

Minutes 14 November 2006



Minutes of Ordinary meeting of the Port Stephens Council held in the Council Chambers, Raymond Terrace on 14 November 2006, commencing at 7.35 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors R. Swan (Mayor); S. Tucker; (Deputy Mayor), G. Dingle; G. Francis; G Robinson; J Nell; C. Baumann, H. Brown; S. Dover; R. Westbury; J. Hodges; K. Jordan; Executive Manager – Corporate Management; Facilities and Services Group Manager; Sustainable Planning Group Manager; Business and Support Group Manager.

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MOTIONS TO CLOSE

ITEM NO. 1

FILE NO: 1740-184

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

REPORT OF: JUNE SHINE – EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That pursuant to section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Committee and Council resolve to close to the public that part of its meetings to discuss Confidential Item 1 on the Ordinary agenda namely **Tender T14-2006 – Supply of Sand, Soil, Mulch and Pavement Materials.**
 - 2) That the reasons for closing the meeting to the public to consider this item be that:
 - i) The report and discussion will include details of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers; and
 - ii) In particular, the report includes confidential pricing information in respect of **Tender T14-2006 – Supply of Sand, Soil, Mulch and Pavement Materials.**
 - 3) That on balance, it is considered that receipt and discussion of the matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest, as disclosure of the confidential commercial information could compromise the commercial position of the tenderers and adversely affect Council's ability to attract competitive tenders for other contracts.
 - 4) That the report and minutes of the closed part of the meeting are to remain confidential and that Council makes public its decision including the name and amount of the successful tenderer in accordance with Clause 179) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLUTION:

735	Councillor Dingle Councillor Baumann	That the recommendation be adopted.
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ITEM NO. 2

FILE NO:1740-185

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

REPORT OF: JUNE SHINE – EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That pursuant to section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Committee and Council resolve to close to the public that part of its meetings to discuss Confidential Item 1 on the Ordinary agenda namely **Tender for the Supply of Three (3) 15 Tonne Trucks (T23-2006)**
 - 2) That the reasons for closing the meeting to the public to consider this item be that:
 - i) The report and discussion will include details of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers; and
 - ii) In particular, the report includes confidential pricing information in respect of **Tender for the Supply of Three (3) 15 Tonne Trucks (T23-2006)**
 - 3) That on balance, it is considered that receipt and discussion of the matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest, as disclosure of the confidential commercial information could compromise the commercial position of the tenderers and adversely affect Council's ability to attract competitive tenders for other contracts.
 - 4) That the report and minutes of the closed part of the meeting are to remain confidential and that Council makes public its decision including the name and amount of the successful tenderer in accordance with Clause 179) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLUTION:		
736	Councillor Dingle Councillor Brown	That the recommendation be adopted.

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ITEM NO. 2

FILE NO: PSC2006-0184

DRAFT PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PLAN

REPORT OF: BRUCE PETERSEN - MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Endorse the draft Pesticide Notification Plan for public exhibition for 28 days.
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STRATEGIC COMMITTEE MEETING – 7 NOVEMBER 2006

RECOMMENDATION: That the recommendation be adopted.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLUTION:

737	Councillor Robinson Councillor Tucker	That the report be deferred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 28 November 2006.
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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise council of the draft Pesticide Notification Plan.

This Plan is a requirement for all NSW councils. The Plan must be finalised and operating by 1 February 2007 or council will be unable to apply any pesticide in any outdoor public place. Examples of such activities include weed spraying in parks, roadsides, drains, sporting facilities and bushland areas, insect and fungus control on sporting areas, rodent control and so on.

The plan must be placed on exhibition for public consultation for 28 days prior to February 2007.

LINKS TO CORPORATE PLANS

This report relates to the goal in the Environmental Management Section of the Council Plan 2005-2008 that *“Port Stephens Council is a leader in the management and promotion of the area’s natural environment, amenity, health and safety”*.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The requirement for notification will have a minimal budget impacts. Some costs may be incurred by particular sections when notifying the community of pesticide use.

LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is a legal requirement for all councils in NSW to develop a Pesticides Notification Plan in accordance with the Pesticides Regulation 1995.

Australian Business Excellence Framework

This aligns with the following ABEF Principles.

- 3) Understanding what customers value, now and in the future, influences organisational direction, strategy and action
- 8) Effective use of facts, data and knowledge leads to improved decisions
- 9) All systems and processes exhibit variability, which impacts on predictability and performance
- 10) Organisations provide value to their community through their actions to ensure a clean, safe, fair and prosperous society

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The right for all members of the community to know of the use of pesticides in outdoor public places is met in principle by this requirement.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

The Pesticides Regulation 1995 requires a minimum 28 day community consultation process with copies of the plan to be available free of charge. Following that consultation the plan is finalised and approved by council.

Consultation with all council departments that use pesticides has been undertaken in preparing this plan to ascertain the level and type of notification for operations affected by this new requirement.

OPTIONS

- 1) Approve the draft Plan for consultation
- 2) Do not approve the draft Plan for consultation (in which case Council will be unable to apply any pesticide in any public outdoor place after 1 February 2007)

- 3) Endorse a modified plan to be placed on public exhibition

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Draft Pesticide Notification Plan

ATTACHMENT 1
DRAFT PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PLAN

**PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL
PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN**

(DRAFT ONLY)



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation). The plan sets out how Port Stephens Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The plan describes;

- What is a pesticide
- Which public places are covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses those places and an estimated level of use
- How and when council will notify the public of its intended use of pesticides
- How the public can access this plan and obtain further details on council's use of pesticides
- How future reviews of this plan will be conducted

Note: Port Stephens Council has a licence to spray herbicides on or over water, which has particular requirements for notification in addition to those contained within this plan. This licence is referred to as "the Licence" in this document.

2. WHAT IS A PESTICIDE?

The Pesticides Act 1999 defines a pesticide as:

- (a) an agricultural chemical product within the meaning of the Agvet Code

Note. The Agvet Code defines an "**agricultural chemical product**" to be a substance or a mixture of substances that is represented, imported, manufactured, supplied or used as a means of directly or indirectly:

- 1) destroying, stupefying, repelling, inhibiting the feeding of, or preventing infestation by or attacks of, any pest in relation to a plant, a place or a thing, or
- 2) destroying a plant, or
- 3) modifying the physiology of a plant or pest so as to alter its natural development, productivity, quality or reproductive capacity, or
- 4) modifying an effect of another agricultural chemical product, or
- 5) attracting a pest for the purpose of destroying it,

or

- (b) a veterinary chemical product (within the meaning of the Agvet Code) that is represented as being suitable for, or is manufactured, supplied or used for, the external control of ectoparasites of animals.

Note: The term pesticide also includes insect repellents for use on human beings.

This notification plan generally refers to the small scale use of common herbicides and insecticides.

3. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Port Stephens Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Port Stephens Council area:

- bushland areas
- certain council buildings
 - childcare facilities
 - libraries
 - community centres
 - community halls
- parks, playgrounds, picnic areas
- sporting fields and ovals
- public land owned or controlled by Port Stephens Council, including:
 - road verges and reserves
 - drains
 - caravan and holiday parks
 - swimming pools

Port Stephens Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Bushland areas	General recreation (walkers, motorists)	Low to medium	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Rodenticides Large vertebrate baiting
Parks, Picnic areas, Playground	General recreation, families, social groups	High, particularly during holidays	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Rodenticides Fungicides
Sporting fields and ovals	Sporting clubs and associations General public (joggers, dog walkers)	Medium to High	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Fungicides
Road verges and reserves	Local residents, visitors, travelling public walking , riding or driving	Low to medium for rural roads, medium to high for arterial roads	Spot herbicides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides
Drains	Local residents and people who walk or drive past a drain	Low	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides

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Caravan and holiday parks	Residents Visitors	Medium to high	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Broadscale insecticides Fungicides Spray termiticides Spray ant control Bait termiticides, Bait bird control Rodenticides
Swimming pool buildings and grounds	Swimming clubs Residents Schools Social groups	Medium to high	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Broadscale insecticides Fungicides Spray termiticides Spray ant control Bait termiticides, Bait bird control Rodenticides
Childcare Facility	Enrolled families and their children	Low to medium	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides
Community Centres	General public families, social groups	Medium to High	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Rodenticides Bait Termiticides
Community Halls	General public families, social groups	Low to Medium	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Rodenticides
Libraries	General public	High	Spot herbicides or insecticides Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides Bait Termiticides

4. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Port Stephens Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Port Stephens Council's assessment of:

- The estimated level of usage where pesticides may be used
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in those areas could result in direct contact with pesticides
- The type of pesticide to be used
- The manner and extent of intended application
- Other requirements for notification (such as Port Stephens Council's licence to spray on or over water)

4a **How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided**

Aquatic areas

Port Stephens Council has an existing obligation (the Licence) to notify the public prior to using herbicides on or over water. This obligation includes advance written notice to occupiers of land adjacent to the waterbody, publishing a notice in the local paper and displaying signage during the works. As many treatments require access through private property this obligation has generally been in addition to verbal communication with landowners.

Bushland areas

For bushland areas, signage will be provided prior to works commencing for the following pesticide uses:

- *Products not available to the general public at retail outlets*
- *Vertebrate baiting*

For mobile works signs will be positioned on spray vehicles.

Sporting fields and ovals, Parks, Picnic areas, Playgrounds

For sporting fields and ovals, signs will be located at the major entrances to the area to be treated and at a location where they are most likely to be seen e.g. amenities block, change room (except for those situations described in 4e). Signs will be put up immediately prior to pesticide use and will remain in place at least until the operation is completed (where the pesticide label or permit requires a longer period of signage, this will be followed). When foliage is sprayed, signs will remain at least until the pesticide has dried. Signs will only be used for the following pesticide uses:

- *Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides*
- *Broadscale insecticides*
- *Fungicides*
- *Spray ant control*

If pesticide is to be applied adjacent to a sensitive place the manager or responsible person for that place is to be notified 48 hours in advance of the intended application for the use of the following products;

- *Products not available to the general public at retail outlets*
- *Vertebrate baiting*
- *Rodenticides*

Road verges and reserves

For road verges and reserves, signage will be provided during works for the following pesticide uses:

- *Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides*

Drains

For drainage easements, notice in accordance with licence requirements will be provided for the following pesticide uses:

- *Spraying in or over water*

Caravan and holiday parks, grounds of local authority swimming pools

For Caravan and holiday parks, advice will be placed on notice boards or near/at the main entrance immediately prior to the following pesticide uses:

- *Spot herbicides or insecticides*
- *Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides*
- *Broadscale insecticides*
- *Fungicides*
- *Spray termiticides*
- *Spray ant control*
- *Bait termiticides,*
- *Bait bird control*
- *Rodenticides*

Certain council buildings (Community halls, centres, libraries, childcare facilities)

For buildings and grounds of certain council buildings, signage will be provided at the entrance to the facility 48 hours prior to pesticide use for the following pesticide uses:

- *Spot herbicides or insecticides*
- *Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides*
- *Broadscale insecticides*
- *Fungicides*
- *Spray termiticides*

- *Spray ant control*
- *Bait termiticides,*
- *Bait bird control*
- *Rodenticides*

4b Special measures for sensitive places

Clause 11J(1) of the *Pesticides Regulation* defines a sensitive place to be any:

- school or pre-school
- kindergarten
- childcare centre
- hospital
- community health centre
- nursing home
- place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation).

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in public places adjacent to childcare centres, kindergartens and schools will consist of written and or verbal advice to be provided to the responsible person 48 hours prior to the following pesticide uses within 10 metres of the boundary:

- *Products not available to the general public at retail outlets*
- *Vertebrate baiting*
- *Rodenticides*

4c Notification of emergency pesticide applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), signage will be provided on vehicles or within sight of the application during the work for the following pesticide uses:

- *Broadscale insecticides*

4d Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where Port Stephens Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf:

The arrangements detailed in this plan apply. Where possible Port Stephens Council will require contractors to comply with this plan as a condition of contract.

Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Port Stephens Council land that remains a public place:

Council will not give notice of pesticide use by lessees but will request that lessees carry out notification in accordance with this plan.

4e Instances where no notice will be provided

Port Stephens Council preferentially uses pesticides that are available to the general public at retail outlets. It is not intended to notify of the use of such products other than in this plan including;

- Spot spraying of weeds
- Minor insecticide, rodenticide applications
- For emergency control (for example wasps and bees)
- Council will not give notice of pesticide use by lessees of council owned land that remain a public place

The requirement within Port Stephens Council's licence to notify certain groups of the intended use of some of these products before spraying on or over water remains.

5. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used, and
- contact telephone number and email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA¹ permit.

The persons using the pesticide will be able to provide this information on site.

¹ The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

6. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Port Stephens Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at Raymond Terrace
- placing a copy of the plan on the its website
- placing a notice in the Port Stephens Examiner
- placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.

7. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 3 years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- a report on progress of implementing the plan
- exhibiting a plan for comment with proposed amendments and calling for public submissions
- consideration of comments and recommendation for alterations (if applicable) to the plan

8. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Port Stephens Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

Environmental Services Manager

Port Stephens Council

PO Box 42

Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324

or access the website www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au

ITEM NO. 3**FILE NO: PSC2006-2291****ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006 INCORPORATING STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT 2005-2006****REPORT OF: JUNE SHINE – EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE MANAGEMENT****RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1) adopts the Annual Report 2005-2006 Volumes 1 and 2, being the Annual Report and the Supplementary State of the Environment Report 2005-2006

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE MEETING – 7 NOVEMBER 2006**RECOMMENDATION:** That the recommendation be adopted.**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2006****RESOLUTION:**

738	Councillor Jordan Councillor Brown	That the recommendation be adopted.
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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide to Council the Annual Report 2005-2006 in a new format.

Council is required to report annually to the community and the Department of Local Government against its Council Plan; and to include a State of the Environment Report. The State of the Environment Report 2003-2004 was the four-yearly comprehensive report, and Council is required to provide updates in the form of supplementary reports in the other three years. Past practice has been to include the Annual Report, the Annual Financial Statements and the State of the Environment Report in the one document. Last year, the Supplementary State of the Environment Report was produced as a separate document and cross-referenced within the Annual Report.

For this year, the Annual Report is being produced in two (2) volumes: Volume 1 is the Annual Report 2005-2006, incorporating the Statutory Return as required by Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993 and including the Financial Statements 2005-2006; and Volume 2 is the Supplementary State of the Environment Report 2005-2006.

Btohl volumes of the Annual Report are required to be lodged with the Department of Local Government on or before 30 November 2006.

LINKS TO CORPORATE PLANS

Council Plan 2005-2008, incorporating the Budget 2005-2006

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report 2005-2006 complies with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

Australian Business Excellence Framework

This aligns with the following ABEF Principles.

- 1) Clear direction allows organisational alignment and a focus on the achievement of goals
- 10) Organisations provide value to their community through their actions to ensure a clean, safe, fair and prosperous society
- 11) Sustainability is determined by an organisation's ability to create and deliver value for all stakeholders.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report 2005-2006 monitors achievements against agreed social, cultural, economic and community goals as established in the Council Plan 2005-2008.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report 2005-2008 monitors the Council's performance against its approved budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report 2005-2006 reports against the environmental goals of the Council Plan 2005-2008 and Volume 2 is the Supplementary State of the Environment Report 2005-2006.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

OPTIONS

- 1) Recommended that the Annual Report 2005-2006 Volumes 1 and 2 be adopted;
- 2) Amend the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Nil

COUNCILLORS ROOM

- 1) Nil

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Annual Report 2005-2006 (Volume 1)

Supplementary State of the Environment Report 2005-2006 (Volume 2)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ITEM NO. 6**FILE NO: A2004-0323****PRESENTATION OF 2005/06 FINANCIAL REPORTS****REPORT OF: JEFF SMITH – FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER**
-----**RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1) Present the audited financial reports, together with the Auditor's reports for the year ended 30 June 2006 to the public as a public document at the November 2006 Council Meeting.
 - 2) Refer to Council's Auditor for comment, any submissions received within 7 days of this meeting which are in respect of the reports, after which a report in respect of the submissions be presented to Council for consideration.
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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – 14 NOVEMBER 2006**RECOMMENDATION:** That the recommendation be adopted.**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2006****RESOLUTION:**

739	Councillor Robinson Councillor Brown	That the recommendation be adopted.
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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that its external auditor, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, has completed the audit of Council's accounts for the year ended 30 June 2006 and has furnished the necessary audit reports.

In compliance with the Act, copies of the reports were forwarded to the Department of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Act also requires that Council give public notice of its intention to present the financial reports to the public as a public document. Public notice has been given.

LINKS TO CORPORATE PLANS

The completion of the audit and presentation of the financial reports as a public document links to Key Result Area 9 of the 2006-09 Council Plan, in particular, to "increase community awareness of Council's financial commitments and investment strategies".

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A complete copy of the financial and audit reports have been forwarded under separate cover. The results of Council's financial performance are summarised below.

In financial year 2005/2006, Council recorded a deficit from Ordinary Activities of \$6.018M compared to a surplus of \$1.933M in 2004/2005. Operating revenues decreased in 2005/2006 by \$0.923M, predominantly due to a decrease in Gains from the Sale of Assets (\$4.150M) which was partially offset by an increase in Rates and Annual Charges (\$2.359M), and Other Revenues (\$1.657M). Operating expenses increased in 2005/2006 by \$9.598M mainly as a result of Materials & Contracts expenses (\$7.026M), Employee Costs (\$1.525M) and Other Expenses (\$0.596M). Overall, Council's performance for the 2005/06 financial year resulted in an increase in net assets of \$7.732M. The deterioration in Council's operating result is mainly attributable to the accrual of legal costs in relation to two legal matters that Council is currently finalising. These costs are non recurrent and Council expects a significant improvement in its reported operating result for the 2006/2007 financial year.

Total Assets increased by \$15.756M, primarily due to increases in Property, Plant & Equipment (\$11.890M), and Receivables (\$4.826M). Total Liabilities increased by \$8.317M primarily due to increases in Payables (\$5.525M) and Interest Bearing Liabilities (\$3.390M).

LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The presentation to the public of the Financial reports and Auditor's report as a public document and the acceptance and subsequent referral of any submissions, satisfies the requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations.

Australian Business Excellence Framework

This aligns with Principles 8 and 10 of the ABEF Framework.

- 8) Effective use of facts, data and knowledge leads to improved decisions
- 10) Organisations provide value to their community through their actions to ensure a clean, safe, fair and prosperous society

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The presentation of the reports as a public document will provide users of local government information with financial information to assist in making and evaluating decisions about the efficient allocation of Council's resources and its financial sustainability.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Completion of the annual financial statements provide Council with the information needed to assist in prudent financial management and decision making which will have a positive social impact on the community.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

The annual financial statements provide Council with the information needed to assist in the efficient allocation of resources so that the community benefits from effective decision-making.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The annual financial statements provide Council with the information needed to assist in the effective management of resources which will ensure that sufficient funds are available for Council to meet its environmental responsibilities.

CONSULTATION

PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Council's external auditor, provided advice and guidance on accounting concepts and standards, and changes to the Code of Accounting Practice prior to and during the compilation of the reports and external audit.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations
- 2) Amend the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Nil

TABLED DOCUMENTS

- 1) 2006 Annual Financial Reports and Special Schedules.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

740	Councillor Robinson Councillor Tucker	It was resolved that the committee move into confidential session.
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I certify that pages 1-26 the Ordinary Minutes of Council dated 14 November 2006 were confirmed by Council at its Meeting held on 28 November 2006.

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CR RON SWAN
MAYOR