



**NORTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL**

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2021

**IN PERSON &
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
PLATFORM**

Des Jennings
GENERAL MANAGER

QUALIFIED PERSONS ADVICE

The *Local Government Act 1993* Section 65 provides as follows:

- (1) *A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.*
- (2) *A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –*
 - (a) *the general manager certifies, in writing –*
 - (i) *that such advice was obtained; and*
 - (ii) *that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and*
 - (b) *a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.*

I therefore certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to the Council in or with this Agenda:

- i) the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- ii) where any advice is directly given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

MEETING CONDUCT

- People attending Council Meetings are expected to behave in an appropriate manner.
- The following is not acceptable:
 - Offensive or inappropriate behaviour
 - Personal insults
 - Verbal abuse.
- In the case of any inappropriate outburst or derogatory behaviour, an apology from the offending party or parties will be requested. Anyone at the meeting, if they feel offended in any way by any such behaviour specified above, should immediately bring the behaviour to the notice of the Chairperson by the way of a point of order.
- The Chairperson has the right to evict from a meeting any person who is not behaving to an appropriate standard.

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 – Regulation 18 makes provision for councils to hold meetings via video conferencing platforms.

A copy of the recording of the meeting will be placed on Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting, the Closed Council session of the meeting will be redacted.

Regulation 33 of the ***Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*** provides for the audio recording of Council meetings.

The purpose of recording meetings of Council is to assist Council officers in the preparation of minutes of proceedings.

Council's Policy includes the following provisions:

- only applies to formal Council meetings (ordinary meetings, special meetings and Annual General meetings);
- does not apply to closed sessions of Council;
- does not apply to Committees of Council;
- The recording will not replace written minutes and a transcript of the recording will not be prepared;
- The recording may be used by Council staff to assist with the preparation of the minutes and by Council during a subsequent meeting within the period that the recording is retained;
- The official copy of the recording of a Council meeting is to be retained by Council for at least a period of 6 months from the date of a meeting and deleted after that period has expired;

A member of the public may only use an audio recorder, or any other recording and/or transmitting device, to record the proceedings of a meeting of Council with the written permission of the General Manager for the express purpose proposed. The Northern Midlands Council reserves the right to revoke such permission at any time.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, Northern Midlands Council claims copyright ownership of the content of recordings of Council meetings ("the Recordings").


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021 AT 5.00PM IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *COVID-19 DISEASE EMERGENCY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2020, SECTION 18* (AUTHORISATION FOR MEETINGS NOT TO BE HELD IN PERSON)


DES JENNINGS
GENERAL MANAGER

9 JULY 2021

GOV 1 ATTENDANCE

1 PRESENT

In Attendance:

2 APOLOGIES

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GOV 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present and emerging.

GOV 4 DECLARATIONS OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST OF A COUNCILLOR OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

Section 8 sub clause (7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2005* require that the Chairperson is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the Agenda.



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CON ITEMS FOR THE CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Cr

That Council move into the “Closed Meeting”.

CON 1 INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OR INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL ON THE CONDITION IT IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

As per Regulation 15(2)(g) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

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CON 2 MATTERS RELATING TO ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE LITIGATION TAKEN, OR TO BE TAKEN, BY OR INVOLVING THE COUNCIL OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNCIL

As per Regulation 15(2)(i), together with Regulation 15(2)(e), and Regulation 15(2)(g) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Actual or possible litigation

The security of (i) the council, councillors and council staff; or (ii) the property of the council; and

Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

DECISION

Cr

That Council move out of the closed meeting.

Mayor Knowles closed the meeting at ...