

Council Meeting**AGENDA NO. 10/10**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 22 June 2010
Location: Council Chambers, Level 6
Time: 7.30pm

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

File Number: GRP/10/3/001/6 - BP10/334

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council No. 09/10 held on 08 June 2010, be confirmed.

2 MOTIONS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**File Number:** GRP/10/3/001/6 - BP10/337

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council can determine those matters on the agenda that can be adopted without the need for any discussion.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 3 to 14 inclusive, as submitted to Council Meeting 10/10, be adopted with the exception of items as determined by the Council.

3 CHARTER OF RESPECT

Report prepared by: Group Manager - Corporate Services

Report dated: 11/06/2010

File No.: GRP/10/3/001/6 - BP10/341

Report Summary

This Report is submitted to Council for its endorsement of the 'Draft Charter of Respect' between Councillors and Council's Executive Team, which was one of the agreed outcomes from the Councillor/ Executive Team workshop held on Saturday, 22 May 2010. This initiative was taken as a result of the Department of Local Government's Better Practice Review recommendation to address strengthening the working relationship between Councillors and Council's senior management team.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopt the Draft Code of RESPECT, between Councillors and the Executive Team as an initial basis in working together
- (b) That the Draft Code of RESPECT be referred to a Councillor Workshop for further discussion/refinement before being referred back to Council for formal adoption and inclusion in Council's Code of Conduct.
- (c) That Council endorse a follow up workshop being scheduled in six (6) months time to monitor the progress and implementation of the Draft Charter and the other agreed actions from the Workshop.
- (d) That a further Councillor workshop be scheduled in the near future to discuss the development of Council's Strategic Plan and the methodology on how it will be delivered on the ground that will also include the development of key performance indicators and customer satisfaction surveys.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Councillor - ET workshop notes 22 May 2010
- 2 Charter of Respect - City of Ryde Council 15 June 2010

Report Prepared By:

Roy Newsome
Group Manager - Corporate Services

Report Approved By:

John Neish
General Manager

ITEM 3 (continued)**Background**

Council, in considering the recommendations from the Department of Local Government's Better Practice Review report, resolved at its meeting on 11 May 2010, to endorse the actions proposed to the Department's recommendations which included the holding of a Councillor/ Senior Management team workshop to address their working relationship.

A workshop was held on Saturday, 22 May 2010 and was externally facilitated by Mr Errol Chadwick from Chadwick and Associates.

The main outcome from the meeting was to develop a Draft Charter that would formalise the discussions and the points/issues raised by both Councillors and staff in the workshop, in respect of the expectations Councillors and the Executive Team had of each other.

Details of Councillors' Expectations of the Executive Team and the Executive Team's Expectations of Councillors are in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Report

As a result of the workshop both Councillors and the Executive Team documented their expectations of each other and these are detailed in Attachment 1.

A further review of the list of expectations has been undertaken in developing a Draft Charter. It was believed useful if an acronym could be developed that reflected the spirit and intent of the points raised by both Councillors and the Executive Team, so that it was easily remembered. To this end, it is proposed that the acronym of RESPECT be used and therefore a 'Draft Charter of RESPECT' has been developed and is **ATTACHMENT 2**.

In preparing the Draft Charter, similar points/words have been grouped together, ensuring that the intent of the issues is not lost. In emphasising this point, as can be seen in Attachment 2, the acronym of RESPECT has been applied differently to both sections of the Charter applying to Councillors and the Executive Team, to ensure it reflects the points/ issues raised by both parties.

It is proposed that to allow this matter to progress, Council endorse the Draft Charter of RESPECT between Councillors and the Executive Team as an initial basis of working together that can be further discussed and refined in a workshop to be scheduled in the near future. Following the workshop it is proposed that the Draft Charter be reported back to Council for formal adoption by Council and for each Councillor and member of the Executive Team to sign the Charter.

In addition to the Charter there were other agreed actions from the workshop that are detailed in Attachment 1 and a summary of all actions together with a brief comment on actions taken or to be taken are provided below.

ITEM 3 (continued)**ACTION PLAN**

No.	Item/Description	Comment
1	Executive Team to be more outspoken if unclear on resolution	Executive Team implementing
2	Workshop to be held to develop protocol for Code of Conduct	Draft Charter prepared for Council's consideration and Workshop to be scheduled
3	Review process of keeping Councillors informed	Report provided to Council monthly on outstanding resolutions
4	Consultative process for both Council and the community	A discussion at future workshop is proposed on the strategic plan and its delivery
5	Communicate Council's decisions and expectations to staff	A brief advice has commenced being issued to staff following Council meetings
6	Institute highest level of performance management and keep Council informed. Includes managing in a business-like manner	Further workshop planned on outcome framework/performance management
7	Establish telephone protocols	Protocols to be discussed at workshop on Draft Charter

From the above table, the actions agreed at the workshop have either been commenced or are proposed to be discussed further at a future workshop with Councillors.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Not applicable

Internal Workshops held:-

- A Councillor/ Executive Team workshop was held on Saturday, 22 May 2010.

External public consultation included:-

- Not applicable, however this initiative was as a result of the Department of Local Government's Better Practice Review of the City of Ryde in 2009.

ITEM 3 (continued)**Critical Dates**

The following deadlines are required to be met:

- The Department of Local Government were advised that this issue would be resolved by 30 September 2010.

Financial Impact

There will be no on-going costs related to this matter apart from the external facilitation of the next Councillor/Executive Team workshop planned in six (6) months time. This cost is included in the 2010/11 Budget.

Policy Implications

It is proposed that the Charter of RESPECT will be an attachment to Council's Code of Conduct.

Other Options

No other options are seen to be applicable in addressing this matter.

Conclusion

This Report provides the background and details the reasons for developing a 'Draft Charter of Respect' between Councillors and Council's Executive Team. The Draft Charter is submitted for Council's endorsement together with the suggested actions in addressing all other issues raised at the Workshop. The Draft Charter was one of the agreed outcomes to be developed from the Councillor/ Executive Team workshop held on Saturday, 22 May 2010 which was held as a result of the Department of Local Government's Better Practice Review recommendation to address strengthening the working relationship between Councillors and Council's senior management team.

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

<i>No</i>	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
1	Expect Councillors to be the voice of the community and bring your interests to the table – it keeps us in touch. (always)	
2	Expect Councillors to be committed, hardworking and engaged with your community: - it keeps the community informed - it helps us lift our game. (always)	
3	Own, commit to and set the strategic direction for the city so that we can marshal our resources to provide the best outcomes for our community. (weak)	We will commit to full participation and take ownership of strategic planning workshops.
4	Provide insightful scrutiny and challenge our performance constructively: - it helps us to improve. (sometimes)	The Mayor is to invite the General Manager to draft a list for Councillors' consideration identifying the conduct areas they wish of Councillors as specified in their expectations. That will result in the development of a charter of conduct (including the references below) in relation to Councillor interaction, methods of address and means of providing feedback in a constructive manner to Council staff. Reference 5 – Non- threatening
5	We need to earn your trust and will commit to being open, not withholding information and admitting our mistakes: - we might feel compromised. - our position would be untenable. - build a non-threatening environment. - be Open: allow us to admit failure. - celebrate success. (sometimes)	
6	Trust us to give our best advice. (We don't always get it right). We don't mind if you disagree and change it. Provide examples of showing trust.	Reference 6 – Show trust
7	Understand that we try to give the same level of service.: - if we were to play favourites it is untenable. - advise the GM if this is not happening.	Reference 7 – Tell us re favouritism

ITEM 3 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

<i>No</i>	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
8	Acknowledge that once Council makes a decision or policy we have no discretion to change it. - puts stress on staff to breach our professional ethics. - change it through a resolution of Council.	
9	Maintain our confidentiality. - we appear to be unprofessional when it is breached. - our integrity can be compromised - outcomes can be compromised. - we will identify confidential documents/information.	Reference 9 – Maintain confidentiality
10	Give us clarity of direction so we have clarity of what we should do: - ambiguity breaks down trust. (sometimes)	Reference 10 – Avoid ambiguity
11	We try our best to give you information, please read it and seek clarity before making decisions: - we think it will improve decision making (mostly)	Reference 11 – Show conscientiousness and commitment
12	Act as Civic leaders and show a respectful attitude in public forums and in discussion with us individually: - it undermines teamwork and professionalism (some Councillors frequently)	Reference 12 – Show respect to all concerned and be dignified
13	Respect that we are really busy and whilst we will be as responsive as possible, respect our time commitments when setting deadlines: - it creates inefficiencies; - it confuses staff - gives rise to claims of favouritism - pushes us into crisis/reactive management (sometimes/frequently)	Reference 13 – Expect Reasonable timeframes
14	Play the ball not the person: - it shows a professional image (sometimes)	Reference 14 – Debate on issues, not the person

ITEM 3 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

<i>No</i>	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
15	Respect that staff are apolitical: - we are here to serve all Councillors (as a Council) - it will avoid an 'us' and 'them' situation - it also avoids groups of staff playing us for a break or dividing us.	Reference 15 – Respect staff as apolitical
16	Please allow us to help you by using the Help Desk (except for sensitive issues) so that: - we can track progress - we can keep proper records - we can measure organisation responsiveness - we can keep you informed - we can avoid duplications and replication (mostly)	Reference 16 – Make optimal use of HelpDesk
17	Tell us what you want, not how to do it: - it undermines our professionalism - we have technical expertise (sometimes)	Reference 17 – Don't have a dog and bark yourself

ITEM 3 (continued)**ATTACHMENT 1**

<i>No</i>	Councillors expectations of the Executive Team <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Executive Team response/action</i>
1	Impartial advice from the Executive team in relation to policy and decisions of Council.	Agreed – We will commit to acting impartially
2	Professional and consistent approach in clarifying, interpreting Council decisions/to be consistent with the intent. a) ensure the Executive team understand the intent and that understanding is adhered to in the organisation b) clarity in the original motion c) provide professional advice about any implications of a motion.	Agreed. We will be more outspoken if unclear prior to a resolution being framed by Council and improve the cascading of Councillor resolutions and intent throughout the organisation. We will also keep Councillors more up to date on the status of their reports.
3	Ensure no personal prejudices or political allegiances will cloud any decision or advice.	Agreed – we will commit to acting in an apolitical and impartial manner
4	Ensure frank and honest advice to Council on any and all inclusive community concerns identified by the organisation.	Agreed. We will hold a Councillor workshop on Community / Councillor engagement : 1. Community engagement methodologies for the CoR so that we understand community priorities better (see item 10 below) 2. Community Consultation methodologies for differing types of consultation eg cycleway design, parks usage etc to help us design infrastructure delivery (see item 10 below) 3. Community Information provision and feedback relating to such things as DA notifications, road works notifications etc

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<i>No</i>	Councillors expectations of the Executive Team <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Executive Team response/action</i>
		<p>4. Customer satisfaction methods to identify the level of customer satisfaction with our direct service provision (as part of our performance management approach)</p> <p>5. Community reporting which is clear and transparent and focuses on community concerns</p> <p>This workshop will :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seek clarification on the degree that Council wishes to establish organisational capacity to identify community concerns and then respond to them appropriately • identify how individual Councillors wish to be kept informed on the information disseminated and the feedback gained (points 5,7 & 9 below) • Seek guidance on how Council wishes to position its information dissemination through branding and use of appropriate mediums
5	Be receptive to community concerns and issues and wherever possible assist Councillors to resolve them in a timely manner and advise Councillors in a timely manner.	Agreed. As stated in 4 above we will develop a program to address this.

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No	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
6	Maintain expert knowledge across their area.	Agreed. We will keep ourselves abreast of changes in the legislative framework, commit to attending seminars, conferences and courses which will continue to broaden our knowledge and expertise and improve the organisations training and development approaches for staff and those in managerial positions.
7	Ensure Councillors are fully informed of all meetings and activities where their attendance would be appropriate.	Agreed. Refer point 4. We will include agreed processes for the way in which Councillors are informed about the range of consultation methods identified and then stick to them.
8	Institute a mechanism that: a) details the timeframe of all resolutions, reports and requests. b) keeps Councillors informed of progress against those timeframes c) provides Councillors an opportunity to review and adjust timeframes to reflect their priorities.	Agreed. We will review the current process for monitoring and reporting against Council resolutions. We will provide updated reports regularly to Council so that they can modify or adjust the suggested timeframe in consultation with the officers involved.
9	Institute a mechanism that enables greater consultation with individual Councillors so that they feel they are kept appropriately informed.	Agreed. Refer to response to point 4. The General Manager will meet individually with Councillors on a six monthly basis to monitor how well they feel that they are kept informed.

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No	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
9	(contd)	<p>Councillor and staff induction will be reviewed to increase awareness of the roles of Councillors and staff.</p> <p>Also Councillors will be invited to all 'all staff' events eg celebrating success days, Christmas gatherings and staff picnic days and be given more transparency of the organisations structure and associated accountabilities by way of a conducted tour day and a chart of accountabilities by service unit.</p>
10	Develop and maintain a consultative process for Council and the community to ensure that there is a full and ongoing understanding.	<p>Agreed. (see item 4 above)</p> <p>Develop a program for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community engagement; - customer satisfaction - community surveys - branding and promotion of Council activities
11	Ensure the expectations Council have of the Executive Team are communicated and understood through the organisation	<p>Agreed. The Executive Team will ensure that their direct reports and the team leaders who report to them understand the importance of implementing Council resolutions.</p> <p>As part of the internal communication improvements to the organisation we will strengthen the cascading of these messages</p>

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No	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
11	(contd)	A staff newsletter is being developed to cascade the resolutions of Council committees and meetings through our email system following every meeting.
12	Keep us informed on all legislative matters/changes and institute sound financial management.	Agreed. We will establish a legislation update for relevant legislative changes and departmental directives through the CIB.
13	Institute the highest level of performance management and keep Council fully informed on this discipline.	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>We will develop reports for the community on progress against their aspirations as identified in Ryde 20/30 (outcomes framework). This framework will link strategic outcomes to programmes to individual performance plans. A workshop will be held on this 'outcomes framework'.</p> <p>In 2010/11 we are reviewing our performance appraisal process to use consistently framed performance indicators relating to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community satisfaction ratings, • financial performance • organisations (behavioural) culture • compliance with our regulations. <p>These 'metrics' will form the basis for performance assessment and will be reported to the community and Council at an appropriate level both quarterly and annually.</p>

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<i>No</i>	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
14	Maintain open and unimpaired lines of communication between Councillors and the Executive Team	Agreed. We will establish phone and email protocols (mobiles, home and office) which meet the needs of Councillors and allow a work life balance. Current protocols and processes will be reviewed and a report will be prepared for Councillors following consultation with each Councillor as part of the next round of one on one discussion with the General Manager.
15	Establish mechanisms that will ensure individual Councillors are fully and appropriately informed on any matters.	<p>As part of the categories established in point 4 above we will seek Councillor agreement as to how they would like to receive this information.</p> <p>We will ensure that when one Councillor requests information relating to Council business (with the exception of an individual request on behalf of a resident where only one Councillor has requested a response) the response to that request will be distributed to all Councillors. In this case the General Manager or Group Manager will use their discretion as to whether it is appropriate that all Councillors receive the information. However we will always take the view that if there is any doubt about whether the matter has relevance to all Councillors - all Councillors will be kept equally informed.</p>

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No	Executive Team's expectations of Councillors <i>Expectation</i>	<i>Councillor response/action</i>
15	(contd)	With relation to our dealings with the press we will follow Council's adopted policies and procedures.
16	Manage our business as a business and keep Councillors informed that this is happening.	<p>Agreed. See response to item 13 above. Over the next few years we will clarify our core service areas (accountabilities) and focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertaking Best Value reviews against key service areas to continuously seek improvements to the way we deliver services • providing more meaningful management accounting data to give whole of costs of each of our specific service areas • identifying and allocating our cost overheads • Clarifying the level of real subsidy against real costs for providing our services • Allow for recurrent costs when nominating new projects • Improving the organisations project management capability • Improving contract administration • Improve our performance indicators and reporting against them • Continue to accommodate rate pegging whilst dealing with increasing costs

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

	Additional Notes taken by facilitator	
1	Exposure of staff. General Manager to consider means of improving the exposure of staff to Councillors and vice versa, particularly on positives/occasions.	Perhaps develop an annual program including induction four Councillors and staff. <i>(refer response to 9 above)</i>
2	A number of councillors suggested a review be undertaken of the customer service and its functioning so that it would increase and improve Council marketing itself to the community and provide increased and improved positive community organisation interface.	<p>Customer Service, marketing and branding.</p> <p><i>We agree it very important that Council looks to brand the city of Ryde as both a place to invest and for Council provided services.</i></p> <p><i>The organisation is not geared up to undertake this approach and a detailed analysis will be brought to Council as a budget bid for 2011/12. This bid will also relate to the issues mentioned in point 4 above since market research relates closely with branding, community satisfaction and engagement strategies.</i></p> <p><i>The planned Councillor workshop will explore these relationships and their budget implications as part of a workshop on broader marketing, engagement and customer satisfaction reporting.</i></p>

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 2

CHARTER OF RESPECT – CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL

*As a **Councillor** of the City of Ryde, I will:-*

Read reports and maintain confidentiality (as required) when making decisions

Evaluate and constructively challenge our performance

Strategically set the City's future direction and set clear priorities

Professionally deal with staff and create a non threatening culture by;

1. Debating the issue without denigrating staff (play the ball not the person)
2. Respecting that staff are bound by Council's policies and procedures
3. Telling us what is required not how to do it

Expect responses within realistic timeframes and utilise the helpdesk for my requests

Commit to representing the aspirations and needs of our Community whilst acting with dignity

Trust the staff to give their best apolitical advice but feel free to change it.

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 2

CHARTER OF RESPECT – CITY OF RYDE

*As a member of the **Executive Team** of the City of Ryde I will be :-*

Receptive and responsive to Community concerns and Council's decisions

Ethical and apolitical in carrying out my duties

Supportive of Councillor requests and requirements

Professional in managing and optimising Council's resources and knowledge

Equal in my interactions with and treatment of all Councillors

Communicating in a frank, honest, clear and consistent way with Councillors and represent their views clearly to staff

Timely in all of our communications, responses and actions (within our recourse limitations)

NOTE

Receptive – includes using a range of market research and consultative methodologies, analysing the results and being guided by them

Ethical – includes honest and without prejudice or political bias, fair/impartial/independent

Professional – includes being efficient, effective, accurate, keeping our expertise up to date, being financially and commercially sound and focussed on reporting against and improving our performance across our key performance indicators.

4 REGISTERS - State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1

Report prepared by: Acting Manager Assessment**Report dated:** 4/06/2010**File No.:** GRP/10/4/001/6 - BP10/326

Report Summary

Please find below DAs approved in the period 8 April 2010 to 24 May 2010 with a variation using State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 (SEPP 1).

Five applications were determined in this timeframe; all under delegation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report of the Manager Assessment dated 4 June 2010 on REGISTERS - State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 be endorsed by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Chris Young
Acting Manager Assessment

Report Approved By:

Dominic Johnson
Group Manager Environment & Planning

ITEM 4 (continued)

Date and method of Determination	Property Address	DA No.	Description	Description of variation	Amount of variation & what was the variation for
16/4/2010 (Delegated Authority)	37-39 The Strand, Gladesville	LDA2009/573	Subdivision to create 2 torrens title allotments and change of use of existing buildings to provide a detached residential dwelling on each allotment.	Variation to the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance in relation to allotment width. The proposed two allotments each have a width of 13.1m at 7.5m from the alignment of public road.	Variation of 12.63% to allotment width.
19/4/2010 (Delegated Authority)	33 Cutler Parade, North Ryde	LDA2010/9	New two storey dwelling.	Variation to the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance in relation to allotment size. The subject lot has a size of 556.4m ² .	Variation of 4.07% to allotment size.
30/4/2010 (Delegated Authority)	21 Welby Street, Gladesville	LDA2009/717	New two storey dwelling on Lot 1.	Variation to the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance in relation to allotment size. The subject lot has a size of 541m ² .	Variation of 6.72% to allotment size.
30/4/2010 (Delegated Authority)	7.9 Byfield Street, Macquarie Park	LDA2010/135	Additional 11 car spaces, traffic island and boom gates at ground floor level of existing building.	Variation to the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance in relation to number of off-street car parking spaces. The proposal will increase the number to 212 spaces (5 more than the maximum permissible).	Variation of 2.4% to number of car parking spaces.
19/5/2010 (Delegated Authority)	21 Welby Street, Gladesville	LDA2009/718	New two storey dwelling on Lot 2.	Variation to the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance in relation to hatchet-shaped allotment size. The subject lot has a size of 700m ² .	Variation of 5.41% to allotment size.

5 MEMORIAL PLAQUES & DONATION OF PARK FURNITURE AND TREES POLICY

Report prepared by: Manager Catchments & Assets

Report dated: 10/06/2010

File No.: GRP/10/1/001/6 - BP10/336

Report Summary

To provide Council with a draft Memorial Plaques & Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy for consideration, as resolved at the Council meeting of 9 February 2010.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Draft Memorial Plaques & Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy (June 2010) be adopted and the applicable fees and charges be included in the 2010-2014 Management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Matthew Lewis
Manager Catchments & Assets

Report Approved By:

Kim Woodbury
Group Manager - Public Works

ITEM 5 (continued)**Background**

Council has, for many years, allowed the installation of memorial plaques and park furniture and the planting of trees in public open space in memory of deceased residents.

The purpose of this report and draft policy document is to ensure that future applications for memorial plaques or the donation of park furniture and trees are determined and managed on a consistent basis.

Report

From time to time Council receives requests from individuals or organisations for the installation of memorial plaques, or for the donation of park furniture or the planting of trees in memory of a deceased resident.

To date, about thirteen memorial plaques have been installed in various parks across the Ryde LGA, as well as one tree planted. The memorial plaques are sometimes installed on seats, concrete slabs or on rocks, and are sometimes accompanied by the donation of park furniture such as seats.

These memorial plaques, seats and trees have been installed at the applicant's cost and to Council's requirements.

The main objectives of this policy are to:

- provide Council with a uniform approach to dealing with requests for memorial plaques and/or the donation of park furniture and trees in public open space;
- establish criterion to assess and respond to requests for use of public open space by individuals and community groups for the recognition of valued community members; and
- define conditions under which Council will accept requests for memorial plaques, and/or the donation of park furniture and trees.

The policy foreshadows five application scenarios, these being for:

- A Memorial Plaque only;
- Park Furniture without a plaque;
- Park Furniture with a plaque;
- A Tree without a plaque; and
- A Tree with a plaque.

A copy of the draft Memorial Plaques & Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy has been provided **UNDER SEPARATE COVER**. Included with the Draft Policy is a Memorials Application Form detailing submission requirements and the proposed 2010-11 Fees and Charges. Together these documents provide the basis for administering future applications.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Open Space

ITEM 5 (continued)

Internal Workshops held:-

- Not Applicable.

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included:-

- Not Applicable.

External public consultation included:-

- Not Applicable.

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates or deadlines to be met.

Financial Impact

It is proposed to charge for the full cost of supplying and installing memorial plaques, park furniture and trees. Therefore, there will be no net cost to Council.

Policy Implications

The recommendation would create a new Policy for Council.

Other Options

Council could choose to modify the Policy or not adopt any Policy.

Conclusion

Council has allowed a limited number of Memorial Plaques to be placed in parks, with a cost recovery charge. This Policy would formalise and expand the existing practice.

6 NORTH ROAD, EASTWOOD - Proposed Central Concrete Median.

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer**Report dated:** 1/06/2010**File No.:** GRP/10/1/001/6 - BP10/311

Report Summary

As part of a Local Development at 167 North Road, consent was issued by Land and Environment Court to construct a concrete median in front of the access driveway to the property to allow all traffic left-in / left-out from the new development.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council approve No Stopping restrictions on both sides of the road covering the concrete median and be extended further by 10 metres beyond the northern and southern ends of the median. This will ensure a safe traffic environment whilst meeting the intent of the Condition of the Land & Environment Court.
- (b) That the developer of the Villa development along North Road carry out the construction of the concrete median in North Road to Council's satisfaction with supporting signage, at no cost to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 North Road, Eastwood - RTC Item 22 - Meeting 6 May 2010 - Consultant's Concept Plan - BP10/311

Report Prepared By:

Ramesh Desai
Traffic Engineer

Report Approved By:

Harry Muker
Senior Traffic Engineer**Kim Woodbury**
Group Manager - Public Works

ITEM 6 (continued)**Background**

Consent was issued by the Land and Environment Court on 22 February 2010 for a development of seven (7) urban housing units along North Road. The condition in relation to the construction of the concrete median along North Road, consent 1A, reads as follows:

Appeal No: 10898 of 2009.

*Annexure "A:
Conditions of Consent*

SAEID ABEDIASL V CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL

Part 1 – Conditions Relating to the Deferred Commencement Consent pursuant to Section 80(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

1. *Approval by Council of an amended stormwater drainage plan which addresses the following matters:*
 - (a) *Submission of a detailed stormwater drainage plan prepared by a chartered civil engineer for the collection of piping of stormwater runoff from the site to Woorang Street underground drainage system. The design shall incorporate all BASIX requirements and include provision for an On-site detention system designed in accordance with Part 8.2 of Council's Stormwater Management manual.*
 - (b) *The extension of Council's existing drainage system as detailed on drawing no. 0722-P02 prepared by Storm Consulting Pty Ltd dated 15.9.09.*
- 1A. *A separate approval is to be obtained from Council under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 permitting construction of a median strip on North Road in accordance with Part 5 "Conclusion", paragraph 1 of the report prepared by Craig McLaren dated 15 February 2010 attached to this consent.*

The following requirements shall apply upon satisfactory completion of the requirements outlined in Part 1 of this consent (above).

Part 5 "Conclusion" paragraph 1 report by Mr Craig McLaren.

In conclusion, the proposed driveway is hazardous in relation to right turn ENTRY to the site. Corrective works are needed to eliminate the accident risk by one of the following options:

1. *Installing a concrete median in North Road opposite the proposed driveway to Council's requirements (thus eliminating right turn entry and exit traffic at the proposed driveway location (ie change to a left-in / left-out driveway condition)).*

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Council's Traffic Committee would normally be consulted about traffic management devices on local roads. A concrete median 0.6m to 0.8m wide can be installed and still achieve acceptable passing lane widths of 4.15m to 4.24m.

A report was prepared for the Ryde Traffic Committee, at its meeting held on 6 May 2010 (copy **ATTACHED**). After considering the Report, the Ryde Traffic Committee recommended to Council:

- (a) That Council notes the information contained within this report.*
- (b) That Council approve No Stopping restrictions on both sides of the road covering the concrete median and be extended further by 10 metres beyond the northern and southern ends of the median. This will ensure a safe traffic environment whilst meeting the intent of the Condition of the Land & Environment Court.*
- (c) That the developer of the Villa development along North Road carry out the construction of the concrete median in North Road to Council's satisfaction with supporting signage, at no cost to Council.*
- (d) That copies of the design plan be submitted to the RTA.*

The Committee of the Whole, at its meeting held on 18 May 2010 subsequently resolved:

- (a) "That the matter be deferred to allow consultation with affected residents.*
- (b) That a further report be provided to the Works & Community Committee following the consultation referred to in (a).*

Proposed median in North Road is 20 metres long and will not affect access to any properties opposite to the development site on No. 167 North Road.

Report

Council officers visited the properties at Nos 166 and 168 North Road, Eastwood, on 28 May 2010 and 2 June 2010 to request the comments of the residents to the proposed installation of a central concrete median in North Road, adjacent to their properties. A letterbox drop was also made to both properties on 28 May 2010 as at neither resident was available at the time of the visit. To date, no reply has been received by Council from either resident.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Environment & Planning

Internal Workshops held:-

- Not Applicable.

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included:-

- Ryde Traffic Committee

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External public consultation included:-

- Residents of North Road, Eastwood.

Critical Dates

There are no critical dates or deadlines to be met.

Financial Impact

Not Applicable.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications through adoption of the recommendation.

Other Options

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Staff recommend that no objection be raised to the installation of the proposed central concrete median in North Road, just north of Ferrabetta Avenue, as part of a development on North Road, as no response has been received from either of the residents at properties Nos 166 and 168 North Road, Eastwood.

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NORTH ROAD, EASTWOOD

Proposed central concrete median

File No: LDA 2009/224

Council's Traffic Engineer – Access reports 9 April 2010.

Report

Council has received a design plan from Lyle Marshall & Associates Pty Ltd on behalf of Mr Frank Spork regarding a proposed concrete median in North Road. The location of the median will be north of Ferrabetta Avenue. The concrete median is a condition of consent issued by the Land and Environment Court for the development site at the corner of North Road and Ferrabetta Avenue.

Background

Consent was issued by the Land and Environment Court on 22 February 2010 for a development of seven (7) urban housing units along North Road. The condition in relation to the construction of the concrete median along North Road, consent 1A reads as follows:

Appeal No: 10898 of 2009

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Council's Traffic Committee would normally be consulted about traffic management devices on local roads. A concrete median 0.6m to 0.8m wide can be installed and still achieve acceptable passing lane widths of 4.15m to 4.25m.

Consideration

North Road is a Collector road under Council's Road Hierarchy with a carriageway width of 9.5 meters. North Road is regularly serviced by buses.

The proposed median will narrow the width of carriageway so that there will be insufficient width for a parking and travel lane to operate simultaneously, the travelling lane width adjacent to the median will be 4.4metres in both directions. Consequently, No Stopping restrictions should be installed on both sides of the road covering the concrete median and further, be extended by an additional 10 metres beyond the northern and southern ends of the median to ensure that traffic flow is not impeded by parked vehicles. The median is located directly north of the Ferrabetta Avenue intersection.

The developers' consultant has submitted a concept plan for the concrete median in North Road (copy **ATTACHED**).

The proposed concrete median will be constructed by the developer and it is requested that its construction be in accordance with Council's requirements (please refer to location plan for site details).

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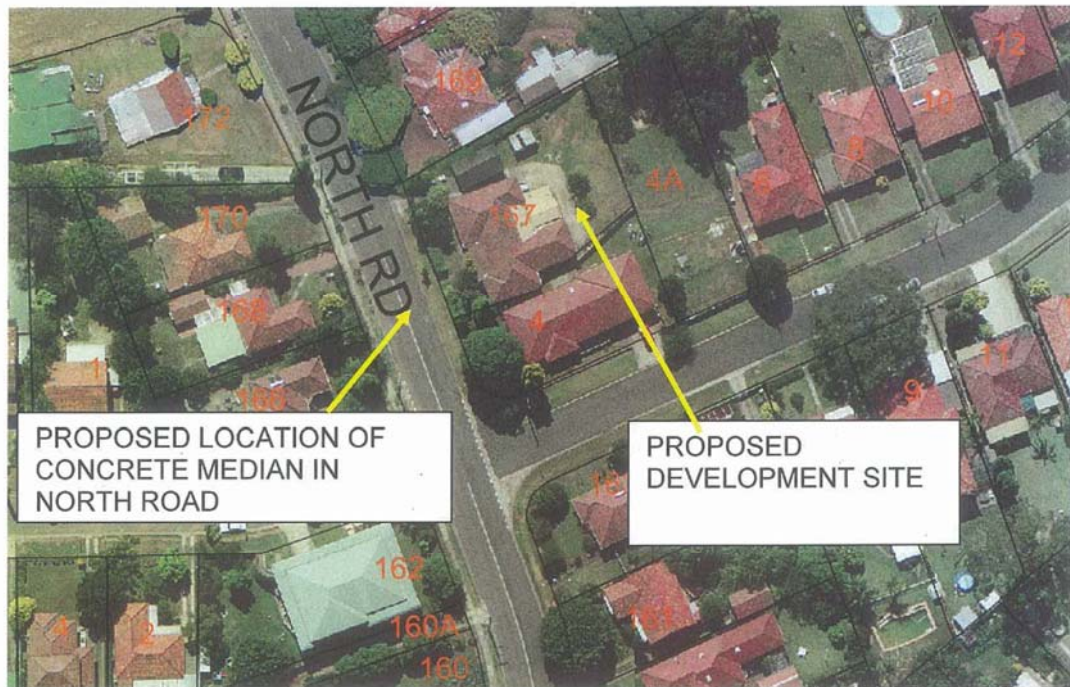
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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- (c) That the developer of the Villa development along North Road carry out the construction of the concrete median in North Road to Council's satisfaction with supporting signage, at no cost to Council.

Submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

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Traffic Engineer

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A/Manager - Access

Paul Davidson
Traffic and Transport Engineer

Kim Woodbury
Group Manager – Public Works

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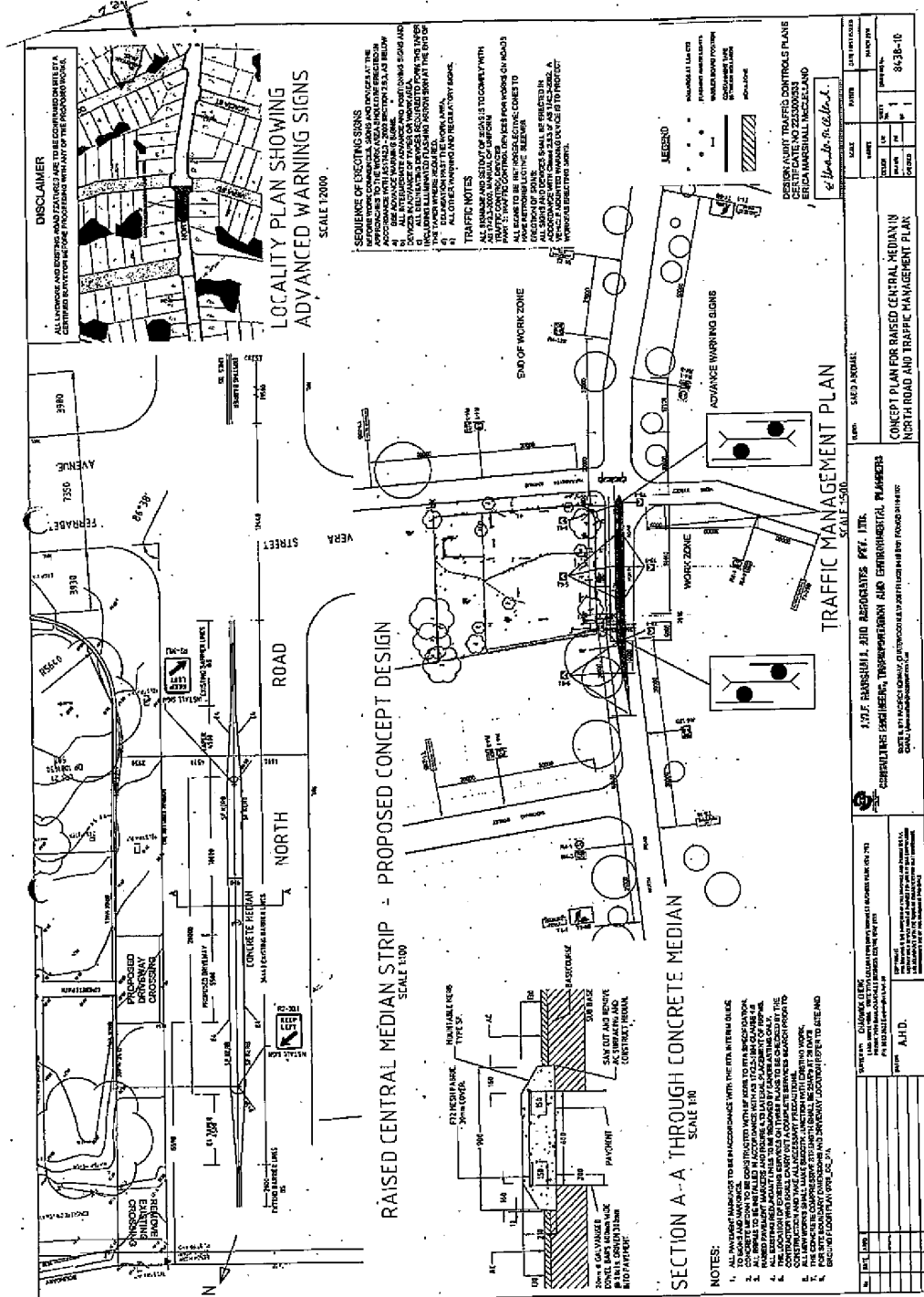
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7 NORTH RYDE EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH CENTRE RELOCATION

Report prepared by: Manager - Community and Culture**Report dated:** 8/06/2010**File No.:** GRP/10/2/001/6 - BP10/330

Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the results of the meeting with representatives of the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS) on the issue of the North Ryde Early Childhood Health Centre (EHC) relocation.

NSCCAHS has advised that they will be progressing with a multi-nurse service model which includes amalgamation of North Ryde EHC with Top Ryde and Marsfield Centres.

This report also recommends progression of the refurbishment project for 4 Cutler Parade North Ryde to ensure completion in accordance with the associated grant for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the 4 Cutler Parade North Ryde refurbishment project continue based on the concept plan and tenders be called immediately, notwithstanding the response received from the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service.
- b) That Council advise North Ryde Community Aid that they will continue with the refurbishment at 4 Cutler Pde North Ryde.

ATTACHMENTS

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| 1 | Response from NSCCAHS following their meeting with Council Staff | 4 Pages |
| 2 | Response from Member for Bennelong re North Ryde EHC | 1 Page |
| 3 | Letter- North Ryde Community Aid re Refurbishment of 4 Cutler Pde | 4 Pages |
| 4 | Concept Plan 4 Cutler Pde Refurbishment | 1 Page |

Report Prepared By:

Baharak Sahebekhtiari**Manager - Community and Culture**

Report Approved By:

Simone Schwarz**Group Manager - Community Life**

ITEM 7 (continued)**Background**

On 10 August 2009, Council on behalf of North Ryde Community Aid (NRCA) & Early Childhood Health Care (EHC) submitted an application for funding to the NSW Community Building Partnership program. Acknowledgement was received in February 2010 that \$75,000 was allocated under this Program towards the refurbishment of 4 Cutler Parade with the condition that the project be completed by 31 December 2010. The original application sought a grant of \$175,000.

Representatives from Council, NRCA and EHC met and discussed a concept plan for the refurbishment of the building to address key concerns within the limitations of available funds.

On the 6 April 2010 Council received a letter from NSCCAHS confirming that they will amalgamate the services of the North Ryde Clinic with Marsfield and Top Ryde, allowing NRCA to consolidate within 4 Cutler Parade.

At its meeting on 11 May 2010 Council resolved the following:

1. Council notes the importance of the existing Early Child Health Centres within the City of Ryde as a critical support service for mothers and children from the ages of 0 to 5.
2. Council notes with grave concern recent correspondence from the North Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (8 April 2010) indicating its intention to close the North Ryde EHC.
3. Council writes to the management of the North Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service, the Minister for Health and the Federal Member for Bennelong expressing our strong objection to the NSCCAHC's intention to close the North Ryde Early Child Health Service in North Ryde and seeking an urgent meeting to discuss retention of this (and all existing EHCs locations) within the City of Ryde.

Staff wrote to the Minister, Member for Bennelong and to relevant management of NSCCAHS requesting a meeting to discuss the issue.

Report

On Tuesday 1 June 2010, Group Manager Community Life, Manager Community & Culture and the Social Policy and Planning Coordinator met with Kathy King, Divisional Manager-Primary & Community Care & Allied Health North Shore Ryde Health Service and Dr Carolyn Cooper Service Director- North Shore Ryde Child and Family Health Senior Staff Specialist Paediatrician to discuss the relocation of the North Ryde EHC and the planned amalgamation of 7 Centres in to 3-4 multi-nurse centres.

Council staff highlighted Council's concern in relation to reduction in service levels and subsequent impact on families in Ryde. NSCCAHS representatives provided assurances that the service levels would be maintained and quality of service would be improved. They spoke of other areas specifically Lower North Shore where a similar strategy had produced positive results.

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NSCCAHS representatives cited various reasons as to the necessity of amalgamating single nurse Centres into fewer multi-nurse facilities. These reasons have been articulated in a letter dated 2 June 2010 which is **ATTACHED**. A summary of these reasons are listed below:

- Improved service standard to parents
- Improved ability to deliver support/training groups
- Preference for EHC to be located in town centres and where possible in shopping centres for ease of access
- OH&S obligations to staff and risks associated with single worker workplaces.
- Current policy and service model and successful Centre amalgamations in Lower North Shore.

In relation to the North Ryde EHC specifically NSCCAHS cited the fact that despite the proposed refurbishment of the Centre it would not facilitate a multi-nurse service and reiterated the OH&S issues as well as the fact that a single nurse centre would limit their ability to provide their preferred range of services.

At the meeting and in the attached letter they state their intention to amalgamate their single nurse centres with others to create multi-nurse centres, including North Ryde Centre.

In addition to the letter from NSCCAHS, 2 other letters are **ATTACHED** for Councillors' information:

- Response from Member for Bennelong
- Correspondence from North Ryde Community Aid

Advice from Manager Buildings & Property

Manager Buildings and Property has advised the following in relation to the refurbishment of 4 Cutler Parade:

In order to comply with the timeframe stipulated in the grant received under the NSW Community Building Partnership program, tenders would need to be advertised before 30 June. This would allow for appointment of a builder and for staging works to commence. It will be necessary to undertake the works in stages with the occupants remaining in occupation, hence the need for a slightly longer program.

Delays in seeking tenders could create a risk of not being able to complete the refurbishment of 4 Cutler Parade within the expected timeframe. This could significantly impact the operations of the North Ryde Community Aid service and could also jeopardise receipt of the grant.

The current concept plans **ATTACHED** have received sign off from North Ryde Community Aid and were drawn prior to the decision being made by EHC to amalgamate with the other centres. The plans therefore have the flexibility to accommodate a single-nurse facility for the EHC should NSCCAHS change their decision to amalgamate the North Ryde EHC.

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The refurbishment project was put on hold during the discussions with NSCCAHS. Approval is sought to continue with the project as planned and seek tenders in June to ensure completion of the project within the prescribed timeframe

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Public Works

Internal Workshops held:-

- Not Applicable

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included:-

- Not Applicable

External public consultation included:-

- Not Applicable

Critical Dates

The following deadlines are required to be met:

- Tenders for the works need to be advertised in June 2010
- Refurbishment works for Cutler Parade building must be completed by 31 December 2010

Financial Impact

Refurbishment costs are part of a grant of \$75,000 plus \$75,000 funds allocated in the 2010/11 capital expenditure budget.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications.

Other Options

Council may choose not to continue the refurbishment project in which case the upgrade of 4 Cutler Parade may not be completed in time and the grant monies may be in jeopardy

Conclusion

NSCCAHS has indicated that as part of their preferred service model they will be moving to multi-nurse centres and to achieve this they will amalgamate existing single nurse facilities. NSCCAHS has reiterated that this approach applies to the North Ryde ECHC and that they will amalgamate this Centre with Top Ryde and Marsfield ECHCs.

The refurbishment project for 4 Cutler Parade which is subject to a grant with a prescribed completion date of 31 December 2010 needs to progress immediately to satisfy the condition of the grant. It is recommended that tenders be called based on the current concept plans which include provision for a single-nurse ECHC facility (if required).

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**NORTHERN SYDNEY
CENTRAL COAST
NSW HEALTH**

Baharak Sahebekhtiari
Community and Cultural Manager
City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2069
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Baharak,

I write regarding the Early Childhood Health Services provided by North Shore Ryde Child and Family within the Ryde Local Government Area. I understand you have had two separate meetings with Kathy King and Carolyn Cooper, the first in late 2009 and more recently 1st June 2010. I understand at those meetings a number of issues relevant to the provision of Early Childhood Health services within the Ryde Local Government Area have been discussed including the current operating premises and the need for Ryde Council and Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS) to work together to plan for early childhood health services provision in the future.

Early Childhood health services are an integral component of primary and community health services. NSCCAHS acknowledges that these services provide support to families with young children within their local community. In recent years throughout NSW, early childhood services have changed as Families NSW has been introduced across the state. In particular, service delivery now includes a Universal Health Home visit (UHHV) for all new mothers. This is an opportunity for an early childhood nurse to visit the mother with her new infant in the family home. Ideally this first consultation is provided within two weeks of the infants' birth. This Universal Health Home visit is offered from all the Early Childhood Centres currently operating in the Ryde local government area. The Universal Health home visit allows the early childhood nurse to undertake a comprehensive assessment in the family home. A significant advantage of this visit is that families in need of additional support or in crisis can be linked with services or programs that are able to support these families with their new infants.

The implementation of Families NSW has led to changes throughout the State. Previously, early childhood services were often provided from a single nurse centre, with nurses often working in isolation. Throughout metropolitan Sydney, single nurse early childhood centres have been amalgamated to provide multinurse early childhood centres, with these centres often co-located with other community providers. This co-location facilitates partnerships between services. Advantages of multinurse centres include increased opening hours for centres, which provides increased flexibility in appointment times for families. With more than

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one nurse in attendance, if a crisis is identified, one clinician can attend to this crisis whilst other families will still be able to attend their scheduled appointments. Specialist support clinic services can be offered, for example breast feeding support clinics. Group sessions can be coordinated from the premises with the use of a multi purpose group room. In addition an appropriate infant feeding area can be provided as well as a separate waiting area.

In Lower North Shore, in cooperation with the local councils, several single nurse early childhood centres have been amalgamated into multinurse centres. These multinurse centres are located close to community facilities, often within the business district and close to public transport. For example the early childhood centre at Crows Nest is provided in a community building within the Crows Nest business district. This is on a major transport route, there is parking available and the service is co-located with other community services. Similarly, in Lane Cove the early childhood centre is located in a council building within the Lane Cove business district. This location is accessible to transport and has parking readily available. It is co-located with other community service. These amalgamations have been well received by the community and have allowed for essential early childhood services to remain accessible within the local community area.

Within Metropolitan Sydney, there are several early childhood centres located in shopping centre districts. For example, the St Ives early childhood centre is located in the St Ives Village shopping centre. In the Manly Warringah area, the Balgowlah early childhood centre has been provided with a new purpose built early childhood multinurse facility within the Balgowlah Totem Shopping Centre redevelopment. Previously mentioned, both Lane Cove and Crows Nest early childhood centres are located within the precinct of major shopping areas. The location of these early childhood centres have been well received by their local communities. Advantages with being located within the major business area includes accessibility through public transport and parking and often a number of community services are also co-located which enhances engagement with the families with other community services from which they may benefit.

In the Ryde Local Government area, as discussed in the 2009 and June 2010 meetings, it has been identified that changes will be required to Early Childhood services. Single nurse early childhood centres will need to be amalgamated into multinurse centres throughout the local government area. As discussed, it has been identified that 3 to 4 multinurse childhood centres will be required. The location of these centres, as proposed by NSCCAHS considers population data and addresses transport and accessibility.

The proposed locations would include West Ryde, Macquarie/North Ryde and Top Ryde/Gladesville. With regards to West Ryde, the West Ryde development is currently in progress and it is anticipated that the multinurse early childhood centre would be available to be occupied within the next 18 months. It is acknowledged that Ryde Council and NSCCAHS have worked in collaboration to develop this early childhood centre within this community facility. It is also acknowledged that the location of this facility will be readily accessible for local residents.

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With respect to the Macquarie/ North Ryde sector, NSCCAHS envisages that a multinurse centre would ideally be located somewhere within this precinct. Our preferred location would be in the Macquarie Centre Shopping complex, if this can be secured as part of the redevelopment currently in planning for Macquarie Centre. Co-location of early childhood centres within shopping complexes is often well received by the community. In particular the Macquarie Centre is serviced by a rail link and a bus interchange. Alternative locations within the North Ryde precinct, NSCCAHS would be willing to consider, include a location in Cox's Rd. Ryde Council currently has community facilities in this road and it is serviced by buses. It is close to two local primary schools.

With respect to the third location, NSCCAHS would propose that a multinurse early childhood centre is required in the Top Ryde /Gladesville precinct. The current multinurse centre operating in Top Ryde is well utilised, it is readily accessible by public transport and it is close to the new Top Ryde Centre development. Ideally this would be NSCCAHS preferred position for a multinurse Early Childhood Centre, however a multinurse centre located at Gladesville is also a feasible alternative.

With regards to Family Partnership models of care and enhancing Primary and Community Health Care in our community, NSCCAHS is also investigating the feasibility of providing antenatal services from community locations in the Ryde Local Government area. Currently many of the women requiring antenatal care services either present to Ryde Hospital and Royal North Shore Hospital. Our vision would be to provide community based antenatal services. I request that Ryde Council consider the feasibility of the current early childhood premises being made available for antenatal outpatient services during the time period that early childhood services are not being provided from the clinic rooms. This would be a significant enhancement to what is currently being offered to pregnant women in the Ryde area. I would be grateful for your thoughts and indications as to whether Ryde Council support this proposal.

With respect to the immediate issue of the North Ryde early childhood centre located at 4 Cutler Pd, I note that this service is co-located with Community Aid. I am aware over recent years that there have been discussions between NSCCAHS and Ryde Council regarding renovations to this building. The current facility is inadequate for early childhood health services. There is only one clinic room available, limiting this facility to a single nurse centre. The current group room is small, and for parents with infants and prams to access the group room, they often need to transit through a store area. There is currently no disabled ramp or disabled toilet facility. There is no parent room to allow infants to be fed in privacy. There are no infant changing facilities, no examination benches and no separate secured staff area.

The plans presented to NSCCAHS in Feb 2010, do not provide any increase in clinical space and do not provide the required amenities. An additional concern is that Occupational Health and Safety imperatives and the need to provide a multinurse centre are not addressed in this proposed redevelopment. In addition, with any development of the Cutler Pd facility, it would be necessary for the North Ryde early childhood centre to vacate the premises during the period of the refurbishment. This would require relocating current clients

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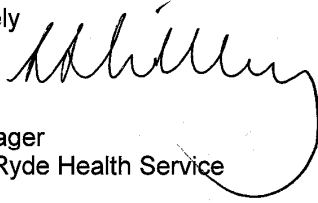
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and the North Ryde nursing staff to existing early childhood centres at Top Ryde and Marsfield.

I note that the feasibility of NSCCAHS permanently vacating the Culter Parade building at North Ryde and relocating/ amalgamating this centre within other existing early childhood health centres was discussed and supported by Ryde Council, in relation to the Cutler Parade refurbishment. I am appreciative of Ryde Council's offer to provide necessary refurbishments to the Top Ryde and Marsfield early childhood centres, in order to accommodate the North Ryde early childhood centre clients. It is also acknowledged that this proposal to permanently vacate the Cutler Pd facility would then allow the community grant that Ryde Council has received to be wholly used to renovate the building to address the requirements of the Community Aid service. This proposal has merits for our Early Childhood services as well as Community Aid and ensures that these two valuable community services are accommodated in appropriate facilities.

If you require further information and would like to discuss this matter further please contact Kathy King on 9926 7707.

Yours sincerely



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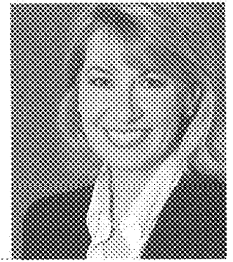
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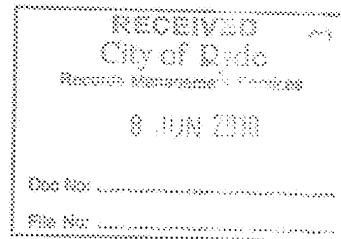
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MEMBER FOR BENNELONG

Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government



Mr John Neish
General Manager
City of Ryde Council
Locked Bag 2069
North Ryde NSW 1670



4 JUN 2010

Dear Mr Neish

Re: North Ryde Early Childhood Health Centre

I refer to your letter of 21 May 2010.

Several community members have also contacted me regarding the decision to close the North Ryde Early Childhood Health Centre, expressing the concerns at the impact this will have on the health of young families.

I share many of your concerns regarding the impact that this move will have.

I have written to the Hon. Carmel Tebutt MP, NSW Minister for Health, requesting further justification for the closure of the facility.

When I have received a reply from Minister Tebutt I will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,

MAXINE McKEW MP
Member for Bennelong

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**NORTH RYDE COMMUNITY AID
& INFORMATION CENTRE INC.**

May 14, 2010

Cr Michael Butterworth
Mayor
City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2069
Ryde NSW 1670

Dear Mayor,

I write to clarify the facts surrounding the ongoing use of Council's premises of 4 Cutler Parade, North Ryde, in light of the motion passed on Tuesday evening.

It will be extremely regrettable to inhibit the delivery of service to the greater number of clients served by North Ryde Community Aid (NRCA) from the immediate local and greater area of Ryde and Hunters Hill. I remind you that the clients of NRCA are the frail aged, the disabled, and the carers of these valuable community members whom all rely heavily on NRCA to prevent premature or inappropriate residential care admission.

- In June 2007, the then State Member for Ryde (& Deputy Premier), John Watkins was approached for assistance in securing more space for NRCA.
- John Watkins agreed that the growth of NRCA, the valuable work within the community, the severe lack of space/facilities for NRCA needed to be addressed.
- The then Minister for Health was asked to evaluate how 4 Cutler Parade met the ECHC needs.
- Mr Watkins supported NRCA's request for assistance from the City of Ryde (RCC) in renovating/expanding 4 Cutler Parade or finding NRCA alternative suitable premises.
- Dept of Health recognizes that the OHS responsibility towards its Nurses at ECHC, working solely and in isolated locations, must be addressed. Statewide ECH Centres that can support two nurses grow/move premises while others amalgamate in areas/regions to improve overall service to ECHC Clients
- Between 2007 and 2009, numerous options explored on how to meet NRCA's space needs, due to non-availability of alternate premises and Council's financial inability to fund renovations
- 2009 Community Building Partnership Grant program presented an opportunity to secure funds to renovate 4 Cutler Parade for both ECHC and NRCA

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The Mayor of Ryde

- * NRCA granted \$75,000 from State Govt via CBP grant to renovate 4 Cutler Parade, if supported by RCC
- * RCC work with NRCA and ECHC to develop plans within grant funding/RCC maintenance budget to expand NRCA space
- * ECHC determine funding limits will not develop 4 Cutler Parade to the extent required for their needs per Dept of Health requirements:
 - o A Changing Room
 - o A Feeding Room
 - o Disabled Access and Disabled Facilities
 - o A Gathering/Group Room with suitable access for mothers with prams
 - o A second Nurse's Consultation Room/Office
 - o Client demand/use, or sustainable client demand/use, or projected immediate local area growth fail to justify a second nurse posted at 4 Cutler Parade
- * Dept of Health determine that as plans could not meet their needs, and that the Dept of Health has a genuine responsibility toward client service satisfaction and toward staff safety, amalgamation of the North Ryde Clinic and Top Ryde Clinic is in their best interests.
 - o More than 1 Nurse on duty at any open hours for safety and staff development
 - o Less waiting time by clients for a professional
 - o No Centre closed without a professional available whilst home visits are scheduled
 - o Greatly improved and full facilities for clients – mothers and their babies
- * Options of two other area ECH Centre facilities are available to immediate local area clients, at Marsfield and Gladesville, in addition to Top Ryde.

NRCA has no alternative location available from which to assist its 500+ current Home & Community Care (HACC) clients.

NRCA is the primary HACC not for profit non-government agency meeting the needs of the residents of Ryde on all governments' behalf.

It is not emotive to describe the services of NRCA as vital to its disadvantaged client base.

The need for vastly improved facilities for NRCA is blatant:

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May 14, 2010
The Mayor of Ryde

- * The working conditions and facilities of NRCA do not meet basic access requirements or cater to the increasing number of clients, visitors and staff.
- * ABS 2006 Census data as well as RCC's own residential records both support the need to increase social, cultural and environmental services in the area to the highest growth age groups in Ryde: 85+ years, followed by the 55-64 year age group. 14.5% of the population in Ryde is 65+ years and 18.9% in Hunters Hill
- * 15% of the 15-64 year age group in Ryde will move into the 65+ year bracket by 2016

The fracas and subjective protestation based on mis-information is most regrettable and will impact on the aged, the disabled and their carers most severely.

Council's engagement in such furor will jeopardize NRCA's ability to meet State Govt funding terms of our successful CBP Grant monies and thus deny NRCA improved facilities

Council's engagement will also result in State Govt funding improving a Council property, an asset owned by the community.

I await your response.

Yours sincerely



Helen Crouch
Executive Officer

Cc: Dr Carolyn Cooper – Dept of Health
Mr Victor Dominello – State Member for Ryde
Mr John Booth – Editor, The Weekly Times
Mr Colin Kerr – Editor, Northern District Times
Residents of the City of Ryde

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ATTACHMENT 3

NORTHERN SYDNEY
CENTRAL COAST
NSW HEALTH

DATE 12 May 2010

media statement

Please attribute the following statement to a spokesperson for Primary & Community Care & Allied Health, North Shore Ryde Health Service.

There are no plans by Northern Sydney Central Coast Health (NSCCH) to close Early Childhood Health Clinics in the Lower North Shore area.

There will be a reorganisation of the seven 'single nurse' centres in the Ryde area that do not comply with today's occupational health and safety regulations, into multi-nurse centres. These well-staffed centres will provide an excellent service to mothers in the Ryde area.

There has been significant work and consultation with the City of Ryde to ensure that the ECHC services are supported as they are a key community care function.

The current North Ryde ECHC building does not meet OH&S requirements for a community public health building, in particular a requirement that staff members not be expected to work in isolation.

The North Ryde facility will join the Marsfield and Top Ryde clinics. This will also fulfil the multi-nurse clinic function.

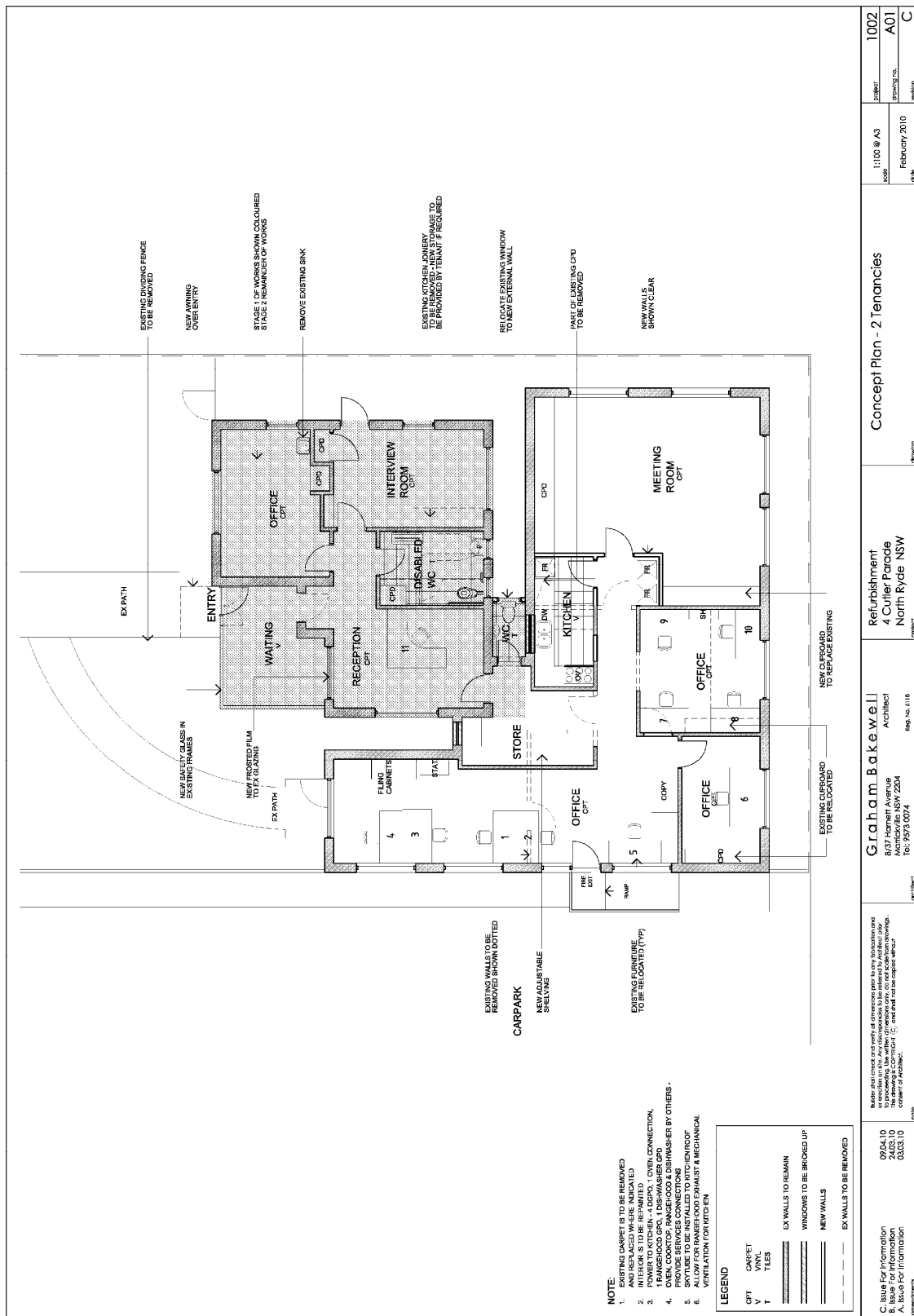
We remain committed to providing the best possible care to new babies and their families in the Ryde area.

ENDS

Tanya Holloway 9926 8313 / 0404 054 160

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ATTACHMENT 4



8 MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2014

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer; Corporate Planning Co-ordinator

Report dated: 1/06/2010

File No.: GRP/10/3/001/6 - BP10/317

Report Summary

This report provides Council with a summary of public submissions received in relation to the exhibition of the Draft Management Plan together with the recommended amendments to the Draft Plan for Council's consideration in adopting the Management Plan for the period 2010-2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the public submissions received during the public exhibition period and the responses to the submissions, as detailed in the report.
- (b) That in accordance with Section 406 of the Local Government Act (1993), the Draft Management Plan 2010 - 2014 be adopted as the Management Plan 2010 - 2014, incorporating the amendments described in this report, and all changes consequential thereunto.
- (c) That, in accordance with Sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council make the following rates and charges for every parcel of rateable land within the City of Ryde for the year commencing 1 July 2010 as detailed in the Management Plan 2010 - 2014.
 - (i) A Residential Ordinary Rate of 0.1538384 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within the City of Ryde categorised as residential in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 subject to a minimum amount of \$429.80.
 - (ii) A Business Ordinary Rate of 0.6764418 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within the City of Ryde categorised as business in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993, (excepting land sub-categorised as Business – centre of Activity 1 (CoA1) subject to a minimum amount of \$429.80.
 - (iii) A Business Centre of Activity 1 Ordinary Rate of 1.03856 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within the City of Ryde sub-categorised as Business Centre of Activity 1 (CoA1) in accordance with Section 529(2)(d).
 - (v) An Environmental Management Ordinary Rate of 0.0240084 cents in the dollar be levied on the value of all rateable land within the City of Ryde subject to a base amount of \$50.89.
 - (vi) A Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate of 0.1265058 cents in the dollar be levied on the land value of all rateable land categorised as business in accordance with Sections 518 or 529(2)(d) and included in the Macquarie Park Corridor, as identified by the map contained in the 2010-2014 Management Plan.

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- (d) That, in accordance with Section 496 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the charge for the Domestic Waste Management Service for each rateable residential property be set at \$325.00 per service per annum and the following additional services be provided, on request, to each rateable residential property, for the following annual charges:
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|-------|---|-------|
| (i) | Upgrade from 140 litre to 240 litre service | \$237 |
| (ii) | Additional 140 litre Garbage bin | \$247 |
| (iii) | Additional 240 litre Garbage bin | \$485 |
| (iv) | Additional Recycle bin | \$ 39 |
| (v) | Additional Green bin | \$ 39 |
- (e) That, in accordance with Section 496 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 the standard charge for the Domestic Waste Management service provided, on request, to non-rateable properties be set at \$325.00 per service per annum and the following additional services be provided, on request, to each non-rateable property, for the following annual charges:
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| (i) | Upgrade from 140 litre to 240 litre Garbage bin | \$237 |
| (ii) | Additional 140 litre Garbage bin | \$247 |
| (iii) | Additional 240 litre Garbage bin | \$485 |
| (iv) | Additional Recycle bin | \$ 39 |
| (v) | Additional Green bin | \$ 39 |
- (f) That in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Stormwater Management Service Charge be levied at the following rates:
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|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (i) | Strata titled residential home units | \$12.50 per unit |
| (ii) | Other residential property | \$25 per rateable property |
| (iii) | Business rateable properties | \$25 per 350 sq metres of land area |
| (iv) | Business rateable Strata Properties | \$12.50 per unit |
- (g) That, in accordance with Section 611 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following annual charges be made:
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| (ii) | the use of Council land for the vehicle overbridge situated in Herring Road be charged in accordance with the legal agreement between the City of Ryde and the owners of Macquarie Shopping Centre (anticipated income is \$67,375 including GST for 2010/2011). | |
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- (iii) the use of Council land for the Shell Oil company pipeline in the City of Ryde be charged in accordance with the pricing formula agreed with the Company, (anticipated income is \$56,975 including GST for 2010/2011).
- (iv) the use of Council land for AGL Gas Mains in the City of Ryde be charged at a rate based on an annual review by KPMG of AGL's revenue (anticipated income is \$49,200 including GST for 2010/2011).
- (h) That the rate of interest payable in respect of rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable be set at 9 percent per annum.
- (i) That the Schedule of Fees and Charges, annexed to the Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 as amended in terms of this report, be adopted as Council's Fees and Charges for 2010/2011 including the fees and charges adopted by Council at its meeting of 22 June 2010 in respect of Council's Memorial Plaques & Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2010/2014 Management Plan Submissions
- 2 Proposed Draft Scheduled Fees 2010/11

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John Neish
General Manager

ITEM 8 (continued)**Background**

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 21 April 2010, resolved that pursuant to Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993, the document titled "Draft Management Plan 2010-2014" be adopted as the Draft Management Plan of the City of Ryde to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days from 19 May 2010 to 15 June 2010.

Report

In accordance with Council's resolution at its meeting on 21 April 2010, the Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 was advertised and also distributed to other key stakeholders in seeking feedback from our community. A summary of these initiatives is detailed below;

Public Advertising/ Consultation Program

In the preparation of the Draft Management Plan, Council undertook a comprehensive advertising/ consultation program. The program was as follows:

- Formal public advertising of the Draft Management Plan commenced on 19 May 2010 with a full page advertisement being placed in the Northern District Times advising the community of the public exhibition period for submissions being up to 15 June 2010 and that the Draft Plan was available at all Council libraries, Civic Centre and the website.

Key highlights of the Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 and important information on how the community could comment on the Draft Plan was included in the advertisement. Council's website also provided other supporting documentation to assist the community in being fully informed of Council's Draft Plan.

- A public community forum was held on the 9 June 2010. This was advertised in the Mayoral Column and invitations extended to Advisory Committees and residents who are members of the Consultation Database
- Additional consultation has occurred with presentations summarising the Draft Plan being given at various community forums as follows:

Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association	12 May 2010
Ryde Business Forum	7 June 2010
Eastwood Chamber of Commerce	21 June 2010

All other Chambers/Associations were extended an invitation for a presentation by Council's staff, however no additional requests were received.

In addition, Council forwarded emails to all members of its Advisory Committees and Chambers of Commerce/Progress Associations advising them of the public exhibition period for the Draft Management Plan and provided the link to Council's website. They were also requested to forward the email to all of their members.

ITEM 8 (continued)**Public Submissions**

Submissions closed on 15 June 2010. A total of **7** public submissions were received **(CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**. These submissions are summarised in **ATTACHMENT 1** together with a response from the relevant Council Officer.

Overall a positive response has been received on the Draft Management Plan 2010-2014. Submissions were mainly concerned with the Draft Capital Works Program and no impact or changes have been required to the draft program.

Draft Management Plan and Recommended Amendments

Since the Draft Management Plan was adopted by Council for public exhibition, there are some amendments that are required to be made to the Draft Plan to correct minor typographical errors or amendments to the wording of the document. In addition the Catchments and Assets Unit has been renamed to Stormwater and Parks Asset Unit to better reflect the Units accountabilities and responsibilities.

Once adopted the 2010-2014 Management Plan will be published in its final form on Council's website with notification in the Ryde City View newsletter. A bound copy of the document will be distributed to all Councillors and will be available at Customer Service and our five libraries.

Proposed Amendments**Blackspot Program**

Council has received advice the following grants under the Federal Government Blackspot Program:

Access - Traffic Facilities - \$95K grant
Shaftsbury Road / Glen Street Roundabout (page A8)

Existing project was \$90K funded 50/50 by Council and RTA.
Project now \$95K fully funded by \$95K grant

Access - Traffic Facilities - \$35K grant
Curzon Street / Smith Street Raised Threshold

New project fully funded by \$35K grant

As a result, the Capital Works budget for 2010-2011 will increase by \$40K to \$68,54 million and Working Capital will increase by \$45K to approximately \$3.28 million as at 30 June 2011.

Capital Works Program 2010-2014

City of Ryde's revised 4 year Capital Works program totals \$134.58 million with \$68.54 million Program for 2010/2011.

ITEM 8 (continued)**Loan Borrowings**

City of Ryde does not propose to borrow any funds to support its \$68.5 million capital works program with Council's forecasted debt service ratio being less than 1% as at 30 June 2011.

Rates and Annual Charges

The Minister for Local Government has set the rate pegging limit at 2.6% for 2010/2011 and this is proposed to be adopted by Council for the 2010/2011 rating year.

The Minister for Local Government has recently advised that maximum interest rate on overdue rates for 2010/11 has been set at 9%. The City of Ryde is proposing to adopt the Minister for Local Government's maximum interest rate on overdue rates for 2010/2011.

Fees & Charges

It is proposed that the following changes be made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges in respect of the following areas:

1. Government Information Public Access Act
(This Act becomes effective 1 July 2010 and replaces the FOI Act)
2. Commercial Filming in the City
(Fees for car parking and hiring of City of Ryde facilities)
3. Memorial Plaques & Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy.
(Item 4 of Council's Business Paper of 22 June 2010)

The fees and charges for items 1 & 2 above are included in **ATTACHMENT 2** whilst for item 3, the fees and charges will be the fees adopted by Council in respect of its consideration of Council's report on the Draft Memorial Plaques & Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy listed as Item 4 on tonight's Council meeting agenda for 22 June 2010.

Critical Dates

Council publicly exhibited the Draft Management Plan on 19 May 2010 for a period of 28 days, closing on 15 June 2010, to allow the public to make submissions on any aspect of the Draft Plan.

Council is required to consider all public submissions received from the public exhibition period, in considering this matter at its meeting on Tuesday, 22 June 2010, prior to formally adopting the 2010-2014 Management Plan.

ITEM 8 (continued)**Consultation**

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Executive Team
- Corporate Strategy Unit
- Finance Unit
- All Council Service Units

Internal Workshops held:-

- Councillor workshops - In the preparation of the Draft Management Plan 2010-2014, workshops have been held with Councillors as follows:-
 - Workshop 1 10 November 2009
 - Workshop 2 8 December 2009
 - Workshop 3 9 February 2010
 - Workshop 4 9 March 2010
 - Workshop 5 23 March 2010
 - Workshop 6 27 April 2010
 - Workshop 7 11 May 2010
 - Workshop 8 22 June 2010

External public consultation included:-

- Public exhibition of Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 between 19 May 2010 and 15 June 2010.
- Information package on Council's website, Civic Centre and all Libraries
- Presentations to;
 - Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association
 - Ryde Business Forum
 - Community Forum
 - Eastwood Chamber of Commerce
- Advice to all Advisory Committee members, Chambers of Commerce/Progress Associations providing links to Council's website
- Advice to members of Council's Consultation Database

Management Plan Budget / Linkages

The Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 details the key projects, initiatives and actions that Council proposes will be undertaken over the next year. It provides the strategic direction for Council and details the key initiatives, deliverables and performance measures for 2010/11 in addition to formally allocating resources through the Budget.

ITEM 8 (continued)**Financial Impact**

The Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 maintains the City of Ryde's sound financial position whilst delivering a significant Capital Works Program of \$68.54 million and projects a Working Capital balance of \$3.28 million, as at 30 June 2011.

Council is continuing to address the condition of the City's infrastructure and in particular the renewal of existing infrastructure. Council's proposed 4 year infrastructure capital works program of \$135 million provides approximately \$53 million of renewal of existing assets which equates to \$13.25 million per year.

However, based on asset management principles, Council should be spend \$18-\$20 million per year on asset renewal. On Council's projected level of expenditure, City of Ryde's infrastructure will continue to decline and increase expenditure required in future years in maintaining Council's infrastructure in a satisfactory condition.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications through the adoption of this recommendation

Other Options

The \$95K Federal Government Blackspot Program grant in respect of the Shaftsbury Road / Glen Street Roundabout Project releases \$45K of general revenue which is proposed to be retained in Working Capital.

Council could decide to allocate these funds however it should note that it has already drawn down on Working Capital by approximately \$1 million to support the 2010-2011 Capital Works budget.

It is recommended that these funds be retained in Working Capital and Council review this position as part of the Quarterly Management Plan Review process.

Conclusion

The Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 has been developed by Council with eight (8) Councillor Workshops being held with staff since November 2009.

The Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 maintains Council's sound financial position whilst delivering a significant Capital Works Program of \$68.54 million.

The Draft Management Plan 2010-2014 provides the strategic direction for Council and details the key projects, deliverables and performance measures that Council proposes will be undertaken over the next 4 years.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Management Plan Submissions and response from Council Officers

D10/34199

Date Reference		Submission	Comments
22/5/10 D10/34180	Resident 1 Ryde	<p>Letter submission</p> <p>Traffic Facilities Construction (New) North & Willow Roundabout \$150,000. This is supported completely and is urgently needed for the safe egress of North Rd. residents. Local residents and Councillors have been urging this roundabout for some time.</p>	Noted
22/5/10 D10/34180	Resident 1 Ryde	<p>Footpath Construction (New) <u>Heath St (proposed)</u> There is no allocation for an important footpath that is required in Heath St. which does not have footpaths on either side. Heath St. is part of the SUP (shared user path) route and at present requires pedestrians to walk down the road. By providing a footpath in Heath St. it will complete the missing link for pedestrians from West Ryde station to Macquarie Centre. By installing this footpath pedestrians will be able to walk on footpaths from West Ryde station to Macquarie Centre. Heath St. is a popular route for walkers. The nature strips along Heath St. are undulating and uneven making walking unsafe. The property 26 Heath St. historically has had extremely long grass on the nature strip for many years forcing people onto the road especially in wet weather. Most walkers currently use the road.</p>	<p>The construction of concrete footpath on the west side of Heath Street between Quarry Road and North Road is included on the New Footpath Request Register. It is a Priority 3 footpath. Current proposals are for Priority 2 and 3, hence Heath Street should be placed on a Program within a couple of years.</p>

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Date Reference		Submission	Comments
22/5/10 D10/34180	Resident 1 Ryde	<p>2012/2013 Capital Works Program Putney Park New Toilet and meeting space / cafe \$700,000.</p> <p>This is an excellent allocation of funds assuming the new block is located towards the <u>southern (Punt) end</u>. This is a popular recreational facility that is well used. Presently park users have to walk a considerable distance to the northern end for toilet facilities.</p>	<p>Council in developing its plans to provide new toilets, meeting space and a cafe at Putney Park in the 2012/13 Capital Works program, will undertake community consultation prior to determining the best location for the facilities. A current trial of a mobile refreshment van will also provide valuable input in establishing the best location for a future cafe in the park. It would be expected that a number of factors will influence the final location.</p>
22/5/10 D10/34180	Resident 1 Ryde	<p>Traffic Facilities Construction (New) <u>Beattie Ave</u> (proposed)</p> <p>It is proposed there should be an allocation of funds for measures to reduce the <u>volume</u> and speed of traffic along Beattie Ave. to prevent it being a "rat run" especially in morning and evening peak periods. Residents have made suggestions on suitable measures and campaigned for many years.</p>	<p>This issue was considered by the Ryde Traffic Committee on 29 October 2009 following a traffic survey. Council subsequently resolved on 24 November 2009 to monitor traffic movements along North Rd, Beattie Ave, Eulo Pde, Haig Ave and Richard St over the next 12 months. A further report will be submitted to the Ryde Traffic Committee in late 2010.</p>

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Date Reference		Submission	Comments
20/5/10 D10/32880	Resident 2 Eastwood	<p>Email form submission:</p> <p>I have yet to read the full plan, however I note that the front page shows a picture of a lovely tree-lined street. As a resident who has always believed in keeping fit and healthy so as not to be a burden on the health system, I have walked every day for the last 30 years. All my requests to council for shade trees to be planted along local streets have fallen on deaf ears. Some of the excuses include: It's too expensive They might get damaged The people in one street caused headaches for council because they objected Not everyone requested them</p> <p>Below are my arguments for planting more trees: We are constantly reminded of skin cancer danger Walkers need the shade in summer Those who object probably don't exercise either Walking is the cheapest form of exercise People who don't exercise will be a burden on the already overloaded health/hospital system Trees benefit everyone and greatly improve the appearance of the suburb. Concord is a good example.</p> <p>Treelined suburbs are always the most sought after in Real Estate. Council shouldn't require permission since they own the land and many residents rent and couldn't care less while others use the nature strip to park cars on If council thinks that trees are not important, then why does it use photos of them to promote the attractiveness of the Ryde area?</p>	<p>Council process requires that residents of any street identified for planting be consulted. It is unfortunately the case that in many circumstances, sufficient interest in street tree planting is not shown to justify tree planting in that street.</p> <p>Council programs must also take into account the overhead and underground services that exist in the street verge. This, together with requirements for line of sight along roads, does limit the opportunities for planting in some areas.</p> <p>The existing program does mean that over time there will be an increase in the number of trees in the streets of Ryde.</p>

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Date Reference		Submission	Comments
31/5/10 D10/36466	Resident 3 Marsfield	<p>Email submission:</p> <p>It would be appreciated if you would include the rehabilitation of Midgee Reserve at Bareena Place, Shipway Street and Brunton Place, Marsfield, within the Parks component of the Capital Works program of the Management Plan 2010 - 2014. This request is made, as there is no individual parks identification within the "Small Parks" budget of the Plan, for Midgee Reserve's rehabilitation and I wish to ensure that the reserve's rehabilitation remains on Council's schedule for 2010 / 2011.</p> <p>As detailed in the attached, the requested rehabilitation of Midgee Reserve has involved fruitful discussions with a number of Council's Officers, who have always been responsive to the approaches made to have the reserve's rehabilitation advanced.</p> <p>Midgee Reserve was developed some 30 years ago and provides a well used area of passive open space within Marsfield, that is accessed by children from the adjoining Epping Boys High School, residents of Vimiera (Retirement) Village along with other locals. Given the location of the retirement village and the school, this reserve would probably receive a greater level of activation than other comparable small parks located within traditional single residential precincts.</p>	<p>Midgee Reserve was listed for an upgrade in facilities in the 2009/10 Small Parks Program but was deferred to 2010/11 due to a reduction in Section 94 income. The works estimated at \$40,000 have been allowed in the draft 2010/11 Draft Capital Works Program.</p>

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Date Reference		Submission	Comments
31/5/10 D10/36466 (contd)	Resident 3 Marsfield (contd)	<p>The reserve is now somewhat dated in appearance and its equipment, such as dilapidated picnic shelters (that were removed some years back) require reinstatement along with renovation of existing walkways, installation of all weather permeable paths, a lighting upgrade, re-vegetation and general rehabilitation. I hasten to add, that Council has consistently maintained the reserve in a tidy state e.g. regular grass mowing etc., and has always been quick to act when requests have been made for repairs to play equipment and the like.</p>	
6/6/10 D10/38178	Resident 4 North Ryde	<p>Email form submission: Rate plan: Very good</p> <p>What else should have been included? Improve signage. eg small signs indicating directions to public toilets for visitors to or those passing through the area.</p> <p>There are still many roads with footpaths on one side only. I often see people walking down the road instead of crossing to the path. Perhaps there should be signs suggesting that pedestrians should cross the road.</p> <p>What i liked: Continued construction and upgrade of footpaths. Road surface renewal Upgrade of public amenity blocks</p>	<p>Signage to public toilets will be reviewed as part of the Public Toilets operating budget on 2010/2011.</p> <p>To cover the whole city with these signs would negatively impact on the visual amenity of streets, with no guarantee of pedestrian compliance.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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Date Reference		Submission	Comments
10/6/10 D10/39396	Resident 5 West Ryde	<p>Email form submission: Rate plan: Good</p> <p>What else should have been included? major footpath improvements along Victoria Rd between McDonalds to the station . The footpaths are dangerous and have been patched up too many times. major upgrades should also be made behind Woolies. this area is very dirty and old. What i liked at least some things are being done , but i will believe it when i see it.</p>	<p>Graft Ave and Chatham Road were upgrade 3 years ago. Council has progressively being upgrading the public domain at all Town Centres over the past few years including Eastwood, Gladesville, Meadowbank, Macquarie Park, Five Ways and Midway. Unfortunately a reduction in Developer Contributions since the global downturn has resulted in a reduced town centre upgrade program for 2010/11. Works on West Ryde public domain/footpaths are listed for 2012/13, at around the time that the new Village Square and shopping centre is expected to open.</p>
14/6/10 D10/34199	Resident 6 Denistone	<p>Email form submission: Rate plan: Very good</p> <p>Overall the plan is very sound and responsible, and reflects the good quality of service provided by Ryde Council staff and Counsellors.</p>	Noted

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Date Reference	Date	Submission	Comments
14/6/10 D10/34199 (contd)	Resident 6 Denistone (contd)	The environmental, waste and greenhouse aspects are appropriate, but could be strengthened even further.	All local area decisions consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development and the conservation of biodiversity, within available resources. Council is updating its Climate Change mitigation and adaptation strategy to reduce its carbon footprint and is reviewing its developed controls to introduce heightened sustainable building requirements and water sensitive urban design initiatives to improve water conservation, stormwater quality and waterway stability. In addition, with respect to waste Council will be reviewing its strategic waste action plan with the view of setting the planning framework for meeting the state governments target of 66% recycling by the year 2014.
15/6/10 D10/40391	Resident 7 Eastwood	Email form submission: Rate plan Good What else should have been included? Council could make life a lot easier for pedestrians, especially parents with strollers, if it put aside an annual budget for a public education campaign to advise residents to keep the footpath outside their property clear for pedestrians. Ryde Council has its "2030 Vision for the Future" - what about a "1530 Vision", a minimum footpath envelope clear of obstructions, 1.5m wide and 3.0m high.	Council has a program of pruning shrubs and trees near footpaths, as well as installation of new kerb ramps. We do also however encourage residents to identify problem areas with access. It is recommended that Council use the Ryde City View to make residents aware of the need for clear pedestrian access on the footpath.

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Date Reference		Submission	Comments
15/6/10 D10/40391 (contd)	Resident 7 Eastwood (contd)	<p>What i liked Some funds assigned for building new footpaths and cycleways.</p> <p>Page 32 Comments: Although I am in favour of more footpaths I have to ask: why does council bother building new ones? The reason I ask is because whenever I complain to council about a footpath becoming narrowed or the head clearance being lowered I am consistently advised by council staff that the right of pedestrians to use the footpath is a low priority compared to the following higher priorities: residents plants and trees, nature strip plants, garbage bins, road signs, and parking signs. So perhaps we should stop calling them footpaths? Council is effectively wasting ratepayers' money because a significant portion of footpaths are rendered inaccessible and unusable because property owners have planted inappropriate plants right next to the footpath, and council staff are turning a blind eye. So this expensive strip of concrete and public asset becomes a glorified compost heap. Even new footpaths are being turned into bush tracks within a few years of building them. Council cannot complain about residents causing road congestion when it is itself guilty of condoning the sabotage of footpath infrastructure.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Council has programs for both new and replacement footpath programs. Generally our footpaths are in good condition, however there are considerable funds allocated to maintain that level of standard.</p> <p>Clear footpath distances need to be balanced with visual and environmental amenity.</p>

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ATTACHMENT 2

Corporate Services		Proposed Draft Scheduled Fees 2010/11		Price	GST
		2010/11	Additional Information	Policy	Included
RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
Access to Information Services - Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA)					
A 50% reduction of the processing charge can be applied for if the Council is satisfied that the applicant is suffering financial hardship or if the information sought is of special benefit to the public generally.					
Formal GIPA Application fee		30.00		A	N
Per hour processing fee (Personal Information Applicants not charged for first 20 hours processing fee).		30.00		A	N
Internal Review fee		40.00		A	N
Information provided on a CD ROM		5.00		D	Y
Environment and Planning					
Other Document Copy Service					
a) Development consents					
Note: No administration charge for retrieval of development consents > 5 years old, as under GIPA, only photocopy fees applicable					
		0.40 per page (A3 & A4)		D	Y
		2.00 (minimum fee)		D	Y
		25.00 per page (A1, A2 & A0)		D	Y
Public Works					
BUILDINGS & PROPERTY					
Commercial Filming in the City (As per the Local Government Filming Protocol)					
e) Facility hire for filming					
Car parking					
City of Ryde Buildings greater > 500 m2		2.20 per space per hour		E	Y
City of Ryde Buildings less < 500 m2		130.00 per hour		F	Y
		60.00 per hour		F	Y

9 INVESTMENT REPORT - May 2010

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer**Report dated:** 9/06/2010**File No.:** GRP/10/1/001/6 - BP10/332

Report Summary

This report provides details of Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for the month of May 2010, the financial year to date and the rolling 12 month period.

Council's year to date return of 4.86% is 1.07% above benchmark, with income from interest on investments for the year in line with budget projections of \$3 million. Council has continued to invest in term deposits to take advantage of the Federal Government's guarantee.

The impact and continuing volatility of the global financial markets continues to place at risk the principal of some of Council's investments. Whilst these investments continue to operate and pay interest, Council has written them down to a nominal value so that if they do fail, there will be no further impact on Council's financial position. This impairment was funded from Council's Financial Security Reserve,.

The report includes the estimated market valuation of Council's investment portfolio with a commentary on significant events in the global financial markets. The report also details Council's current loan liability. The average return on Council's term deposits is greater than the current interest rate applying to Council's loans.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 8/06/2010 on INVESTMENT REPORT - May 2010, be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report Approved By:

Roy Newsome
Group Manager - Corporate Services

ITEM 9 (continued)**Background**

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for the month of May 2010, the financial year to date and the rolling 12 month period are as follows:

	May 2010	12 Months	Fin YTD
Council Return	2.66	4.83	4.86
Benchmark	4.51	3.75	3.79
Variance	-1.85	1.08	1.07

The recent volatility in the global financial markets, particularly in Europe has impacted the fair value of the Grange Lehman IMP and Trident investments resulting in the monthly annualised return being below benchmark.

However Council's year to date return continues to outperform the benchmark and is 4.86% as at May which is 1.07% above benchmark. Income from interest on investments is estimated to be approximately \$3 million in line with budget projections.

All Council's investments complied with the Minister for Local Government's Investment Order dated 15 August 2008 and Council's Investment Policy when acquired, however the following investment's credit ratings are now below the Minister's Order:

Investment	Rating	Maturity
• Grange IMP - Quartz CDO	CCC-	20/12/2010
- Flinders CDO	N/R	20/03/2012
- Merimbula CDO	N/R	20/06/2013
- Torquay CDO	CCC-	20/06/2013
- Scarborough CDO	CCC-	23/06/2014
- Global Bank Note CDO	N/R	20/09/2014
- Glenelg CDO	CCC	22/12/2014
• Alpha CDO *	CCC-	20/03/2012
• Covent Garden CDO *	C	20/09/2012
• Oasis CDO *	CCC-	04/09/2014

Note * Council at its meeting of 25 May 2010 wrote down/ impaired the Alpha, Covent Garden and Oasis CDOs to a nominal value and this was funded from the Financial Security Reserve.

Under the Minister's Order, Council is required to divest itself of these investments as soon as practicable. With the exception of the investments in the Grange IMP, these investments were purchased with the intention of holding them to maturity.

Whilst Council officers continue to work closely with Oakvale Capital Limited to manage Council's Investment Portfolio and to seek viable options to exit the above investments, options remain severely limited.

ITEM 9 (continued)**Report**

The Chief Financial Officer as Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report to Council on a monthly basis on Council's Investment Portfolio and to certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Investment Performance Commentary

Council's investment portfolio as at 31 May 2010 was as follows:

	May 2010	
Cash/Term Deposits	\$49.6M	65.8%
Floating Rate Notes	\$2.0M	2.6%
CDOs	\$2.0M	2.6%
Managed Funds	\$0.8M	1.2%
Other Financial Products	\$6.0M	7.8%
Total Cash Investments	<u>\$60.4M</u>	
Property	<u>\$15.1M</u>	20.0%
Total Investment Portfolio	<u>\$75.5M</u>	

The Alpha, Covent Garden and Oasis CDOs which were written down to a nominal value (Council meeting 25 May 2010) are continuing to pay interest. This interest is to be transferred to the Financial Security Reserve in accordance with Council's resolution of 25 May 2010.

There have been no notified credit events or movements in ratings of these investments or any other investments within Council's investment portfolio since the last Investment Report, which was submitted to Council on 25 May 2010.

Council has generally been utilising the Federal Government's guarantee and investing in Term Deposits with Approved Deposit Taking Institutions (ADIs) on a short term 30-90 day basis and some longer dated investments (generally up to 6 months maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

Council's \$500K investment in the capital protected Commonwealth Bank - Equity Linked Deposit Series matured on 5 June 2010 with Council receiving the full repayment of its principal. This investment paid the minimum 3% interest per annum over its 3 year term.

Council officers continue to manage Council's investment portfolio in conjunction with receiving investment advice from Council's Investment Adviser, Oakvale Capital Limited.

ITEM 9 (continued)**Economic Commentary**

The Reserve Bank (RBA) left interest rates on hold in their meeting on 1 June at 4.5% and made reference to the recent financial crisis being experienced in Europe together with their comment that interest rates were now at “average” levels. The Board stated that they expect the current setting of the monetary policy to be appropriate for the near term. Retail sales and building approvals data have confirmed that the interest rate sensitive portions of the economy are feeling the effects of six successive interest rate rises. The June quarter CPI is due out on July 28, so the RBA could be holding interest rates until their August board meeting.

In Europe, the Euro slumped against every major currency as debt concerns continue and in the United States, Americans pulled back on spending in May, after a tepid April in which manufacturing strengthened slightly, underscoring the American economy still remains fragile.

Legal Issues

As previously reported to Council, Piper Alderman have been engaged to provide advice on legal options available to Council in relation to its investments. Council's General Counsel will provide further updates to Council as developments occur.

Council's Property Investment Portfolio

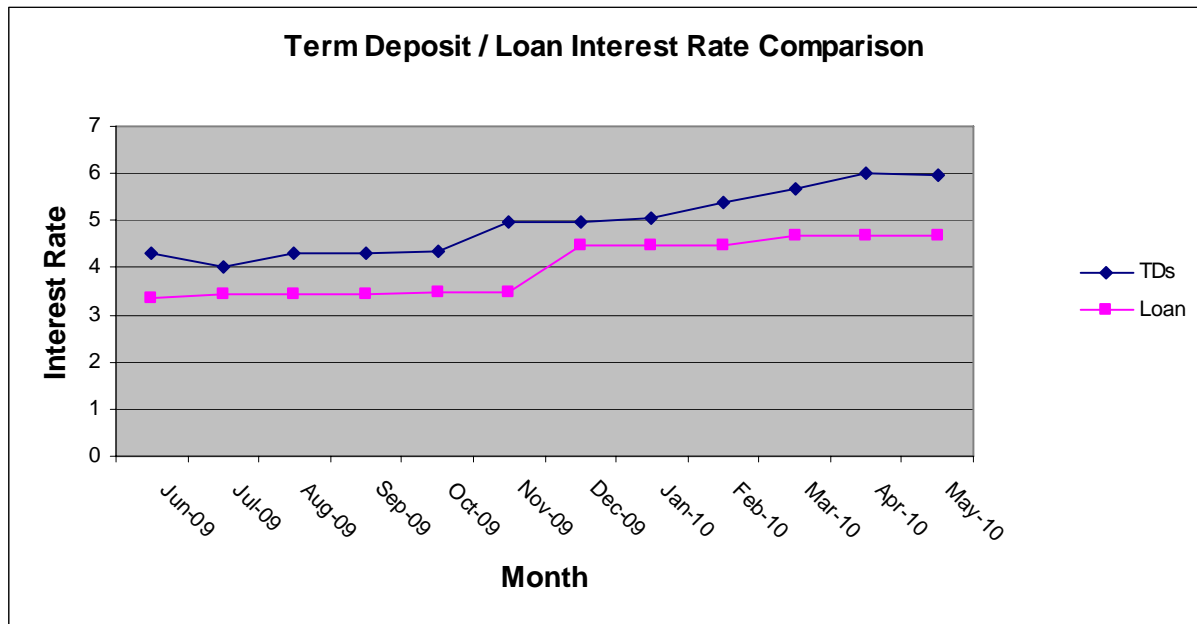
The following properties were held as part of Council's Property Investment portfolio:

- 2 Dickson Avenue, West Ryde
- 1a Station St, West Ryde
- 8 Chatham Road, West Ryde
- 202 Rowe St, Eastwood (commercial)
- 226 Victoria Rd, Gladesville (commercial)
- West Ryde Car Park Site
- Herring Road Air Space Rights

Loan Liability

Council's loan liability as at 31 May 2010 was \$4.8 million which represents the balance of one (1) loan taken out in 2004 for the Civic Centre Redevelopment and refinancing the West Ryde Tunnel. This loan was for 15 years and was negotiated at a very attractive rate for Council at BBSW + 20 basis points and is reset every 90 days.

The following graph shows the average interest rate earned on Council term deposits compared to the interest rate applying to this loan.

ITEM 9 (continued)**Comparative Financial Data****Council Loan Current interest rate**

Current interest rate	4.69%
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Term Deposit

Current average interest rate	5.97%
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Debt Service Ratio

Category 3 Councils	2007/08	3.13%
City of Ryde	2009/10	0.90%

Due to the favourable terms negotiated with this loan, and the current economic climate, Council is earning a higher rate of return in investing these funds than it is paying as loan interest – i.e. it produces a positive cash inflow to Council.

On this basis, there is no advantage to Council in changing these arrangements or repaying this loan earlier than planned.

Types of Investments:

At Call refers to funds held at a financial institution, and can be recalled by Council either same day or on an overnight basis.

A **Floating Rate Note (FRN)** is a longer term investment issued by a financial institution with a variable interest rate. The adjustments to the interest rate are usually made quarterly, and are tied to a certain money market index such as the Bank Bill Swap Rate.

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A **Floating Rate CDO** or **Collateralised Debt Obligation (CDO)** is an investment backed by a diversified pool of one or more classes of debt. These investments are for longer terms and offer a higher rate of interest. Credit ratings are assigned to these investments as detailed in the portfolio.

Credit Rating Information

Credit ratings are generally a statement as to an institution's credit quality. Ratings ranging from AAA to BBB- (long term) are considered investment grade.

A general guide as to the meaning of each credit rating is as follows:

AAA:	the best quality companies, reliable and stable
AA:	quality companies, a bit higher risk than AAA
A:	economic situation can affect finance
BBB:	medium class companies, which are satisfactory at the moment
BB:	more prone to changes in the economy
B:	financial situation varies noticeably
CCC:	currently vulnerable and dependent on favourable economic conditions to meet its commitments
CC:	highly vulnerable, very speculative bonds
C:	highly vulnerable, perhaps in bankruptcy or in arrears but still continuing to pay out on obligations
D:	has defaulted on obligations and it is believed that it will generally default on most or all obligations

ITEM 9 (continued)**INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 MAY 2010**

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Invested at 31-May-10 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments (%)	Return since 01 July 2009	% of Total Invested	Indicative Market Value ** \$000's	% Market Value
CBA	1. Shield Series 21	AA	500	3.76	3.20	3.22	0.83	594	118.73%
Select Access Investments (no 2) Ltd	2. Titanium AAA	A+	2,000	5.33	4.69	4.75	3.31	1,965	98.25%
Alpha Financial Products	3. Alpha	CCC-	0	1.05	1.63	1.51	0.00	0	30.00%
Helix Capital	4. OASIS	CCC-	0	5.72	5.23	5.36	0.00	0	6.50%
Westpac	5. FOCUS Note	AA	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83	458	91.65%
Westpac	6. Camelotfund	AA	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83	465	92.97%
Grange	7. Grange IMP	Unrated	750	-66.20	-3.08	4.61	1.24	750	100.00%
AB Svensk Exportkredit	8. Global Protected Property Note VII	AA+	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.66	911	91.09%
Longreach	9. Longreach CPWF	AAA	2,000	2.01	2.01	2.01	3.31	1,908	95.39%
CBA	10. ELD Series 4	AA	500	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.83	491	98.12%
Obelisk Trust 2007-3	11. Covent Garden	C	0	0.47	3.02	3.02	0.00	0	1.00%
ANZ	12. ANZ 3 YEAR SENIOR	AA	1,000	4.65	4.13	4.13	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Credit Suisse First	13. Trident	A+	1,000	-88.71	13.83	13.83	1.66	1,070	106.96%
Westpac	14. Westpac At Call	AA	5,686	4.51	3.79	3.43	9.42	5,686	100.00%
CBA	15. CBA TCD 5 Yr (Floating)	AAA	1,000	5.60	5.03	5.03	1.66	1,032	103.22%
CBA	16. CBA TCD 5 Yr (Fixed)	AAA	995	6.02	6.02	6.02	1.65	1,005	100.98%
BoQ	17. Bank of Queensland TD	AAA	1,000	4.55	4.55	4.55	1.66	1,000	100.00%
ANZ	18. ANZ (Esanda) 365 Day TD	AA	1,000	4.45	4.45	4.45	1.66	1,000	100.00%
MyState CU	19. MyState CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.03	6.11	6.09	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Police & Nurses Credit Union	20. Police & Nurses Credit Union	AAA	1,000	6.22	6.15	6.17	1.66	1,000	100.00%
NSW Teachers CU	21. NSW Teachers CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.07	6.02	6.02	1.66	1,000	100.00%
DefCredit	22. Defence Credit Union TD	AAA	1,000	6.35	6.34	6.34	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Railways CU	23. Railways CU	AAA	1,000	6.12	6.06	6.07	1.66	1,000	100.00%
New England Credit Union	24. New England CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.05	6.01	6.02	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Qld Police CU	25. Qld Police CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.12	5.97	6.00	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Qld Country CU	26. Qld Country Credit Union	AAA	1,000	6.00	5.94	5.94	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Community CPS	27. Community CPS TD	AAA	1,000	6.25	6.08	6.08	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Adelaide Bank	28. Adelaide Bank TD	AAA	1,000	6.31	6.31	6.31	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Hunter United Credit Union	29. Hunter United Credit Union TD	AAA	1,000	5.96	5.99	5.98	1.66	1,000	100.00%
CUA	30. Credit Union Australia TD	AAA	1,000	6.08	5.98	5.98	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Coastline CU	31. Coastline Credit Union TD	AAA	1,000	6.28	6.28	6.28	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Savings & Loans CU	32. Savings & Loans CU	AAA	1,000	6.30	6.30	6.30	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Bank of Cyprus (Aust)	33. Bank of Cyprus (Aust) TD	AAA	1,000	7.12	7.12	7.12	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Australian Defence Credit Union	34. Australian Defence CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.10	5.87	5.93	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Rural Bank	35. Rural Bank	AAA	1,000	6.45	6.45	6.45	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Banana Coast CU	36. Banana Coast CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.42	6.42	6.42	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Qantas Staff CU	37. Qantas Staff CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.16	6.16	6.16	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Southern Cross CU	38. Southern Cross CU TD	AAA	1,000	5.88	5.88	5.88	1.66	1,000	100.00%
SGE CU	39. SGE Credit Union TD	AAA	1,000	5.73	5.66	5.66	1.66	1,000	100.00%
B&E Ltd	40. B & E Building Soc TD	AAA	1,000	5.96	5.96	5.96	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Victoria Teachers CU	41. Victoria Teachers CU	AAA	1,000	6.45	6.45	6.45	1.66	1,000	100.00%
CBA	42. CBA TD	AAA	1,000	6.04	6.04	6.04	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Me Bank	43. ME Bank TD	AAA	1,000	6.07	6.07	6.07	1.66	1,000	100.00%
IMB	44. IMB TD	AAA	1,000	6.19	6.19	6.19	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Bankwest	45. Bankwest TD	AAA	1,000	5.82	5.82	5.82	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Sutherland CU	46. Sutherland CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.40	6.40	6.40	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Summerland CU	47. Summerland CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.30	6.30	6.30	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Wide Bay CU	48. Wide Bay CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.30	6.30	6.30	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Manly Warringah CU	49. Manly Warringah CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.24	6.24	6.24	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Queenslanders CU	50. Queenslanders CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.56	6.56	6.56	1.66	1,000	100.00%
HBS	51. Heritage Bldg Soc TD	AAA	1,000	6.24	6.24	6.24	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Warwick CU	52. Warwick CU TD	AAA	1,000	5.91	5.91	5.91	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Arab Bank Australia	53. Arab Bank Australia TD	AAA	1,000	6.25	6.25	6.25	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Maitland Mutual	54. Maitland Mutual Bldg Soc TD	AAA	1,000	5.93	5.93	5.90	1.66	1,000	100.00%
Bankwest	55. Bankwest TD	AA	2,000	6.03	6.03	6.03	3.31	2,000	100.00%
Macquarie Bank	56. Macquarie Bank TD	AAA	1,000	5.72	5.72	5.72	1.66	1,000	100.00%
AMP	57. AMP eASYSaver	AAA	952	5.45	5.45	5.45	1.58	952	100.00%
South West CU	58. South West CU TD	AAA	1,000	6.49	6.49	6.49	1.66	1,000	100.00%
TOTALS/WEIGHTED AVERAGES			60,383	2.66	5.01	5.08	100	60,286	

*Monthly returns when annualised can appear to exaggerate performance

**Market valuations are indicative prices only, and do not necessarily reflect the price at which a transaction could be entered into.

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	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments (%)	Return since 01 July 2009
Return including Matured/Traded Investments Weighted Average Return	2.66	4.83	4.86
Benchmark Return: UBSA 1 Year Bank Bill Index (%)	4.51	3.75	3.79
Variance From Benchmark (%)	-1.85	1.08	1.07

Investment Income

	\$000's
This Period	141
Financial Year To Date	2,801
Budget Profile	2,765
Variance from Budget - \$	36

Certificate of the Chief Finance Officer

I certify that as at the date of this report, the investments listed have been made and are held in compliance with Council's Investment Policy and applicable legislation, with the exception of the following investments:

Grange IMP - Quartz CDO	CCC-
- Merimbula CDO	NR
- Flinders CDO	NR
- Glenelg CDO	CCC
- Scarborough CDO	CCC-
- Torquay CDO	CCC-
- Global Bank Note CDO	NR
Oasis CDO	CCC-
ALPHA CDO	CCC-
Covent Garden	C



Richard Nankivell

09/06/2010

Date

Council's Investment Powers

Council's investment powers are regulated by Section 625 of the Local Government Act, which states:

- (1) A council may invest money that is not, for the time being, required by the council for any other purpose.
- (2) Money may be invested only in a form of investment notified by order of the Minister published in the Gazette.
- (3) An order of the Minister notifying a form of investment for the purposes of this section must not be made without the approval of the Treasurer.
- (4) The acquisition, in accordance with section 358, of a controlling interest in a corporation or an entity within the meaning of that section is not an investment for the purposes of this section.

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Council's investment policy requires that all investments are to be made in accordance with:

- Local Government Act 1993 - Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 - Order (of the Minister) dated 31 July 2008
- The Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 – Sections 14A(2), 14C(1) & (2)
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993
- The Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Investment Guidelines issued by the Department of Local Government

The Department of Local Government has released new guidelines aimed at assisting Councils in developing a comprehensive investment policy.

Council Officers are working with its investment advisor, Oakvale Capital Limited to develop a revised draft Investment Policy which is proposed to be submitted to the Council in August 2010 for consideration.

Overview of Investments

A brief overview of all investments held by the City of Ryde is provided;

1. **CBA - Shield Capital Protected Series 21 (AAp):** Council invested in the Shield Capital Protected Hedge Fund Note on 24 March 2004. This is a medium to long term investment (3-7 years) and matures on 28 February 2011. The investment is capital guaranteed by CBA on maturity. The note is linked to the performance of a diversified fund of hedge funds, being Colonial First State Wholesale Global Diversified Strategies Fund. The target return at maturity is anticipated to be over 10% pa annualised. This is a volatile investment that has active market exposure. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
2. **Titanium (Originally AAA now A):** CDO with a portfolio of a minimum of 100 investment grade names, paying 80 bps over 90 days BBSW. This investment was purchased on 14 June 2005. The investment is for 5.5 years and matures on 14 December 2010. This CDO was downgraded to A with advice being received in late December 2009. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
3. **FRN Alpha (Originally AA now CCC-):** This is a CDO that pays 250 bps above 180 day BBSW. This investment was purchased on 11 April 2006. The investment is for 6 years and matures on 20 March 2012. The CDO containing 2 separate portfolios, a capital portfolio and an income portfolio. The 2 portfolios are managed to maintain ratings stability. The CDO was previously downgraded to A- on 25 September 2008 and has now been downgraded to BBB watch negative on 31 October 2008, downgraded to B+ on 5 February 2009, to CCC in August 2009, and subsequently to CCC- in March 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment. Council impaired this investment to a nominal value at its meeting of 25 May 2010 with such being funded from the Financial Security Reserve.

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- 4. OASIS (Originally AA now CCC-):** This is a CDO that pays 140 bps above 90 day BBSW. This investment was purchased on 4 September 2006. The investment is for 8 years and matures on 4 September 2014. This is a CDO that is actively managed by Société Générale. The CDO was downgraded to BBB- on 29 September 2008 with advice being received in early April 2009 that this investment has been further downgraded to CCC-. No fees are payable by Council on this investment. Council impaired this investment to a nominal value at its meeting of 25 May 2010 with such being funded from the Financial Security Reserve.
- 5. FOCUS Note (AAp):** This investment was purchased on 20 December 2006. This is a medium to long term investment (3-7 years) and matures on 20 December 2012. The capital of the investment is guaranteed by Westpac on maturity. This investment consists of a dynamically managed portfolio comprising investments in the BT Focus Australian Share Fund, and aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index by 5% over a 3 to 5 year horizon. This note has had an annualised return of 3.62% since inception, with short term returns anticipated to be volatile. This note also pays a biannual contingent coupon of 180 day Bank Bill swap rate (currently approximately 8.00%). Westpac receive a principal protection fee of 0.90 p.a., an upfront structuring and distribution fee of 2.50%. BT Financial Group receives a management fee of 0.60% p.a., and a performance fee of 15%. The performance fee is only paid if the performance of the fund before fees exceeds the S&P/ASX Accumulation index plus the management fee. On 28 October 2008 advice was received that the recent volatility in the global financial markets had triggered the capital protection mechanism in this investment with 100% of the portfolio now invested in a zero coupon bond. Council will not receive any further coupon payments between now and the December 2012 maturity date but will receive the full face value of the investment at maturity.
- 6. Camelotfund (AAp):** This investment was purchased on 1 March 2007. The investment is for 5 years and matures 25 January 2012. This investment is in a fund that provides opportunity to diversify into a foreign exchange strategy with low correlation to other products and asset classes. Short term (i.e. monthly) returns on this note will be volatile. The SPV set up by Westpac receives a distribution fee of 2% of the note value, and the manager receives a management fee of 1% p.a., and a performance fee of 15% above 6M BBSW. Westpac receives a capital protection fee of 1% p.a. times NAV. This investment is capital protected by Westpac.
- 7. Grange (Lehman Brothers) IMP:** This is a portfolio of FRNs, CDOs and Bank issued securities managed by Grange Securities on Council's behalf. Lehman Brothers have cancelled the management agreement, and this portfolio is currently static.

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The IMP comprises the following investments:

<i>Investment</i>	<i>Maturing</i>	<i>Call Date</i>
Quartz CDO	20/10/2010	20/12/2008
Flinders CDO	20/03/2012	20/03/2009
Torquay CDO *	20/06/2013	20/06/2009
Merimbula CDO	20/06/2013	
Scarborough CDO *	23/06/2014	23/06/2009
Glenelg CDO *	22/12/2014	22/06/2009
AAA (Berryll) Global Bank Note CDO	20/09/2014	
HSBC FRN *	22/09/2016	22/09/2011

* If not called an additional margin paid

- 8. Global Protected Property Note VII (AAp+):** This investment was purchased on 13 March 2007. The investment is for 4.5 years and matures on 20 September 2011. It is a capital guaranteed investment which provides Council with a return on maturity based on the performance of three international property funds. It is anticipated that performance at the commencement of this investment will be low, with returns geared heavily towards the end life of the investment. This note was invested in as a result of a swap out of the earlier series VI note, in which Council realised a profit of \$237K capital profit after 9 months. Capital protection fee of 1.1% to Svensk Export Kredit.
- 9. Longreach Capital Protected Wholesale Fund (AAAp):** This investment is in property, infrastructure and utilities. This investment was purchased on 16 May 2007. The investment is for 5 years and matures on 16 May 2012. The Fund Manager's expectation is a target range of 8% to 10% pa over the life of the investment. Council receives a minimum coupon of 2% pa. There is a fee of 0.95% pa payable of the capital protection amount, plus a performance fee of 25% if the fund performs at or above UBS Bank Bill Index + 4%.
- 10. Equity Linked Deposit Series 4 (AAp):** This investment is linked to a basket of stocks. The investment is for 3 years and matures on 5 June 2010. Minimum return is 3.00% pa, and returns are capped at 11.50% with the actual return for each year to be calculated in June. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 11. Covent Garden (Originally AA now C):** This is a managed CDO paying 120 bps over 90 day BBSW. This investment was purchased on 6 July 2007. The investment is for 5 years and matures on 20 September 2012. Advice was received on 11 November 2008 that this investment has been downgraded to CCC and then to C. No fees are payable by Council on this investment. Council impaired this investment to a nominal value at its meeting of 25 May 2010 with such being funded from the Financial Security Reserve.

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- 12. ANZ 3 Year Senior Debt (AA):** Floating Rate Note issued by the ANZ bank, paying 32 bps over 90 day BBSW. This investment was purchased on 18 September 2007. The investment is for 3 years and matures on 18 September 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 13. Trident (Originally AA now Ap+):** This investment was purchased on 30 May 2007. The investment is for 4 years and matures on 30 May 2011. The investment which is capital protected has exposure to a basket of bond funds, with a coupon paid 6 monthly of 50% of the positive performance of the funds, with the other 50% being reinvested. There is a distribution fee charged upfront of 2%, plus a principal protection fee of 0.95% p.a. of the portfolio value, plus a leverage charge of USD 30 day LIBOR +0.50% p.a. on any leverage amount.
- 14. Westpac At Call Account (AA):** This investment is an at call account, paying the short term money market rate. These funds are used for operational purposes.
- 15. CBA TCD 5 Yr (Floating) (AAA):** This is a floating rate note issued at a margin of 120 points above 90 day BBSW, maturing 17 December 2013. Council took up the optional government guarantee on this investment at a fee of 70 basis points.
- 16. CBA TCD 5 Yr (Fixed) (AAA):** This is a fixed rate note issued at 5.75% above 90 day BBSW, maturing 17 December 2013. Council took up the optional government guarantee on this investment at a fee of 70 basis points.
- 17. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is an 18 month term deposit, paying 4.50% (4.55% annualised) and matures on 29 July 2010, with interest payable semi-annually. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 18. ANZ Term Deposit (AA):** This investment is a 365 day term deposit, paying 4.45% and matures on 26 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 19. MyState CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit, paying 5.90% (6.03% annualised) and matures on 18 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 20. Police & Nurses Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 120 day term deposit paying 6.09% (6.22% annualised) and matures on 22 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 21. NSW Teachers Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 5.94% (6.07% annualised) and matures on 24 June 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.

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- 22. Defcredit Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 6.20% (6.35% annualised) and matures on 3 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 23. Railways CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 120 day term deposit paying 6.00% (6.12% annualised) and matures on 4 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 24. New England CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 91 day term deposit paying 5.92% (6.05% annualised) and matures on 12 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 25. Queensland Police CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 91 day term deposit paying 5.98% (6.12% annualised) and matures on 9 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 26. Queensland Country CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 64 day term deposit paying 5.86% (6.00% annualised) and matures on 15 June 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 27. Community CPS CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 182 day term deposit paying 6.25% (6.35% annualised) and matures on 18 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 28. Adelaide Bank Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 151 day term deposit paying 6.20% (6.31% annualised) and matures on 19 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 29. Hunter United Employees CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 60 day term deposit paying 5.82% (5.96% annualised) and matures on 23 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 30. Credit Union Australia Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 76 day term deposit paying 5.94% (6.08% annualised) and matures on 12 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 31. Coastline CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 120 day term deposit paying 6.15% (6.28% annualised) and matures on 24 June 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 32. Savings & Loans CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 180 day term deposit paying 6.20% (6.30% annualised) and matures on 31 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 33. Bank of Cyprus (Aust) Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 19 month term deposit paying 7.00% (7.12% annualised) and matures on 30 September 2011. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.

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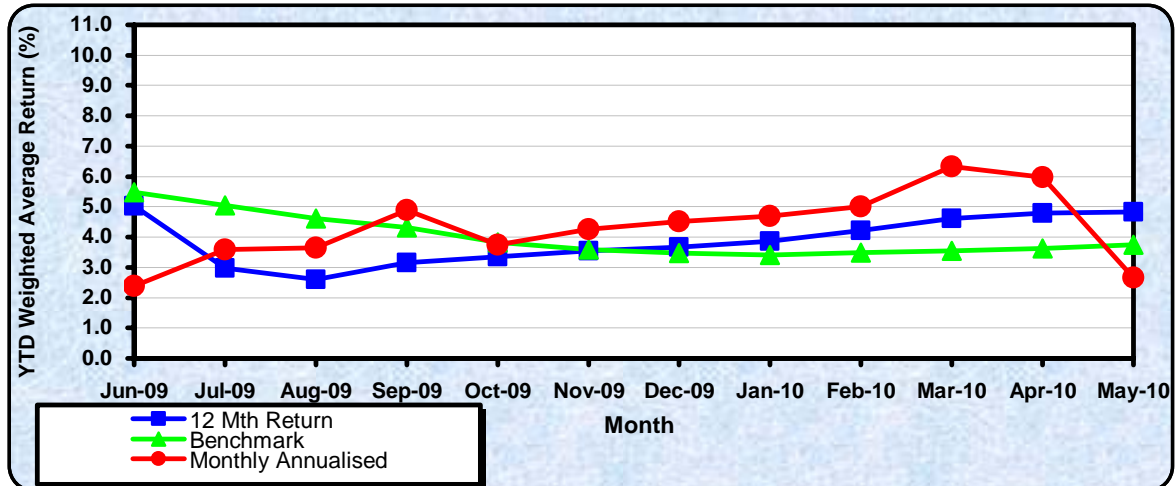
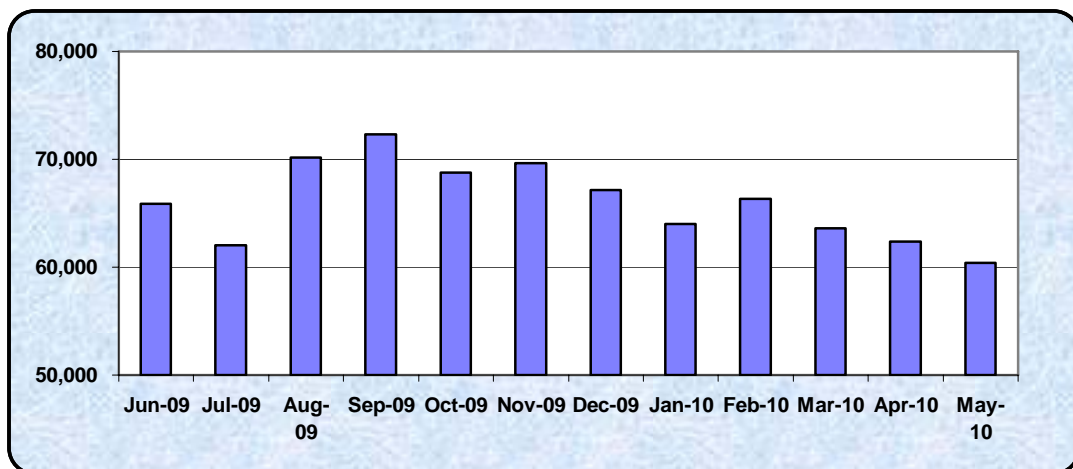
- 34. Australian Defence Force CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 61 day term deposit paying 5.95% (6.10% annualised) and matures on 5 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 35. Rural Bank Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.35% (6.45% annualised) and matures on 6 September 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 36. Banana Coast CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 150 day term deposit paying 6.30% (6.42% annualised) and matures on 5 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 37. Qantas Staff CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 19 month term deposit paying 6.02% (6.16% annualised) and matures on 9 June 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 38. Southern Cross CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 5.75% (5.88% annualised) and matures on 16 June 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 39. SGE Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 91 day term deposit paying 5.61% (5.73% annualised) and matures on 19 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 40. B & E Ltd Building Society Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 5.83% (5.96% annualised) and matures on 16 June 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 41. Victoria Teachers CU Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.35% (6.45% annualised) and matures on 21 September 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 42. CBA Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 5.95% (6.04% annualised) and matures on 21 September 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 43. Members Equity Bank Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 120 day term deposit paying 5.95% (6.07% annualised) and matures on 4 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 44. IMB Building Society Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.10% (6.19% annualised) and matures on 4 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 45. Bankwest Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 91 day term deposit paying 5.70% (5.82% annualised) and matures on 12 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.

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- 46. Sutherland Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.30% (6.40% annualised) and matures on 11 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 47. Summerland Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.20% (6.30% annualised) and matures on 12 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 48. Wide Bay Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.20% (6.30% annualised) and matures on 12 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 49. Manly Warringah Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 6.10% (6.24% annualised) and matures on 15 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 50. Queenslanders Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.45% (6.56% annualised) and matures on 20 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 51. Heritage Building Society Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.15% (6.24% annualised) and matures on 29 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 52. Warwick Credit Union Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 5.78% (5.91% annualised) and matures on 29 July 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 53. Arab Bank (Australia) Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 6 month term deposit paying 6.15% (6.25% annualised) and matures on 27 October 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 54. Maitland Mutual Building Society Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 60 day term deposit paying 5.73% (5.87% annualised) and matures on 3 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 55. Bankwest Term Deposit (AA):** This investment is a 60 day term deposit paying 5.90% (6.03% annualised) and matures on 9 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 56. Macquarie Bank Term Deposit (AAA):** This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 5.60% (5.72% annualised) and matures on 9 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.
- 57. AMP eASYsaver at call account (AAA):** This investment is an at-call account earning 5.50%. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.

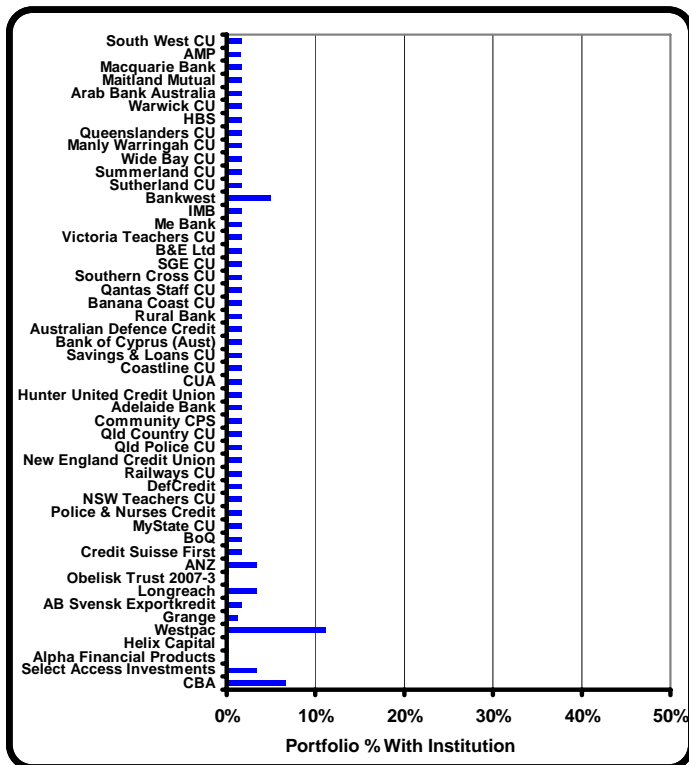
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58. South West Credit Union (AAA): This investment is a 90 day term deposit paying 6.34% (6.49% annualised) and matures on 24 August 2010. No fees are payable by Council on this investment.

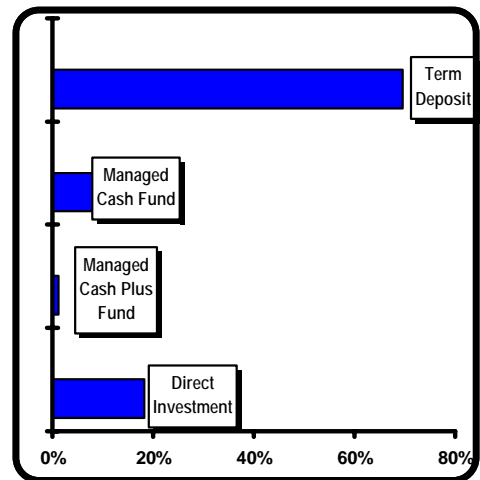
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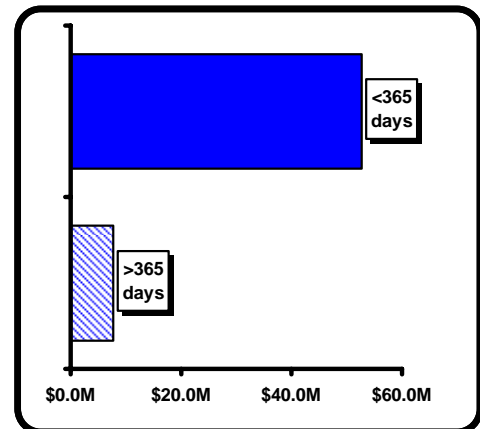
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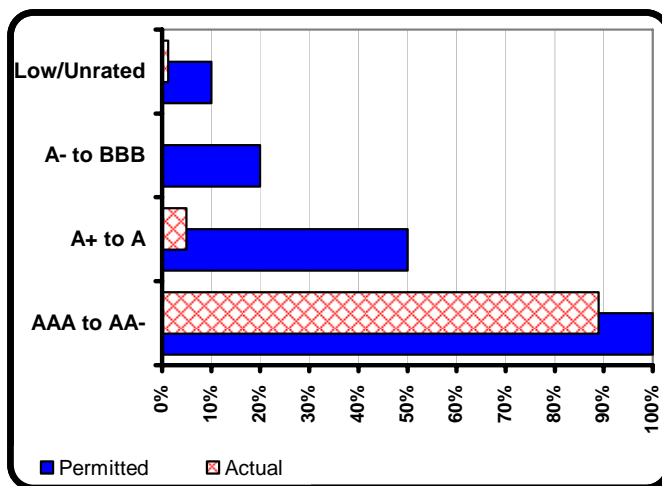
Summary By Investment Type



Summary By Duration



Active Investment Summary By Credit Rating



	>365 days	<365 days
FRN's	\$1.0M	\$1.0M
CDO's	\$0.0M	\$2.0M
Other	\$4.0M	\$2.0M
Mgd Funds	\$0.8M	\$0.0M
Cash/TDs	\$2.0M	\$47.6M
	\$7.8M	\$52.6M

ITEM 9 (continued)**Consultation**

Council business units consulted included:-

- Finance Unit

Internal Workshops held:-

- Nil

External public consultation included:-

- Nil

Council officers have regular discussions and meetings with Investment Issuers and Council's Investment Advisor Oakvale Capital Limited to monitor the impact of market conditions on the performance of Council's investments and the economic outlook.

Critical Dates

The Chief Financial Officer as Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report to Council on a monthly basis on Council's Investment Portfolio and to certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Financial Impact

Council's income from interest on investments is in excess of budget projections and is expected to generate in excess of \$3 million for the 2009/2010 year.

The ongoing volatility and turmoil in financial markets is continuing to place at risk the principal of some of Council's investments. Council has impaired its "at risk" investments so should they fail, there will be no further impact on Council's financial position.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications through the adoption of the recommendation.

The recommendation is consistent with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, which deals with the investment of surplus funds by Council's.

Other Options

Not Applicable

Conclusion

Council's year to date return to May 2010 is 4.86%, which is 1.07% above the benchmark.

Council's income from interest on investments is now projected to be approximately \$3 million and is in line with budget projections.

Council has previously impaired three (3) of its "at risk" CDO investments to nominal value to protect Council for any further impact from the global financial crisis. These investments still continue to operate and pay coupon at this stage.

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Council had generally been investing in Term Deposits for periods ranging from 30-180 days with the main five (5) banks (Westpac, National Australia Bank, ANZ, Commonwealth and BankWest). Council also has been utilising the Federal Government's guarantee and investing in Approved Deposit Taking Institutions (ADIs) with longer dated investments (generally up to 1 year maturity) where more competitive rates are available

Council has generally been utilising the Federal Government's guarantee and investing in Term Deposits with Approved Deposit Taking Institutions (ADIs) on a short term 30-90 day basis and some longer dated investments (generally up to 6 months maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

10 COUNCILLOR FEES AND MAYORAL FEE - Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Report prepared by: Manager - Governance**Report dated:** 7/06/2010**File No.:** GRP/10/3/001/6 - BP10/327

Report Summary

To advise of the recent determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal in respect of fees for both Councillors and the Mayor effective from 1 July 2010. The report recommends that, as resolved by Council in previous years, Council endorse the maximum fee for Councillors and the Mayor which will be effective from 1 July 2010,

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the full fee increase to Councillors' fees and Mayoral fee (noting that 10% is currently paid to the Deputy Mayor).

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Shane Sullivan
Manager - Governance

Report Approved By:

Roy Newsome
Group Manager - Corporate Services

ITEM 10 (continued)**Background**

Councillor and Mayoral fees are reviewed and determined annually by the independent Local Government Remuneration tribunal.

Report

Ryde is a 'Category – Metropolitan Centre' Council and the new fees payable from 1 July 2010 are:

	Minimum	Maximum
Councillor fee (per annum)	\$10,880	\$20,320
Mayoral additional fee (per annum)	\$23,130	\$53,980

The current amount paid to Councillors is \$19,730 and the additional amount paid to the mayor is \$52,410 (10% of which is paid to the Deputy Mayor). The determination by the Remuneration Tribunal for 2010/11 represents a 3% increase on the current year.

Given Council's previous decisions in adopting the maximum fee, this report recommends Council consider adopting the maximum fee for both Councillors and the Mayor.

Consultation

- Not Applicable

Critical Dates

The following deadlines are required to be met:

- New fees are payable as at 1 July 2010.

Financial Impact

An increase in Councillor Fees and Mayoral Allowance has been provided for the 2010-2014 Management Plan and therefore, no budget adjustment is required if the maximum fees are adopted.

Policy Implications

The recommendation is consistent with the Policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors

ITEM 10 (continued)**Other Options**

The following options are available:

1. That Council adopt no fee increase to the Councillors fee and Mayoral fee (noting that 10% is currently paid to the Deputy Mayor)
2. That Council adopt a partial fee increase to the Councillors fee and Mayoral fee (noting that 10% is currently paid to the Deputy Mayor)
3. That Council adopt the full fee increase to the Councillors fee and Mayoral fee (noting that 10% is currently paid to the Deputy Mayor).

However, due to previous Council decisions on this matter, it is recommended that Council endorse the maximum fee for both Councillors and the Mayor.

11 M2 WIDENING - Proposed Declaration of the RTA as Road Authority for the Construction Period.

Report prepared by: Group Manager - Public Works**Report dated:** 10/06/2010**File No.:** GRP/10/1/001/6 - BP10/335

Report Summary

Council has received a request from the Roads & Traffic Authority (RTA) (see **ATTACHED**) for Council's comments on their proposal to take over the "roads authority" role (under the Roads Act 1993) for those local roads within the City of Ryde which would be affected by the works of the M2 Upgrade project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the proposal for the Roads & Traffic (RTA) to take over the "roads authority" role (under the Roads Act 1993) for those local roads within the City of Ryde which would be affected by the works of the M2 Upgrade project, as outlined in this report, for a period of approximately two (2) years.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 M2 Widening - letter from RTA dated 9 June 2010
- 2 M2 Widening - Talavera Road / Busaco Road - Plan 1 of 3
- 3 M2 Widening - Talavera Road / Christie Road - Plan 2 of 3
- 4 M2 Widening - Khartoum Road - Plan 3 of 3

Report Prepared By:

Kim Woodbury
Group Manager - Public Works

Report Approved By:

John Neish
General Manager

Kim Woodbury
Group Manager - Public Works

ITEM 11 (continued)**Background**

City of Ryde staff were briefed by the M2 construction proponent, the principal contractor, RTA and their respective Environmental and Community Managers on 25 May 2010 on the recent release of the M2 Widening Project Environmental Assessment.

The Environmental Assessment reviews the potential environmental, economic and social impacts associated with the proposed M2 upgrade from Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills to Lane Cove Road, North Ryde. The M2 Upgrade is on public exhibition until Monday, 21 June 2010.

Subject to planning approval of the project being obtained, it is expected that the construction works will commence late in 2010 and will take approximately two (2) years to complete.

Report

The RTA's request for Council's comments on their proposal to take over the "roads authority" role (under the Roads Act 1993) for those local roads within the City of Ryde which would be affected by the works of the M2 Upgrade project, has been reviewed by Council staff.

(1) The affected road areas are:

- Part of Busaco Road north of the underpass across the M2 Motorway at Marsfield.
- Talavera Road at its intersection with Busaco Road, Marsfield.
- Christie Road north of the bridge over the M2 Motorway at Macquarie Park, for a distance of approximately 30m from the Motorway boundary.
- Christie Road south of the bridge over the M2 Motorway to Talavera Road, Macquarie Park.
- Talavera Road from a point approximately 160m west of Christie Road to Alma Road, Macquarie Park.
- Herring Road at its intersection with Talavera Road, Macquarie Park.
- Khartoum Road south of the bridge over the M2 Motorway at Macquarie Park, for a distance of approximately 16 metres from the motorway boundary.

The RTA has provided Council with three (3) maps of the affected road areas **(ATTACHED)**.

(2) The proposed declaration is considered by the RTA to have the following benefits:

- Provide certainty of RTA's rights and streamline the process in granting RTA contractors access to the affected road areas for undertaking the M2 Upgrade works, thereby avoiding delay to the commencement of the upgrade works.

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- RTA will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the affected road areas after declaration until completion of the M2 Upgrade works, thereby reducing maintenance costs to Council. After completion of the M2 Upgrade works, the affected road areas will revert back to the Council in reasonable condition (at least equivalent to the existing).
- Reduce the Council's staff time and costs in administration.

Staff believe that the proposal by the RTA is appropriate in the circumstances.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Environment & Planning.

Internal Workshops held:-

- Not Applicable.

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included:-

- Not Applicable

External public consultation included:-

- RTA
- TransUrban

Critical Dates

The RTA have verbally requested Council's comments within the next few weeks.

Financial Impact

The RTA will be responsible for all maintenance costs for these roads for the two (2) year period. Any savings to Council are hard to quantify.

Policy Implications

Nil. The Minister for Roads determines who is the Road Authority under the Roads Act 1993, for all roads in New South Wales.

Other Options

Council could object to the proposal, however, this is not recommended by Council staff.

Conclusion

That Council support the proposal for the Roads & Traffic (RTA) to take over the "roads authority" role (under the Roads Act 1993) for those local roads within the City of Ryde which would be affected by the works of the M2 Upgrade project, as outlined in this report, for a period of approximately two (2) years.

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ATTACHMENT 1

File No: 8M3758

Wilson Poon

Telephone: (02) 8588 5717



9 June 2010

Mr Kim Woodbury
Group Manager – Public Works
Ryde City Council
Locked Bag 2069
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Mr Woodbury

M2 UPGRADE – PROPOSED DECLARATION OF RTA AS “ROADS AUTHORITY”

I refer to your recent discussions with Messrs Mal Cross and Wilson Poon of this office regarding the proposed declaration of the RTA as “roads authority” under the Roads Act 1993 for those local roads within the Ryde City Council that would be affected by the works of the M2 Upgrade project.

The affected road areas are listed below and shown as coloured brown in the enclosed Plan No 6002 387 SS 4015 (3 sheets)

Plan No	Lot No	Location
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 1 of 3)	1	Busaco Road north of the underpass across the M2 Motorway at Marsfield
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 1 of 3)	2	Talavera Road at its intersection with Busaco Road, Marsfield
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 2 of 3)	3	Christie Road north of the bridge over the M2 Motorway at Macquarie Park for a distance of approx 30m from the motorway boundary
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 2 of 3)	4	Christie Road south of the bridge over the M2 Motorway to Talavera Road, Macquarie Park
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 2 of 3)	5	Talavera Road from a point approx 160m west of Christie Road to Alma Road, Macquarie Park
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 2 of 3)	6	Herring Road at its intersection with Talavera Road, Macquarie Park
6002 387 SS 4015 (Sheet 3 of 3)	7	Khartoum Road south of the bridge over the M2 Motorway at Macquarie Park for a distance of approx 16m from the motorway boundary

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The proposed declaration is considered to have the following benefits:

- Provide certainty of RTA's rights and streamline the process in granting RTA contractors access to the affected road areas for undertaking the M2 Upgrade works, thereby avoiding delay to the commencement of the upgrade works.
- RTA will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the affected road areas after declaration until completion of the M2 Upgrade works, thereby reducing maintenance costs to the Council. After completion of the M2 Upgrade works, the affected road areas will revert back to the Council in reasonable conditions (at least equivalent to the existing).
- Reduce the Council's staff time and costs in administration.

The Environmental Assessment for the M2 Upgrade project is currently on display for public comment. Subject to planning approval of the project being obtained, it is expected that the construction works will commence late this year and will take about two years to complete.

Please advise whether the Council has any comment on the proposed declaration.

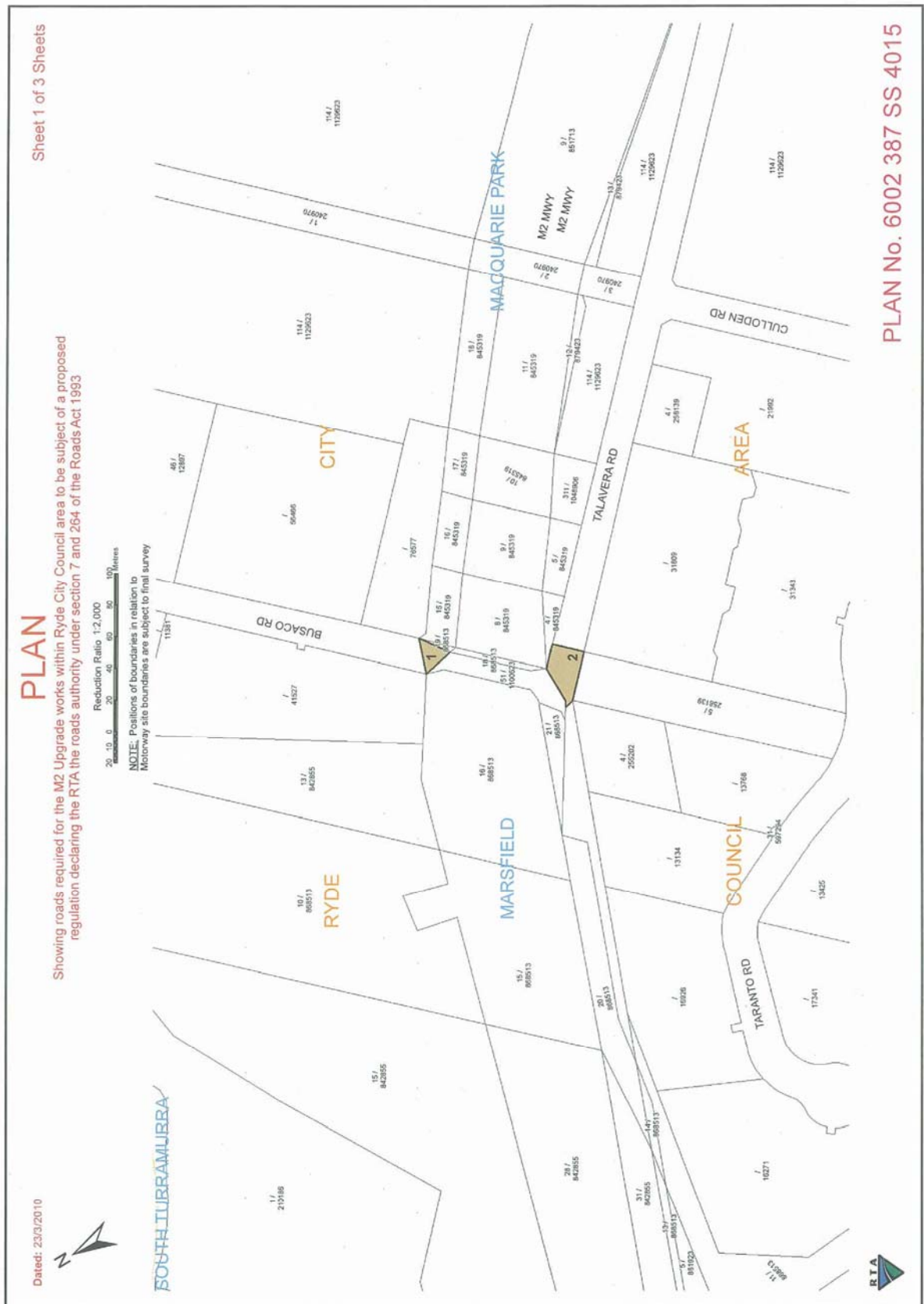
Yours sincerely



Greg Butler
Project Services Manager
Motorway Projects Branch

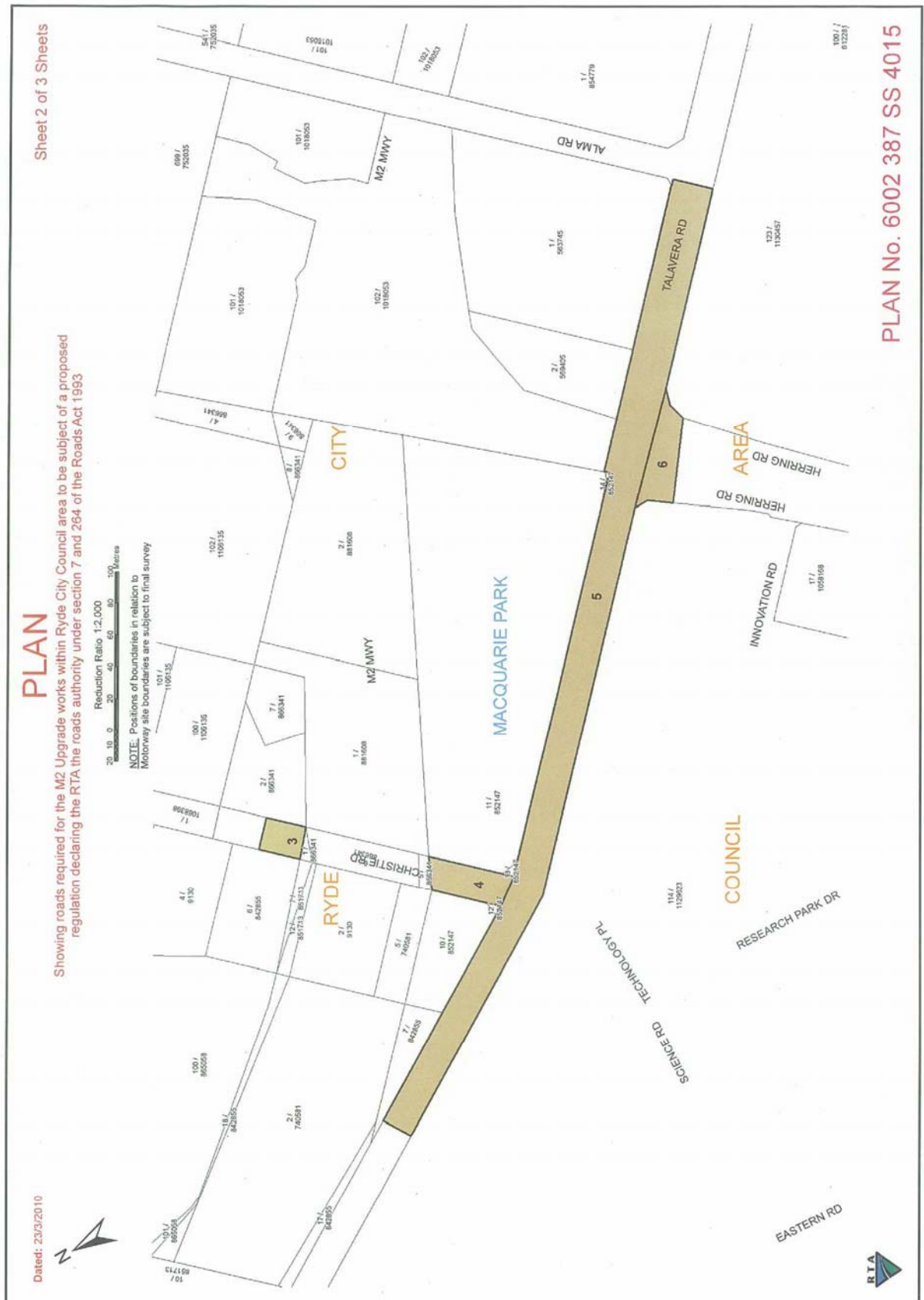
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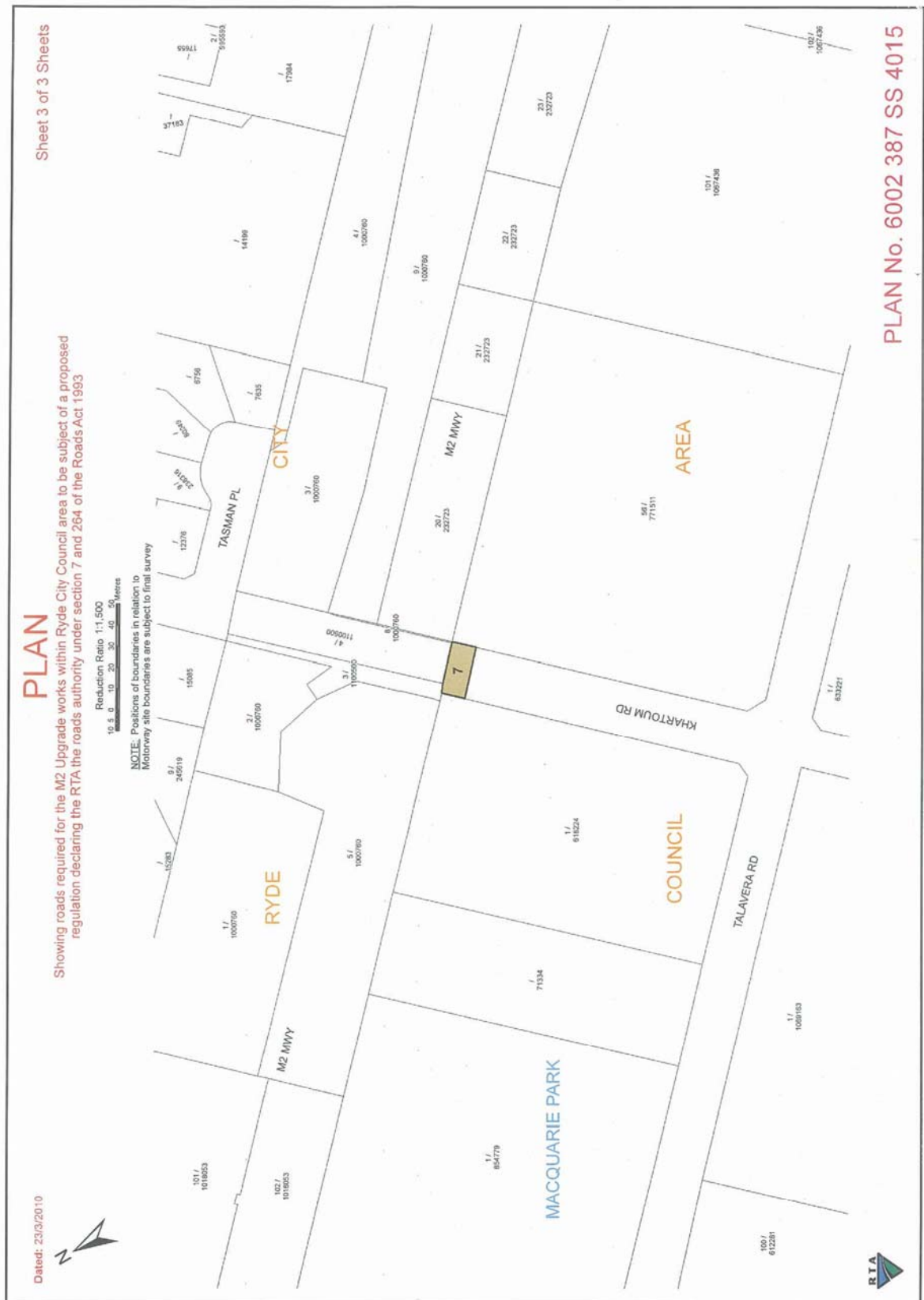
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12 CO-LOCATION OF THE RYDE BUSINESS FORUM AT THE TOP RYDE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

Report prepared by: Group Manager Environment & Planning

Report dated: 11 June 2010

File No.: GRP/10/4/001/6 - BP10/338

Report Summary

Council staff have been in discussion with the Ryde Business Forum about opportunities to work more closely together to pursue economic development opportunities in Ryde. This report proposes that staff space be offered to the Ryde Business Forum in the Ryde Customer Service Centre in Top Ryde in a co-location arrangement which will assist both parties achieve this outcome. It is proposed that such an arrangement be incorporated in a draft Memorandum of Understanding and that this come back to Council for consideration in a further report.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) The Council endorse providing up to two staff office spaces in the CoR Development and Customer Service Lounge for the Ryde Business Forum;
- (b) That the provision of the spaces be negotiated by the General Manager as part of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations which will be reported back to Council in due course.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Dominic Johnson
Group Manager Environment & Planning

Report Approved By:

John Neish
General Manager

ITEM 12 (continued)**Background**

Council is currently working through the design and fit out of the CoR Development and Customer Service Lounge as identified in a previous report to Council on 2 March 2010. The Lounge is to be located on the ground floor in the Top Ryde development at the corner of Devlin St and Pope St and was identified as achieving the following:

- Provide a customer focused space for those seeking to lodge a development or attend a pre-lodgement;
- Provide access to simple and high demand council services;
- Modern design to promote a relaxed, streamlined and service orientated atmosphere;
- Utilise new technology – eg self-service kiosks, e-services;
- Dedicated lounge, coffee cart and reading area to provide a 'break away' space and inviting gateway to library;
- Integrated exhibition space for promotion of Council and community services; and
- Serviced by customer service and planning staff.

As anticipated in the report in March, the concept has further evolved and recently CoR staff have had discussions with members of the Ryde Business Forum (RBF) regarding ways in which the two organisations could work more closely together for the benefit of businesses in Ryde. As part of those discussions the concept of co-locating the CoR Economic Development Officer and the Ryde Business Forum in the CoR Development and Customer Service Lounge has been considered and deemed to have significant merit.

Report

On 16 April 2010 Council staff met with the Ryde Business Forum to discuss arrangements to assist in a closer partnership between the two organisations. An initial suggestion that the CoR Economic Development Officer be placed within the RBF was considered however logistical, taxation and legal issues precluded this approach being deemed a viable arrangement. Further discussion was held on 10 June 2010 between CoR staff and the RBF around the idea of co-locating the two organisations in the CoR Development and Customer Service Lounge as a significant step towards a more integrated approach on economic development and in providing a more seamless offering to the business community on economic matters.

The concept has not yet received formal consideration by the RBF as the first step was deemed to be ensuring Council supported the concept. The proposal would involve providing sufficient space within the CoR Development and Customer Service Lounge to house up to two staff from the RBF and to co-locate those positions with the CoR Economic Development Officer (EDO). It is not proposed to charge the RBF for this arrangement however the RBF would be required to pay for their own telephone calls, printing and copying costs and would need to meet their own IT hardware and systems requirements.

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The provision of rent free office space (approximately 10 square metres) in a premium location is of financial benefit to the RBF and would enable them to save costs currently being spent on rent at their existing premises. From Council's perspective this does not translate into a direct loss of income as the space could not otherwise generate rent under a commercial arrangement as it is deemed part of the 'community space' identified under the LEP and is consistent with that use. Council would also seek its annual membership be waived (\$1500) in consideration of this offer.

The arrangement would be a clear and tangible commitment by CoR to help the business community in Ryde and to partnership with the peak regional business body to deliver economic development outcomes. Co-location would facilitate joint projects, better communication and embed a working relationship at officer level. It would also assist in removing the current inefficiency of the Ryde EDO duplicating much of the work already done by the RBF. Just as importantly, it would help establish the lounge as an integrated and seamless service offering to the public with a specific focus on development, business and customer service.

The proposed arrangement would be formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which would seek the following:

- Collaboration on initiatives to assist business in the region;
- Sharing of networks and information;
- A collective approach to further evolving the Ryde Economic Development Strategy;
- Promoting existing initiatives such as 'Sustainable Businesses in Ryde';
- Joint promotional activities, seminars and workshops;
- Joint branding and promotional initiatives;
- Pursuing joint grant applications;
- Formal representation of CoR through the EDO; and
- A specified term for the arrangement with an identified review mechanism.

Subject to this proposal obtaining the endorsement of the RBF, the MoU would come back to council for formal endorsement.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Not Applicable

Internal Workshops held:-

- Not Applicable

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included:-

- Not Applicable

External public consultation included:-

- Ryde Business Forum

ITEM 12 (continued)**Critical Dates**

The following deadlines are required to be met:

- 3 August 2010 is the hand over date for the City of Ryde Centre. It is proposed to open both the library and the lounge in February 2011. The function and scope of the fit-out must therefore be clarified as soon as possible.

Financial Impact

As mentioned previously there will be no revenue lost as a result of this proposal however council has previously resolved to spend \$4.5 million in the fit-out of the entire City of Ryde Centre (including library and Customer Service Lounge).

Approximately \$490,000 is dedicated to fit-out of the Lounge from the 2010/2011 budget.

Policy Implications

There are no immediate policy implications for the adoption of this policy.

Other Options

That the RBF not be invited to co-locate in the Ryde Customer Service Lounge.

Conclusion

Inviting the Ryde Business Forum to co-locate with the Ryde Economic Development Officer in the Ryde Customer Service Lounge is a significant statement by the CoR that it is committed to assisting businesses in the region and integrating its own resources and strategies with those of the business community. The proposal helps address on-going concerns that CoR and the RBF are, in some areas, duplicating efforts rather than working in a manner that maximises collaboration. From the perspective of the customer, the provision of a range of planning and economic services from one central and accessible location exactly illustrates the modern, collaborative and integrated approach CoR is seeking to achieve.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

This matter is classified confidential because it contains advice concerning legal matters that are:-

- (a) substantial issues relating to a matter to which the Council is involved.
- (b) clearly identified in the advice, and
- (c) fully discussed in that advice.

It is not in the public interest to reveal all details of this matter as it would prejudice Council's position in any court proceedings.

Report prepared by: General Counsel

Report dated:16/06/2010

14 RYDE CITY BOWLING CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED - Future use after voluntary administration

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Furthermore, it is considered that discussion of this item in open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would unduly affect Council's ability to finalise negotiations for the ongoing occupancy of the land.

Report prepared by: Manager - Buildings and Property

Report dated: 3/06/2010

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**1 ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY****File No.:** GRP/10/3/001/6 - BP10/343

Correspondence:

Submitting correspondence from NSW Department of Planning, dated 09 June 2010, regarding Council's response of 03 June 2010 (also submitted), to the Department's request for comment on the modification application for MP_07_0100 Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney - Subdivision.

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be received.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ltr from NSW Department of Planning dated 09 June 2010
- 2 Ltr to NSW Department of Planning dated 03 June 2010

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ATTACHMENT 1



Planning

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Our ref: MP 07_0100 MOD 1

Attention: Mr Dominic Johnson

Dear Mr Johnson,

RE: MP 07_0100 MOD 1 - ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY - SUBDIVISION

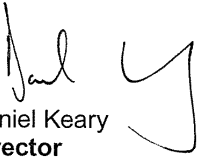
I refer to your letter dated 3 June 2010 responding to the Department of Planning's request for comment on the modification application for MP 07_0100 - Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney (RRCS) - Subdivision, pursuant to Section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

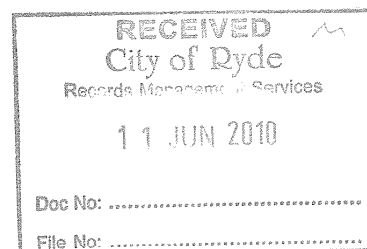
The Department has considered Council's request to notify the modification application as per Council's normal notification process for large applications. The Department considers the proposed modification to be minor in nature as it seeks to correct minor irregularities between the SEPP (Major Development) 2005 zoning boundaries and the approved subdivision boundaries. As such, it is considered that this application does not warrant any further notification.

However, the Department understands that the proposed changes to the subdivision plan may necessitate further changes to the wording of the Deed of Agreement between Council and RRCS. Therefore, if the modification application is approved, the Department will include an appropriate condition relating to the amendment of the Deed of Agreement as requested by Council.

Should you have any enquires relating to this matter, please contact George Mobayed on 9228 6310 or via email to george.mobayed@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

 9/6/10
Daniel Keary
Director
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ATTACHMENT 2

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3 June 2010

D10/34206 & COW08/10

Dear Mr Keary

**REQUEST FOR COMMENT MP 07_0100 MOD 1 ROYAL REHABILITATION
CENTRE SYDNEY SUBDIVISION**

Attention: George Mobayed

I refer to your letter received on 24 May 2010 inviting Council's comments on the above application to modify the existing subdivision approval for the Royal Rehabilitation Centre, Sydney (RRCS) under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The form and content of the proposal has been noted. The following forms Council's response to the Department's invitation to comment. The matter was considered by Council at its meeting of June 1 2010 and it was resolved:

That Council write to the Department of Planning, advising Council's concern with the limited time given to the public exhibition to modify existing subdivisional approval under part 3A for land at Ryde Rehabilitation Centre and:

- a) That Council request an appropriate notification period as per Council's normal notification process for large applications.*
- b) That this be appropriately notified as per Council's notification policy.*
- a) That on this occasion, the Department of Planning engage in an appropriately detailed consultation period with affected residents and take this concern into consideration when determining the justification of this modification.*

Council is concerned that residents around the site have not been given an opportunity to view and comment on the changes proposed to the existing subdivision approval prior to the requested response date of June 5 2010. It is considered that this compromises the ability of affected members of the community to

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comprehend and respond to the proposed modification. Council considered a more comprehensive and transparent notification of the changes is warranted.

Council's Notification process is contained in its Development Control Plan 2006 -- Part 2.1. With regard to the terms of Council's resolution, appropriate notification would be considered to be a letter to all adjoining property owners and in streets surrounding the site with a minimum period of 28 days to comment.

It appears that the proposed changes to the subdivision plan may necessitate consequent changes to the wording of the Deed of Agreement between Council and RRCS regarding the dedication of the "Central Parklands". As such, any determination of the application should await, or be conditional on, the necessary amendments being made to the Deed thereby providing the opportunity for a more expansive notification of the proposal.

Should you have any question regarding Council's submission, please contact me on 9952 8190 or djohnson@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Dominic Johnson
Group Manager
Environment and Planning

NOTICES OF MOTION**1 STATE GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING RULES - Councillor Pickering****File Number:** GRP/10/5/001/6 - BP10/342**Motion:**

1. That the City of Ryde Council writes to the NSW Premier, NSW Minister for Planning and the NSW Minister for Local Government to condemn the State Government's changes to infrastructure funding rules that place an absolute cap on development contributions and prohibits councils from levying for general community infrastructure.
2. Further that the City of Ryde:
 - (a) Condemns the State Labor Government for not consulting on the details of these changes with Local Government prior to their announcement.
 - (b) Condemns the State Labor Government for failing to even put transitional arrangements in place to help councils make these changes.
 - (c) Condemns the State Labor Government for the arrogant manner in which they have treated local government generally in relation to failing to consult on planning decisions including this decision, and decisions on SEPPs for social housing and boarding houses, as well as the inappropriate application of 3A (Sites of State Significance) legislation.
3. That the City of Ryde takes action by refusing to consider any new DAs that require development contributions until they work out exactly how they're going to fund the massive shortfalls resulting from these new changes. This should also be advised to the Premier, Minister for Planning and the Minister for Local Government.

2 STATUS OF COUNCIL ROADS - Councillor Yedelian OAM**File Number:** GRP/10/5/001/6 - BP10/344**Motion:**

That General Manager prepares a report on the current status of Ryde roads under Council jurisdiction, in particular if the procedures implemented were according to 'Guide to Codes and Practices for Streets Opening'. It has been reported by many residents that roads dug recently by utility companies were restored in a very poor way. Many streets are scarred and surfaces are unevenly restored causing damage to cars and causing safety concerns with pedestrians. Examples of those streets are Boyce, Quarry, Bridge, Greene, Gardener Avenues and Streets.

**3 ACTION BY BOTANY COUNCIL AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING -
Councillor Petch**

File Number: GRP/10/5/001/6 - BP10/345

Motion:

That the General Manager liaise with Botany Council regarding the action Botany Council is taking against the Department of Housing and Report back to Council on any avenues available to the City of Ryde to take a similar action or conjoin Botany Council in this action.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION**1 ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY - Deed of Novation -
Councillor Petch, Councillor Etmedkjian, Councillor Yedelian OAM****File Number:** GRP/10/5/001/6 - BP10/333

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 7 – ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE SYDNEY – Deed of Novation, passed at the Council Meeting held on 08 June 2010, namely:

"That Council endorse the Deed of Novation "