

MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JULY 2013

PRESENT :

Councillors: Councillor R Higlett, Councillor C Hunter

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Officers: Iain Stewart – Group Manager Operations, Chris Schumacher - Works Manager

APOLOGIES:

Councillor P Pillbean

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Operations Works Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2013 were presented to Council at its Ordinary meeting held on Monday, 8 July 2013

ITEM 1 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ITEM 1 - The issue of Wattlemount Road was discussed following Council's decision at the Ordinary meeting held on 8 July 2013. The Committee requested a report be prepared for consideration identifying the issues of possible donation of a quantity of roadbase to the residents for use on the Wattlemeount Road. The report is to identify quantities necessary to render the road trafficable and the cost of supplying this material. This report is to be presented to the next Works Committee meeting.

The Committee further resolved for appropriate actions to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during business arising from the previous minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be noted

ITEM 2 – LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The joint presidents of LGNSW extended an invitation to Councillors to attend the LGNSW 2013 Water Management Conference to be held from Sunday 8 September 2013 to Tuesday 10 September 2013 in Terrigal at the Crowne Plaza. The Water Management Conference is an annual event providing an accessible forum for debate and discussion on water supply and broader water management issues. The event presents an opportunity for Councillors, Council staff, water managers, government representatives and the broader industry to tackle key water issues and discuss ways forward to achieve a sustainable future. Copy of the conference papers will be available at the Committee meeting and this is listed for consideration as to whether any members of the Works Committee wish to attend this conference.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be noted

ITEM 3 FLOOD STUDY REVIEW

Following advice from the Office of Environment and Heritage of Council's success in securing a grant of \$120,000 to undertake a review of the Lithgow Floodplain Management Study submissions were invited from experienced and qualified consultants provided by the OEH to carry out the review.

Submissions were received from

Cardno – \$114990 ex GST
WMA Water - \$103060 ex GST
Catchment Simulation solutions - \$89990 ex GST
Lyll and Associates - \$68120 ex GST

Based on an assessment of submissions received which was undertaken by Council staff and officers from the OEH, Lyll and Associates have been awarded the project. Work is expected to commence within the next two weeks. Contingencies have been provided in the project for the costs of survey of hydraulic structures a ground survey, conduct of public meetings and public consultation, and presentation of final report to Council. This brings the total cost of the project to \$98580 exGST.

The Office of Environment and Heritage have approved a submitted work plan which requires the following milestones to be met:-

Data collection, review and consultation by 1 October 2013

Model setup, calibration, validation, design flood estimation and mapping by 1 April 2014

Preparation of draft final report, then final report and adoption of plan by Council by 1 August 2014.t

Progress on the achievement of the detailed timeline for works to be undertaken will be submitted as and when required.

RECOMMENDATION : That the report be noted.

ITEM 4 – PURCHASE OF 69 SANDFORD AVE

On the 20 March 2013 Council submitted an Application for financial assistance under the Floodplain Management Programme for 2013-14 to the Office of Environment and Heritage. The application proposed the voluntary purchase of flood affect property being identified as 69 Sandford Ave Lithgow with a view to purchase and demolition The grant sought was \$133334 being 2/3 share with a \$66666 contribution being 1/3 share. To date no confirmation has been received regarding the success or otherwise of the grant application from Council subject to OEH awaiting The State Government's budget determination for 2013-14.

In support of the application was the previous voluntary purchase and demolition of a number of residences in this locality using grant funds. As soon as advice is received the committee will be further advised.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted

ITEM 5–SOUTH LITTLETON SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROGRESS UPDATE

Advice was provided that this project is due to go to public tender within the next two weeks. Of particular concern is the need to prepare for the underbore of the main rail line in the vicinity of Enfield Avenue/Main Street during the proposed closure of the tracks sometime in September. The provision of the underbore will

not be included in the tender documents but will be organised separately due to time constraints. Quotations will be obtained from suitably qualified contractors to undertake this particular item of the overall project. The Committee will recall that at the last Council meeting the Master Access Deed was presented for approval from Rail Corp granting permission to Council to undertake the work.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

ITEM 6 – WOLGAN VALLEY ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Work is proceeding satisfactorily on the upgrade of the road. Two kilometres of the road were bitumen sealed last week and a further three kilometres are ready for seal. Work is proceeding on section of road up to nine kilometres from the start of the project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted

ITEM 7 – CASUAL PLANT HIRE TENDERS FOR WOLGAN VALLEY PROJECT

Further to recent advertising for tenders for casual plant hire to be utilised on the Wolgan Valley Road upgrade project, tenders were received from the following:

- A.C. & H.A. Collins Transport Pty Ltd
- Henry's Plant and Equipment Hire Pty Ltd
- ICF Haulage
- Peters Earthmoving
- MAAS Plant Hire
- Dukes Civil Pty Ltd
- PJ & HA Gracey's Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- Gracey's Earthmoving and Excavating
- A1 Earthworkx Moving & Civil Pty Ltd
- Australian Grader Hire Pty Ltd
- Central West Civil
- Antquip Plant Hire Pty Ltd

A large variety of plant and equipment was submitted by the tenderers. Regretfully the tenders from Henry Plant and Equipment Hire Pty Ltd and A.C. & H.C. Collins Transport did not comply with the tendering requirements and were not considered.

An analysis of the tenders received has been undertaken and will be reported to the next meeting of the Works Committee to be held on Wednesday 17 July 2013. It is proposed to submit a separate report to the next Council meeting to be held on 29 July 2013 recommending the acceptance of certain tenders.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted