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Friday, 22 January 2021**

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**MINUTES OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARKET STREET BALRANALD  
ON FRIDAY, 22 JANUARY 2021 AT 9AM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING - 9AM****2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY****PRESENT:**

Administrator Mike Colreavy

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Terri Bilske (Director Corporate & Community Services), Ray Davy (Director Infrastructure & Development), Carol Holmes (Senior Executive Officer) and Oliver McNulty (General Manager)

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil****GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)****PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION****5 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**

**REFERRAL OF AMENDED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUDIT AND PUBLIC  
NOTICE OF PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE AUDIT  
OFFICE OF NSW**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Council approval to refer the amended Draft 2019-2020 Financial Statements to Audit in accordance with Section 413 of the Local Government Act (1993) and to apply for a further extension to complete the audit of four weeks to 22 February 2021.

This report also sets the date for the Audit Office of NSW to present the Audited Financial Statements as required under Section 418 of the Local Government Act (1993).

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**RESOLUTION 2021/1**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council

1. Receives the amended Draft 2019-2020 Annual Financial Statements and Draft 2019-20 Special Purpose Financial Statements;
  2. Refers to the Draft 2019-2020 Annual Financial Statements and the Draft 2019-20
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- Special Purpose Financial Statements to audit as tabled;
3. Authorises the Administrator, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statements in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act (1993).
  4. Endorses a further extension for completion of the 2019-20 Annual Financial Statements up to 22 February 2021.
  5. Gives Public Notice that the Audited Financial Statements will be presented on 16 February 2021 by the Audit Office of NSW.
  6. Request a report to the March Council Meeting on the following;
    - Details of changes between the draft financial statements presented to council on 20.10.2020 and those presented today with reasons;
    - An explanation of significant factors contributing to the apparent deterioration in the net operating result for the 2019/2020 year compared to previous year;
    - A report in line item budget review format comparing Council's actual income and expenditure for 2019/2020 with budgeted Income and expenditure for the year, after approved variations;
    - A comparative report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2020 on Council's financial performance, cash position and working capital. This part of the report to also consider the suitability of Council's asset management framework, ledger structure, and budget process.

**CARRIED**

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## **6.1 IPART REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATING SYSTEM - SUBMISSION**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Council of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) review of the Local Government Rating System and recommendations made to improve the equity and efficiency of the rating system, in order to enhance councils' ability to implement sustainable fiscal policies over the long term, the Government response to the recommendations made by IPART, and Council's submission towards a fairer Rating System.

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### **RESOLUTION 2021/2**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

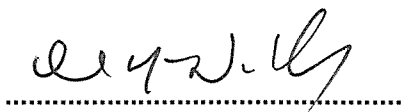
1. That Council receive and note the Report in relation to the IPART Review of the Local Government Rating System and the Balranald Shire Council's submission as requested by the Office of Local Government NSW.
2. The Draft Submission is to undergo final review by the General Manager and Administrator.

**CARRIED**

The Meeting closed at 10.05am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 16 February 2021.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

  
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GENERAL MANAGER

