

ADDITIONAL ITEM

23 May 2012

To the Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor

2.2 Mayoral Minute - Council Resource Utilisation Leading Up to the Local Government Election - September 2012

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Through its Strategic and Annual Plans the Council has identified its priorities for forward activity and given guidance in levels of service to be provided.

Planned activities and projects and the allocation of resources are assigned via individual Business Plans for each Unit. Those plans are informed by the strategic direction given by the elected body in the Strategic and Annual Plans.

In the period June to September 2012 staff will be focussed on achieving objectives and outcomes for the community that were set in the 11/12 Plan and commencing activities proposed in the 12/13 Plan as well as continually striving to create efficiencies across the organisation.

I urge the Council as the elected body to be mindful of the current level of activity being undertaken and the constraints of the environment in which the organisation is operating.

Matters that are not aligned with Council's strategic direction should not be the focus of this Council in the period leading up to the local government election, given that those types of issues have the potential to distract staff from achieving the objectives we, as the Council, have set.

In addition Council should be mindful that the Caretaker Period in relation to the Local Government Election will commence on August 13 2012.

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I formally move:

That the report be received and noted and that all Councillors conform to the intent of this Mayoral Minute.

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