

8.9 Adoption of an Interim Policy (Ref: C16154010; Author: Ferguson/Bascomb)

Summary

The report recommends the adoption of an interim policy that applies to situations where both the former Palerang and Queanbeyan City Councils had a policy on a given matter, or where only one Council had a policy on a given matter.

Recommendation

That as an interim measure pending harmonisation of the two predecessor Councils' policies, Council adopt the following:

- 1. Where the former Palerang or Queanbeyan City Councils had an adopted policy on the same matter, those policies apply to their respective Local Government Areas;**
 - 2. Where one of the former Councils had an adopted policy on a given matter, and the other did not, the adopted policy apply to the whole of the new Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Local Government Area.**
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Background

Following the formation of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) by amalgamation in May 2016, several situations have come to light where both, or only one, of the predecessor councils had policies on a given matter. For example, the former Palerang Council had a policy authorising the General Manager to write off debts up to \$2,000. The former Queanbeyan City Council did not have such a policy.

Some policies were created by the previous Councils as a result of a specific need for a particular area or function, and therefore do not apply to other areas. On the other hand, policies on the same matter, but with differing provisions, have been created by both Councils and should still apply in their respective areas until new QPRC policies can be created.

Implications

Statutory

The newly-formed QPRC has brought together two Councils that may or may not have had policies governing the conduct of particular day-to-day business.

As an interim measure, the proposed policy will provide a formal basis for conducting the new Council's business in both the former Local Government Areas until the scheduled review and harmonisation of all the policies of the previous Councils has concluded.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council adopt an interim policy that allows the former Palerang and Queanbeyan City Councils to apply their adopted policies in their respective areas, or, where one

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Council had a policy and the other did not, the one in existence should apply to the whole of the QPRC Local Government Area. The situation will be remedied by the forthcoming review and harmonisation of both the former Councils' policies.

Attachments

Nil

- c. 'Salvia Lane' for unnamed road reserve from Naughtons Close to end of road reserve, Araluen
 - d. 'Easton Lane' for unnamed laneway running between Gibraltar Street and Rutledge Street east of Modbury Street.
2. Advertise the name for public comment in accordance with Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993.
 3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received.

8.7 Captains Flat Dam 6th Surveillance Report

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RESOLVED (Overall)

The Administrator resolved to defer this matter pending an onsite inspection with a report being submitted to the next meeting of Council.

8.8 Braidwood Show Society Inc - Request for Donation of Rates

235/16

RESOLVED (Overall)

The Administrator resolved that:

1. For 2016/17, the former Palerang Council's Donations Policy be amended to include the Braidwood Show Society Inc in the list of organisations within the former Palerang Local Government Area that receive a donation equivalent to the ordinary rates levied for the year;
2. The matter of donations to eligible organisations be considered during the review of the Donations policies of the former Queanbeyan City and Palerang Councils.

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