

Mayor: Cr K Milne

Councillors: P Allsop
R Byrnes (Deputy Mayor)
C Cherry
R Cooper
J Owen
W Polglase

Agenda

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 14 June 2018

held at
**Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre,
Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah**
commencing at 4.00pm

Principles for Local Government

The object of the principles for Tweed Shire Council, as set out in Section 8 of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Bill 2016, is to provide guidance to enable council to carry out its functions in a way that facilitates a local community that is strong, healthy and prosperous.

Guiding Principles for Tweed Shire Council

(1) Exercise of functions generally

The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by Tweed Shire Council:

- (a) Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.
- (b) Carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.
- (c) Plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.
- (d) Apply the integrated planning and reporting framework in carrying out their functions so as to achieve desired outcomes and continuous improvements.
- (e) Work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.
- (f) Manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.
- (g) Work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs.
- (h) Act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community.
- (i) Be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff.

(2) Decision-making

The following principles apply to decision-making by Tweed Shire Council (subject to any other applicable law):

- (a) Recognise diverse local community needs and interests.
- (b) Consider social justice principles.
- (c) Consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.
- (d) Consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- (e) Decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.

(3) Community participation

Council should actively engage with the local community, through the use of the integrated planning and reporting framework and other measures.

Items for Consideration of Council:

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REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATION

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SUBMITTED BY: Director

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Making decisions with you
We're in this together

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

2	Making decisions with you
2.2	Engagement
2.2.4	Councillor and Civic Business - To make informed decisions in the best interest of the community.

ROLE: Advocate Leader

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

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“RESOLVED that:

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- 2. Council notes the inclusion as non-voting Technical Advisers to the Reference Group of the following staff:*
Troy Green - General Manager
Vince Connell – Director Planning and Regulation
Iain Lonsdale – Unit Coordinator, Strategic Planning and Urban Design
Danny Rose – Manager Roads and Stormwater
- 3. Council requests the Minister for Health to consider the inclusion of the Director Engineering, David Oxenham as a further non-voting Technical Adviser from Council to enable input into Water and Wastewater Issues.*
- 4. Council requests the Minister for Health to consider the inclusion of the Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture, Eli Szandala as a further non-voting Technical Adviser from Council to enable input in to the impact on Sustainable Agriculture.*

5. *In light of the State Government's decision to form a Council Reference Group that does not include community members and consistent with the former resolution of Council, expressions of interest are called for community members to form a Community Reference Group with Councillors and with technical advice from Council staff to assist Councillors in their deliberations on the site selection of the Tweed Valley Hospital to explore alternative sites than that currently nominated at Cudgen."*

In respect of Point 5, an expression of interest was conducted through the Tweed Link and local media, inviting submissions to participate in the Community Reference Panel. There were no selection criteria or restrictions applied to the process. The closing date for submissions was Friday 8 June. A total of 27 submissions were received.

It is recommended that Council determine the appointment of those community members who indicated an interest in participating in the Reference Group.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determines the membership and first meeting date / time / venue of the Community Reference Group to assist Councillors in their deliberations on the site selection of the Tweed Valley Hospital to explore alternative sites than that currently nominated at Cudgen.

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Penny Hockings
Sally Johannsen
Stephen Borg
Dot Holdom
Bill Rodgers
Dion Andrews
Donna Smith
Keith Rowland
Barbara Nowland
David Brunckhorst
Barbara Roughan
Jenny Hayes
Julie Murray

Lindy Smith on behalf of the Tweed District Residents & Ratepayers Association
Barry Thomas
Irene Timmins
Richard Roberts
Brian Keating
Ron Hoffman
Simon Dawson
Hayley Paddon
Lachlan McIntosh
Steve Twohill
Graham MacGillivray Neave
Val Kirk
Graham Challenger
Ronni Hoskisson

It is recommended that Council determine the appointment of those community members who indicated an interest in participating in the Reference Group.

It is noted that the Council Reference Group meetings are proposed for:

Wednesday 13 June 2018; and
Tuesday 26 June 2018; and if required
Monday 2 July 2018.

With the noting of these meeting dates there is a propensity that the Community Reference Group may only meeting on one occasion prior to a decision on the site being determined. Therefore it is suggested that the Community Reference Group first meeting be scheduled the week commencing 18 June 2018, noting that the State Government has just recently announced a community meeting to be held on Monday evening, 18 June 2018 at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre. In attendance at the Community meeting on 18 June 2018 will be the State Member for Tweed and the Minister for Health.

OPTIONS:

Option 1

That Council appoints all 27 people who nominated to participate in Council's Community Reference Group to assist Councillors in their deliberations on the site selection of the Tweed Valley Hospital to explore alternative sites than that currently nominated at Cudgen and determines the date of the first meeting of this Reference Group.

Option 2

That Council appoints a select number from those 27 who nominated to participate in Council's Community Reference Group to assist Councillors in their deliberations on the site selection of the Tweed Valley Hospital to explore alternative sites than that currently nominated at Cudgen and determines the date of the first meeting of this Reference Group.

Option 3

That Council determines not to proceed with the Community Reference Group to assist Councillors in their deliberations on the site selection of the Tweed Valley Hospital to explore alternative sites than that currently nominated at Cudgen.

Option 1 is recommended.

CONCLUSION:

That Council determines the membership of the Community Reference Group and sets the Agenda and date for the first meeting.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

a. Policy:

Corporate Policy Not Applicable

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

There shall be no financial or budget implications arising from this report, other than internal resourcing of staff.

c. Legal:

No legal advice was required to prepare this report.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Inform - We will keep you informed.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

(Confidential) Attachment 1. Nomination forms (ECM 5344894)

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