

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

20 DECEMBER 2018

Held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am

The Interim Administrator advised that he is bound to declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

That Council convey condolences, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Ipswich to the family of the late **Gemma D'Aubbonnett** who passed away on 16 December 2018.

The motion was put and carried with one minute's silence observed to mark the passing of Gemma D'Aubbonnett.

OFFICER'S REPORT



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ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Discussion

That the report by the Acting Chief Executive Officer dated 12 December 2018 concerning the adoption of Ipswich City Council's 2017-2018 Annual Report and the tabling of the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements for the controlled entities of Council, be received and adopted.

The Interim Administrator thanked Jeffrey Keech (Finance Manager) on behalf of council for his efforts throughout the year and noted that Jeffrey had gone above and beyond the call of duty particularly for the preparation of the annual report and financial statements. It was noted that all local government financial statements are complicated but that these were particularly complicated through the process of the change of councillors into Interim Administration after the end of financial year as well as with the controlled entities. The Interim Administrator advised that it had been difficult and challenging for all involved.

The Interim Administrator also particularly thanked Greg Thomas (Development and Relationship Manager) and Carly Gregory (Marketing Services Manager) and their support teams for their work on the annual report document.

It was noted that this was the first time the annual report had been presented in the five themes related to Council's strategic planning framework across the Advance Ipswich framework. The Interim Administrator commented that he felt it read very well and that it would be a lot easier for the community to understand what we do, why we do it and what we are trying to achieve.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

- A. That the Ipswich City Council 2017-2018 Annual Report (containing the 2017-2018 Audited Annual Financial Statements), as detailed in Attachment A of the report by the Acting Chief Executive Officer dated 12 December 2018, be adopted.
- B. That the 2017-2018 Financial Statements for Ipswich City Council's controlled entities as detailed in Attachments B to I of the report by the Acting Chief Executive Officer dated 12 December 2018, be received and noted.

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION



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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

With reference to a report by the Acting Chief Executive Officer dated 17 December 2018 concerning the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer.

It was noted that this had been a process involving 37 applications, with five interviewed by an independent panel. The Interim Administrator thanked the members of the panel, chaired by Steve Greenwood from the Interim Management Committee, for their work.

Psychometric testing was undertaken for three shortlisted candidates and the council and recruitment consultants undertook a range of security, police, social media and corporate checks. The recruitment consultant pointed out in a recent email to the Interim Administrator that it had been the most comprehensive checking that he had ever been engaged with but at the end of the process the panel had arrived at a successful candidate.

The Interim Administrator advised that out of respect for the applicant who is currently Chief Executive Officer of another local government, he could not mention a name and that Council are jointly working towards a press release so that the applicant and his mayor could release their statement to their current community and at the same time Ipswich could do the same to its community. It was noted that this would be done as fast as possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

- A. That Council (Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council) resolve to appoint its preferred candidate as Chief Executive Officer to Ipswich City Council.
- B. That the appointment be effective from Monday, 4 February 2019.
- C. That the Interim Administrator finalise negotiations and execute the contract of employment accordingly.

The motion was put and carried.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.07 am

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