

REPORT

Report No. 112/12 cncl (DF)

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JUNE 2012
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL PLAN 2012/13 TO 2015/16
AUTHOR: DIRECTOR FINANCE – PAUL DELLA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regulation 24 of the Local Government Accounting Regulations states that before the adoption of the budget for a financial year the CEO shall check all available records to ensure that all rateable land is recorded in the assessment record and certify to the Council that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the area.

A draft Municipal Plan for the 2012/13 to 2015/16 financial years has been on display to the general public since 31 May 2012. *Section 24 of the Local Government Act states that the Municipal Plan must be on public exhibition for not less than 21 days and that submissions may be made to council at any time during the period of public exhibition. The period of public display ended on 20 June 2012. Under Section 24 of the Local Government Act the Municipal Plan for 2012/13 to 2015/16 is now laid before Council for adoption.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

- A. That Council note the contents of the CEO's certification of the assessment record.**
- B. That Council, adopts the Municipal Plan 2012/13 to 2015/16 as presented, which incorporates.**

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1. BACKGROUND

On 28 May 2012 Council resolved to place the Draft Municipal Plan on public display from 31 May 2012. Notices were placed in the Centralian Advocate, inviting public comment and stated that the Draft Municipal Plan would remain on public exhibition until Wednesday 20 June 2012.

2. DISCUSSION

As per the draft Municipal Plan that has been available for public consultation, the Municipal Plan includes provision for 7% increase in Rates and Charges for the 2012/13 Financial Year.

Council has budgeted to break even excluding the depreciation charge.

Ideally, depreciation would be fully cash funded to provide reserve funds for the replacement of assets at the end of their useful life but to do so would place an unrealistic burden on ratepayers at this time. Council's treatment of depreciation is consistent with

requirements under the Local Government Act 2008 to exclude it when determining the surplus or deficit in preparing the annual budget.

Please note, the Municipal Plan also now includes Appendix 1 – Proposed measures to be used by Council to achieve its objectives for 2012/13 and the indicators that will be used to assess Council's efficiency in achieving these objectives.

3. **POLICY IMPACTS**

Nil.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

Council has budgeted to break even from 2012/13-2015/16 excluding depreciation costs.

5. **SOCIAL IMPACTS**

Nil

6. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Nil

7. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Nil

8. **ATTACHMENTS**

1. CEO Certification of the assessment record
2. Copy of the advertisement in the Centralian Advocate 1 June 2012.
3. 2012/13 to 2015/16 Municipal Plan with amendments (to be distributed on the night)



Paul Della
DIRECTOR FINANCE

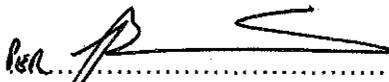


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ASSESSMENT RECORD

Certification

This is to certify that assessments numbered 6 to 11077 declared pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2008 are recorded in the assessment record of Council. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land in the Municipality of Alice Springs.


Signed
Rex Mooney
CEO

18-6-12
Date

ATTACHMENT 2

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Springs Beanie Festival workshops. If you want to learn to embellish fingerless gloves or make silk paper, get into the art action at Central Craft.

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Pushing the envelope

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Ms Ward said: "Australia Post is confident that the current terms of the contract are accurate. However we will always review contracts if concerns are raised by contractors."

The source says the current contract budgets for about 100 labour hours each week, but needs to be increased to at least 170 hours a week.

This move would allow for more staff to help process the

'We would like the community to support the contractors as they work hard to deliver their mail as efficiently as possible'

high volume of parcel mail coming through Central Australia.

"When we calculate the hours required for delivery, we look at the average volume for the previous 12 months, the indoor and outdoor time required, and the geography of the town," Ms Ward said.

"Naturally, the number of hours it takes to deliver goes up and

down, depending on the volume of mail, and our contractors are briefed about this."

The source says other problems include the venue at which parcels are sorted, which is too small and needs to be moved off the Australia Post Office site to a separate location.

Ms Ward said: "Australia Post has made significant changes to in-

frastructure to increase the space available to store and process parcels, and we are satisfied that it's suitable for current parcel volumes.

"We frequently review ways to improve and maximise this space as parcel volumes increase."

The contract also only provides for limited weekend hours.

The source said: "In Alice Springs the bulk of your freight for the Monday and Tuesday

comes in on Sunday which means you have to either be at work at 4am Monday morning or work for about four hours on Sunday."

Ms Ward says Australia Post rosters staff to sort parcels on public holidays and Sundays.

"Australia Post is confident in the ability and professionalism of the new parcel contractor and happy with their progress. We would like the community to support the contractor as they work hard to deliver their mail as efficiently as possible," Ms Ward said.

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Draft Budget & Municipal Plan

Alice Springs Town Council has released for public comment the draft Municipal Plan for 2012 to 2016 which includes Budget estimates for the 2012/2013 financial year. Copies are available from the Council's website and front desk. Public comments should be made in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 1071, Alice Springs, NT 0871 by Wednesday 20 June 2012.

For the 2012/2013 financial year the Municipal Plan proposes an increase in average rates of 7%. Garbage collection service charge will increase by \$18.

Rate instalment dates for 2012/2013:- Friday 7 September 2012, Friday 2 November 2012, Friday 1 February 2013 and Friday 5 April 2013.

For more details call the Director Finance on (08) 8950 0500.

Rex Mooney
 Chief Executive Officer

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