

COMMENCING: 6.04pm

PRESENT: Councillor P Barron (Chairman)
Councillor B Carney
Councillor T Maroun
Councillor H McLucas

STAFF: General Manager
Director Technical Services
Director Operations
Group Manager Planning and Environment
Group Manager Corporate Services
Manager Finance
Strategic Planning Officer
Communications and Cultural Services Coordinator
Governance Coordinator

1. OPENING: The Prayer was read.

2. RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS: The Recognition was read.

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Kwon and Eswaran for non attendance.

22/12

RESOLVED: (Carney/Maroun)

That the apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Kwon and Eswaran for non attendance be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

5. BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

23/12

RESOLVED: (Maroun/McLucas)

That the Budget and Performance Review as at 31 December 2011 be received and adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

6. NSW PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW

In accordance with council's code of Meeting Practice Mr Leon Booth, in support, addressed the meeting.

24/12

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Carney)

1. That Council endorse the submission, as detailed in Attachment 1, on the NSW Planning System Review for consideration by the Independent Panel as part of its review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. That the submission details the Council's position on how the new Planning Act should address local government concerns, in particular:
 - a) A stronger emphasis on strategic planning formed through collaborative input from state and local government and implemented through a hierarchy of statutory metropolitan strategies which cascade down to LEP's and DCP's;
 - b) A greater emphasis on 'public interest' and the community through:
 - Clarification on the responsibility for decision making at different levels with a focus on transparency and collaboration;
 - A renewed focus on local governments' plan making and consent functions being in the best position to act in the interests of their communities;
 - c) Simplification of the development assessment process with easy to understand provisions for practitioners and the community; and
 - d) State assistance for the implementation of an 'E Planning' framework which will provide a single portal for land use data and information on the planning process.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.10PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 6 March 2012.

Chairman _____

General Manager _____