

NORTHERN BEACHES  
COUNCIL

## NOTES

### **EXTRAORDINARY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

held in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017**

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**Notes of the Extraordinary Implementation Advisory Group Meeting  
held on Wednesday 15 February 2017  
in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why  
Commencing at 3:37:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Dick Persson, AM                      Administrator

**Members**

Jean Hay, AM                              (Chairperson)  
Michel Regan                              (Deputy Chairperson)  
Kylie Ferguson                            (Deputy Chairperson)  
Jose Menano-Pires  
Cathy Griffin

**Council Officers**

Dick Persson, AM                      Administrator  
Mark Ferguson                          General Manager  
Beth Lawsen                              Deputy General Manager Public Affairs  
Helen Lever                              Acting Deputy General Manager Corporate Services  
Ben Taylor                                Deputy General Manager Environment & Infrastructure  
David Walsh                              Chief Financial Officer  
Sue Meekin                                Deputy Chief Financial Officer  
Kate Lewis                                Executive Manager Community Engagement  
Michael McDermid                      Executive Manager Corporate Strategy & Planning  
Katie Kirwan                              Governance (Notes)

## 1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### 1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – JEAN HAY, AM

Jean Hay, AM gave an acknowledgement of Country.

### 1.2 APOLOGIES – JEAN HAY, AM

#### DECISION

That an apology for non-attendance be received from Alex McTaggart.

## 2.0 COUNCIL UPDATES

### 2.1 DRAFT 2017/18 BUDGET UPDATE - DAVID WALSH

#### DISCUSSION

David Walsh, Chief Financial Officer introduced himself and Sue Meekin, Deputy Chief Financial Officers to members and provided copies of the 2017/18 Operational Plan and the Capital Budget Listing for discussion.

#### 2017/18 Operational Plan

Michael McDermid, Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Planning provided some background as to the development of the fees and charges.

D Walsh discussed the key elements and noted the following points:

- Merger savings will be adjusted against the baseline and reported as part of the Operational Plan
- Assumed inflation rate of 1.9%
- Assumed Award increase of 2.5% (staff costs)
- Fees and charges will be harmonised wherever possible in 2017/18.

Members discussed fee harmonisation and D Walsh advised that fee harmonisation for Children's Services is likely to take two to three years due to the fee differential.

Michael Regan asked if the public can appeal to the General Manager if fees for Development Applications (DA) can't be harmonised. Mark Ferguson, General Manager noted that the difficulty with DA fees may be down to Section 94 contribution restrictions. M McDermid noted that the fees that impact the community are the first priority.

Dick Persson, AM requested that he would like to be advised of any substantial differences so he can investigate it further.

D Walsh discussed the approved rate increases for 2017/18 as follows:

- Former Manly Council – 1.5%
- Former Pittwater Council – 1.5%
- Former Warringah Council – 9.4% (by way of Special Rate Variation previously approved)

Members discussed the Manly Business Centre Improvement Levy, and the changes in collection of the Emergency Services Property Levy, which residents are likely to perceive as a rates increase imposed by Council. M Regan suggested an explanatory note be circulated to the residents with their rates notice.

D Walsh advised that along with this levy, there will be new property valuations in some areas. Former Warringah and Pittwater Council's had a land revaluation last year so there is unlikely to be any significant volatility around this. However, Manly have not had a land revaluation for two years so he is expecting greater volatility. There is likely to be some dissatisfaction from ratepayers who may interpret the Emergency Services Property Levy as a Rates increase.

D Walsh noted that he is still working through each of the budgets in detail which is a huge task as each of the former Councils did things slightly differently. He noted there will be further changes and there is still a lot of work to be done.

D Walsh noted that the (Draft) 2017/18 Operational Plan will go to Council in April.

#### Capital Expenditure Works Program

D Walsh advised that Executive Managers were requested to ensure that previous (Capex) projects of the three former Councils were included in the Delivery Program. He also noted that there may be previous resolutions from the former Councils that need to be taken into consideration.

Jose Menano-Pires queried if it would be advantageous to identify the programs that are being funded by the merger savings. Ben Taylor, Deputy General Manager advised that these additional programs are easily identifiable.

M Regan queried how members can raise legitimate questions and make any suggestions for projects. M Ferguson advised that they are open to ideas and that the plan will be coming back to the IAG at a later date.

M Ferguson advised members that they could take the documents away with them for further review on the proviso that they are treated as confidential.

Members also briefly discussed the following matters:

- Plant and fleet replacement (vehicles) and maintenance costs
- Parking meter project and parking sticker program
- Church Point parking and sea wall extension
- Footpath renewals.

NOTE: The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm, and reconvened at 4:48pm.

Members continued to review the Program discussed various matters including, Kimbriki, Mona Vale Town Centre, Dee Why Town Centre upgrades, and dinghy storage in Manly.

J Menano-Pires discussed the proposed new layout for Forestville War Memorial land and advised that some people want to change the layout that was previously approved. He advised Council to discuss with NSW Police as there was legitimate reason why the particular layout was chosen.

**ACTION:** B Taylor to investigate Forestville War Memorial land proposed layout and report back to the Administrator.

M Ferguson invited members to provide their feedback and comment over the next week.

### **3.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 MAIL ADDRESSEE – JOSE MENANO-PIRES**

##### **DISCUSSION**

J Menano–Pires advised that he received a letter from Council addressed to himself and his wife, and an identical letter addressed to the Occupier on the same day.

Helen Lever, Acting Deputy General Manager Corporate Services noted his comments and advised this is likely to be an anomaly with the Name and Address Register.

##### **NEXT MEETING**

1 March 2016

*The meeting concluded at 5:27pm*

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 5 pages  
numbered 1 to 5 of the Extraordinary Implementation Advisory Group  
meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2017 and confirmed on Wednesday 5 April 2017