



AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 30 May 2012

commencing at 10.00am

Council Chambers, Cnr Currie and Bury Streets, Nambour

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

On establishing there is a quorum, the Mayor will declare the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**3 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 April 2012 be received and confirmed.

4 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS**4.1 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS**

Pursuant to Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must –

- (a) inform the meeting of the councillor's material personal interest in the matter; and
- (b) leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public), and stay out of the meeting room while the matter is being discussed and voted on.

4.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who has a real or perceived conflict of interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must inform the meeting about the councillor's personal interest in the matter and if the councillor participates in the meeting in relation to the matter, how the councillor intends to deal with the real or perceived conflict of interest.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE**6 PRESENTATIONS**

7 REPORTS DIRECT TO COUNCIL

7.1 FINANCE AND BUSINESS

7.1.1 AMENDMENT TO UNITYWATER AGREEMENTS

File No: ECM 30 May 2012
Author: Executive Director Finance & Business
Finance and Business

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek council approval to amend the Senior and Subordinated Loan Agreements with Unitywater.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The transfer of Sunshine Coast Regional Council water and wastewater assets to Unitywater on 1 July 2010 resulted in compensation to council consisting of a 41.76% equity holding Unitywater and \$505 million of interest bearing loans.

The loans were classified as Senior or Subordinated, with each class of loan attracting a different interest rate. The original agreement between Unitywater and council was to initially set the loans for a term of three years, and then to continually roll the loans over for terms that matched a regulatory reset cycle.

An unintended issue has arisen related to rolling over of the loans at the end of each term. Unless some certainty of rollover is in place, in accounting terms, the loans are classified as due at the end of a term.

After discussions with the Queensland Audit Office, Unitywater has proposed an adjustment to the current loan agreements that would solve the classification problem for both Unitywater and council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to amend the loan agreements between Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Unitywater to avoid any unintended accounting impacts in Council's 2011-2012 Annual Financial Statements.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

There are no additional costs associated with this report.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.1 Ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making
Strategy: 8.1.3 Councillors and employees are aware of the importance of ethical behaviour, compliance with codes of conduct and providing complete information and advice

Corporate Plan Theme: Great Governance

Emerging Priority: 8.3 Strong financial management
Strategy: 8.3.2 Ensure council's financial performance is well managed and leads to a strong financial position

Corporate Plan Theme: Great Governance

Emerging Priority: 8.5 Advocacy and partnerships
Strategy: 8.5.3 Manage the transition of council's water business to the State Government and maximise the potential benefits to council as a shareholder

CONSULTATION**Internal Consultation**

There was not internal consultation undertaken in relation to this item.

External Consultation

- Unitywater
- Queensland Audit Office
- Queensland Treasury Corporation

Community Engagement

No community engagement was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

PROPOSAL**Issue**

An unintended issue has arisen related to rolling over of the loans at the end of each term. Unless some certainty of rollover is in place, in accounting terms, the loans are classified as due at the end of a term.

This triggers the loans being fully classified as current assets in the books of council and current liabilities in the books of Unitywater 12 months prior to the end of the term, that is, for the 2011-2012 accounts. Normally only the expected principal repayment for 2012-2013 would be classified as current in the 2011-2012 accounts.

While this is only an accounting classification issue between current and non-current in the balance sheets of each party, it does cause the key financial measures of Current Ratio (Unitywater and council) and Debt Servicing Ratio (Unitywater only) to be distorted.

It would also technically place Unitywater in breach of its debt agreements with the Queensland Treasury Corporation by having their debt servicing ratio exceed maximum levels.

After discussions with the Queensland Audit Office, Unitywater has proposed an adjustment to the current loan agreements that would solve the classification problem for both Unitywater and council.

This solution involves the inclusion of a clause in the loan agreements that states:

“ If the Borrower and Lender fail to refinance the Loan and do everything necessary to enable the refinance to be documented and become legally binding on or before 30 June 2013, the Borrower and Lender agree that the term of the Loan is extended by a further 12 months, terminating on 30 June 2014. The Interest Rate applicable to the extension will not change from the Interest Rate charged during the original term of the Loan.”

Legal

This proposal will only amend existing loan agreements. No legal issues have arisen as a result of these amendments.

Policy

This proposal does not conflict with any council policy.

Risk

Fluctuations in key financial indicators if no action is taken.

Previous Council Resolution

Ordinary Meeting – 20 May, 2010 (OM10/141) – Confidential – Not for Public Release – Water Reform Update – Capital Structure

That Council:

- (a) approve a capital structure with equity in the range of 55% to 45% and debt in the range of 45% to 55% that maximizes returns to Sunshine Coast Regional Council and maintains the financial viability of Unitywater;*
- (b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a capital structure that meets the requirements listed in (a) above;*
- (c) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a dividend policy that reflects the full Maximum Allowable Revenue being achieved from the first year of operations and maximizes Sunshine Coast Regional Council earnings, while maintaining the financial viability of Unitywater; and*
- (d) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Master Facility Agreement, Product Agreement, Subordinated Facilities Agreement and Intercreditor Agreement for all Sunshine Coast Regional Council shareholder loans to Unitywater.*

Related Documentation

- Loan Agreements with Unitywater
- Northern SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority Participation Agreement

Critical Dates

The amendments to the Senior and Subordinated Loan Agreements must be formally made prior to 30 June 2012.

Implementation

Unitywater will amend all loan agreements and arrange for signing by Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Queensland Treasury Corporation, and Unitywater.

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7.1.2 APRIL 2012 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File No: ECM 30 May 2012

Author: Financial Services Manager
Finance and Business

Appendix: [App A - April 2012 Financial Performance Report](#) (OM Att Pg 3)

PURPOSE

To meet council's legislative obligations, a monthly report is to be presented to council on its financial performance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The monthly financial performance report provides council with a summary of performance against budget at the end of each month. The key items reported on are the performance against budget in relation to the operating result and in terms of delivering the capital program.

The report also identifies minor budget adjustments that have occurred during the month to allow work to continue in a responsive manner. More significant budget reviews are carried out three times per year.

Council's financial results at 30 April 2012 show the organisation with a \$9.6 million better than forecasted operating position against the year to date budget. The operating result is a key financial performance measure and on going surpluses will be critical.

The 30 April 2012 operating surplus variation of \$9.6 million is made up of higher than expected revenue of \$3.4 million (0.9%) and lower than anticipated operating expenses of \$6.2 million (2.4%).

At 30 April 2012, \$119.4 million or 57.7% of council's \$207 million 2011-2012 capital works program was financially complete.

During April 2012, the 2011-2012 Operating and Capital Budgets were adjusted to accommodate reallocations between budget categories or line items. Details are set out in Appendix A.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "April 2012 Financial Performance Report"; and**
- (b) approve the budget amendments for operating as outlined in the April 2012 Financial Performance Report (Appendix A).**

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

This report incorporates reallocations within the 2011-2012 operating budgets. There has been no change to the operating result as a result of these allocations.

CORPORATE PLAN**Corporate Plan Theme:** *Great Governance***Emerging Priority:** 8.1 Ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making
Strategy: 8.1.2 Ensure legislative compliance and awareness**Corporate Plan Theme:** *Great Governance***Emerging Priority:** 8.2 Effective business management
Strategy: 8.2.1 Develop indicators and measure the performance of council and the success in achieving its vision**Corporate Plan Theme:** *Great Governance***Emerging Priority:** 8.3 Strong financial management
Strategy: 8.3.2 Ensure council's financial performance is well managed and leads to a strong financial position**CONSULTATION****Internal Consultation**

All departments or branches participated in the formation of the recommendations associated with this report.

External Consultation

No external consultation is required for this report.

Community Engagement

No community engagement is required for this report.

PROPOSAL

Council's financial results at 30 April 2012 show the organisation with a \$9.6 million better than forecasted operating position against the year to date budget.

The 30 April 2012 operating surplus variation of \$9.6 million is made up of higher than expected revenue of \$3.4 million and lower than anticipated operating expenses of \$6.2 million.

As at 30 April 2012 operating revenues are favourable to budget by \$3.4 million or 0.9% and is made up of favourable variances in:

- interest on investments of \$940,000 due to higher than anticipated cash levels and investment interest rates;
- net rates and utilities of \$616,000 due to timing differences in interest on arrears of \$300,000 and discounts of \$368,000;
- other revenue of \$950,000 which is made up of higher levels of recoverable work due in part to the natural disasters of \$366,000 and higher than anticipated recovery from Unitywater service level agreements of \$318,000;

- grants and subsidies of \$673,000 that relates to funding received for trainees, which is offset by higher employee costs as well as an additional \$194,000 worth of successful grant applications not included in the original budget.

At 30 April 2012, operating expenses were \$6.2 million or 2.3% under budget due to an underspend in materials and services of \$6.3 million.

The underspend on materials and services continues, with a year to date favourable variance of \$6.3 million. This favourable variance is across two departments with favourable variances of \$3.1 million for Infrastructure Services and \$2.5 million for Finance and Business.

Of the \$6.3 million, underspend at \$1.9 million relates to underspend on levies. The three main levies are tourism, environment, and public transport. The majority of the funds are expected to be spent by 30 June 2012 with any remaining unspent funds to be transferred to reserves. In addition, \$700,000 relates to underspend on operating projects.

Within Infrastructure Services, underspend on materials and services is across the board with the most significant variance in buildings and facilities which are \$1 million favourable.

Within Finance & Business, the underspend related to the Economic Development branch of \$1.4 million (of which \$500,000 relates to the economic incentive scheme) and the Information Communication Technology Services branch of \$690,000, which relates to an underspend on corporate IT projects.

The year to date Value and Success Target for 2012-2013 is \$8 million. The main focus for achieving the target is close monitoring of expenditure and, where possible, making adjustments to respond to reductions in revenue. The favourable variance to budget at the end of April means that council is currently achieving the savings targets that have been set. As of 30 April 2012, \$6.6 million or 82.5% has been identified as specific savings by the various departments.

Efficiency gains are being captured by each department and, once it is confirmed that council will realise a financial gain, the project is being recognised against the value and success target. Currently 192 projects have been recognised, of which 109 have contributed to the \$6.6 million in recognised savings.

The end of year forecast \$8.1 million deficit is predominately the result of \$8.9 million of operating projects carried over from the last financial year. Therefore the deficit was funded by the previous financial year, which makes it a timing difference. The results at the end of April see council's operating position being a favourable variance of \$9.6 million to budget, which places council in a good position to deliver a better result than the current \$7.1 million deficit at 30 June 2012.

As at 30 April 2012, \$119.4 million or 57.7% of council's \$207 million 2011-2012 Capital Works Program was financially complete.

Infrastructure Services remains confident that the 90% completion target will be met by 30 June 2012, however the wet weather in the first four months of the year has caused some significant delays to the capital works program.

Within the 2011-2012 Capital Works Program, \$31 million has been allocated to the Horton Park land acquisition which has now been finalised. Actual expenditure of \$4.2 million has been spent with an additional \$15 million of the remaining \$26.8 million expected to be spent this financial year.

Excluding the remaining Horton Park land acquisition, the year to date expenditure of \$119.4 million can be compared to a reduced Capital Works Program of \$180.2 million and a financial completion rate of 66.3%.

Budget reallocations

During April 2012, the 2011-2012 Operating and Capital Budgets were adjusted to accommodate reallocations between budget categories or line items. Details are included in Appendix A.

Legal

There are no legal implications to this report.

Policy

There are no policy implications associated with this report.

Risk

At a corporate level, the actual performance is tracking close to budget. Individual variances to budget are identified and being closely monitored.

The two most concerning issues are the reductions in the growth of rateable properties and the lower development related fees. While they are covered in the current year's budget, the lower starting positions will negatively impact on future years' budgets.

Previous Council Resolution

On 7 December 2011, council adopted a revised budget (Budget Review 2). The changes in that review are reflected in the attached reports.

Related Documentation

There is no related documentation for this report.

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates that relate to this report.

Implementation

There are no implementation details to include in this report.

7.1.3 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT 31 MARCH 2012

File No: ECM 30 May 2012
Author: Financial Planning & Performance Manager
Finance and Business

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform council of the performance of its investment portfolio over the period to 31 March 2012, as required by council's Investment Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The interest rate achieved during the past quarter continues to exceed original forecasts with this translating to higher than anticipated interest revenue.

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept official cash rates on hold during the period in question and, even though commentators initially anticipated reductions at the February Board meeting, there was a subsequent reduction of 50 basis points at the May Board meeting. Current economic forecasts indicate the potential for further reductions at future meetings of the Board pending movements in key economic indicators and the impact of European sovereign debt concerns.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report titled "Investment Performance 31 March 2012".

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

The return on invested cash for the nine months is \$12,490,919 compared to a budgeted position of \$12,226,567. The full year budget for interest on investments has been increased to \$15,520,000 due to higher than anticipated interest rates.

Total funds invested as at 31 March 2012 were \$286,715,963. The cash balance represents the total of Reserve funds; Trust and other constrained funds; and Working Capital resulting from the January/February half-yearly rate notice issue. This cash position represents a reduction from the corresponding period in 2011, but is generally in accordance with budget projections. There are no significant cash receipts over the remainder of the quarter apart from the anticipated draw-down of loan funds in late June. Accordingly, the focus for investment is on ensuring funds remain available to meet anticipated cash flow requirements.

Interest revenue shown in the statement of financial performance for the period to 31 March 2012 includes revenue from the investment of surplus cash together with contributions from Unitywater under the Participation Agreement.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.1 Ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making
Strategy: 8.1.2 Ensure legislative compliance and awareness

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.2 Effective business management
Strategy: 8.2.1 Develop indicators and measure the performance of council and the success in achieving its vision

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.3 Strong financial management
Strategy: 8.3.2 Ensure council's financial management performance is well managed and leads to a strong financial position

CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation

There has been no internal consultation in the preparation of this report; however, the report has been distributed to members of the Investment Oversight Committee for review.

External Consultation

Queensland Treasury Corporation has been consulted for information relating to economic forecasts and statistical benchmarking data used in the compilation of this report.

Community Engagement

Council's Investment Policy is adopted as part of the annual budget process with the views of the community garnered through the input of Councillors at that time.

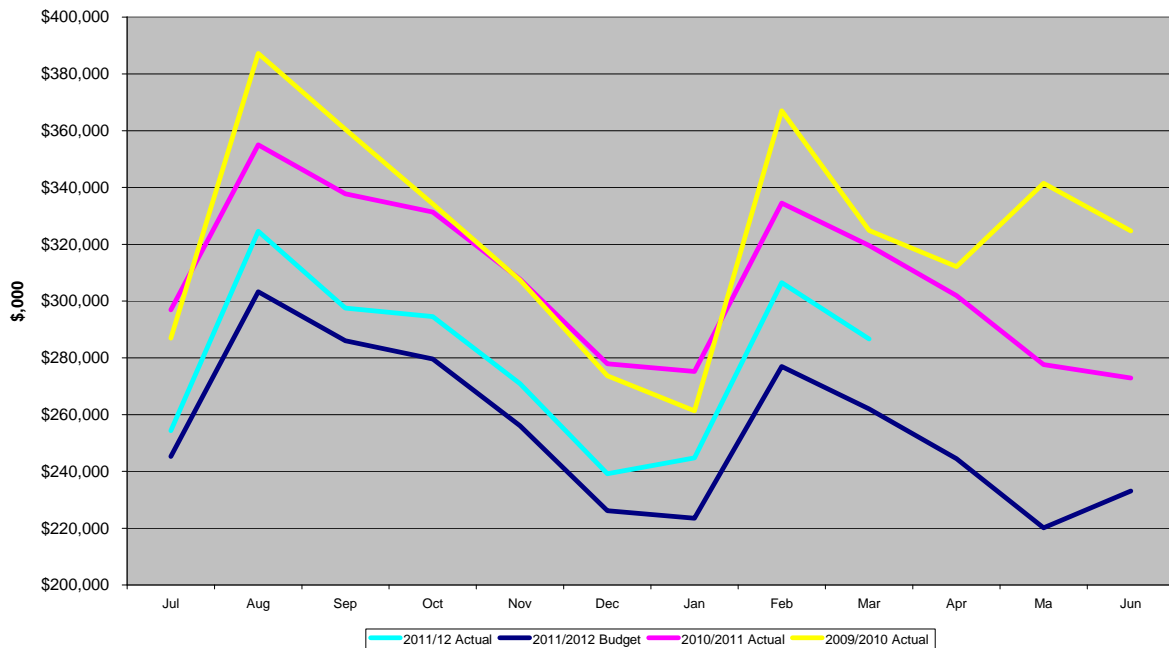
PROPOSAL

Forecast revenue through until the end of the year has been increased from \$14.22 million to \$15.52 million on the strength of interest rates received over recent months and currently invested through until the end of the financial year. The higher margin above benchmark relates partly to having locked-in on higher yielding rates a number of months ago; but is more an anomaly in the market in that banks are offering higher interest rates (at increased margins above the benchmark) just to attract deposits.

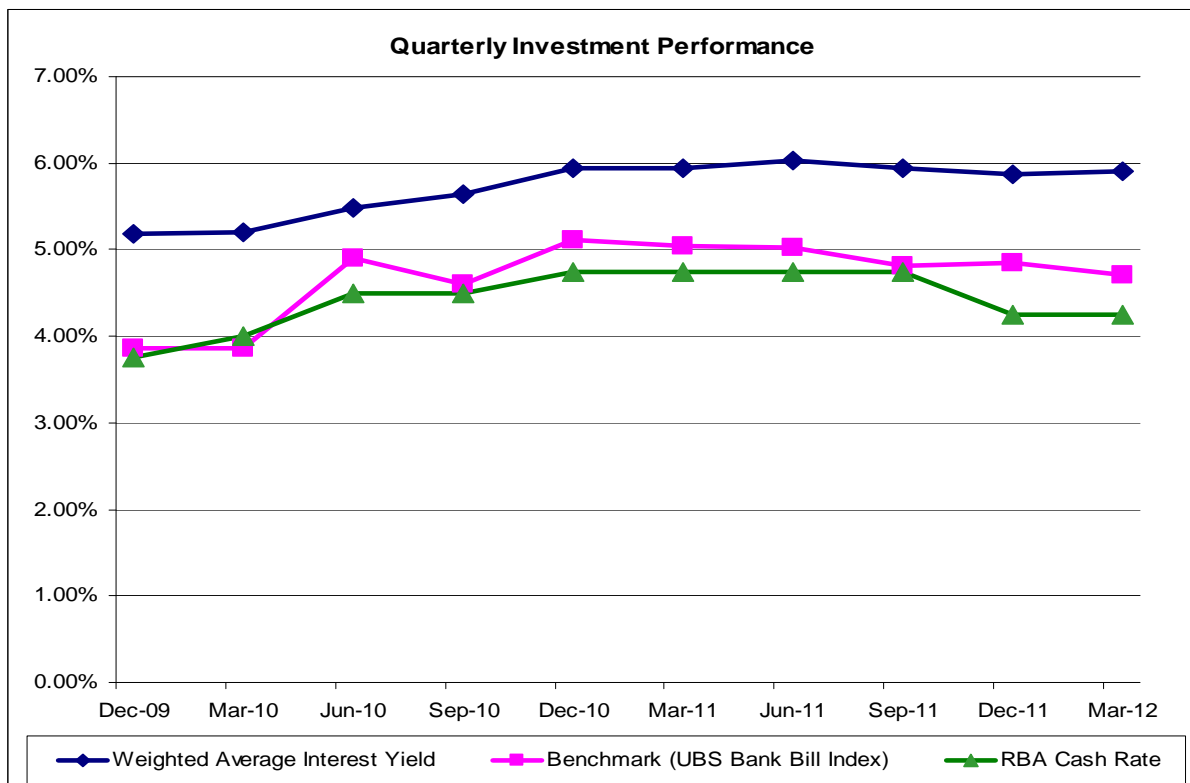
Interest rates dropped in the lead-up to the May reduction in the official cash rate by the Reserve Bank and markets have continued to fall in anticipation of future reductions but, that said, the margin above benchmark is holding and is actually higher now than it was at the start of the year. Additionally, with the recent rainfall across council's region, the rate of expenditure has reduced leaving higher cash balances available for investment.

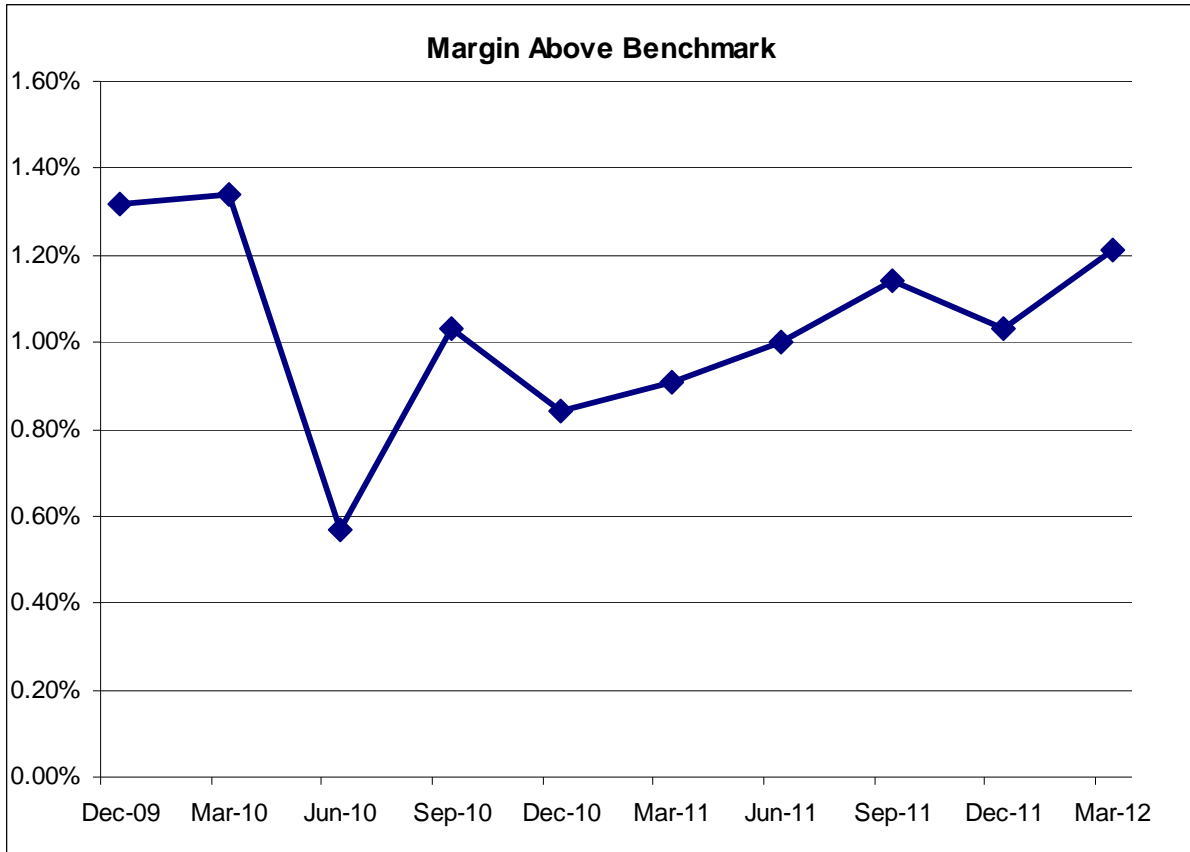
The graph below shows the actual funds available for investment against the current budget and as compared to previous years (with a similar pattern of expenditure to last year):

Summary Cash Position



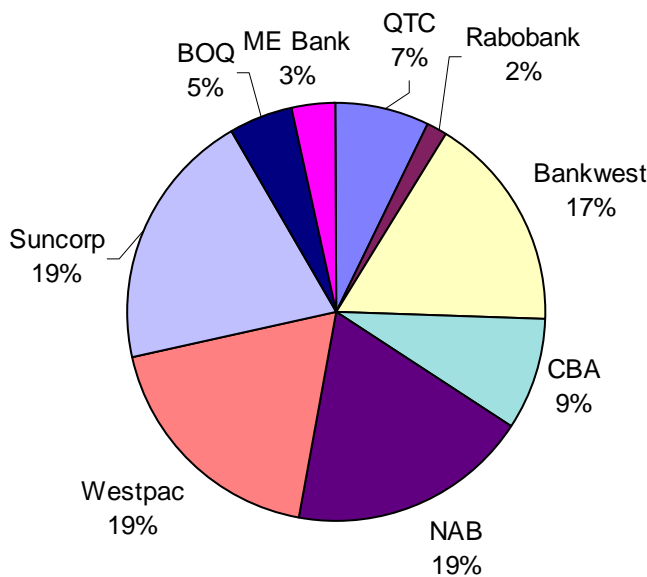
Investment performance against the market is determined by comparing actual results against recognised benchmarks. The margins above benchmark rates are depicted in the following graphs (based upon the average interest rates prevailing as at the close of the reporting period). It should be noted that both investment rates and benchmarks vary daily and this snapshot is not necessarily representative of the positions that applied at the time the original investment decisions were made.





The benchmark used to measure the performance of cash funds is the UBS Bank Bill Index; whereas the Bank Bill Swap Rate (BBSW) is the accepted benchmark for term deposits.

As with previous periods, council has invested in either capital guaranteed cash funds or in fixed rate term deposits. Further, council's Investment Policy ensures diversity between individual counter-parties and between different rating categories. As at 31 March 2012, cash funds invested totalled \$286,715,963 with the balance across different agencies depicted in the following graph:



The focus for investment remains the preservation of capital and on cash flow requirements rather than chasing higher interest returns, and the current portfolio shows weekly maturity of deposits through until the next rate levy in July/August.

Legal

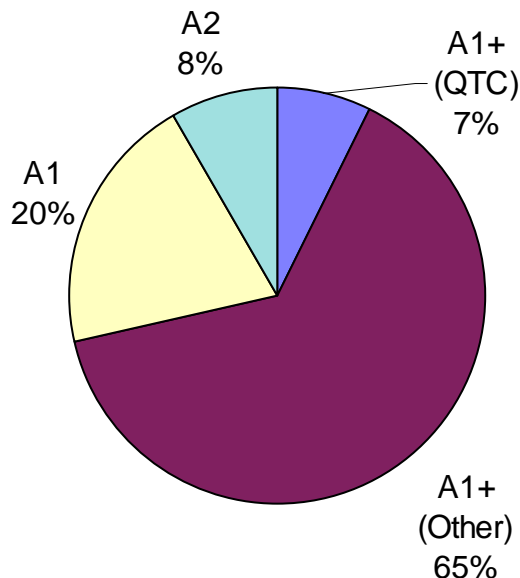
Funds are invested in accordance with the provisions of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982, the associated Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007, and the Local Government Act 2009.

Policy

Council's Investment Policy was adopted as part of the budget process for 2011-2012 and provides guidance for all investment decisions during the year.

Risk

The Investment Policy contains clear guidelines for the diversification of risk and capital protection. The following graph shows the current diversification of the portfolio by credit risk category:



All investment parameters remain within the thresholds established by council in the Investment Policy. With the recent market uncertainty based on European sovereign debt concerns and the potential impact on the local economy and investment markets, there has been a purposed transfer of risk to A1+ rated agencies. Coincidentally, the higher rated agencies have also been providing higher levels of return throughout the period.

Previous Council Resolution

There are no previous council resolutions that relate to this report.

Related Documentation

There is no related documentation for this report.

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates that relate to this report.

Implementation

There are no implementation details to include in this report.

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7.1.4 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 3, 2011-2012

File No:	4.16.4
Author:	Corporate Planning and Reporting Manager Finance and Business
Appendices:	<u>App A - CEO Quarterly Progress Report</u> (OM Att Pg 13) <u>App B - Operational Plan Activities</u> (OM Att Pg 55)
Attachments:	<u>Confidential Att 1 - Legal proceedings Report</u> (OM Conf Att Pg 2) <u>Confidential Att 2 - Corporate Strategic Risks presented to Audit Committee Jan 2012</u> (OM Conf Att Pg 26)

PURPOSE

This report presents the third Quarterly Progress Report for 2011-2012. The report covers the period 1 January to 31 March 2012.

The report has been prepared to keep council and the community informed on progress in achieving the activities, projects and programs set in the Operational Plan 2011-2012 and the implementation of the Corporate Plan 2009-2014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each calendar quarter, council receives a progress report on the delivery of the operational plan and other matters of importance. The report, once adopted, is made available to the community.

The report provides information on:

- operational projects/activities set for the year
- financial information
- legal proceedings
- strategic risks.

The third Quarterly Progress Report for 2011-2012 includes commentary on the 214 projects and activities from the Operational Plan 2011-2012. These are focused on forward planning, service delivery, capital works programs, and organisational efficiencies.

Executive Directors have outlined in the attached reports that 85% of projects for 2011-2012 are well underway, and that 14% of projects have been completed.

Leading up to the last Ordinary Meeting (4 April 2012), council published its 'Significant Achievements' document. This publication provides a snapshot of what council has done in the past four years to establish strong foundations for the next term of council, and the future of the Sunshine Coast region.

Other highlights from the January - March quarter include the following:

- Negotiations with Air New Zealand for the commencement of the first international scheduled passenger flights to Sunshine Coast Airport.

- Community festivities including New Year's Eve celebrations, Australia Day Awards and Australia Day citizenship ceremony.
- Launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan and the Access and Inclusion Plan.
- Provision of assistance cleaning up, repairing and disposing of waste to ensure community safety following significant weather events.
- Submission of the preliminary Draft Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme to the Minister for Local Government for State interest review.
- Establishment of the Light Rail Taskforce to facilitate the business case for light rail on the Sunshine Coast.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Quarterly Progress Report – Quarter 3, 2011-2012";
- (b) note the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report – Quarter 3, 1 January to 31 March 2012 (Appendix A); and
- (c) note the Operational Plan Activities Report – Quarter Ended March 2012 (Appendix B) reporting on the implementation of the Corporate and Operational Plans.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

The cost of implementing the Operational Plan 2011-2012 was built into the Annual Budget 2011-2012.

The Quarterly Progress Report includes a summary of financial information on operational services and capital programs.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.1 Ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making
Strategy: 8.1.1 Develop and implement a governance framework that provides transparent and accountable processes and enhances council's reputation

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.2 Effective business management
Strategy: 8.2.4 Consolidate data, information and knowledge to improve council operations

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.6 An informed and engaged community
Strategy: 8.6.3 Keep the community informed about council's activities through a wide range of communication tools

CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation

Consultation has occurred widely within council to ascertain the status of activities and projects in the operational plan and this information was provided by each organisational department of council.

Council's Chief Legal Officer provided the details for the Legal Proceedings Report and the Finance Branch provided the financial information included in the Quarterly Progress Report.

The strategic risks identified in the Strategic Risk Report were developed in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and were reviewed by the Audit Committee in January 2012.

External Consultation

There has been no external consultation in relation to this report however the report (excluding confidential Attachments 1 and 2) is made available to the community following adoption.

Community Engagement

Community engagement in relation to projects and activities within the Operational Plan 2011-2012 is undertaken where appropriate in accordance with the relevant project plans and the Community Engagement Policy.

PROPOSAL

About the Quarterly Progress Report

The Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report – Quarter 3 (Appendix A) consists of the Chief Executive Officer's summary report and Executive Directors' detailed reports.

The purpose of the report is to inform council and the community on progress towards implementing projects and activities set out in the Operational Plan 2011-2012.

Executive Directors have indicated that 85% of projects in the Operational Plan 2011-2012 are well underway, and that 14% of projects have been completed.

Status of Projects

The Operational Plan Activities Report - Quarter Ended March 2012 (Appendix B) provides details on the status of the 214 projects/activities in the Operational Plan 2011-2012 and 22 projects/activities carried over from 2010-2011 (a combined total of 236 projects/activities).

The report includes the status of each project/activity in the operational plan covering percentage complete, anticipated completion date and progress commentary.

Table 1 provides a summary on the status of all projects/activities in the Operational Plan. Indications to date show that 98% of operational activities/projects are scheduled for completion by 30 June 2012.

Status	Number
Completed	34
Underway	201
Not started	1
TOTAL	236

Table 1: Summary of all projects/activities in the Operational Plan

Some of the highlights for the quarter include:

- Negotiations with Air New Zealand for the commencement of the first international scheduled passenger flights to Sunshine Coast Airport.
- Community festivities including New Year's Eve celebrations, Australia Day Awards and Australia Day citizenship ceremony.
- Launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan and the Access and Inclusion Plan.
- Provision of assistance cleaning up, repairing and disposing of waste to ensure community safety following significant weather events.
- Submission of the preliminary Draft Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme to the Minister for Local Government for State interest review.
- Establishment of the Light Rail Taskforce to facilitate the business case for light rail on the Sunshine Coast.

More detail on these highlights and other achievements during the quarter is available in the Executive Directors' reports which form Appendix A to this report.

Legal

There is a legislative requirement for council to provide a performance report on its progress in implementing the Corporate and Operational Plans. This report meets the requirements of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, section 122(2).

A confidential Legal Proceedings Report (Attachment 1) has been included to inform Councillors on the status of legal proceedings currently underway or recently completed.

Policy

There is no policy associated with the presentation of a quarterly progress report however it is a component of the Strategic Corporate Planning and Reporting Framework and a legislative requirement to provide a report on performance against the corporate and operational plans.

Risk

Executive Directors have provided an overview of departmental operations including the outlook for the future and any associated risks.

In accordance with Council's Enterprise Risk Management Framework, the risks and opportunities identified in relation to the quarterly progress report include:

Reputation/public image: the report provides complete information on council's operations and builds a positive reputation for council with the community (medium risk rating).

Legislative: the report meets the legislative requirements of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, section 122(2) (medium risk rating).

Business activity: the report keeps council informed about the progression of the operational plan activities and provides a timely account of council's progress to the community (medium risk rating).

A confidential Strategic Risk Report (Attachment 2) has been included to inform Councillors on the status of significant risks under management and presented to the previous meeting of the Audit Committee (January 2012).

Previous Council Resolution

Council adopted the:

- Operational Plan 2011-2012 at a Special Meeting (Budget) on 6 June 2011
- Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 2, 2011-2012 at the Ordinary Meeting of 22 February 2012
- Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 1, 2011-2012 at the Ordinary Meeting of 26 October 2011.

Related Documentation

- Corporate Plan 2009-2014 and Operational Plan 2011-2012.
- Further financial information is provided to council through the Financial and Capital Management report.

Critical Dates

Quarterly Progress Reports are usually scheduled to be presented to council within six weeks of the end of the calendar quarter subject to the scheduled meeting cycle.

Implementation

Corporate Governance branch will manage the distribution and publication of the report. Specifically the report will be distributed to council libraries and customer service centres and will be placed on council's website and intranet.

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7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.2.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM MAJOR GRANTS AND REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) RECOMMENDATIONS

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Appendices:	App A - Major Grant Recommendations (OM Att Pg 97) App B - RADF Major Recommendations (OM Att Pg 110)
Attachment:	Att 1 - Funding Comparisons (OM Att Pg 113)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for council to consider and endorse funding recommendations for the second round of major grants applications for:

- (a) the Sunshine Coast Council's Community Grants Program; and
- (b) the second round of the of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Major Grants, for the 2011/2012 financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - MAJOR GRANTS

The Sunshine Coast Council Community Grants Program enables council to administer transparent and well governed grant funding to community organisations. The program reflects council's decision making and corporate plan and ensures organisations and individuals have equitable access to funding for projects across the region.

The second major grant round for the Community Grants Program 2011/2012 closed on 1 March, 2012. A total of 108 applications were received, requesting \$1,070,325 in grant funding. Funding totalling \$541,175 for 82 projects is recommended by the panel for council's consideration and endorsement (see Appendix A).

Council officers pre-assessed each application to determine eligibility. Assessment panels for each category were established. Panel members reviewed all applications prior to the panel meeting, then met to discuss the applications and to recommend to council those applicants that best met the criteria (aims and priorities) for each category. The panels also took into consideration the number of grant applications received, available funding, how well the applications met the Grants Program guidelines and the Council's strategic direction as articulated in the Corporate Plan.

Attachment 1 details the funding comparison of the current March 2012 round and the previous September 2011 round.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF)

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) supports cultural activity through the professional development and employment of arts and cultural workers in regional

Queensland. RADF is a partnership between State Government, through Arts Queensland and Sunshine Coast Council.

The current RADF Committee is made up of one councillor, council officers and seven external professional arts industry representatives.

The RADF budget provides funds for two major funding rounds and four minor grant rounds. This report covers the second major RADF grant round for 2011/2012 which closed on 1 March, 2012. A total of 25 applications were received, requesting \$166,285. Eighteen applications totalling \$85,117 are being recommended by the committee for Council's consideration and endorsement (see Appendix B)

Individual committee members reviewed all applications. The full committee determined final funding outcomes based on Arts Queensland's RADF Guidelines and according to merit, benefit, skills and capacity demonstrated in each application.

Attachment 1 details the funding comparison of the current March 2012 round and the previous September 2011 round.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Community Grants Program Major Grants and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Recommendations";**
- (b) endorse the Major Grant Recommendations (Appendix A);**
- (c) endorse the Regional Arts Development Fund Recommendations (Appendix B).**

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

Community Grants Program – Major Grants

The 2011/2012 budget provides funds for two major funding rounds. This report covers the second round that closed on 1 March 2012. There are sufficient funds in the 2011/2012 budget to cover recommendations in this report.

Funding totalling \$541,175 for 82 projects is recommended and is sourced from the following budgets:

- Major Grant Funding \$522,626
- Environment Levy \$18,549

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

The RADF program is jointly funded on a 40:60 basis by the State Government (Arts Qld) and Sunshine Coast Council.

The 2011/2012 budget provided funds for two major rounds. This report covers the second round that closed on 1 March 2012. There are sufficient funds in the 2011/2012 budget to cover recommendations in this report.

Funding totalling \$85,117 for 18 projects is recommended.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Theme: *Innovation & Creativity*

Emerging Priority: 3.3 A creative and artistic region
Strategy: 3.3.2 Provide and facilitate local and regional arts and cultural facilities and programs within the community

Corporate Plan Theme: *Health and Well-being*

Emerging Priority: 4.2 Active Lifestyles
Strategy: 4.2.4 Support community-based sport and recreation organisations and programs

Corporate Plan Theme: *Social Cohesion*

Emerging Priority: 5.2 Strong community groups and networks
Strategy: 5.2.3 Support community initiatives through appropriate provision of information, expertise and resources

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging priority: 8.1 Ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making
Strategy: 8.1.1 Develop and implement a governance framework that provides transparent and accountable processes and enhances council's reputation

CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation

Major Grants

Team Leader, Community Connections attended assessment panels, reviewed outcomes and moderated across all categories to ensure equity and consistency.

Assessment panel membership was as follows:

Community Development

- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, *Community Services – Chair*
- Community Programs Manager, *Community Services*
- Development Officer (Community), *Community Services*
- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, *Community Services*

Cultural Development

- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, *Community Services – Chair*
- Senior Development Officer (Creative Communities), *Community Services*
- Senior Community Events Officer (Civic and Community Events), *Community Services*

- Community & Performance Venues Manager (Community Facilities), Community Services
- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services

Economic Development

- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services - Chair
- Regional Services Manager, Regional Services, Finance and Business
- Senior Economic Development Officer, Regional Services, Finance and Business
- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services

Environment

- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services – Chair
- Coordinator Biosphere & Partnerships, Regional Strategy and Planning
- Team Leader Community Conservation Partnerships, Infrastructure Services
- Senior Ecologist, Biodiversity, Regional Strategy and Planning
- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services

Festive Season

- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services - Chair
- Senior Development Officer (Creative Communities), Community Services
- Senior Community Events Officer (Civic and Community Events), Community Services
- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services

History and Heritage

- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services – Chair
- Heritage Library Coordinator, Learning Outreach Services, Community Services
- Libraries Hubs Manager, Library Hubs, Community Services
- Cultural Heritage Curator, Cultural Heritage and Collections, Community Services
- Cultural Heritage Officer, Cultural Heritage and Collections, Community Services
- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services

Sport and Recreation

- Team Leader (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services – Chair
- Development Officer (Wellbeing), Community Planning and Strategy, Community Services
- Sport & Recreation Support Officer, Community Sports and Facility Planning, Community Services
- Sport & Recreation Support Officer, Community Sports and Facility Planning, Community Services

- Development Officer (Grants), Community Connections, Community Services

RADF

- Councillor Division 5
- Manager Creative Communities (Creative Communities), Community Services
- Senior Development Officer (Creative Communities), Community Services
- RADF Liaison Officer (Creative Communities), Community Services

External Consultation

Major Grants

External consultation is not applicable for council's Grants Program

RADF

Seven members of the public who are elected members of the RADF Committee
Arts Development Officer, Art Queensland

Community Engagement

Major Grants

Grants Development Officers liaised with community organisations across the region, providing assistance with project development, the preparation of the application content and the application process.

RADF

Councils RADF Liaison Officer and Senior Development Officer (Creative) and the RADF Committee continue to engage in one on one consultation with the community in order to establish program priorities.

PROPOSAL

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – MAJOR GRANTS

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council Grants Policy was adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on 25 June 2009. The grants program was developed with a philosophy of partnership, whereby council provides a range of grants to encourage, engage and support groups and individuals in the community to make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region. It is designed to ensure good governance, appropriate promotion and community linking and effective liaison with internal stakeholders and category specialists.

Council officers manage the grants program, undertaking many activities in relation to the promotion, support, assessment and distribution of funding of the program and working to build community capacity in applicant organisations.

Promotion and Support

Council's Grants Development Officers liaised widely across the region, providing assistance with project development, the preparation of the application content and the application process, linking applicants to category specialists within council.

Staff responded to numerous telephone enquiries, emails and action requests and provided support to applicants with project development, the preparation of the application content and the online application process.

All relevant information was posted on the council website and a fact sheet was prepared and broadly distributed. Marketing included extensive newspaper advertising and features in council columns, e-news and radio features and “on hold” council phone message.

Applications

A total of 108 applications were received, requesting \$1,070,325 in grant funding.

Assessment

Pre-assessment was carried out by grants officers to ensure both applicant and project eligibility. Assessment panels were convened for each category and consisted of council officers (as outlined above).

In order to ensure good governance in the assessment process, a chair was appointed to each panel, guidance was given to panel members at the commencement of the assessment meeting, and Declarations of Interest relating to any applicant or application were recorded.

During the assessment meetings, panel members discussed each application and recommended funding based on the project’s merit and alignment with specific category aims and priorities. In line with grant guidelines, low priority was given to applicants that had been funded in the previous 12 months and to projects or events that have previously received council funding. In some instances, the panel recommended to part-fund an application, e.g. for ineligible budget items. A moderator reviewed all outcomes to ensure consistency of decision making.

Recommendation

Funding totalling \$541,175 for 82 projects is recommended by the panel for council endorsement. Below is a summary of applications and recommended outcomes for each grant category.

March 2012 Major Grant

Category	Applications Received	Funding Requested	Applications Recommended	Cost Recommended of Funding	% Applications Recommended
Community Development	31	\$293,310	23	\$134,620	74%
Cultural Development	16	\$162,131	12	\$83,872	75%
Economic Development	13	\$157,215	9	\$75,300	69%
Environment	5	\$54,325	4	\$26,549	80%
Heritage and History	5	\$42,408	3	\$22,678	60%

Category	Applications Received	Funding Requested	Applications Recommended	Cost Recommended of Funding	% Applications Recommended
Sport and Recreation	34	\$335,436	27	\$181,656	79%
Festive Season	4	\$25,500	4	\$16,500	100%
Total	108	\$1,070,325	82	\$541,175	76%

The detail of recommended outcomes is at Appendix A.

Major Grant Funding Notification

Upon council endorsement of this report, successful applicants will be notified by letter, including the conditions of agreement, for signature by the applicant. Once finalised, funding will be processed. A list of funded recipients will also be posted on council's website and distributed to media outlets.

Unsuccessful applicants will be advised by letter, including feedback from the assessment panels on possible improvements to the project or application. Where appropriate, referrals will be made to a council officer in a specific area of council or to a grant development officer for advice or assistance.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF)

Promotion and support

Promotion of RADF ran in conjunction with council's Grants Program, and included extensive newspaper advertising, a mail out to all community organisations, e-news and email to listed artists. All relevant information was posted on the council website.

Staff attended face to face meetings with applicants and responded to numerous telephone enquiries and emails.

Applications

A total of twenty five applications were received, requesting \$166,285.

Assessment

Applications were assessed and scored in accordance with the set RADF assessment criteria:

1. Project will develop the paid artist's professional life
2. Project will benefit the community, both directly and indirectly
3. Project is well planned and achievable
4. Project will increase the sustainability of quality and diverse creative communities

In accordance with RADF Guidelines, any committee members' declarations of interest were recorded and the committee member was not involved in related deliberations.

Assessment was a two stage process. First individual RADF committee members assessed allocated applications, and then the whole committee discussed outcomes, allocated funds to successful applicants and provided final comments on all submissions.

Recommendation

Eighteen applications are recommended for funding, totalling \$85,117. The projects recommended for funding are excellent in quality and diversity, and will employ a broad range of artists and arts workers engaging in valuable arts and cultural activity across the region.

Below is a summary of applications and recommended outcomes.

March 2012 RADF

Category	Applications Received	Funding Requested	Applications Recommended	Cost Recommended of Funding	% Applications Recommended
Applications	25	\$166,285	18	\$85,117	72%

The detail of recommended outcomes is at Appendix B.

RADF funding notification

Upon council endorsement of this report, successful applicants will be notified by letter including a letter of acceptance for signature by the applicant.

Unsuccessful applicants who do not meet the grant criteria or who are not funded due to lack of available funds are advised in writing. Feedback is provided by the assessment panels on areas of the project or application that may be improved.

Conclusion

The Sunshine Coast Council's Grants Program is embraced by Sunshine Coast communities with grants keenly sought by a broad range of community organisations. Similarly, Sunshine Coast artists and arts workers are enthusiastic about the opportunities which RADF funding brings.

Legal

There are no legal implications to this report.

Policy

The recommendations are in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, part 4, and in line with the endorsed Grants Policy.

Any councillor changes to the grant recipients list will need to be supported by reasons and those reasons recorded.

A review of the grants policy is scheduled to occur during the 2012/13 financial year.

Risk

There are no risk implications for this issue.

Previous Council Resolution

Ordinary Meeting 26 June 2009 - **Council Resolution (OM 09/178)**

That Council:

- (a) adopt the proposed Grants Policy (Appendix A);*
- (b) acknowledge the 2009/2010 Grants Annual Plan (Appendix B);*
- (c) endorse the use of 6% of the total grants budget for community capacity building initiatives and grants unit resourcing; and*
- (d) endorse the way forward for former recurrent funding, including the development of the Community Partnership Program.*

Ordinary Meeting 18 May 2011 - **Council Resolution (OM11/131)**

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Proposed Guideline Changes to Council's Grants and Partnership Programs", and*
- (b) request the Chief Executive Officer to immediately amend the grants and partnership guidelines as outlined in this report.*

Related Documentation

Arts Queensland Regional Arts Development Fund Guidelines.

Critical Dates

The next round of council's Major Grants for the Community Grants Program and RADF closes on 1 September 2012.

Implementation

Following endorsement of this report, notification of outcomes will take place. Funding will be distributed throughout July and August 2012, following receipt of invoice and signed conditions of agreement.

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7.3 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

7.3.1 DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATION OF POWER - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - 10 MARCH TO 11 MAY 2012

File No:	ECM 30 May 2012
Author:	Chief Executive Officer Executive Office
Appendices:	App A – List of Decisions Under Delegation (OM Pg 35) App B - March 2012 Financial Performance Report (OM Att Pg 115)
Attachment:	Att 1 - Delegation to Chief Executive Officer (OM Att Pg 129)

PURPOSE

To report to council all matters determined under a delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer given by council at its meeting on 14 March 2012 (Delegation No: 2012-48, refer to Appendix B).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The delegation was required to enable the business of council to proceed in an orderly manner during the 2012 local government election caretaker period which commenced on 10 March 2012 and concluded with the conclusion of the election on 11 May 2012.

The delegation authorised the Chief Executive Officer:

- To exercise the powers of council under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 in relation to deciding development applications which may otherwise be triggered for decision by council, specifically where there are statutory time limits or urgency.*
- To continue on behalf of council negotiations, planning and delivery in the Kawana Waters Master Planned Area, in particular for the Kawana Waters Temporary Local Planning Instrument area including Eastbank.*
- To decide matters attracting statutory time limits or urgency.*

The delegation required all matters so determined to be reported to council as soon as practical following the local government election.

During this period, two development decisions were issued:

- MCU11/0076 – grounds of refusal for appeal against industrial use at Chevallum Industrial Park; and
- MCU11/0227 – approval of New Golf Course at David Low Way, Bli Bli.

Also during this period, the March 2012 Financial Performance Report was completed in accordance with the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*. The report provides information in relation to the performance against adopted budget for the end of March 2012. It also includes a small number of budget adjustments which are self funding and have no impact on the overall budget result. The details of these are included in the attached March 2012 Financial Performance Report (Appendix B).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled “Decisions Under Delegation of Power - Chief Executive Officer - 10 March to 11 May 2012”;
- (b) note the “List of Decisions Under Delegation” (Appendix A); and
- (c) note the “March 2012 Financial Performance Report” (Appendix B).

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

There are no financial or resourcing implications for the development applications.

Financial implications relating to the March 2012 Financial Performance Report are included in the commentary in Appendix B.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Theme: *Managing Growth*

Emerging Priority: 7.1 The areas for growth and renewal are clearly defined
Strategy: 7.1.5 Make decisions on development applications in accordance with the planning scheme and defend those decisions

Corporate Plan Theme: *Managing Growth*

Emerging Priority: 7.3 Well designed and beautiful places
Strategy: 7.3.1 Encourage developers to use place making techniques and embrace high quality urban design in the provision of parks, open spaces and local facilities

Corporate Plan Theme: *Great Governance*

Emerging Priority: 8.1 Ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making
Strategy: 8.1.2 Ensure legislative compliance and awareness

CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation

There was no internal, external or community engagement required for the development applications, however with regard to MCU 11/0076, 521 Chevallum Road, Chevallum, in accordance with discussions with Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 14 March 2012, the Chief Executive Officer circulated details of the proposed position, inviting comments from Councillors in advance of exercise of the delegation.

With regard to MCU11/0227, the Chief Executive Officer consulted with both the Mayor elect and Divisional Councillor in advance of exercising the delegation.

Consultation was undertaken with all Departments in relation to the March 2012 Financial Performance Report.

External Consultation

There was no external consultation undertaken in relation to this item.

Community Engagement

There was no community engagement undertaken in relation to this item.

PROPOSAL

This report lists the three (3) matters determined under a delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer given by council at its meeting on 14 March 2012.

Legal

Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) allows for the delegation of local government powers under the Act or another Act.

Section 152 of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* requires that the financial report stating the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's budget be presented monthly to the local government.

Policy

There are no policy implications in relation to this report.

Risk

There are no risk implications for this issue.

Previous Council Resolution

Previous council resolution of 14 March 2012 (Delegation No: 2012-48, refer to Attachment 1):

Council Resolution (OM12/49)

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Delegation of Authority - 2012 Local Government Election Period"; and*
- (b) *delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with 'Delegation of Authority – Local Government Election Period 2012' as per Appendix A to this report.*

Related Documentation

There is no related documentation.

Critical Dates

It has been important for business continuity to exercise the delegations noted in this report.

Implementation

There are no implementation details to include in this report.

Appendix A - List of Decisions Under Delegation of Power to Chief Executive Officer for Period 10 March to 11 May 2012

NAME OF REPORT	AUTHOR	DATE SIGNED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	RECOMMENDATION
MCU11/0076 Material Change of Use for an Industrial Development - Chevallum Industrial Park (Section 242 Preliminary Approval to Vary the Effect of the Planning Scheme)	Acting Senior Development Officer	5 April 2012	<p>That the Chief Executive Officer, acting in accordance with delegation 2012-48 “Local Government Election Period – 2012”, as resolved by council at the Ordinary Meeting of 14 March 2012:</p> <p>(a) Advise the Court that the application should be refused for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the development conflicts with the planning area and precinct intent and cannot be conditioned to comply; 2. the development conflicts with the general intent for Business and Industry precincts and cannot be conditioned to comply; 3. the development does not uphold the precautionary principle outlined in the Sustainable Planning Act 2009; 4. the development has not addressed the impacts associated with increasing the type and scale of industrial uses preferred on the land; 5. the development has not provided sufficient information to demonstrate that flooding and water quality are adequately addressed for the site; and 6. the development has not satisfactorily demonstrated any overriding need in the public interest for the proposed development, justifying approval despite the conflicts with the planning scheme.

NAME OF REPORT	AUTHOR	DATE SIGNED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	RECOMMENDATION
<p>MCU11/0227, OPW11/0370, REC11/0132 Development Application for Material Use of Premises – Outdoor Recreation (27 Hole Golf Course, Driving Range and Ancillary Facilities) and Indoor Recreation (Function Room) Operational Work - Excavation or Filling and Reconfiguration of a Lot – 2 into 2 lots at 374-514 David Low Way and Finland Road, Bli Bli</p>	<p>Director, Development Services</p>	<p>16 May 2012</p>	<p>(b) Conduct the appeal. That Council:</p> <p>(a) APPROVE with conditions Application No. MCU11/0227 for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use of Premises - Outdoor Recreation (27 Holes Golf Course, Driving Range and Ancillary Facilities) and Indoor Recreation (Function Rooms) situated at Finland Road, Bli Bli.</p> <p>(b) APPROVE with conditions Application No. OPW11/0370 for Operational Work - Excavation or Filling situated at Finland Road, Bli Bli.</p> <p>(c) APPROVE with conditions Application No. REC11/0132 for a Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot (2 into 2 Lots) situated at Finland Road, Bli Bli.</p> <p>(d) find the following are sufficient grounds to justify the decision despite the conflict with the Planning Scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the proposal will provide a significant recreational facility for the region, with the Sunshine Coast having a current shortfall or land for sport and recreational facilities; 2. the proposal provides for the long term protection and conservation of an area that has significant environmental value and is strategically located adjacent the Maroochy River; 3. the rural site is appropriate given the nature of the use and that it cannot satisfactorily be accommodated in an urban area;

NAME OF REPORT	AUTHOR	DATE SIGNED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	RECOMMENDATION
			<p>4. the proposal aligns with the Rural Futures Background Study 2009 and Canelands Discussion Paper 2009, which reflect the current planning intent to recognise that a sustainable rural future for the can lands will be based on a combination of rural production enterprises and other compatible non-urban land uses, including outdoor recreation; and</p> <p>5. the proposal is generally consistent with the Precinct's preferred and acceptable uses, which specifically identifies that some outdoor recreation uses may be acceptable where suitably sited and designed.</p>
March 2012 Financial Performance Report	Financial Services Manager, Finance and Business department	30 April 2012	<p>That Council:</p> <p>(a) receive and note the report titled "March 2012 Financial Performance Report"; and</p> <p>(b) approve the budget amendments for operating as outlined in the March 2012 Financial Performance Report.</p>

8 NOTIFIED MOTIONS**8.1 NOTICES OF RESCISSION****8.2 NOTICES OF MOTION****8.3 FORESHADOWED NOTICE OF MOTION****9 TABLING OF PETITIONS**

Petitions only eligible for submission if:

- * Legible
- * Have purpose of the petition on top of each page
- * Contain at least 10 signatures
- * Motion limited to:
 - Petition received and referred to a future meeting
 - Petition received and referred to Committee/Chief Executive Officer for report and recommendation
 - Petition not be received

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**11 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the will be held on Thursday 28 June 2012 in the Tewantin Council Chambers, 9 Pelican Street, Tewantin.

12 MEETING CLOSURE