



**Minutes from meeting of:
General Purposes Committee**

Held

Tuesday, 5 May 2009

5.30pm

**Council Chambers, Civic Centre
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn**

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held 5 May 2009 commencing at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers

List of Attendees

Present

Cr Carol James (Mayor), Cr Bob Kirk, Cr Andrew Banfield, Cr Nina Dillon, Cr Neil Penning, Cr Margaret O'Neill and Cr Denzil Sturgiss.

Also Present

Acting General Manager (Mr C Berry), Director Corporate Services (Mr B Hollands) Acting Director Planning and Community Services (Mr C Stewart), Acting Director Engineering Services (Mr T Cooper), Acting Director Water Services, Interim Directorate (M G Finlayson), Water / Waste Water Engineering (Marina Hollands), Project Engineer (Grant Moller), Works Engineer (Andrew Palmer), Facilities Engineer (Andrew Galland), Parks Technical Officer (Jason Moroney), Parks & Recreation Supervisor (Robbie Hughes), Manager Engineering Services (Ian Aldridge), Manager Strategic Planning (John Massey), Manager Environmental Services (Sonia Spotswood), Acting Manager Finance – Operational (Chris Lambert), Manager Information Services (Stephen Bool), Assistant Tourism Manager (Jenny Falconer), Manager Economic Development & Administration (Ken Wheeldon), Manager Human Resources (Will Singleton) and Public Relations Officer (Peter Oliver).

Apologies

Nil

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Presentations

Presentations were made by Goulburn Mulwaree Council Business Unit Managers.

Executive Services Report

Item 1 Managers' Presentations

Reporting Officer

Acting General Manager – Chris Berry

Purpose of Report

For Business Unit Managers to present their major Business Unit issues and works.

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Committee Recommendation

Cr Penning / Cr Kirk

That the Managers' Presentations on the Draft 2009/10 Management Plan be noted.

Item 2 Rating Structure (Attachment)

Reporting Officer

Director Corporate Services – Brendan Hollands

Purpose of Report

To establish a preferred option for the 2009/10 rating structure

Recommendation

That the Revenue Policy in the 2009/10 Management Plan be prepared using the rating structure presented in Option 4, that being:

- A. Maintaining the split of the yields levied during the 2008/09 Financial year.
- B. The Business rate being set at 1.15 times that of the Residential – Goulburn Rate.
- C. The Business – Town Centre Rate being set at 1.80 times that of the Business Rate.
- D. The Farmland Rate being set at 0.85 times that of the Residential Rate (formerly Rural Residential, Residential – Villages).

Committee Recommendation

Cr Sturgiss / Cr Dillon

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Question Without Notice

Cr O'Neill requested an update on the General Manager Recruitment.

The Mayor indicated advertisements placed and revised schedule to be circulated.

Meeting Closed: 7.35pm

Confirmation

The Minutes were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2009 and at which these signatures were endorsed.

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Cr Carol James
(Chairman Presiding)

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Mr Chris Berry
(Acting General Manager)