

COUNCIL AGENDA

MONDAY, 31ST JANUARY 2011



GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL

* *The General Manager certifies that the reports contained in this Agenda have been written by qualified persons under Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

Hour: 6.00 p.m.

Present:

In attendance:

Leave of Absence:

Workshops held since last Council Meeting

Date: Monday, 17th January 2011

Purpose: To discuss:

- Gazette Editorial Policy
- Shared Services
- Staff Entitlement – Meal Allowance
- General Business
- Mayoral Activities Report

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th January 2011 be confirmed.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

**5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS
TAKEN ON NOTICE**

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

COMMUNITY

8. QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

Author: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

File Reference: Queensland Flood Appeal

Community Plan Reference:

This item discusses a corporate management/governance issue. Since the Community Plan is outwardly focussed, there is no applicable reference to this matter.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

The strategic and annual plans are based upon the Community Plan which is outwardly focussed. Since this item discusses a management/governance issue there is no applicable reference to this matter.

Reporting Brief:

To consider assistance that Council may be able to offer to the affected communities of Queensland as a result of the recent floods.

Proposal in Detail:

At the 17th January 2011 Aldermen's Workshop there was discussion of the possible options available to Council to assist with the response and recovery arrangements with the Queensland floods that have caused devastation to significant areas of that state.

The Council has several options in relation to the provision of funding support. The Queensland Premier has established an appeal fund. In addition, the Tasmanian Government has established a joint fundraising effort with Tasmanian service clubs, including Rotary, Lions, Apex and the Soroptimist Club, to help support victims of the catastrophic flooding in Queensland. The Government will match Tasmanians' total combined contribution to those service clubs dollar-for-dollar, up to \$250,000. "That joint-fundraising effort has been expanded to include money for all affected Australian communities, including those in Tasmania, Victoria and New South Wales. The service clubs themselves will ultimately decide where to distribute the money, including the Government's contribution.

A number of initiatives have been or already being put in place in relation to the floods. These include:

1. Council administration staff regularly dress down for charity on pay days, and moneys collected during January have been earmarked for the flood appeal.
2. A BBQ has been held at the Works Centre to raise funds for the flood appeal.
3. I have agreed for Council to be a collection point on behalf of the Moonah, Glenorchy and Claremont Rotary Clubs.

4. We have been requested to identify suitably skilled and experienced staff to assist in the Queensland recovery process, and the Manager Environment Planning and Development has volunteered to put his name forward. This will be at no cost to the Council, but may involve him being away from the job for a period of time. Having our senior emergency management coordinator gaining experience in actual disaster recovery operations can only be of benefit to the Council should a disaster strike this city in the future.
5. We have been approached by a local promoter to hold a Flood Aid all ages rock concert at the Derwent Entertainment Centre (tentatively set for 12 February) featuring local Tasmanian bands. We have separately been approached by a local jazz musician and producer who is interested in running a jazz based concert event. We will be putting the two promoters in contact to see if there is a way that the one event can meet both of their expectations. I propose that Council waive its normal venue hire fees and provide the DEC at cost for one concert event only, with net proceeds to be directed to the flood appeal. Negotiations with DEC suppliers indicate that a number of them have already agreed to sponsor the event and provide their support at no cost.
6. We have been approached by a local resident wishing to hire the Claremont Hall at no cost for a garage sale, with people dropping off articles on the first day and the sale occurring on the second. It is suggested that the Council provide authority to the General Manager to waive fees and charges for Council venues for flood appeal related events.

Council may also wish to make a direct cash donation. Back in February 2009 Council agreed to make a cash donation of \$40,000 to the Victorian bush fires appeal, based on about \$1 per Glenorchy resident. It is suggested that a similar amount be donated in relation to the floods. It is further suggested that the donation be provided to Rotary so that the State Government has the opportunity to provide matching funds, and so that the donation can be directed to flood stricken communities in all states, not just Queensland.

Consultations:

ELT
DEC

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Whilst there is not a budget allocation for this financial year for such a donation it is proposed to draw these funds from council's cash balance.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

The community would be expecting Council's leadership in this regard and a press release will be issued by the Mayor on Council's proposed assistance.

Recommendation:

- (a) That Council contribute a \$40,000 donation to the Rotary Flood appeal.
- (b) That Council approve the waiving of fees for the use of the DEC for the holding of a flood appeal concert, with net profits to be directed to the flood appeal.
- (c) That in accordance with section 22(2)(b) of the Local government Act 1993 Council delegate to the General Manager the waiving of fees and charges for use of Council facilities for flood appeal purposes.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

9. COMMUNITY SUPPORT - DERWENT ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Author: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

File Reference: Derwent Entertainment Centre

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Reporting Brief:

To consider making a corporate box at the Derwent Entertainment centre (DEC) available for fundraising by charitable organisations.

Proposal in Detail:

The DEC has four corporate boxes that are available for hire for events in the main arena. The boxes are located high at the rear of the arena, have opening glass front windows and are able to seat approximately 12 patrons.

Take-up of the corporate boxes in the past has been relatively low. The DEC is currently strongly marketing use of the corporate boxes, and is currently in negotiation for the hire of at least one of them for a full year. Nevertheless, it has been extremely rare that all four corporate boxes have been hired for any one event.

We have received an enquiry from the Glenorchy Community Fund to have access to one of the corporate boxes for a forthcoming event at the DEC. The proposal is that the DEC would provide the box to the Glenorchy Community Fund free of charge, and the Glenorchy Community Fund would then use the corporate box to raise funds. If there was an additional requirement for food and beverage service to the corporate box, this would be provided at normal commercial rates.

Given the underutilisation of the corporate boxes, this represents a good opportunity for the DEC to deliver services to the community. However it does raise the question about whether access should be provided to other charitable organisations, and how this would occur on an equitable basis.

It is proposed that:

1. Council approve the allocation of one corporate box at the DEC for events held in the main arena for free use by charitable organisations to raise funds;
2. Access for particular events would be subject to any particular requirements of event promoters who are hiring the DEC, who may wish to restrict such access for particular events;

3. Free access to a corporate box will not be allocated until one month prior to each event and only if it is evident that the box is unlikely to be commercially hired for that event;
4. To be eligible, charitable organisations must either be based within Glenorchy, have a significant presence in Glenorchy or have a significant proportion of their clientele in Glenorchy.
5. Charitable organisations that can demonstrate that the funds raised will be distributed within Glenorchy or used to provide services in Glenorchy will be favoured.
6. If more than one charitable organisation is seeking access to the corporate box for an event and they are assessed as equally meeting the above criteria, the box will be allocated using a random selection process.
7. Charitable organisations that are provided with free access to a corporate box will be expected to use it for fund raising purposes and to provide a report to the DEC to demonstrate that this has occurred. Whole or substantial use of the corporate box for the purpose of providing free entry to events by the charitable organisation's members or staff will not be acceptable.

This process should be reviewed at least annually by the DEC, and the general approach of providing free access to the corporate box can be withdrawn at any time if the paid demand for corporate boxes increases to the extent that it is likely that all 4 corporate boxes can be regularly hired.

Consultations:

Glenorchy Community Fund
DEC Manager

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

There should be no impact on DEC finances as a result of this recommendation, as free access to the corporate box will only be provided if it unlikely to be commercially hired. The free access may provide an opportunity for some additional food and beverage profits to the DEC.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Provision of free access to a corporate box as proposed should enhance the reputation of the DEC as a community focussed facility. Council will place a notice in the Glenorchy Gazette and on the Council and DEC web sites to inform charitable organisations of the potential to access a corporate box.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the allocation of one corporate box at the DEC for events held in the main arena for free use by charitable organisations to raise funds, in accordance with the process in this report.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

ECONOMIC

10. RATE REVENUE POLICY

Author: Corporate Accountant (Colette Usher)

Qualified Person: Corporate Accountant (Colette Usher)

File Reference: 00099

Community Plan Reference:

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Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

4.2.1 Manage the Council's finances to ensure sustainable service delivery through a planned approach to the funding of Council's short and long term operations.

Reporting Brief:

To present to Council the revised Rate Revenue policy to be used in the setting of the rates.

Proposal in Detail:

The current Local Government Act, 1993 states that a council, by absolute majority, may declare that the general rate or a service rate varies within the municipal area or within different parts of the municipal area according to a certain factors, e.g. the use or predominant use of the land. The variation in the rate is known as Differential Rating.

On the 24th May 2010, Council accepted the use of a variation in the rates. The attached Rate Revenue policy has been revised to reflect Council's decision, and allows the discretion to adopt a variation of the cents-in-the-dollar charge based on certain factors.

We have attached the revised Rate Revenue Policy showing the changes proposed.

Consultations:

ELT

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Nil.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

The Council, at its meeting on Monday 4th January 2011, made the decision to rescind the motion to consult with the public on the implementation of the split of differential rating. This policy is a formal process only to update the policy. It is not about any implementation of changing the rating split at this time.

Recommendation:

That the Council adopt the revised Rate Revenue Policy.

Attachments/Annexures

1 Rates Revenue Policy

RATE REVENUE POLICY

Policy Manual Number: 05-2

Council Minutes Ref: 31st January 2011 (Item No.)
File Ref: 00099
Author: Corporate Accountant (Colette Usher)
Department Corporate Services

Background

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All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt, (eg. Crown Land, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act 1993), is rateable. The Local Government Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate, which applies to all rateable properties or through differential general rates which, applies to the use of properties.

The Local Government Act, 1993 states that a council, by absolute majority, may declare that the general rate or a service rate varies within the municipal area or within different parts of the municipal area according to certain factors, e.g. the use or predominant use of the land. The Council has adopted the following three variations:

1. For a number of years Council has adopted a set service charge for properties that are defined by the Valuer General as a “place of worship”.
2. On the 26th April 2010, Council accepted a Council report for the variation of a service charge that is levied to non-residential properties for garbage and recycling bin services and allows this charge to be levied at a different rate to that applying to residential properties, for the same service.
3. On the 24th May 2010, Council accepted a Council report to introduce a method that allows a variation of the cents-in-the-dollar charge based on certain factors. The variation in the rate is known as Differential Rating. Differential Rating allows Council to set a cents-in-the-dollar charge (General Rate) that can be discounted (lowered) for the residential and community sectors.

Council has adopted the option to use the above Rate Variations known as “Differential Rating” from the financial year 2010/11.

Variation in rates:

- allows flexibility when setting the General rate (cents-in-the-dollar), Service rate, and Service charge;
- can elevate the negative impact that may arise for “lower income” residential rate payers due to changes in valuations by the Valuer General;

- offers greater rating flexibility and equity by managing the mix of the different types of rate payers;
- provides equitable distribution of the “rates dollar” across the community by shifting rate differences in line with the ratepayers' ability to pay.
- can include a zero adjustment or no shift of rate difference between the various classes of rate payers.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The key principle of this Policy are:

- That rates currently represent a general tax levied on the basis of the Assessed Annual Value as set by the Valuer-General.
- There is a commitment to the broad principle of fairness and equity in the distribution of rates across all ratepayers.
- A general rate, for commercial and industrial properties, the option of a discounted general rate for residential and other community properties, and a minimum rate, will be applied as a means of raising taxation revenue within the community.
- That the Council will consider the setting of service rates or charges for prescribed services such as waste management, stormwater removal and fire protection.
- The Council will process concessions to eligible ratepayers who hold either a Pension Concession Card, a Veteran’s Affairs T.P.I endorsed Card, War Widows, or Health Care Card.
- The Council advises that a rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with this policy, and rates must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.

2. The overriding objective when establishing rating levels is to ensure Council’s strategic objectives and financial policies can be met.

3. In setting rates, Council will consider the following:

- The Council’s strategic plan;
- Current and future budget and long term projected forecast;
- Financial Sustainability Policy;
- Finance Master Funding Policy;

- Council’s Debt Policy;
- Council’s Infrastructure Assets Policy;

- Council's Cash Policy;
 - Council's Operating Costs Policy;
 - The current economic climate, including but not limited to, interest rates, CPI and other related construction indices.
4. Before levying rates, Council will give due consideration to revenue that can be obtained from all other areas, including fees and charges, grants, leases, rentals and asset sales.

Review

5 Years

Status: Current

POLICY DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET

Policy Name: RATE REVENUE POLICY (formerly the RATING POLICY)

Policy Manual Number: 05-2

Department: Corporate Services

Date Policy Approved by Council: 26th March 2001

Reviewed by (Name and Job Title of officer)	Nature of Amendment (List changes made to Policy)	Date Council Endorsed Amendment
Sue Buckland – Excell Manager Corporate Services	New Policy adopted as part of the 5 Financial Policy strategies	26 th March 2001
Kim Wiggins Corporate Accountant	Revised Policy adopted.	6 th March 2006
Colette Usher Corporate Accountant	Revised Policy adopted.	

GOVERNANCE

11. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMEN MEMBERS

Author: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

File Reference: Audit and Risk Committee

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Reporting Brief:

To appoint Aldermen to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Proposal in Detail:

At its meeting on 19th July 2010 Council agreed to the establishment of an Audit and Risk Committee comprising 5 Aldermen to be elected at the 16th August 2010 Council meeting.

The 19th July 2010 Council meeting decided that before implementing the Committee the Charter be referred to Council's internal and external auditors for advice on whether it meets best practice guidelines and to seek any suggested enhancements for incorporation within the Charter. This request was sent on 22nd July 2010.

In accordance with Council's *Nomination and Appointment of Aldermen to Committees Policy* on 22nd July 2010 interested Aldermen were invited to nominate for membership, with nominations closing at noon on Monday, 9th August 2010.

Nominations were received from 8 Aldermen - Ald Branch, Lowrie, Martin, Nielsen, Pearce, Ridler, Slade and Taylor

The advice from the internal and external auditors was received and an amended draft charter was presented to the 16 August 2010 Council meeting. The Council decided that the agenda item be deferred pending a workshop discussion incorporating:

- A presentation from an independent body on the business case for independent audit and risk committee members.
- Finalising the audit and risk committee charter, number of members, number of anticipated meetings per year and whether it is a Council Committee or a Special Committee of Council.
- The process for appointing the independent members.

Lyn Cox from Deloitte was contracted to make the presentation, and attended the 27 September Aldermen's Workshop accordingly.

The Council considered the matter again at its 11th October 2010 meeting and decided:

1. That the Council adopt the Audit and Risk Committee Charter Attachment 1.
2. That the Council appoint Lyn Cox to facilitate the public selection of two independent members for the Audit and Risk Committee and to make a recommendation to Council.
3. That Council approve the payment of \$500.00 to each independent member of the committee for each meeting inclusive of all costs.
4. That the Council seek nominations from interested Aldermen for appointment of 3 Aldermen to the Audit and Risk Committee. The voting on these nominations is to take place after the appointment of the two independent committee members.

Lyn Cox was contracted to undertake the selection process for the 2 independent members. His assessment was considered by Aldermen at the 20th December Aldermen's Workshop and at the 4th January 2011 Council meeting John Hills and Nick Burrows were approved by the Council as the independent members.

In accordance with Council's 11th October decision, on 13th January 2011 nominations were called from interested Aldermen for appointment to the 3 Aldermanic positions to the Audit and Risk Committee. In accordance with the Charter, the Mayor is not eligible for membership of the Committee.

Nominations received by the noon 24th January 2011 deadline were from Ald Branch, Lowrie and Stevenson. As there are only 3 nominations a ballot will not need to be conducted.

Section 3 of the Committee Charter specifies that members of the committee will have some or all of the following attributes:

- a) *A commitment to Council and its values;*
- b) *An understanding of the Council's aims and objectives;*
- c) *Possess accounting and/or risk management or similar qualifications and be a member or eligible for membership to the respective professional association for the qualification;*
- d) *Ability to understand accounting, financial, risk management, legal, information technology and compliance concepts and articulate ideas;*
- e) *An independent viewpoint and ability to ask incisive questions;*
- f) *A professional approach and attitude which treats internal auditors, risk managers, the executive and management as equal partners;*
- g) *A thorough understanding of the responsibilities of the committee and sound knowledge of the core operations of Council and the environment in which it operates;*

- h) Strong demonstrated sense of probity and ethical conduct; and*
- i) A commitment to continual improvement*

At least one member of the committee should have accounting or related financial management experience with an understanding of accounting and auditing standards in a local government environment.

Both of the independent members have accounting, risk management, financial management, public sector accounting and audit committee experience, with one having direct local government experience.

Consultations:

Not applicable.

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Not applicable.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Not applicable.

Recommendation:

That Aldermen Branch, Lowrie and Stevenson be appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN PETER RIDLER

Author: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Frank Pearce)

File Reference: Notice of Motion

Community Plan Reference:

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Reporting Brief:

To consider a notice of motion submitted by Alderman Peter Ridler in accordance with the requirements of Section 16 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

Proposal in Detail:

The following notice of motion was submitted by Alderman P. Ridler (Attachment).

Due to the significantly uncertain outlook as a consequence of the recent flood crisis that has swept eastern states a report be prepared for Council providing information on:

- a. Council's current flood management procedures for flash or riverine flooding;
- b. Council's current position on flood mitigation across the city;
- c. Current and future flood mapping of flood elevations, flood prone regions and the flow of surface water;
- d. Whether Council should develop policies for a 'retreat from coastal areas' to escape rising sea levels with a view that this be done over time, say 50 – 75 years;
- e. Whether Council should develop policies for flood prone areas for living areas (including bedrooms) to be upstairs as did Queensland after their 1974 floods.
- f. Whether restrictions be imposed on future building in flood prone areas

Background:

The eastern states have recently had considerable flooding and at present there is a considerable amount of media coverage implying that flood prone areas should never have been built on and should be declared no-go zones, with residents bought out and moved out.

Floods are going to occur because of climate change and they are becoming increasingly frequent and far more devastating. As a result we should monitor the long term trend, learn from it and plan for it. Cyclones have increased two-fold over the past 20 years and floods threefold.

Further we cannot afford to defend every metre of our riverfront with sea walls and levees being expensive, possibly unsightly and not always successful.

Supporting Reasons:

- 1 Council take a long-term view to flood mitigation strategy.
- 2 Be prepared for future flooding and have policies and infrastructure in place to minimise loss of life and to property in residential and business zones.

Notice of Motion:

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- f. Whether restrictions be imposed on future building in flood prone areas.

Consultations:

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

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1 Ald Ridler Attachment

21 January 2010

Council Chambers
GLENORCHY

Mr Frank Pearce
General Manager
Glenorchy City Council

Dear General Manager

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR AGENDA – Council Meeting - Monday, 31 January 2010

Notice of motion submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 16 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

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Yours sincerely

Peter Ridler RFD
Alderman

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

13. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GOVERNANCE

14. SHARED SERVICES

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 Section 15(2)(b).

15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE (CLOSED)
