

# REPORT

## **Audit Committee Meeting**

### Wednesday 2 October 2019

commencing at 9.04am

Strathpine Chambers 220 Gympie Road, Strathpine

ENDORSED GM20191008

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The recommendations contained within this report of the Audit Committee meeting held 2 October 2019 are recommended to the Council for adoption.

COUNCILLOR MATT CONSTANCE CHAIRPERSON AUDIT COMMITTEE

Membership = 4

Councillor Matt Constance (Chairperson) Cr Mike Charlton (Deputy Mayor) **Quorum = 2** (Chairperson and one external member)

Mr Patrick McCallum Mr Stephen Coates Adoption Extract from General Meeting – 8 October 2019 (Page 19/2140)

#### 4. B) CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT & RECOMMENDATION

#### Audit Committee Meeting - 2 October 2019 (Pages 19/2135 to 19/2138)

#### RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Matt Constance Seconded by Cr Darren Grimwade

CARRIED 12/0

That the report and recommendations of the Audit Committee Meeting held 2 October 2019, be adopted.

#### SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

**1 POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS** 

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** 

#### **RESUME IN OPEN SESSION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

#### **4 FINANCIAL REPORTING**

**ITEM 4.1** 

2137 2018/19 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENTS - REGIONAL **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** 

#### **5 EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT**

**ITEM 5.1** 2138 QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE CLOSING REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019 **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** 

#### **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **8 NEXT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CLOSURE** 

#### **ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

#### Attendance:

Committee Members:

Cr Matt Constance (Chairperson) - attended via video conference Cr Mike Charlton (Deputy Mayor) - attended via video conference Mr Patrick McCallum - attended via video conference Mr Stephen Coates - attended via video conference

#### Invited External Representatives:

Mr Michael Keane (Queensland Audit Office) - attended via video conference Ms Carolyn Dougherty (Queensland Audit Office) - attended via video conference

#### Officers:

Acting Chief Executive Officer Interim Director Finance and Corporate Services Accounting Services Manager Acting Manager Human Resources & Principal Internal Auditor

Meeting Support

Graeme Kanofski Bruce Davidson Denis Crowe Shara Reid

Hayley Kenzler

Apologies:

Nil

#### **1 POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

**Mr Patrick McCallum** disclosed that he performs services for the firm O'Connor Marsden & Associates (OCM) which is one of the consulting firms on the Queensland Government Standing Offer Arrangement QGCPO878-13 for Professional Services including Internal Audit and from which Moreton Bay Regional Council selects it's contracted internal auditors. Mr McCallum is employed by and does not have an ownership interest in OCM. Mr McCallum stated he would take the Audit Committee Chair's advice to avoid any perception of a possible conflict arising from OCM's participation in the whole of government standing offer arrangement.

Mr Pat McCallum also declared that OCM has been engaged to provide project assurance services to the University of the Sunshine Coast in relation to the Moreton Bay University Precinct Program (UP). These services are to be provided on a continuing basis to 30 June 2020. Mr McCallum is on the engagement team to provide these services. Mr McCallum recognises that MBRC has its separate interests in the UP - his role as an external member of the MBRC Audit Committee and his role in the engagement team of the UP Assurance may give rise to potential for conflicts.

To address any potential conflicts of interest, Mr McCallum agreed to the following:

- a) To adhere to his confidentiality obligations as per Confidentiality Agreement dated 11 May 2016 -Principal Internal Auditor (PIA) to send a copy to Mr McCallum
- b) To remove himself if any UP information comes before the Audit Committee
- c) UP information to be removed from Mr McCallum's Audit Committee papers PIA to review Mr McCallum's Audit Committee papers before they are sent to him
- d) To declare potential conflict of interest at Audit Committee Meeting
- e) PIA to send email to Human Resources to advise of the potential conflicts of interest, and the measures taken to manage the issue.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Pat McCallum Seconded by Stephen Coates

CARRIED

That the meeting be closed pursuant to s275 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, clause (h) as the matter involves other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Council or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

The closed session commenced at 9.06am.

#### **RESUME IN OPEN SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Pat McCallum Seconded by Cr Mike Charlton (Deputy Mayor)

That Committee resume in open session.

The open session resumed at 9.50am.

CARRIED

#### **4 FINANCIAL REPORTING**

#### ITEM 4.1 2018/19 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENTS -REGIONAL

Meeting / Session:	AUDIT
Reference:	A19055681 : 5 September 2019 - Refer Supporting Information A19095609
Responsible Officer:	DC, Accounting Services Manager (CORP Accounting Services)

#### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed Financial Statements for 2018/19 and the accompanying sustainability statements prior to management certification and subsequent Auditor-General sign off.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

#### Moved by Stephen Coates

Seconded by Cr Mike Charlton (Deputy Mayor)

CARRIED

- 1. That the proposed Financial Statements for 2018/19, Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement and Long-Term Sustainability Statement be received.
- 2. That the Financial Statements for 2018/19 and the Sustainability Statements as presented be certified by management and forwarded to Queensland Audit Office for signing by the Auditor-General.
- 3. That Council acknowledges the cooperation and assistance of the Queensland Audit Office during the 2018/19 audit.
- 4. The Committee notes the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 prepared by management and the Queensland Audit Office interim closing report of 27 September 2019. Subject to any revision of the Queensland Audit Office closing report, and based on its oversight of the preparation process and the work of the Committee during the year, the Committee is of the view that the report is complete and consistent with the information known to Committee members, and reflects appropriate accounting principles, standards and regulatory statements.

#### **5 EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT**

#### ITEM 5.1 QUEENSL

## QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE CLOSING REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

Meeting / Session:AUDIT COMMITTEEReference:Refer Supporting Information A19150511

The Queensland Audit Office will attend committee to consider its closing report for year ending 30 June 2019.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Cr Mike Charlton (Deputy Mayor) Seconded by Cr Pat McCallum

CARRIED

That the Queensland Audit Office interim closing report for year ending 30 June 2019 be received and noted.

#### 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

#### **8 NEXT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday 13 November 2019.

#### CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.54am.