.3 FLEET PROCUREMENT - UPDATE**

**Datworks Filename:** FM Tendering – Fleet Services

**Responsible Officer:** Gavin Holdway  
Acting General Manager Corporate Services

**Author:** Jon Horsey  
Service Manager Fleet Services

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to gain Council approval to procure approximately 30 utility vehicles totalling a capital outlay in the order of \$1.113m.

Usually the procurement of these vehicles would occur over a number of months during the financial year, however, due to the recent favourable outcome surrounding the internal lease versus buy review undertaken on Fleet Services, officers now require approval to procure a number of vehicles of a similar make and model within a short space of time.

The report outlines the rationale and transparency of the proposed procurement activity to avoid any concern over order splitting.

**BACKGROUND**

The replacement program has been delayed due to the recent (late 2012) embargo on purchasing whilst the internal fleet lease versus buy review was undertaken. Following the favourable outcome to have Fleet Services continue operations in-house, Fleet Services are now requiring to procure replacement fleet in a more compressed timeframe in order to meet the replacement program for 2012/13.

The \$1.113m expenditure outlay is part of the originally approved budget for fleet in 2012/13 of \$5.487m. (as per page 42 of the 2012/13 Operational Plan and Budget)

**ISSUES**

This year's fleet replacement program contains somewhere in the region of 30 Isuzu – D Max Utility vehicles. Operational requirements for these vehicles vary with cab platform and required accessories. The primary issues related to this procurement activity include;

- There is only 1 supplier on the current panel of providers for these particular type of vehicles. (Note – local supplier)
- Fleet Services proposing to request separate quotations and order breakdown by vehicle specification and accessory requirements.
- The supplier has also requested a similar process to avoid confusion and will provide quotes in a corresponding format.
- In turn, the supplier has also expressed a desire to receive orders as proposed in order to achieve an error free outcome in supply to Council.

<b>Make &amp; Model</b>	<b>Body Type</b>	<b>Various Combinations( <i>In addition to standard specification</i>)</b>	<b>Qty</b>
Isuzu D Max 4x2 Crew Cab	Style side	Hard Tonneau	5
		Hard Tonneau with Tow bar	1
		Soft Tonneau	3
		Soft Tonneau with Tow bar	4
		Canopy	4
		Canopy with Tow bar	2
Isuzu D Max 4x2 Crew Cab	Cab Chassis (work tray)	No cover	TBC
		No cover with Tow bar	7
		Soft Tonneau	TBC
		Soft Tonneau with Tow bar	TBC
		Canopy	2
		Canopy with Tow bar	TBC

(The above table is the indicative mix of stakeholder requirements currently expected)

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### **RISK MANAGEMENT & FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Failure with the expediting of the above proposed procurement may result in further delays of availability and supply from the dealership's current stock. Current lead time projection advice suggests no arrival of additional appropriate stock into the country before the end of May-13. Thus, port clearance, fit out and pre-delivery is unlikely achievable before the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

### **CONSULTATION**

Consultation surrounding this paper has been undertaken between the General Manager Governance, Group Manager Internal Audit, Senior Internal Auditor, Service Manager Fleet Services and Acting General Manager Corporate Services. External consultation has occurred with the supplier and directly with Isuzu Australia in relation current stock availability and future inventory arrivals.

### **OPTIONS**

1. That Council approve the procurement of the related 30 utility vehicles via separate purchase orders as outlined in the above table.
2. That officers provide Council with further information and/or for officers to look into further options to expedite the related procurement requirements.

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved by:** Cr M Elliott  
**Seconded by:** Cr M Edwards

**That Council approve the procurement of the related 30 utility vehicles via separate purchase orders as outlined in the above table.**

### **CARRIED**



## 12.2 CITY SERVICES

### 12.2.1 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

**Dataworks Filename:** LS Advice – Vegetation Management  
EM Policy – EM Vegetation Enhancement Policy

**Attachment:** [Council Policy POL2609 – Vegetation Enhancement](#)

**Responsible Officer:** Louise Rusan  
General Manager City Services

**Author:** Lex Smith  
Manager City Spaces

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper focuses on vegetation issues and management from a planning and operations perspective.

Council requested a review of vegetation management in consideration of public amenity, community expectations, relevant legislative frameworks as well as from an operational work practices perspective. This review took into consideration Council's 2010 - 2015 corporate plan objective of embracing the bay by improving access. Council is keen to see this corporate objective realised so that all residents can have better access to our foreshores.

The review took into consideration issues arising in the course of planning, development and operational activity. Complaints, feedback and requests from the community received either direct to Council officers or via Councillors were also considered. The main areas of focus for review were tree removals on Council and private land, street tree planting, view management, access to the foreshores and fire break management. These issues were considered by Council at a workshop on 30 October 2012 with recommendations made in relation to ongoing management and budget expenditure.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the recommendations from the Vegetation Management workshop held on 30 October 2012.

### BACKGROUND

Vegetation management was one of the major issues raised during the last election and Officers were asked to review and workshop with Councillors the issues and potential solutions to address concerns.

The major issues of concern were identified as:

1. Tree removals on Council and private land, including tree pruning;
  2. Street tree planting;
  3. View management;
  4. Access to foreshores; and
  5. Fire breaks.
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The workshop focused on mostly operational matters but also dealt with issues relating to the Redlands Planning Scheme, other relevant legislation and Council's current policies and practices.

## **ISSUES**

The major issues raised by residents with Council officers and Councillors came under the major areas being tree removal and pruning, street tree planting, view management, access to foreshores and fire breaks. Council officers took a whole of business approach to this review involving officers from multiple Council Departments from planning through to delivery.

### **1. Tree Removal**

The criteria used for assessment of tree removal was discussed at the Vegetation Management Workshop. This can be a highly contentious issue with some residents wanting trees removed and others wanting them retained. Tree removal was reviewed in three (3) main categories:

- (a) Tree removal on Council land,
- (b) Tree removal on private land, and
- (c) Tree Pruning.

#### **1(a) Tree Removal on Council Land**

Currently tree removal requests on Council land are assessed under the following criteria:

- The tree is dead.
- The tree is unhealthy and in decline.
- The tree has poor union structure or poor general structure.
- The tree is recognised as a non declared weed species e.g. the Cadghi, Jacaranda, Cocus Palm and the Tipuana (not all weed species are removed upon request as these can still positively contribute to streetscapes).
- The tree is causing damage to infrastructure (again not all trees are approved for removal; this depends on the level of damage).
- The tree is causing access problems for motorists and or pedestrians.

Where removal is not approved, if deemed necessary by the assessing officer, works are undertaken to make the tree safe.

Most requests for tree removal relate to the larger variety of trees, *Eucalyptus spp* and *Ficus spp* etc and the most common requests from residents requesting tree removal are associated with:

- Leaf litter.
  - Termites.
  - Minor damage to assets.
  - Medical conditions e.g. allergies.
  - Height of tree.
  - Fear of tree falling during storm event.
  - Perceived structural damage to properties due to subsidence from trees changing the soil moisture conditions.
  - Shade interfering with the function of solar panels.
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- Personal preference of tree species.
- Recognised weed species, e.g. Camphor Laurel.

Some of the above issues relate to the types of trees planted, and it is recognised that a review of our street tree planting policy could help reduce these complaints.

It should be noted that the benefits of trees include amenity, wildlife habitat and the contribution to what makes Redlands unique and a desirable place to live.

In many instances, requests of this nature lack sufficient grounds to support tree removal, which causes frustration for residents and Councillors alike.

From the review of the issues encountered and the criteria used to assess tree removal requests, it was considered that actions taken to date have been appropriate.

Council did however also consider tree removal in light of improving access to the Bay and considered that tree removal requests should be assessed by Council officers in keeping with the view management program that has been on trial for the past two (2) years.

It is recommended that Council continues to assess tree removal requests as per the existing criteria and endorsed to support the continuation of the view management program. Each Tree removal request and those associated with the view management program will be assessed by officers on a case by case basis.

### **1(b) Tree Removal on Private Land**

Currently tree removal requests are assessed against the provisions of Local Law 6 (LL6) and any existing Development Approval. Consideration of the following matters must be undertaken to determine if a tree is protected:

- Is the tree significant as defined in LL6?
- Is the tree protected by a condition of development?
- Is the tree protected by a Vegetation Protection Order (VPO) or a Tree Protection Area (TPA)?
- Is the protection of the tree exempted under LL6?

Notwithstanding the protection that is afforded to vegetation through the above means, requests to remove actual or potentially hazardous trees will always be allowed where Council's Arborist has assessed the tree and agrees that the tree poses a threat to person or property.

Requests for tree removal solely on nuisance grounds because of leaf litter, shade, personal preference or because of a claimed link to individual medical conditions, are not generally approved except in extenuating circumstances.

Note that where koala habitat or food trees are removed, offset planting is required under the Koala SPRP. This offset planting can be undertaken at alternative sites.

As part of the Planning Scheme review, it is intended that vegetation protection and management be incorporated into the future Redland Planning Scheme (RPS) in accordance with the requirements of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA).

**It is recommended that:**

- **Local Law 6 to continue to regulate vegetation management on private land until the commencement of the new planning scheme.**
- **An Implementation Guideline and fact sheet is provided to Council by the Environmental Planning and Development Department, to be enacted concurrently with Local Law 6 until the Redland Planning Scheme (RPS) amendments are adopted by State Government.**
- **Council endorses Operational Works exemptions for removal of vegetation on established individual urban residential properties.**

**1(c) Tree Pruning**

The majority of tree requests received from residents are for pruning and most of these are approved. Requests include:

- Pruning for visibility when leaving or entering properties.
- Pruning for overhanging limbs from Council trees into private residences.
- General pruning for aesthetics.
- Pruning for structural soundness and general health of trees.
- Pruning to allow sunlight into properties for shaded clothes lines, vegetable gardens and lawns.

Council pruning maintenance programs include:

- Pruning street trees along major road corridors for the correct standard of height for street trees
- Pruning street and park trees along bike and pedestrian pathways for the correct standard of height for public safety
- Pruning of parks trees in regional parks for public safety
- Pruning of trees in streetscapes for amenity and safety reasons
- Regular pruning for public safety.

Where tree removal requests are not approved, pruning works are often undertaken instead if deemed necessary by the assessing officer.

**It is suggested this process is working well and should continue.**

**2. Street Tree Planting**

Council plants approximately 1800 street trees per annum. Planting is initiated by:

- Customer and Councillor Requests and Council officers.
- Developer contributions from approved subdivisions.
- Vegetation Enhancement Policy requirements.

**It is recommended that:**

- **The species lists in Schedules 9 (Street Trees) and Schedule 10 (Vegetation Species) of the RPS and the provisions of Council's Vegetation Enhancement Strategy be revised to ensure appropriate species selection for street trees in urban areas.**

- **The provisions in the RPS relating to street tree planting and Council Procedure PR-2609-001-001 Street Tree Plantings be revised to address issues identified related to:**
  - **road verge/footpath width requirements for street tree planting;**
  - **potential conflict with services, structures and driveways; and**
  - **design specifications for new developments involving the construction of new roads.**

### **3. View Management Program (Trial Program)**

Council's Parks and Conservation Unit has been trialling a view management program for the last two years. The program involves proactive vegetation pruning and thinning to achieve windows of bay views for residents who have view encroachment issues. Currently there are 42 sites on the program.

Generally issues arise in the following scenarios:

- Residents buy a house near the foreshore where existing mature vegetation blocks views or existing vegetation grows into these views.
- Residents buy a home in a new estate. The developer is required by Council to undertake revegetation works along the foreshore in accordance with State legislation, Council policies and/or the RPS. Over time vegetation grows and blocks original views.
- Past Councils have revegetated foreshore areas.

**It is recommended that:**

- **Council endorse and allocate budget for continuation of view management trial.**
- **Officers investigate further options for residents to assist in maintaining views under Council direction.**
- **Alternative approaches to vegetation planting associated with development be considered during the current review of the RPS to minimise future view management conflicts.**

### **4. Access to Foreshores**

This is an emerging issue particularly in the Redland Bay foreshore area. Residents are requesting that Council clear and mow what is perceived as overgrown vegetation on the foreshores to allow access.

This is a complex matter that requires a case by case assessment, including consideration of the following issues:

- Whether the vegetation is protected under the Vegetation Management Act.
- The provisions of the Coastal Management Act.
- RPS provisions relating to the site including zones and overlays.
- The functions of the site (e.g. drainage).
- The requirements of the conditions of any related development approval in respect of re-vegetation to achieve planning scheme outcomes.
- The ability of machinery to access possible wet and boggy foreshore areas.

**It is suggested that:**

- **Where possible and as resources permit, Council should endeavour to improve public access to foreshores.**

## **5. Fire Breaks**

### **Urban Parks and Re-vegetation**

Design and use of Council parks is determined by RPS and Council policy provisions which identify what areas are required to be retained for conservation purposes.

### **Fire Breaks**

Fire breaks are provided to reduce the fuel loading adjacent to properties and to provide access for wildfire response or planned burn operations. The fuel reduction areas vary from 3m to 15m. Fire breaks are slashed 8 times a year on the islands and on the mainland.

**It is recommended that:**

- **Current mowing and maintenance schedules be maintained, and**
- **Council assess firebreaks on a case-by-case scenario.**

## **RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN**

### **1. Healthy natural environment**

A diverse and healthy natural environment, with an abundance of native flora and fauna and rich ecosystems will thrive through our awareness, commitment and action in caring for the environment.

- 1.1 Increase biodiversity by taking informed action to protect, enhance and manage our local ecosystems.

### **3. Embracing the bay**

The benefits of the unique ecosystems, visual beauty, spiritual nourishment and coastal lifestyle provided by the islands, beaches, foreshores and water catchments of Moreton Bay will be valued, protected and celebrated.

- 3.4 Promote enjoyment of the bay by improving access for environmentally sensitive recreation activities, education, economic opportunities and ecotourism.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The workshop of 30 October 2012 recommended that budget be allocated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Review of the 12/13 budget.

Any suitable proposals arising from recommendations listed will be referred to Council for consideration as part of the 2013/14 budget deliberations.

## **PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS**

The Environment Planning and Development Group was consulted and relevant recommendations once endorsed, will be incorporated into the current review of the Redlands Planning Scheme.

**CONSULTATION**

General Manager City Services, General Manager Environment Planning and Development and Group Manager City Planning and Environment, Service Manager Design and Development.

**OPTIONS****PREFERRED**

That Council resolve to:

1. Endorse that Council continue to assess the tree removal requests as per the existing criteria. Additionally, tree removal requests associated with the view management program will be assessed by officers on a case by case basis.
2. Endorse that Local Law 6 continue to regulate vegetation management on private land until the commencement of the new planning scheme. Council will develop an Implementation Guideline and fact sheet to be enacted concurrently with Local Law 6 until the Redland Planning Scheme (RPS) amendments are adopted by State Government.
3. Endorse Operational Works Exemptions for removal of vegetation on established individual urban residential properties.
4. Endorse tree pruning processes to continue as currently performed.
5. Endorse the species lists in Schedules 9 (Street Trees) and Schedule 10 (Vegetation Species) of the RPS and the provisions of Council's Vegetation Enhancement Strategy be revised to ensure appropriate species selection for street trees in urban areas.
6. Endorse that provisions in the RPS relating to street tree planting and Council Procedure PR-2609-001-001 Street Tree Plantings be revised to address issues identified related to:
  - road verge/footpath width requirements for street tree planting;
  - potential conflict with services, structures and driveways; and
  - design specifications for new developments involving the construction of new roads.
7. Endorse and allocate budget for continuation of the View Management program.
8. Endorse that where possible and as resources permit, Council should endeavour to improve public access to foreshores.
9. Endorse alternative approaches to vegetation planting associated with developments be considered during the current review of the RPS to minimise future view management conflicts.
10. Endorse that the clearing of Council controlled firebreaks should be assessed in accordance with Queensland Fire and Rescue Services standards and that any additional maintenance be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**ALTERNATIVE**

Return to workshop for further discussion on vegetation management.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

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2. Endorse that Local Law 6 continue to regulate vegetation management on private land until the commencement of the new planning scheme. Council will develop an Implementation Guideline and fact sheet to be enacted concurrently with Local Law 6 until the Redland Planning Scheme (RPS) amendments are adopted by State Government.
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10. Endorse that the clearing of Council controlled firebreaks should be assessed in accordance with Queensland Fire and Rescue Services standards and that any additional maintenance be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: Cr M Edwards**

**Seconded by: Cr J Talty**

**That this item be deferred to the General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 27 February 2013.**

**CARRIED**



**13 CLOSED SESSION****13.1 GOVERNANCE****13.1.1 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION – 2013 STRADDIE SALUTE MULTISPORT FESTIVAL****Dataworks Filename: CR-Sponsorship - Outgoing****Responsible Officer: Nick Clarke  
General Manager Governance****Author: Tracey Walker  
Group Manager Communications**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A confidential report from General Manager Governance was presented to Council for consideration.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****Moved by: Cr M Elliott  
Seconded by: Cr P Bishop****That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Accept the assessment panel's Option 1; and**
- 2. That this report remains confidential pending advice to the applicant.**

**CARRIED**

**13.2 CITY SERVICES****13.2.1 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES****Dataworks Filename: FM Tendering – Supply Services****Responsible Officer: Lex Smith  
Manager City Spaces****Author: Laurence Blacka  
Turf Services Officer**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A confidential report from Manager City Spaces was presented to Council for consideration.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****Moved by: Cr M Elliott  
Seconded by: Cr A Beard****That Council resolve as follows:**

- 1. To award the contract for Grass Cutting Services for schedules 1-7, 11 and 12 for a period of two (2) years with the option to extend for a further three (3) one (1) year options under the terms and conditions provided during the tender process;**
- 2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer under Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to:**
  - a. To make, vary and discharge the contract in accordance with the agreed contract terms for any changes;**
  - b. Sign all relevant documentation; and**
- 3. That this report remains confidential.**

**CARRIED (unanimously)**

**13.2.2 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE TO MAINLAND FUEL REDUCTION ZONES****Dataworks Filename: FM Tendering – Supply Services****Responsible Officer: Lex Smith  
Manager City Spaces****Author: Rory House  
Senior Conservation Officer**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A confidential report from Manager City Spaces was presented to Council for consideration.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****Moved by: Cr M Elliott  
Seconded by: Cr W Boglary****That Council resolve as follows:**

- 1. To award the contract for the Preferred Supplier for Maintenance to Mainland Fuel Reduction Zones to Bayside Slashing for a period of two (2) years with the option to extend for a further three (3) one (1) year options under the terms and conditions provided during the tender process;**
- 2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer under Section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to:**
  - a. Make, vary and discharge the contract in accordance with the agreed contract terms for any changes;**
  - b. Sign all relevant documentation; and**
- 3. That this report remains confidential.**

**CARRIED****14 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11.13am.

Signature of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

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