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## **DOWN TO BUSINESS AT CITY OF RYDE**

The Mayor Cllr Ivan Petch has welcomed Ms Danielle Dickson as Acting General Manager of the City of Ryde and stated that teamwork will be at the core of how business is conducted at the Council.

Cllr Petch went on to say: “As a member of the Council’s Executive Team, Ms Dickson has demonstrated a sound understanding of our mutual goals and I am confident that we will work well as a team to achieve the best outcomes for the Ryde community.

“I enjoy a collaborative working relationship with Ms Dickson and I am confident in her ability to lead the organisation through this period,” he said.

Ms Dickson welcomed the Mayor’s comments and confirmed that it was ‘business as usual’ at the City of Ryde. “It is a great honour to work in this capacity and to lead a team of such dedicated and talented staff.

“Council has adopted a Four Year Delivery Plan which sets our direction for delivery of services and projects to the community and we are focussed on achieving completion of these projects and delivering a balanced budget for the community.”

The Mayor said that confidence needed to be re-established in the minds of the community and staff following a period of discord.

“I want to assure our citizens that as a Council we are committed to a more consultative approach to decision making than has perhaps existed in the past.

“The appointment of a new fourteen-person Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee is a first step on how we will achieve our aim of a more inclusive Council.

“I also want to reassure the community that suggestions in the media of improper links between the Council and the former state minister Mr Obeid are unsubstantiated.

“Initial investigations show no irregularity, however, an independent review is also being undertaken to ensure complete transparency.