

Norfolk Island Regional Council

MEDIA RELEASE

21 DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting held on 21 December 2016 contained a number of important matters that were progressed by Council. This media release will cover a number of those items, to read all matters addressed by Council the Minutes can be viewed at www.norfolkisland.gov.nf or in hardcopy at Customer Care in the Norfolk Telecom Building.

A requirement of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for the Norfolk Island Regional Council is to have a Resourcing Strategy. The Resourcing Strategy comprises three separate but linked documents – Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Plan and Asset Management Plans. All three documents went to Council at the December meeting and were adopted.

The resourcing documents are designed to focus on ‘how’ Council will achieve objectives of the Delivery Program, which is the elected Members commitments throughout their four-year term. The resourcing documents also forecast both the financial position and the upcoming renewal of assets into the future. All these planning documents provide Council with a solid platform to progress into the future.

The long term financial plan provides a framework in which a Council can assess its revenue building capacity to meet activities and service levels outlined in the Community Strategic Plan. The Long Term Financial Plan includes projected income and expenditure, balance sheet, cash flow statement, financial modelling for different scenarios and methods of monitoring financial performance.

Asset Management Plans for Buildings, Fleet, Infrastructure and Roads were adopted by Council. The preparation of Asset Management Plans for Council is a staged process, the optimum plans will be achieved after additional stages of development. Subsequent reviews of the adopted plans will be carried out in the future.

The Workforce Management Plan identifies the human resources required to support the Delivery Program and to outline staff engagement, learning and development and other matters related to Council being a responsible employer. The plan ensures that Council’s workforce is appropriate, productive, skilled and diverse.

These documents can be viewed in the December Council Agenda at http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/NIRC_Council_Meetings/Agendas/

The December Council meeting was recorded and the audio is available on www.norfolkisland.gov.nf under the ‘Council Meetings’ link. From the February 2017 Council Meeting not only will the recordings of all of the Council meetings continue to be available on Council’s website, they will also be broadcast live over Radio Norfolk and re-broadcasted.

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23 December 2016