



Central Coast Council

## Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers  
2 Hely Street, Wyong

03 February 2022

# MINUTES

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### **Present**

Rik Hart

### **In Attendance**

David Farmer	Chief Executive Officer
Brian Bell	Director Community and Recreation Services (Acting)
Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Natalia Cowley	Director Corporate Affairs and Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Loader	Director Water and Sewer
David Milliken	Director Environment and Planning (Acting)

### **Notes**

The Administrator, Rik Hart, declared the meeting open at 1:12pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

The Administrator acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was being held, and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

**1.1 Disclosure of Interest**

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Time commenced: 1:13 pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**11/22 Resolved**

***That Council note the report on Disclosures of Interest and the fact that no disclosures were made.***

**2.1 Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of the Revised CSP, Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23) and Resourcing Strategy, and Consideration of an SV Application**

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Time commenced: 1:14 pm

Mr Kevin Brooks addressed the meeting at 1:15pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**12/22 Resolved**

**1 That Council note that the following documents were publicly exhibited from Wednesday 22 December 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022:**

- ***Draft Revised Community Strategic Plan***
- ***Draft Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23)***
- ***Draft Resourcing Strategy, which includes the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy, and Revised Asset Management Strategy***
- ***Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23***

**2 That Council consider the submissions received during the public exhibition, as per Appendix 5 in Attachment 9.**

**3 That Council note the amendments to the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2025, Draft Resourcing Strategy and Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23, as per Attachments 6, 7 and 10.**

**4 That Council adopt the following documents, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:**

- ***Revised Community Strategic Plan – Attachments 1 and 2***
- ***Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23) – Attachment 3***

- **Resourcing Strategy, which includes the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy, and Revised Asset Management Strategy – Attachment 4**
  - **Fees and Charges 2022-23 – Attachment 5**
- 5 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, subject to resolution 4, to make final editorial amendments to the Revised Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program 2022-2025, Resourcing Strategy and Fees and Charges 2022-23 to ensure correctness and clarity.**
- 6 That Council note the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges 2022-23, as set out in Attachment 8, will be exhibited in April 2022**
- 7 That Council note the outcomes of the community awareness and engagement program for the Maintaining Services and Rates, as set out in Attachment 9.**
- 8 That Council note the community's lack of support for a reduction in the level or standard of services provided by Council.**
- 9 That Council resolve to apply to IPART to maintain the temporary Special Variation of 15% (including the rate peg) for a further 7 years after 30 June 2024 to enable Council:**
- i. To generate the necessary annual surplus required to meet the annual principal repayments of the \$150 million in emergency loans obtained to resolve the financial crisis.**
  - ii. To secure Council's financial sustainability by maintaining the current level of services and to fund the ongoing maintenance of assets by addressing any deterioration of Council's existing asset base.**
  - iii. To continue to embed productivity improvements across the organisation, which are necessary in order to continue meeting increased internal and external expectations within a heavily restructured organisation.**
  - iv. To deliver key priorities as they get adopted in the future Community Strategic Plans and Delivery Programs.**
- 10 That Council note, subject to resolution 9, that the completed IPART application forms will be submitted to IPART by 7 February 2022.**
- 11 That Council note that the website will be updated with a link for community members to continue to provide feedback on the proposed SV application, while it is being assessed by IPART.**
- 12 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to immediately proceed with the reduction in services, as listed in Table 2 of this report, should Council resolve not to apply to IPART to maintain the SV for a further 7 years after 30 June 2024**
- 13 That Council note a further exhibition of the following documents will occur in April 2022:**

- ***Revised Community Strategic Plan***
- ***Delivery Program 2022-2025 (including Operational Plan 2022-23)***
- ***Resourcing Strategy***
- ***Fees and Charges 2022-23***

**14** ***That Council note a Community Reference Group will be established for input into the Revised Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program 2022-2025, and the feedback provided will inform the public exhibition in April 2022***

**The Meeting** closed at 1:57pm.