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***Agenda***

***Audit & Risk Committee Meeting***

***5 November 2018***

Dear Committee Member

The next meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee will be held on Thursday, 5 November 2018 in the Meeting Room at the City of Nedlands Council Administration Building located at 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands commencing at 5.30 pm.

**ATTENTION**

This Agenda has yet to be dealt with by the Committee.

The Administration Recommendations, shown at the beginning of each item, have yet to be considered by the Committee and are not to be interpreted as being the position of either the Committee or Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held to discuss this Agenda should be read to ascertain the decision of the Committee.

Before acting on any recommendation of the Committee a check must also be made in the Ordinary Council Minutes following the Committee Meeting to ensure that Council did not make a decision at variance to the Committee Recommendation.

Greg Trevaskis

Chief Executive Officer

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**City of Nedlands**

**Notice of a meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee to be held in the Meeting Room at the City of Nedlands** **on Thursday 5 November 2018 at 5.30 pm.**

###### Audit & Risk Committee Agenda

# Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 5.30 pm and will draw attention to the disclaimer below.

(NOTE: Council at its meeting on 24 August 2004 resolved that should the meeting time reach 11.00 p.m. the meeting is to consider an adjournment motion to reconvene the next day).

# Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

**Leave of Absence** None at distribution of agenda.

**(Previously Approved)**

**Apologies** None at distribution of agenda.

**Disclaimer**

Members of the public who attend Council meetings should not act immediately on anything they hear at the meetings, without first seeking clarification of Council’s position. For example by reference to the confirmed Minutes of Council meeting. Members of the public are also advised to wait for written advice from the Council prior to taking action on any matter that they may have before Council.

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# Public Question Time

A member of the public wishing to ask a question should register that interest by notification in writing to the CEO in advance, setting out the text or substance of the question. Questions tabled at the meeting may be unable to be answered due to the requirement for technical research and will therefore be answered directly afterwards.

Questions must relate to a matter contained within the agenda of this meeting.

# Addresses By Members of the Public (only for items listed on the agenda)

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Session Forms will be invited to be made at this point.

# Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

A declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration.

However, other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest. Any such declarant who wishes to participate in the meeting on the matter, shall leave the meeting, after making their declaration and request to participate, while other members consider and decide upon whether the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.

# Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors and Staff of the requirements of Council’s Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

Councillors and staff are required, in addition to declaring any financial interests to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making procedure.

The following pro forma declaration is provided to assist in making the disclosure.

“With regard to …… the matter in item x….. I disclose that I have an association with the applicant (or person seeking a decision). As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.”

The member or employee is encouraged to disclose the nature of the association.

# Declarations by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers

Members who have not read the business papers to make declarations at this point.

# Confirmation of Minutes

## Audit & Risk Committee Meeting 16 August 2018

The minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee held 16 August 2018 are to be confirmed.

# Items for Discussion

Note: Regulation 11(da) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* requires written reasons for each decision made at the meeting that is significantly different from the relevant written recommendation of a committee or an employee as defined in section 5.70, but not a decision to only note the matter or to return the recommendation for further consideration.

# Internal Audit Actions

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| --- | --- |
| **Owner** | City of Nedlands |
| **Officer** | Andrew Melville – Manager Health & Compliance |
| **Director** | Lorraine Driscoll – Director Corporate & Strategy |
| **Disclosure of Interest** | No officer involved in the preparation of this report had any interest which required it to be declared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act (1995). |
| **Attachments** | 1. Internal Audit Actions List
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**Executive Summary**

The attached Internal Audit Actions List contains details of the matters raised by the auditors throughout the City’s Internal Audit program. The list allocates the Action, Action Owner, its Status and Outcome.

The recently updated Internal Audit Actions List is presented to the Audit and Risk Committee for their information.

**Recommendation to Committee**

**The Audit and Risk Committee receives the Internal Audit Actions List.**

**Discussion/Overview**

An Audit is a process through which internal control effectiveness is examined and assessed. The objective is to provide an Audit for compliance with relevant management policies and procedures. Each internal audit undertaken results in Actions being recommended to the City’s Administration. These actions are monitored for completion using the Internal Audit Actions List.

The attached list contains details of the Actions raised and outcome.

The recently updated Internal Audit Actions List is presented to the Audit and Risk Committee for their information.

**Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:**

Nil

**Consultation**

Nil

**Budget/Financial Implications**

Nil.

Any actions requiring expenditure that is not allocated to an existing budget will be considered by Council during budget deliberations.

# Annual Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2018

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| --- | --- |
| **Owner** | City of Nedlands |
| **Officer** | Vanaja Jayaraman – Manager Financial Services |
| **Director** | Lorraine Driscoll – Director Corporate & Strategy |
| **Disclosure of Interest** | No officer involved in the preparation of this report had any interest which required it to be declared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act (1995). |
| **Attachments** | 1. Draft 2017 – 2018 Annual Financial Report ;
2. Audit Representation Letter; and
3. Audit Completion Report by Macri Partners.
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**Executive Summary**

The Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2018, including the Audit Representation Letter and the Audit Completion Report by Macri Partners, is presented to the Audit & Risk Committee for its review. The Committee is requested to recommend to Council that it be received, and be included as part of the City’s Annual Report for discussion at the Annual Electors’ Meeting.

**Recommendation to Committee**

**Council accepts the Financial Report for the City of Nedlands for the year ended 30 June 2018 comprising the Financial Report and the Independent Auditor’s Report**

**Discussion/Overview**

**Background**

*Section 5.53 of the Local Government Act 1995* requires a Local Government to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year. The Annual Report is to contain a report from the Mayor, a report from the Chief Executive Officer, the Financial Report for the Financial Year, the Auditor’s Report for the Financial Year, a number of other matters in relation to principal activities and such other information as may be prescribed.

Once received Council is then required by *Section 5.27* of the *Local Government Act 1995* to hold a General Meeting of Electors once every financial year to discuss the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and any other general business.

**Proposal Detail**

Attached is the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 including the Independent Auditor’s Report.

The Financial Report comprising the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 was completed and submitted to Council’s Auditor Macri Partners who completed their audit in October 2018.

**Consultation**

Required by legislation: Yes [ ]  No [x]

Required by City of Nedlands policy: Yes [ ]  No [x]

**Legislation**

*Sections 5.27, 5.29, 5.53, 5.54 and 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995* respectively deal with the requirement for a General Meeting of Electors each financial year and the requirement for an Annual Financial Report.

**Budget/Financial Implications**

**Financial Performance**

The City completed the 2017/18 financial year with a surplus net result in the Statement of Comprehensive Income of $2,201,756 compared to the adopted budget deficit of $264,279. The Statement of Comprehensive Income includes all operating revenues and expenses, both cash and non-cash and grants & contributions. In terms of setting its rates Council does not budget to raise rates to recover the non-cash costs of depreciation but does budget to generate sufficient operating revenue to fund its capital works program and financing activities. Any shortfall is covered by borrowings and/or transfers from reserves.

Key factors contributing to the variances by Nature or Type between actual and adopted budget are provided in this report.

The significant reasons for the variances are:

1. Operating revenue for the year was $32,635,622 compared to the budget of $31,752,578, which represents an increase of $833,044 (2.78%).
2. Rates levied were $55,481 (0.25%) higher than budget due to a small increase of 18 properties.
3. Operating Grants & Contributions received was $412,693 (25.21%) higher than budget. This was mainly due to the receipt of $395,032 operating grants for 2018/19 which was received in advance in this financial year and therefore recorded as income in 2017/18.
4. Fees and Charges raised were higher than budget by $132,716 (1.95%). The higher income was due to increased course fees, facility charges and extra revenue on infrastructure services for the Montario Quarter subdivision supervision fees.

5. Interest income from investments were higher by $26,728 (4.80%) than budget due to improved cashflow management during the year.

6. Other Revenue was higher than the budget by $255,426 (80.50%). This was largely due to the WESROC Project expenses of $127,672 incurred in 2016/17, which was invoiced to the member councils in 2017/18 financial year. The Hollywood parking contract was extended and we received income of $86k versus a nil budget.

**Operating Expenses**

1. Operating expenses for the year were $35,537,511 compared to the budget of $38,449,616, a decrease of $2,912,105 (7.57%).

1. Employee costs was lower by $244,404 (1.86%) compared to the budget. This is mainly due to increased cost control measures by management and delay in replacing staff who resigned.
2. Materials and Contracts costs decreased by $1,329,829 (8.46%) compared to the budget. This is due to the deferment of some operating projects due to factors outside the City’s control and savings due to constant monitoring of expenses.
3. Utility charges increased by $106,469 or (17.49%) due to a higher than expected increase in charges and some electricity invoices for the 2016/17 financial year received after audit completion date and therefore accounted in the 2017/18 financial year.
4. Other Expenditure decreased by $206,119 (21.44%). This was due partly to reduced grants provided by Council.

**Capital Works**

During the financial year the City spent $10,763,771 in carrying out its Capital Works program of which $9,212,125 was spent on improving infrastructure assets – roads, footpaths, drainage, parks and gardens and $1,551,646 was spent on upgrading and renovating the City’s buildings and purchase of plant and equipment.

The 2017/18 capital budget was $15,778,700, of which $13,497,940, was for improving infrastructure assets and $2,280,760 was for upgrading and renovating the City’s buildings and purchase of plant and equipment. However, a number of infrastructure projects were not completed during the year and are carried forward to the 2018/19 financial year and have been re-budgeted in the 2018/19 Budget adopted in June 2018, which include the following:

**Projects** Amount ($)

Stirling Highway 260,600

Carrington Street 260,000

**Projects** Amount ($)

Broome Street Depot 143,000

Asquith Reserve 278,200

College Park 468,000

Riverwall Restoration 500,800

The following projects were not carried out due to change in external factors:

**Projects** Amount ($)

Allen Park 255,600

Beaton Park 900,000

David Cruickshank 299,000

Of the total funds expended on capital works, $2,609,259 were from grants and contributions and the balance was made up of operating surplus, transfers from reserves and sale of plant.

The values of capital works completed in each of the past 5 years is shown in the following chart. It is to be noted that the major projects contributing to the high value of capital works in 2017/18 was due to All Abilities Play Space, Road works at Birkdale Street, Browne Street, Shann Street, Brockway Road and Brockway/Brookdale, whilst in 2016/17 it was due to All Abilities Play Space, Allen Park Lower Pavilion Renovations and Road Rehabilitation works at Gallop Road, Boronia Avenue, Leon Road and Princess Road.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The cash and cash equivalent balance at 30 June 2018 was $11,135,046 compared to $11,020,622, a slight increase of $114,424 (1.04%). Reserves included in this balance amounted to $6,037,349 or 54.21% of the total.

**Receivables**

The decrease in Receivables in 2017/18 of $142,097 compared to the previous year was mainly due to the improved collection efforts. As a %, the rates and sundry debtors outstanding compared to rates, and fees and charges revenue for this financial year is 1.56% compared to 2.76% for the previous financial year.

One of the risk factors evaluated in the Notes to the Accounts (Note 4) is receivables – the risk that the debts may not be collected by the City. Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimal as they are charges on the associated properties, and the City has the ability to recover these debts from the sale of the properties if necessary.

**Payables**

The decrease in payables of $647,734 was as a result of overall lower capital and materials and contracts expenditure during the year compared to the last financial year.

**Borrowings**

The City had additional long term borrowing of $3,233,761 and short term borrowings of $1,652,524 for the underground power project. However, the City managed to finance all capital works without having to borrow the $1 M budgeted for that purpose. As at 30 June 2018, the City had total borrowings of $9,998,674 after principal repayment of $1,135,626 compare to 2016/17 total borrowings of $6,248,015.

**Provisions**

The leave provision showed a decrease of $112,264 due to better management of annual leave and long service leave.

**Financial Performance Indicators**

The Financial Ratios in Note 33 to the accounts give an overview of the financial performance of the City in 2017/18 compared with the previous two years. All the ratios except for the Asset Consumption ratio are within recommended standard benchmarks set by the Department of Local Government.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ratio** | **Target** | **2018** | **2017** | **2016** |
| Liquidity - Current Ratio | >1.00 | 0.85 | 1.31 | 2.00 |
| Debt Ratio - Debt Service Cover Ratio | >2.00 | 1.83 | 6.44 | 5.94 |
| Coverage Ratio - Own Source Revenue Coverage Ratio | >40% | 84% | 94% | 92% |
| Financial Performance - Operating Surplus Ratio | >1% | -12% | 2% | -3% |
| Asset Management Ratios - Asset Sustainability Ratio | >50% | 145% | 165% | 129% |
| Asset Consumption Ratio | 90-110% | 57% | 67% | 59% |
| Asset Renewal Funding Ratio | 75-95% | 86% | 88% | 86% |

The current ratio is below the target of >1.00 as the City has taken short term borrowings of $1,652,524 for the owners’ portion of the Underground Power Project which was subsequently paid in October, to be replaced by a long term borrowing.

The Asset Consumption Ratio is lower than target due to the aging nature of the City’s assets which is being addressed by planned increase in capital expenditure in the coming years.

The current ratio, debt ratio and operating surplus ratio were distorted by the early receipt of Financial Assistance Grants.

The debt ratio and the financial performance ratio are below the respective targets, and the coverage ratio is distorted, by the spend on the Underground Power Project of $4.5m, and impairment loss of infrastructure assets of $1,232,307 through profit or loss.

If the above events did not occur, the impacted ratios would be as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ratio** | **Target** | **2018** | **2017** | **2016** |
| Liquidity - Current Ratio |  >1.00 | 1.02 | 1.27 | N/A |
| Debt Ratio - Debt Service Cover Ratio |  >2.00 | 5.89 | 6.12 | 6.30 |
| Coverage Ratio - Own Source Revenue Coverage Ratio | >40% | 100% | N/A | N/A |
| Financial Performance - Operating Surplus Ratio | >1% | 7% | 1% | -2% |

**Audit Report**

The City’s Auditor, Macri Partners, have completed the audit of the Annual Financial Statements in line with current Australian Standards and have stated that they will give an Unqualified Opinion following the meeting with the Audit and Risk Committee.

**Risk Management**

Not applicable.

**Conclusion**

That the Committee recommends to Council the acceptance of the Financial Report for the City of Nedlands for the year ended 30 June 2018 comprising the Financial Report and the Auditor’s Report.

# Report on Interest Expense and Investment Income

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| **Owner** | City of Nedlands |
| **Officer** | Vanaja Jayaraman – Manager Financial Services |
| **Director** | Lorraine Driscoll – Director Corporate & Strategy |
| **Disclosure of Interest** | No officer involved in the preparation of this report had any interest which required it to be declared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act (1995). |
| **Attachments** | 1. Borrowings Report
2. Investments Report
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**Executive Summary**

The report is presented to the Audit and Risk Committee to recommend additional reporting on interest expense and income to the Council as requested.

**Recommendation to Committee**

**The Audit and Risk Committee receives the Report and approves the additional reporting to the Council.**

**Discussion/Overview**

The City has been requested by Council at its meeting of 23rd October 2018 to provide additional reporting on the interest expense incurred as part of its borrowings and income earned from monies placed on deposit. At present Administration provides 2 reports as part of its monthly financial reporting to Council; 1 on borrowings showing the brought forward principal amount, additional borrowings, principal repayments and the balance as at end of the reporting month and a 2nd report on investments for reserves, and excess funds, showing the bank and investment details, together with the interest income as at end of the reporting month on each investment.

Both the above reports are attached.

Following the request of Council, the City’s recommendation is to include the interest actual and budget expense in the borrowings report, which is highlighted in yellow in the Borrowings Report. Additionally, we will include the interest expense and income as part of the Report, providing any explanations for variance between the actuals and the budgets. Below is a sample the report to be included:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | YTD Actual September 2018$ | YTD Budget September 2018$ | Variance$ |
| Interest Income |  |  |  |
| Interest Expense |  |  |  |
| Nett Income/ (Expense) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Based on the actual variance, the City will provide an explanation accordingly in the report.

**Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:**

Nil

**Consultation**

Nil

**Budget/Financial Implications**

Nil

# Confidential Items

## 2018/19 Insurance Renewal

Confidential report circulated to Committee Members.

# Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of this Committee is to be advised.

# Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member will declare the meeting closed.