

Minutes

Audit Committee

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor J Natoli	Division 4
Councillor E Hungerford	Division 7
Mr M Petrie	External Member (Chair)
Mr P McCallum	External Member

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:02am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councillor E Hungerford	Division 7
Mr M Petrie	External Member (Chair)
Mr P McCallum	External Member

APOLOGIES

Councillor J Natoli	Division 4
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Group Executive Built Infrastructure
Acting Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets

ATTENDEES

Engagement Manager	Queensland Audit Office
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COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer
Group Executive Business Performance
Group Executive Customer Engagement and Planning Services
Acting Group Executive Economic and Community Development
Chief Financial Officer
Chief Strategy Officer
Coordinator Financial Accounting
Manager Audit & Assurance

3 INFORMING OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**3.1 PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Pursuant to Section 150EL of the *Local Government Act 2009*, no declarations of prescribed conflicts of interest were made during this meeting.

3.2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, no declarations of declarable conflicts of interest were made during this meeting.

4 REPORTS**4.1 OFFICE OF THE CEO**

Nil

4.2 EXTERNAL AUDIT**4.2.1 DRAFT 2020/21 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT****File No: D2021/1003437****Author: Coordinator Financial Accounting
Business Performance Group**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a statutory obligation to prepare "General Purpose" Financial Statements on an annual basis, culminating in audit certification later in October, before publication in Council's Annual Report.

The general purpose financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement for 2020/21 have been audited by our external auditors, the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to ensure accounting and legislative compliance.

A summary of the final audit is contained in the Queensland Audit Office Closing Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021. **QAO expects to issue an unmodified audit opinion.**

Controlled Entities

QAO has also completed the audit of Council's controlled entities, SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd, Sunshine Coast Events Centre Pty Ltd and Sunshine Coast Arts Foundation Ltd.

QAO issued unmodified audit opinions for both entities.

Audited management accounts for Sunshine Coast Events Centre Pty Ltd were included with the September 2021 Audit Committee agenda, with no issues noted.

Discussion Points

The Draft 2020/21 Financial Statements, Sustainability Statement and Closing Report have been comprehensively reviewed by the independent members with both the Finance and External Audit Teams.

The results were endorsed and management sign off recommended. The Audit Committee also acknowledged the efforts of Council's Finance Team and the Queensland Audit Office in finalising the statements and the achievement of an unmodified opinion.

Committee Recommendation (AC21/31)**Moved: P McCallum**
Seconded: Councillor E Hungerford

That the Audit Committee receive and note the report titled "Draft 2020/21 Financial Statements and Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement".

Carried unanimously.

4.3 AUDIT AND ASSURANCE

Nil

4.4 GOVERNANCE REPORTING

Nil

5 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 24 January 2022 in the Council Chambers, 1 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra.

6 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:41am.

Confirmed 24 January 2022.

CHAIR