

## ADDITIONAL ITEM

**Item No:** 2.12  
**Title:** Extraordinary Meeting - 29 June 2020  
**Department:** Governance

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9 June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council conduct an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Monday, 29 June 2020 for the purpose of Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of the Operational Plan 2020-21.

### Recommendation

- 1 That Council resolve to conduct an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday, 29 June 2020 at 6.30pm for the purpose of Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of the Operational Plan and that this meeting be conducted in accordance with any current and applicable Public Health Order.***
- 2 That due notice be given of the time, date and place of this meeting in accordance with section 9(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.***

### Context

In April 2020, the Office of Local Government (OLG) issued modifications to the timeline regarding adoption of the Operational Plan for 2020-21. Due to extenuating circumstances being faced during the COVID-19 emergency, the change in timeline provided councils with the option to adopt by 1 August 2020 rather than by the 30 June 2020.

Despite this provision it is recommended that Council adopt its Operational Plan for 2020-21 prior to 30 June 2020. This is to ensure the continuity of service delivery throughout July 2020.

However it is clear that the circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 emergency will have a significant impact upon planning for 2020-21. For this reason, a dedicated workshop will be conducted with Councillors on Saturday, 13 June 2020.

To allow for the results of that workshop to be incorporated into the Operational Plan for 2020-21 it is recommended that this matter be considered at a dedicated meeting on 29 June 2020.

The recommendation that there be an Extraordinary Meeting for the Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of the Operational Plan recognises the importance of this decision for Council generally and in the current circumstances specifically.

### **Options**

Council may determine to maintain the current position which would be that the Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of the Operational Plan be considered at the Ordinary Meeting of 22 June 2020.

### **Financial Impact**

There is no specific financial impact as a result of the recommendation.

### **Link to Community Strategic Plan**

Theme 4: Responsible

### **Goal G: Good governance and great partnerships**

R-G2: Communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on transparency, understanding, trust and respect.

### **Risk Management**

It is considered that providing additional time for Councillors and staff to adapt the Operational Plan under the current circumstances mitigates the risk that the adopted plan will not take into account the current economic environment. However, it is also noted that given the constantly changing circumstances and impacts this risk cannot be eliminated.

### **Critical Dates or Timeframes**

Failure to adopt the Operational Plan 2020-21 by 1 August 2020 will be a breach of the OLG revised timeframes and s. 405 of the LG Act. Whilst the additional timeline provides some opportunity to expand on the COVID-19 assumptions, there is new information coming to light each day which draws on its own challenges in requiring further consideration and assessment. As things evolve and change Council will continue to provide updates through its usual quarterly reporting process. More timely updates may also be provided as deemed necessary.

### **Attachments**

*Nil.*