



MEETING MINUTES
COUNCILLORS IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP
OMBUDSMAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

15 November 2010, 7:30pm
Council Chambers - Town Hall

Meeting Started: 7:15pm

Attendees: Jean Hay (Chair), Cllr Richard Morrison (Deputy Chair), Councillors: Barbara Aird; Hugh Burns; Cathy Griffin; Adele Heasman; Peter Macdonald; David Murphy; Mark Norek; and Craig Whitting

Also in attendance: General Manager and General Counsel

Apologies: Cllr Lauren Elder and Alan Le Surf

ITEM 1 Welcome and Apologies

ITEM 1a Declaration of Interests - Nil

ITEM 2 Confirmation of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting on 9 November 2010 were read; item 6.4 was added; and the minutes were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

ITEM 3 Meeting with McArthur Management Services re Recommendation 7.2 – CLOSED

In accordance with section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, this matter was considered in closed session because it related to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

The General Manager declared a conflict of interest and left the room. The General Counsel also left the room.

Mr Tama Wallace of McArthur Management Services confirmed that he has been appointed as an external consultant to assist Council with the implementation of the Ombudsman's Recommendation 7.2.

The Working Group resolved that Mr Tama Wallace of McArthur Management Services would clarify the method or process of the pending performance review of the General Manager with the Deputy Ombudsman and then to advise the Mayor who in turn will advise the other councillors. Ideally this is to occur before the next meeting.

The Working Group confirmed McArthur's engagement by Council

Mr Wallace left the meeting.

Open Meeting

General Manager and General Counsel re-joined the meeting

ITEM 4 Meeting with Fraud Prevention & Governance P/L

Clr Whitting asked Mr Jeff Williams of Fraud Prevention & Governance P/L whether his firm had consulted to Council before. Mr Williams advised no, but have provided Code of Conduct training to Councillors and Staff.

Mr Jeff Williams of Fraud Prevention & Governance P/L confirmed that he has been appointed as an external consultant to assist Council with the implementation of the Ombudsman's Recommendations 7.16, 7.17, 7.18, 7.19, 7.20 (point 2), and 7.23.

The Working Group resolved that Mr Williams shall familiarise himself with the information that Council has provided him regarding the above recommendations and provide further advice to the Working Group by 15 December 2010.

Mr Williams left the meeting.

ITEM 5 Implementation Plan as at 12/11/10 - Noted

ITEM 6 General Business - Nil

ITEM 7 Meeting Dates – 7pm on 22 and 29 November 2010

Meeting Closed at 10:07pm