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

2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

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

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minutes secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Greg EVANS, Managing Director, Greg Evans Consulting (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting opened at 10:10 am. with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the Meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2025/1 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee accepts the tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Audit and Risk Committee Previous Minutes

2025/2 **RESOLVED (Claudia Goldsmith/Carolyn Eagle)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee notes that the Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 November 2024, was entirely held on a Closed Session. As such, there are no Public Minutes to be confirmed from that Meeting.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2025/3 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Carolyn Eagle)** ***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

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Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendence Report

2025/4 **RESOLVED (Claudia Goldsmith/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***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 31.01.2025

2025/5 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

(a) receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 January 2025; and

(b) requests an expansion and breakdown of the 'other operating expense' line item.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

17 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2025/6 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)** ***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.

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 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.

17.4 Audit Review 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.

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17.5 Terms of Reference Review

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17.6 Nomination of Chairperson

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17.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2025/13 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***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.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 01:01 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 February 2025 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Chairperson Ian SWAN
Confirmed on 11 June 2025