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The Annual General Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 6 December 2018

Time: 5.30pm

Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to Council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Stretton', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Michael Stretton
General Manager

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten opened the Meeting at 5.30pm and noted apologies from Councillor N D Daking, Councillor K P Stojansek and Councillor J G Cox.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 - section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

No Declarations of Interest were identified as part of this Meeting

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 35(1)(b)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 4 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 6 December 2018

MOTION

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor J Finlay.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor A G Harris

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Public Questions on Notice

Questions on Notice were invited from the public from Saturday, 17 November 2018 and closed at 12.00pm on Wednesday, 28 November 2018.

No Public Questions on Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

4.2 Public Questions Without Notice

4.2.1 Mr Gabriel Barnes - Labour Costs

1. **Can you confirm that the full cost attribution has been identified and applied to the Council's Building Surveying Service in accordance with the National Competition Policy and the findings of the State Economic Regulator?**

Paul Gimpl (Chief Financial Officer) responded by saying that yes the Council has applied full cost attribution and competitive neutrality principles to its Building Surveying section and priced its services accordingly.

2. **If so, why have the attributed labour costs been adjusted downwards as stated on page 123 of the Annual Report?**

Paul Gimpl (Chief Financial Officer) responded by saying the labour costs were adjusted downwards according to the rules of Competitive Neutrality. The Council has merely followed the rules and the figures are currently being independently audited as per the Economic Regulator's stipulations.

5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion were invited from the public from Saturday, 17 November 2018 and closed at 12.00pm on Wednesday, 28 November 2018.

No Notices of Motion were identified as part of these Minutes

6 ANNUAL REPORTS

6.1 City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2018

FILE NO: SF0098

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Stretton (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To adopt the City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Launceston Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 be adopted, together with the Annual Reports for the following City of Launceston entities and Authorities:

1. Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery;
 2. Launceston Flood Authority.
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Mr M Stretton (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 6 December 2018

MOTION

Moved Councillor J Finlay, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

1. That the City of Launceston Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 be adopted, together with the Annual Report for the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.
2. That the City of Launceston receives the draft Annual Report for the Launceston Flood Authority and notes that Council will be asked to adopt this Annual Report after it is approved by the Launceston Flood Authority.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor A G Harris

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 5.55pm.
