

**Minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Meeting held on 6
November 2019 at Ashfield Service Centre.****Meeting commenced at 5.34pm****PRESENT**

Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members	
Independent Member - Chair	John Gordon
Independent Member	Emily Hodgson
Independent Member	Heather Smith
Councillor	Clr Lucille McKenna
Other attendees	
Chief Executive Officer	Michael Deegan
Chief Operating Operator, Director Development and Recreation	Elizabeth Richardson
Director Corporate	Melodie Whiting
Director Infrastructure	Cathy Edwards-Davis
Chief Financial Officer	Daryl Jackson
Senior Manager Business Excellence, Risk, WHS and Customer Service	Peter Livanes
Consultant, DMB Consulting Pty Ltd.	Dennis Banicevic
Coordinator Internal Audit and Business Continuity Management	Elvira Musolino
Policy and Risk Services Manager	Charmian King
Governance Officer - Minute Taker	Darcie Huisman

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The chairperson acknowledged the traditional owners of the Land on which the meeting took place and paid his respects to elders past and present.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Councillor Louise Steer and Erla Ronan, Director City Living, were accepted.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<p>RIS1119 Item 1 Inner West Council - Review of Financial Position</p> <p>The Committee welcomed Dennis Banicevic to present his independent review of the Council's financial position. Dennis provided a detailed assessment and presentation on the findings of his review.</p> <p>It was noted by Dennis that the CFO and management team had been open and transparent in attempting to get the financial statements accurate, that the Asset Management Plan needs more work and after next year Council will be in a better position to have more accurate figures.</p> <p>The overall assessment of Council's financial position is that it is uncertain because of unknowns around the condition of Council's infrastructure and the reliability of the budget and long-term financial projections. There is enough evidence to suggest that some changes to Council's financial framework are necessary if Council is to remain financially sustainable.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Heather Smith/Emily Hodgson)</p> <p>THAT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the "Inner West Council Review of Financial Position" report and discussion from DMB Consulting; 2. Management to work with Dennis Banicevic on Action Plans (to respond to issues raised in the Review) and report back to a future ARIC meeting on their progress; and 3. The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee note that the future financial position of Council is unsustainable and the finalised Action Plans will require the support of Council to be effective. 	Executive Team	Future ARIC Meeting
<p>RIS1119 Item 2 IWC Community Strategic Plan and IWC Budget</p> <p>Daryl Jackson, CFO, provided an update on reporting to the community via the 2021-2024 Community Strategic Plan, the Operational Plan and Budget, and Annual Report. It was noted that KPIs are currently being reviewed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION (Heather Smith/Emily Hodgson)</p> <p>THAT the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the discussion.</p>		

General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee resolved to extend the next ARIC meeting on 20 November 2019, if required to appropriately consider all business on the agenda.• The Committee acknowledged and thanked Dennis Banicevic for his independent report.		
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Next Meeting – 20 November 2019 at 5.30pm, Ashfield Service Centre
Meeting closed at 7.21pm.

CHAIRPERSON - John Gordon