



# Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES  
OLD BEACH AT 5.50 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2014

**PRESENT:** Cr Foster (Chairperson); Cr Curran; Cr Garlick; Cr Gray and Cr Owen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Geard; Cr Jeffries; Cr Williams; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer) and Mr S Wells (Senior Planner)

## 1. **APOLOGIES:**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Gray seconded that apologies be received from Cr Taylor.*

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Owen	

## 2. **QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS:**

*There was no requirement for question time.*

## 3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

In accordance with Part 5, Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have an interest in any item on the agenda; and

Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of any interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

*There were no declarations of interest.*

#### **4. BUSINESS:**

##### **4.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2014:**

**FILE REFERENCE:** 0103

**AUTHOR:** Deputy General Manager  
(Mr G Davoren)

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#### **Background:**

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprised the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first five months of the 2014/15 financial year.

#### **Consultation:**

Nil

#### **Risk Implications:**

Nil

#### **Financial Implications:**

Not Applicable

#### **Other Issues:**

Nil

#### **Assessment:**

Nil

#### **Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.

2. Not receive the reports.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the reports be received.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Garlick moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

<b>In favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Owen	

**4.2 ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVE:**

**AUTHOR:** Deputy General Manager  
(Mr G Davoren)

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**Background:**

Council has been investigating methods of reducing its energy usage and its Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions as part of its ongoing environmental obligations.

The installation of a solar energy system at the Council Depot is one option Council can undertake to reduce its carbon footprint with the added benefit of a financial saving over the medium term of around 4 – 5 years.

**Consultation:**

Manager Development Services, Planning Officer.

**Risk Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Estimated total cost is under \$35,000 with a 4-5 year payback period.

This item is unbudgeted.

**Other Issues:**

Nil

**Assessment:**

Council staff have been modelling options for solar panels across Council buildings and expect the greatest return on investment would be at the Works Depot. Typical solar panel systems may generate around 100kwh per day with a potential saving of over \$7000 per annum. The expected life span of solar panels is around 20 years.

Council is recommending a trial basis starting with one building to gain an accurate understanding of the potential savings and if successful continue with solar panel installations on other Council buildings where a cost benefit is acceptable.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do nothing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council approve the installation of a solar panel energy system for the works depot.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the recommendation be adopted and be funded from next year's budget.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

<b>In favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Curran	
Cr Foster	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Gray	
Cr Owen	

The meeting closed at 6.05 p.m.

Confirmed:

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(Mayor)

Date:

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16<sup>th</sup> December 2014