



Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES
OLD BEACH AT 5.25 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Geard; Cr Murtagh; Cr Whelan; Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer); Mr D Allingham (Senior Planner) and Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager).

1. APOLOGIES:

All members were present.

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 2015*, 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 2015.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. BUSINESS:

4.1 FRAUD CONTROL POLICY

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

Council is required to establish guidelines, procedures and responsibilities regarding appropriate actions that must be followed to prevent, deter and detect incidents of fraud and corruption.

Consultation:

Senior Corporate staff.

Risk Implications:

Sound fraud policy will reduce the risk of fraud.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate Council's commitment to the prevention, detection and investigation of any fraudulent activity. The policy provides a framework for both the protection of public money and assets and protection of the integrity, security and reputation of Council, its management and employees and the services it provides to the community.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do not adopt the Fraud Control Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Fraud Control Policy.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

4.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30 AUGUST 2019:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Background:

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They comprise the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first two months of the 2019/20 financial year.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable

Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable

Social Implications:

Not Applicable

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

Not Applicable

Economic Implications:

Not Applicable

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

Nil

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Not receive the reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the reports be received.

DECISION:

Cr Garlick moved, Cr Owen seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Cr Gray moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that Committee resolve into Closed Committee.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

IN COMMITTEE

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matters are listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

This matter was to be considered in a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Section 15(2)(g)

4.3 WRITE OFF DEBTOR ACCOUNT:

AUTHOR: Deputy General Manager
(Mr G Davoren)

Cr Curran moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that Committee resolve out of Closed Committee and that the decision made whilst in Closed Committee be ratified.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.

Confirmed: _____
(Mayor)

Date: _____
17th September 2019