



**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
2 JULY 2015**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 2 JULY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 4.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Crs Blundell (Chair), Bartley, Gow, Ingram, Mackenzie, McNally, Meiklejohn, Pennisi and Rees.

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Chris Whittaker (Acting Director Engineering Services), Tim O'Brien (Acting Director Planning & Environment), David Tuxford (Director Business & Community Services), Sue Harrold (Minute Secretary)

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Item Precis</b>	<b>Nature of Conflict</b>
5.1	Draft Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 2) 2015	Cr Pennisi declared a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ) due to his development application that will be affected and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.
5.1	BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Schedule of Fees and Charges	Cr Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ), may exist as he has recently paid overtime fees to Council for a weekday funeral. Cr Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest, as the recommendation is that the weekday overtime fees be removed from the 2015/2016 Fees and Charges. Cr Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

#### **4. BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **4.1 BCS - Adoption of 2015/2016 Rural Fire Service Levy**

###### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr G Rees**

THAT Council imposes the special charge of \$36.00 on all rateable assessments outside the former urban fire levy boundaries defined in maps by the State Fire Services in relation to 2015/2016 Rural Fire Service Levy.

**Carried**

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

###### **Recommendation**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

##### **5.1 BCS - Adoption of the Draft 2015/2016 Budget and Long Term Financial Forecast for the 10 Years to 30 June 2025**

###### **Reason for Confidentiality**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

###### **Meeting In Camera**

###### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn**

THAT the meeting move into closed session.

**Carried**

*The Mayor accepted a call for a Division on the motion from the floor and the following votes were recorded:*

*For: Crs P Blundell, C Gow, D Ingram, J McNally, N Meiklejohn and G Rees (6)*

*Against: Crs R Bartley, J Mackenzie and V Pennisi (3)*

*Accordingly the Mayor declared the motion carried.*

The Meeting moved into closed session at 4:05PM.

## Meeting Out Of Camera

### Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT the meeting resume in open session.

**Carried**

The meeting resumed in open session at 4:16PM.

## 5.1 BCS - Adoption of the Draft 2015/2016 Budget and Long Term Financial Forecast for the 10 Years to 30 June 2025

### Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr D Ingram

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2015/16 Draft Budget and Long Term Financial Forecast as detailed in Part 1 of Attachment 1.
2. Adopts the 2015/16 Revenue Statement as detailed in Part 4 of Attachment 1, and:
  - a. In accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves to offer a discount of seven and a half (7.5%) percent on general rates to those ratepayers paying their current rates including rates, chargers and arrears in full within thirty days of the issue of the original 2015/16 rate notice. The discount offer does not apply if other rates and charges remain unpaid on the land.
  - b. In accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves to impose an interest charge of eleven (11) percent per annum charged on daily basis on all rates outstanding beyond thirty five days from the date of issue.
3. Adopts the Revenue Policy as detailed in Part 4 of Attachment 1
4. Adopts the Debt Policy as detailed in Part 4 of Attachment 1.

**Carried**

*The Mayor accepted a call for a Division on the motion from the floor and the following votes were recorded:*

*For: Crs P Blundell, C Gow, D Ingram, J McNally, N Meiklejohn and G Rees (6)*

*Against: Crs R Bartley, J Mackenzie and V Pennisi (3)*

*Accordingly the Mayor declared the motion carried.*

**Click the below hyperlink to view the 2015/2016 Budget and Long Term Financial Forecast**  
[2016 Budget & Long Term Financial Forecast](#)

## **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4:31PM.

**ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTE ITEMS**  
**for the**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**2 JULY 2015**

Nil.