

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

# **MINUTES**

29 April 2020 at 1.10 pm

## SHIRE OF NGAANYATJARRAKU

#### **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Date: 29-04-2020

These minutes were confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of proceedings of the Meeting of Council held on the 29 April 2020.	
Presiding Member:	Date:. <sup>23</sup> / 5/2020

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# 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 1.10 pm.

# 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member welcomed members of the public to the gallery.

# 3. ATTENDANCE

## 3.1 PRESENT

Elected	President	D McLean
Members:	Councillor	J Frazer
	Councillor	A Jones
	Councillor	L West
	Councillor	J Porter
	Councillor	D Frazer
Staff:	CEO	K Hannagan (by telephone)
	FAC	G Handy
Guests:		
Members of		
Public:	There was one member of the public (D Grant) in attendance at the	
	commencement of the meeting.	

## 3.2 APOLOGIES

Cr. A Bates

# 3.3 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

# 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

## 4.1 **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

## 4.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Note: As the meeting was to be held by electronic means Public Questions (were invited to be submitted by email to mail@ngaanyatjarraku.wa.gov.au or would be accepted at the Shire Office, Warburton prior to 10am Wednesday 29 April 2020.

No Questions received.

# 5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Alwyn Bates has applied for a leave of absence as per Attachment 5.

Voting Requirement Simple Majority Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr A Jones Seconded: Cr D Frazer

That Council in accordance with Section 2.25 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 grants leave of absence to Cr A Bates for the 27 May 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Carried: 6/0

# 6. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS

## 6.1 DUE CONSIDERATION BY COUNCILLORS TO THE AGENDA

Councillors are requested to give due consideration to all matters contained in the Agenda presently before the meeting.

# 6.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

## **Councillors to Note**

A member who has an Impartiality, Proximity or Financial Interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, that will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- (a) In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- (b) At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- (a) Preside at the part of the Meeting, relating to the matter or;
- (b) Participate in or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relative to the matter, unless to the extent that the disclosing member is allowed to do so under *Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995*.

## NOTES ON DECLARING INTERESTS (FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have an interest in a matter.

These notes are included in each agenda for the time being so that Councillors may refresh their memory.

- 1. A Financial Interest requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor, or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measure in money terms. There are exceptions in the *Local Government Act 1995*, but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
- 2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e. sporting, social, religious etc), and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e., if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
- 3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors or

ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.

- 4. If in doubt declare.
- 5. As stated in (b) above, if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it **MUST** be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed.
- 6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The **only** exceptions are:
- **6.1** Where the Councillor discloses the <u>extent</u> of the interest, and Council carries a motion under *s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) or the Local Government Act*; or
- **6.2** Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under *s.5.69(3)* of the *Local Government Act,* with or without conditions.

Declarations of Interest provided:

Item Number/ Name	Type of Interest	Nature/Extent of Interest

# 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

## 8. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 PETITIONS
- 8.2 **DEPUTATIONS**
- 8.3 **PRESENTATIONS**

## 9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

## 9.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL (ATT 9.1)

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr J Frazer Seconded: Cr A Jones

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 March 2020 at the Council Chambers, Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre, Warburton Community (ATTACHMENT 9.1) be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

## 10. CEO REPORTS

### 10.1 PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

FILE REFERENCE:	GV.05
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	16 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author has no financial, proximity or impartiality interest in the proposal.

#### Summary

The purpose of this agenda item is to report back to Council on the progress of the implementation of Council resolutions.

#### Background

The best practice in governance supports the regular review of Council decisions to ensure that they are actioned and implemented in a timely manner.

#### Comment

Wherever possible, Council decisions are implemented as soon as practicable after a Council meeting. However, there are projects or circumstances that mean some decisions take longer to action than others.

Ongoing monthly reports will show the status of Council Resolutions that have not been actioned.

Generally, all resolutions have been enacted. Some matters are of an on-going nature and will take several months to complete. Attached is a list of those items not yet completed.

#### Statutory Environment

Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995 states:

#### "Role of council

(1) The council —

(a) governs the local government's affairs; and

(b) is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to ---

(a) oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and

(b) determine the local government's policies."

The above section of the Act notwithstanding, there is no specific legal requirement to present such a report to Council or for Council to receive or consider such a report. The decision to have the report in the Council's monthly agenda is entirely Council's prerogative. Staff acknowledge the critical and ongoing nature of the document, in that Council 'speaks by resolution'.

#### **Financial Implications**

There are no known financial implications for this matter.

#### Strategic Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

#### **Policy Implications**

There are no known policy implications for this matter.

Attachments Attachment 10.1 - Council Resolutions - Status Report

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr J Frazer Seconded: Cr D Frazer

That Council notes the attached Council Resolutions – Status as at March 2020 (Attachment 10.1) and this report.

## 10.2 ATTENDANCE BY TELEPHONE CR THOMAS

FILE REFERENCE:	GV.00
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	16 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author has no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.

#### Summary

For Council to consider a request from Cr Thomas to attend the next Ordinary meeting of Council by telephone.

#### Background

Cr P Thomas has advised that he may not be able to attend the next ordinary meeting of Council in person (for personal reasons) and has requested Council approval to attend by telephone if necessary.

#### Comment

In accordance with Regulation 14A (2) Cr Thomas has attended the July, August, September, and December meetings by telephone for the 2019/20 financial year, allowing him one more phone attendance (5/11).

#### **Statutory Environment**

#### Local Government Act 1995

#### 5.25. Regulations about council and committee meetings and committees

- (1) Without limiting the generality of section 9.59, regulations may make provision in relation to
  - (a) the matters to be dealt with at ordinary or at special meetings of councils; and
  - (b) the functions of committees or types of committee; and

(ba) the holding of council or committee meetings by telephone, video conference or other electronic means;

#### Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

#### 14A. Attendance by telephone etc. (Act s. 5.25 (1) (ba))

- (1) A person who is not physically present at a meeting of a council or committee is to be taken to be present at the meeting if
  - (a) the person is simultaneously in audio contact, by telephone or other means of instantaneous communication, with each other person present at the meeting; and
  - (b) the person is in a suitable place; and
  - (c) the council has approved\* of the arrangement.
- (2) A council cannot give approval under sub-regulation (1)(c) if to do so would mean that at more than half of the meetings of the council, or committee, as the case may be, in that financial year, a person who was not physically present was taken to be present in accordance with this regulation.

- (3) A person referred to in this regulation is no longer to be taken to be present at a meeting if the person ceases to be in instantaneous communication with each other person present at the meeting.
- (4) In this regulation —

*suitable place* means a place that the council has approved\* as a suitable place for the purpose of this regulation and that is located —

- (a) in a townsite or other residential area; and
- (b) 150 km or further from the place at which the meeting is to be held under regulation 12, measured along the shortest road route ordinarily used for travelling;

*townsite* has the same meaning given to that term in the Land Administration Act 1997 section 3(1).

\* Absolute majority required.

[Regulation 14A inserted in Gazette 31 Mar 2005 p. 1031.]

## **Financial Implications**

There are no known financial implications.

#### Strategic Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

## **Policy Implications**

There are no known policy implications for this matter.

## Attachments

Not applicable

## Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority required

**Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution** 

Moved: Cr L West Seconded: Cr J Porter

That Council approves Cr P Thomas request to attend the next Ordinary Meeting of Council by telephone (if necessary), as he will be:

(a) in audio contact, by telephone or other means of instantaneous communication, with each other person present at the meeting; and

(b) will be in a suitable place.

### 10.3 GRANT MRWA, GREAT CENTRAL ROAD

FILE REFERENCE:	GS.00
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	16 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author has no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.

#### Summary

For Council to be advised of new grant funding from Main Roads WA for the Great Central Road.

#### Background

The Shire currently receives an Aboriginal Access Road (AAR) grant of \$177,000 p.a. (\$120k Fed / \$57k State) to maintain the 438km long, Great Central Road. The funding has been reduced by well over \$100,000 over the last 5 years and was proposed to be further reduced in future years. The Shire is now funding an additional \$554,000 (2019/20 Budget \$731,000) of work on this road from its own funding sources. As the Shire does not have a normal ratepayer base, these funds have come from the Shires FAGS general grant and recent reductions in services to community to maintain the road network.

The Chief Executive Officer has queried with the WA Local Government Grants Commission (WALGGC) as to why the grant has been reducing. The response has been that as the Great Central Road is now being sealed the Shires grant would also be reduced as sealed roads are not funded by the AAR funding grant. The CEO has advised the WALGGC that there has been no sealing works undertaken in the Shire of NG as all sealing is being undertaken within Laverton Shire. The WALGGC have advised they have no funds to increase the Shires grant to its former level, but they would not reduce the grant further until the benefits of sealing were received.

The CEO has for some time been pursuing this matter with MRWA. It is unfortunate that a couple of years ago the Shire of NG supported all funding works being undertaken in Laverton Shire as the Shire of NG was not able to manage construction projects in accordance with MRWA and Austroads construction guidelines. As such this decision has now disadvantaged the Shire of NG as the WALGGC has reduced its annual AAR grants to the Shire.

#### Comment

MRWA have acknowledged this discrepancy and the Shires support of the sealing works to be progressed from Laverton towards the Shire of NG. This is logical as there is heavier mining vehicle traffic at the Laverton end, and it is normal MRWA practice that it undertakes contiguous sections of sealing and then assume future responsibility of the new sealed section of road.

In recognition of the Shire of NG's support of the above they have now agreed to provide further funding to the Shire to maintain the Great Central Road with initial funding of:

- \$1,000,000 in 2019/20;
- \$1,500,000 in \$2020/21: and
- \$ to be determined in future years.

This additional funding will greatly assist the Shire's Long-Term Financial Sustainability and push out the solvency issue for several more years to enable existing funding negotiations with the WA State Government to continue.

#### **Statutory Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Financial Implications**

This grant will enable the Shire to no longer have to contribute an additional \$554,000 from its own funding sources and provides additional funding to undertake resheeting and upgrade of poor sections of the road. This additional funding will greatly assist the Shire's Long-Term Financial Sustainability and push out the solvency issue for several more years to enable existing other funding negotiations with the WA State Government to continue.

The Chief Executive Officer has also undertaken discussions with Officers from Roads to Recovery regarding a review of the Shires, R2R Own Source Reference amount as this will also be affected by this grant. A separate report on this matter will be provided to Council at a later date.

#### **Strategic Implications**

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku's Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

#### **Policy Implications**

Not applicable.

#### Attachments

Attachment 10.3 – Letter from MRWA.

## Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr D Frazer Seconded: Cr J Frazer

That Council notes the above report from the Chief Executive Officer.

### 10.4 POLICE PATROLS, GREAT CENTRAL ROAD

FILE REFERENCE:	GR.00
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	22 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author has no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.

#### Summary

For Council to consider writing a letter of support for Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (NCAC) letter to the Inspector, WAPol in Kalgoorlie.

#### Background

NCAC have written a letter to the Inspector, WAPol in Kalgoorlie, in response to the critical need to address unlawful conduct, for example the infiltration of drugs and alcohol into the Ngaanyatjarra Region and the challenges facing the WA Police to assist in these matters. The Ngaanyatjarra Council have requested additional support in managing the problem.

NCAC proposes that an appropriate and proactive course of action would be a program of Police patrols of the Great Central Road (Outback Way) between Laverton and Warburton. It is suggested that patrols be mutually managed between Laverton and Warburton Police Stations when personnel resources are available.

#### Comment

Shire Officers are aware of a proposal made last year for WAPol to conduct searches of vehicles at the Shire border with Laverton as NCAC have local laws in place prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the lands. It was proposed that passing motorists could be stopped at locations such as the Tjukayirla Roadhouse and searched for contraband items as mentioned in the NCAC letter. It is not known if this proposal was ever implemented and no patrols of such a type have been seen.

The Shire may wish to consider sending a letter of support to the NCAC request.

**Statutory Implications** Not applicable.

**Financial Implications** 

Not applicable.

#### Strategic Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku's Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

## **Policy Implications**

Not applicable.

#### Attachments

Attachment 10.4 – Letter from NCAC and proposed Shire draft letter of support.

# Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

#### Officer's Recommendation

That Council supports the Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (NCAC) letter to the Inspector, WAPol in Kalgoorlie as per Attachment 10.4 (b).

**Council Resolution** 

Moved: Cr D Frazer Seconded: Cr J Frazer

That Council notes the above report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried: 6/0

Note: Council has received a copy of response from the Inspector, WAPol in Kalgoorlie to Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (NCAC) letter to the Inspector. As the issues raised have been addressed, there is no need to write a letter of support.

# **11 DEPUTY CEO REPORTS**

## 11.1 PAYMENTS LISTING, MARCH 2020

FILE REFERENCE:	FM.07
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kerry Fisher Deputy Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	16 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	Nil

#### Summary

For Council to confirm the payment of accounts listed in the attached Accounts for Payment.

#### Background

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 the Chief Executive Officer is required to present a list of payments to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared.

## Comment

The payments made are consistent with previous months.

### Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

- S13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.
- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared
  - (a) the payee's name; and
  - (b) the amount of the payment; and
  - (c) the date of the payment; and
  - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing-
  - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
  - *(i) the payee's name; and*
  - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
  - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
  - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- (3) A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be
  - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
  - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

## **Financial Implications**

The Shire makes annual budget allocations for payment of accounts.

## **Strategic Implications**

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028

Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku's Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

#### **Policy Implications**

There are no known policy implications for this matter

Attachments Attachment 11.1 – Payment Listings

#### Voting Requirement

Simple Majority Required.

Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr L West Seconded: Cr J Porter

That Council receives the Payment Listing, March 2020 totaling payments of \$740,417.70 as per Attachment 11.1.

## 11.2 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

FILE REFERENCE:	FM.04
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kerry Fisher Deputy Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	22 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author and the authorising officer have no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.

#### Summary

For Council to be advised of the Shires Municipal Account and Investments as attached.

#### Background

To invest the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku surplus funds with consideration of risk and at the most favourable rate of interest available to it at the time, for that investment type, whilst ensuring that liquidity requirements are being met.

#### Comment

Preservation of capital is to be the principal objective with consideration given to liquidity, cash flow requirements and return on investment.

Preservation of capital is the principal objective of the investment portfolio. Investments are to be performed in a manner that seeks to ensure security and safeguarding the investment portfolio. This includes managing credit and interest rate risk within identified thresholds and parameters.

The investment portfolio will ensure there is sufficient liquidity to meet all reasonably anticipated cash flow requirements, as and when they fall due, without incurring significant costs due to the unanticipated sale of an investment.

The investment is expected to achieve a predetermined market average rate of return that takes into account the Shire's risk tolerance. Any additional target set by the Shire will also consider the risk limitation and prudent investment principles.

## **Statutory Environment**

#### Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.14 Power to Invest

- (1) Money held in the municipal fund or the trust fund of a local government that is not, for the time being, required by the local government for any other purpose may be invested as trust funds may be invested under the Trustees Act 1962 Part III.
- (2A) A local government is to comply with the regulations when investing money referred to in subsection (1).
- (2) Regulations in relation to investments by local governments may
  - (a) make provision in respect of the investment of money referred to in subsection (1); and
  - [(b) deleted]

(c) prescribe circumstances in which a local government is required to invest money held by it; and

- (d) provide for the application of investment earnings; and
- (e) generally, provide for the management of those investments.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Investments, control procedures for 19. (1) A local government is to establish and document internal control procedures to be followed by employees to ensure control over investments. (2) The control procedures are to enable the identification of — (a) the nature and location of all investments; and (b) the transactions related to each investment. 19C. Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s. 6.14(2)(a)) (1) In this regulation authorised institution means -(a) an authorised deposit taking institution as defined in the Banking Act 1959 (Commonwealth) section 5; or (b) the Western Australian Treasury Corporation established by the Western Australian Treasury Corporation Act 1986; foreign currency means a currency except the currency of Australia. (2) When investing money under section 6.14(1), a local government may not do any of the following -(a) deposit with an institution except an authorised institution; (b) deposit for a fixed term of more than 3 years; (c) invest in bonds that are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government, or a State or Territory government; (d) invest in bonds with a term to maturity of more than 3 years: (e) invest in a foreign currency.

**Financial Implications** 

Not applicable.

#### **Strategic Implications**

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

#### **Policy Implications**

Corporate Policy CS2.7 Investments.

#### Attachments

Attachment 11.2 – Westpac screen prints of Municipal and Investment Accounts. (No monies are currently being held with any other institutions.)

#### Voting Requirement

Simple Majority Required.

Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr L West Seconded: Cr D Frazer

That the report on Council Investments as at 22 April 2020 be received.

## 11.3 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH ENDED

FILE REFERENCE:	FM.10
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Kerry Fisher Deputy Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	22 April 2020
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author and the authorising officer have no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.

#### Summary

For Council to receive the monthly financial report for March 2020.

#### Background

Council is to prepare monthly financial reports as required by the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996.

Council has resolved that details and explanations of the material variances reflected on the Statement of Financial Activity are provided as required by Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34(1) (d). The attached statements include details of variances between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold of \$20,000 or 10.00% whichever is the greater (refer last page of statements). These materiality levels have been applied in the preparation of this report.

## Comment

Comments in relation to budget to actual variances are included as notes (last page) in the Financial Reports attached. Comments related to 'Timing' refer to an estimate of when costs would occur at the time the budget was formulated versus actual costs being incurred.

## Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

- 6.4. Financial report
- (1) A local government is to prepare an annual financial report for the preceding financial year and such other financial reports as are prescribed.
  - (2) The financial report is to ---
  - (a) be prepared and presented in the manner and form prescribed; and
  - (b) contain the prescribed information.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

- 34. Financial activity statement required each month (Act s. 6.4)
  - (1A) In this regulation —

committed assets means revenue unspent but set aside under the annual budget for a specific purpose.

 A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail —

(a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and

- (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to

which the statement relates; and

(d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and

- (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing
- (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets; and

(b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and

(c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

- (3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown —
- (a) according to nature and type classification; or
- (b) by program; or
- (c) by business unit.
- (4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in subregulation (2), are to be —

(a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and

- (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
- (5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

#### **Financial Implications**

Monthly financial reporting is a primary financial management and control process. It provides the Council with the ability to oversee the Shire's financial performance against budgeted targets.

#### Strategic Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

#### **Policy Implications**

No policy implications apply in the preparation of the report.

#### Attachments

Attachment 11.5 - Monthly Financial Report February 2020.

#### **Voting Requirement**

Simple Majority Required.

#### Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr J Frazer Seconded: Cr J Porter

That Council receives the monthly financial report for March 2020.

# 12. EHO & BUILDING SERVICES REPORTS

## 12.1 ACTION REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & BUILDING SERVICES

FILE REFERENCE:	EM.00
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Phil Swain Principal EHO & Building Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	16 April 2019
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	The author and the authorising officer have no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.

#### Summary

To inform Council of Environmental Health program & Building Services activities and actions for the preceding month.

## Background

Not applicable

**Comment** See attachment.

Statutory Environment Not applicable

#### **Financial Implications**

No known financial implications for this matter.

#### **Strategic Implications**

Integrated Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028 Goal 3, Leadership Outcome 3.2, Good Leadership

#### **Risk Management**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

#### Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications for this matter

## Attachments

Attachment 12.1 – Action Report, EHO / Building Services

#### Voting Requirement

Simple Majority Required.

Officers Recommendation and Council Resolution

Moved: Cr D Frazer Seconded: Cr L West

That Council receives the Action Report, EHO / Building Services for February 2020.

Carried: 6/0

# 13. WORKS ENGINEERING REPORTS

# 14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AS ADMITTED BY DECISION

# 15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

## 16. **NEXT MEETING**

Scheduled for Wednesday, 25 May 2020 at the Tjulyuru Cultural and Civic Centre, Warburton Community commencing at 1:00 pm.

# 17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 1.28 pm.