



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE

2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Independent Member Ian SWAN (Chairperson);
- Independent Member Claudia GOLDSMITH (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor John DALYWATER; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting opened at 10:03 am.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2024/37 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee accepts tendered apologies from Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Audit and Risk Committee Previous Minutes

2024/38 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Claudia Goldsmith) CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee confirms the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Action List**

2024/39 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Independent Member Claudia Goldsmith) CARRIED

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendance Report**

2024/40 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Independent Member Claudia Goldsmith) CARRIED

That the Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendance Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 Council Financial Report as at 31 July 2024**

2024/41 RESOLVED (Independent Member Claudia Goldsmith/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Financial Report as at 31 July 2024 Report; and
- (b) requests for future Financial Reports to be inclusive of a detailed breakdown of the balance sheet.

Councillor Patricia FARRELL joined the meeting at 10:30am.

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

21 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

**2024/42 RESOLVED (Independent Member Claudia Goldsmith/Councillor John Dalywater)
CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:-

21.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

21.2 Action List

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

21.3 Corporate Services GM report

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Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

21.4 Compliance Review Action Report

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2024/47 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting reopened to the public at 12:18 pm.

22 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:20 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Monday, 26 August 2024 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Chairperson Ian SWAN
Confirmed on 21 October 2024.

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