
MM16/12 RYDE CIVIC CENTRE - The Mayor, Councillor Ivan Petch

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There is a need to set a clear direction for Council staff on the way forward at the Civic Centre site with regard to:

- Providing certainty about Council's intention to retain the site as an important community asset and
- Ensuring that essential maintenance of the Civic Centre building is planned in a responsible and well considered process.

These short term objectives are to be undertaken in the context of the 4 year delivery plan, whilst a more complex process is planned and implemented to engage with citizens about any future upgrade to current community spaces, new facilities and staff facilities and work space utilisation.

It must be recognised, and emphasised, that the new Council places great importance on providing employees with a safe working environment; ensuring value for money for ratepayers and good services and facilities for residents and visitors. Most importantly, this is also to be achieved in the context of strong governance processes.

As the Council develops the longer term objectives whilst addressing the immediate site issues, Council's preference in this instance is to minimise the use of external consultants, to capitalise on in-house intelligence and expertise, and to reduce further expense on consultant fees.

To provide clear instruction to Council staff on the Council's direction in progressing this agenda, I move the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- a. Council staff immediately develop a project plan to expedite the rezoning of the Civic Centre site back to RL90 with a density of 60,000sq metres.
- b. Council staff prepare a list of priority maintenance required at the Civic Centre – using the existing building condition reports. This priority list is to be based on Workplace Health and Safety issues. This list is to be considered in the context of the 4 year delivery plan.

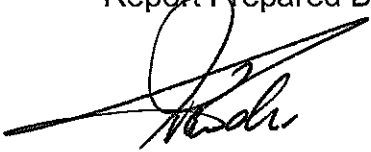
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- c. Council staff prepare an outline of the communications program which will be associated with items (a) and (b).
- d. Items (a) and (b) be developed using in-house expertise. Any involvement of consultants is to be subject to appropriate tendering processes for those services and only undertaken after consideration and direction from Council on the priority action areas.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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