

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

GMR15/001 PROPOSED SPECIAL RATE VARIATION FOR COMMUNITY AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

File Ref: E14.8367

15/3 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Pollock

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the feedback and results of the public exhibition of the revised Delivery Program 2013-17 and Long Term Financial Plan 2015-25.
2. In response to community feedback, independent research undertaken and recent information regarding cost efficiencies, reduce the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) to 6.5% (including the rate peg amount) by:
 - a. Removing from the proposed Special Rate Variation schedule of works, the multi-use community and exhibition space with meeting rooms at Moruya Library and the Captain Oldrey Park expansion;
 - b. Note the savings arising from the contractor casual cost charge as outlined in the report;
 - c. Reduce the rate revenue required by utilising \$2 million of Council cash reserves which offset the loan funds required for the revised proposed schedule of works.
3. Make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for a special variation to its general rate income of 6.5% per annum (including the rate peg amount) for a period of three years, commencing in 2015-16, with the increase to remain permanently in the rate base.
4. Adopt the revised Delivery Program 2013-17 and Long Term Financial Plan 2015-25 as amended in accordance with recommendation 2 above.
5. Investigate and report back to Council alternate funding options for the progression of the multi-use community and exhibition space with meeting rooms at Moruya Library, including libraries and cultural grant funding and philanthropic opportunities, noting the long term benefit that the project would generate for the community.
6. Investigate and report back to Council alternate funding options for the staged progression of the Captain Oldrey Park expansion including discussions with NSW Department of Sport and Recreation for grant funding, noting that this is a district facility.
7. Note the Council resolution of 9 December 2014 which outlines the role of the Audit Committee in monitoring the implementation of the proposed SRV and the restriction of funds as they become available to infrastructure renewals.
8. Prepare two Operational Plans for 2015-16 to reflect the base case scenario and special rate variation scenario of 6.5% (including the rate peg amount).

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**.
Councillors Leslight and Innes voted against the Motion.)