



**MINUTES**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**  
**9:00 AM**

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Paul McInerney

Chief Executive Officer

# MINUTES

## INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 9:00 AM

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The Chairperson Mr Russell Anderson declared the meeting open at 9:00am and welcomed all in attendance.

### **1 PERSONS PRESENT**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	Mr Russell Anderson
Councillor	President Andrew Turner
Councillor	Sue Bulmer

#### **STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Paul McInerney
Finance Manager	Melissa Kerr

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	29th October 2019
<b>Author:</b>	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### SUMMARY

This report is to table any apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Members of the Audit Committee Meeting held 29th October 2019.

### BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

### COMMENT

The committee can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

### CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not applicable.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

### RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive and note there are no apologies and leave of absence for the Audit Committee Meeting held 29th October 2019.

### 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	29th October 2019
<b>Author:</b>	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### SUMMARY

Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by the Committee at a meeting of a committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Committee by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of Committee on whether he/ she shall remain in the meeting and/ or take part in the vote on the issue. The committee may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

#### BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

#### COMMENT

Not applicable.

#### CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

#### RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive and note there are no declarations of interest as listed for the Audit Committee Meeting held 29th October 2019.

**Moved:** Clr. Turner

**Seconded:** Clr. Bulmer

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	29th October 2019
<b>Author:</b>	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Copy of Minutes will be tabled at the meeting

#### SUMMARY

Minutes from the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to be confirmed.

#### BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

#### COMMENT

Not applicable.

#### CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

#### RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive and note the minutes from the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Moved:** Clr. Turner

**Seconded:** Clr. Bulmer

<b>Applicant:</b>	Melissa Kerr
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	G:/Annual Report & Audited Financial Statements/2018-19
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	29th October 2019
<b>Author:</b>	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
<b>Attachments:</b>	Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2018/19

## SUMMARY

Council's annual report and audited financial statements 2018-19 is attached for approval.

## BACKGROUND

Council is required to submit their annual report and audited financial statements for 2018-19 to the Department of Local Government Community Housing and Development and the NT Grants Commission.

## COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

## CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

Audit Committee

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

### 132 Reference of annual financial statement for audit

The annual financial statement must be prepared, and referred to the council's auditor for audit:

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the relevant financial year; and
- (b) in any event, in time to ensure that the audited statement will be available no later than 15 November in the calendar year in which the financial year ends.

### 199 Annual reports

- (1) A council must, on or before 15 November in each year, report to the Minister on its work during the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June.
- (2) The report must include a copy of the council's audited financial statement for the relevant financial year.
- (3) The report must also contain an assessment of the council's performance against the objectives stated in the relevant municipal, regional or shire plan (applying indicators of performance set in the plan), and, in the case of a regional council, of the activities of any local authority within the council's area.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the report has been delivered to the Minister, the council must:
  - (a) publish the report on the council's website; and
  - (b) publish a notice in a newspaper circulating generally in the area informing the public that copies of the report may be downloaded from the council's website or obtained from the council's public office.

### 17 Copy of annual financial statement to be forwarded to NT Grants Commission

- (1) A council must, on or before 15 November in each year:
  - (a) forward the council's audited annual financial statement for the previous financial year to the Northern Territory Grants Commission; and
  - (b) provide any further information required by the Commission in a manner and form required by the Commission.



### **33 Distribution of annual reports**

A council must, not later than 15 November next following the end of the financial year to which an annual report relates:

- (a) publish the annual report; and
- (b) forward a copy of the annual report to the Agency.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### **RESOLUTION**

That the Audit Committee recommend Council receive and note the annual report with amendments for 201819.

**Moved:**                      **Clr. Bulmer**

**Seconded:**                **Clr. Turner**

#### **RESOLUTION**

That the Audit Committee recommend Council receive and note the audited financial statements with clarification on Council's move to new accounting systems and reporting for 2018-19.

**Moved:**                      **Clr. Turner**

**Seconded:**                **Clr. Bulmer**

**NEXT MEETING** The next Audit Committee meeting will be held at Batchelor in early February 2020. The meeting closed at 9.36am.