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HELD 23 AUGUST, 2004 CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET, CAMDEN
8.00PM**

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Present: Cr Anderson (Mayor/Chairperson), Cr Dewbery, Cr Elliott, Cr Kernohan, Cr Cagney, Cr Funnell, Cr Whiteman, Cr Johnson, Cr Campbell.

Staff: General Manager, Director Development & Environment, Director Works & Services, Director Governance & Outcomes, Manager Outcomes, Manager Development, Manager Engineering, Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Anderson declared a pecuniary interest in the Notice of Motion of Rescission and Notice of Motion as discussions and voting will directly affect him as the Mayor.

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Mr Geoff Hook addressed the Committee in relation Item 3 of the Ordinary Council Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question:

Mr Geoff Hook from Camden Swimming Club stated the Strategic Technical Assessment of the Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool prepared by Denis Hunt and Associates suggested investigations should be undertaken to determine a new site; and asked if this had been carried out and if not when will the investigations commence?

Answer:

The Director Works and Services advised the investigations revealed there were no other acceptable sites within Camden that were financially viable and Council would investigate any suggestions from the Camden Swimming Club or the public regarding this matter.

The General Manager informed Council that a resolution by Council would be needed to direct staff to proceed with this matter as a previous resolution on 10th November 2003 regarding the Assessment did not address directing staff to proceed in this course.

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING
26th JULY, 2004.**

Moved Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Whiteman the confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of 26 July, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

DELEGATED COMMITTEES

Development Committee – Held 26th July, 2004

Development Committee – Held 9th August, 2004

Resources and Services Committee – Held 9th August, 2004

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Whiteman, seconded Cr Dewbery that the Minutes of the Development Committee held on the 26 July, 2004 and the Development Committee held on the 9 August, 2004 and the Resources and Services Committee held on the 9 August, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

OTHER COMMITTEES

Traffic Committee – Held 9th August, 2004 **Tabled Document “BPA 1”** .

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Cagney that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee held on the 9 August, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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1. Management Plan Review – 30 June 2004

(3568/2) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

Council prepares the Management Plan annually together with the Annual Budget, which sets strategies and actions for the next 3 years.

The Local Government Act requires quarterly reports be submitted to Council showing progress to date on strategies and actions within the Management Plan, falling due within each quarter.

The Schedule forming **Tabled Document “BPA 2”** provides a list of the various Strategies and Actions as contained in the 2003-2004 Management Plan for the information of Councillors with comments on the status of each Strategy and Action as at the end of the 2003/2004 year.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Cagney, seconded Cr Dewbery that the information be noted.

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2. Advice from Department Local Government on the commencement of Local Government Amendment (Mayoral Elections) Act 2004 (Cir No. 04/35)
(3619/2) (Director Governance and Outcomes)

Report purpose

To inform Councillors of the commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Mayoral Elections) Act 2004 and also the consequences this has to the term of office served by those councillors elected to the position of mayor and deputy mayor after the 27th March 2004 Local Government Elections.

Effect to the position of Mayor

The amendments have removed the requirement for councillors to conduct an election in September 2004 for the position of mayor as it provides for a one-off 12 month extension of the term of office for the mayor. Therefore, the term served by Council's current Mayor will now expire in September 2005.

Effect to the position of Deputy Mayor

The Local Government Act, 1993 (Section 231) states the office and term of a deputy mayor is optional therefore, the amendments effect the term of office held by a mayor only and do not alter the term of office held by a deputy mayor. Consequently, Councillors will need to determine whether the term for the current Deputy Mayor will be extended until September 2005 in line with the term to be served by the current Mayor or if elections will be held in September 2004 for the position of Deputy Mayor to serve until September 2005.

Recommended: That Councillors determine,

- (i) whether the term for the current Deputy Mayor will be extended until September 2005 in line with the term to be served by the current Mayor or
- (ii) if Councillors wish to hold elections in September 2004 to elect a Deputy Mayor who will serve until September 2005.

MOTION

Moved Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Cagney that the term for the current Deputy Mayor be extended until September 2005 in line with the term to be served by the current Mayor.

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3. Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool Upgrade

(File 544)(Director, Works and Services)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to discuss the progress of the works associated with the upgrade of Camden Pool.

Background

At its meeting on 10 November 2003, Council endorsed the allocation of \$422,250 to fast track and address the maintenance and capital program items identified within the Strategic Technical Assessment of Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool prepared by Dennis Hunt & Associates Pty Ltd (September 2003).

Discussion

Based on the findings of the Technical Assessment a program of works commenced prior to the opening of the Pool in October 2003. The table below details the area of works, budget and completion date:

Projects	Initial Budget	Actual & Projected Costs	Completion date
Change rooms	\$67,750	\$67,750	September 04
Entrance/office/first aid/kiosk	\$125,450	\$125,450	September 04
Residence	\$28,900	\$67,597	August 04
Grandstand/tiered seating	\$17,750	\$17,750	August 04
Plant room	\$52,750	\$55,320	August04
Pools & surrounds	\$58,350	\$58,350	September 04
Swim clubrooms	\$5,500	\$5,550	August 04
Ramp	\$26,000	\$62,000	September 04
Access improvements	\$39,800	\$39,800	September 04
Total	\$422,250	\$499,567	
Difference		\$77,317	

The majority of the upgrade components will be achieved within budget. However during the refurbishment of the residence essential structural repairs to the slab were undertaken. The extent of the necessary repairs were not able to be determined without extensive investigation and were consequently not allowed for by the consultant. The final slab repairs have therefore increased over the budget required for residence repair from \$28,900 to \$67, 597. The budget for the plant upgrade was increased from \$52,750 to \$55,320 to allow

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for the purchase of the dosing system as per the technical report.

The report made provision for the installation of ramps for disabled access linking the amenities and all pool levels within the complex. As the cost for constructing these ramps exceeds the budget estimate further consideration and consultation will be conducted to determine a suitable alternative solution for addressing the problem.

To allow for these necessary budget amendments, \$78,000 of works will be deleted from this year's program. The following projects will be deleted from the current program and proposed for future budget. There is no detrimental effect expected as a result of deleting these items.

Projects	Initial Budget
Install shade structure (west lawn)	\$20,000
Replace return soiled pool water line	\$12,000
Remove and replace AC clad shed in residence	\$8,000
Install fence at rear of grandstand as a barrier between the toddler's pool and 50m pool	\$12,000
Install enclosure linking change rooms and kiosk	\$26,000
Total	\$78,000

Additionally, as requested by Camden Amateur Swimming Association, it is required to remove and replace the starting (diving) blocks. This project will cost \$4,800 and will be funded from the annual pool maintenance budget. The new diving blocks are removable and can be stored away during the pool's normal operation and during winter.

Embellishment of Pool Facilities

The Council report of the 10 November 2003, further noted that:

"There exists an opportunity to engage a leisure consultant to make recommendations to improve the amenity of the existing facility. The required outcome being to turn the Camden Swimming Pool into an attractive, popular and diverse facility.

The desire is to enhance and improve the Camden Swimming Pool to a much higher level than currently exists. In order to do this we will review similar outdoor facilities within the region and the state, however will be looking for innovative ways to highlight the obvious advantages of Camden and the current pool location. It is proposed to identify

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supplementary attractors which would enhance the existing 50m pool “experience” whilst at the same time complementing the Mount Annan Leisure Centre. Facilities such as interactive water features, basketball half courts, children’s play equipment, outdoor fitness equipment, barbeques, children’s party rooms, etc. are examples of possible supplementary attractors which may be considered.”

and resolved that Council “engage a Leisure Consultant to review and recommend opportunities for supplementary attractors to the Camden War Memorial Pool and report back to Council”.

Council resolved to approve the allocation of \$422,250 from the approved funding of up to \$1,000,000 towards work at the Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool into the 2003/04 budget (since revoked to 2004/05 budget), for refurbishment work to the pool. The balance of \$577,750 is therefore available for future embellishment of the facility.

Recommended: That

- (i) the revised budget for full refurbishment of the Camden War Memorial Pool be adopted;
- (ii) Council note a leisure consultant is about to be engaged to make appropriate recommendations to utilise the balance of the approved funds of \$577,750 to embellish the existing facility.

MOTION

Moved Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Funnell that

- (i) the revised budget for full refurbishment of the Camden War Memorial Pool be adopted except for the expenditure of \$62,000 for improvements to the ramp;
- (ii) Council withhold any extra spending on the Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool;
- (iii) Council undertake an investigation into alternative sites for the pool with the report findings being reported back to Council.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Campbell voted against the Motion).

4. Landcom Roads – Narellan Release Area

(File 4414/3) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose

This report responds to Cr Elliott's *Question Without Notice* on 24 May 2004 regarding the status of current negotiations with Landcom in resolving to provide substantial and final restoration and maintenance of those roads constructed by them. These roads are within the Narellan Release Area and were constructed as part of development activities originally undertaken by the Department of Housing (DoH).

Background

DoH constructed a large proportion of roads within the Narellan Release Area notably Currans Hill, Narellan Vale and Mount Annan **refer plan Landcom Roads-Narellan Release Area**. These roads have since been dedicated to Council. Initial development of these roads was to DoH's own road specification, using substantial elements of sandstone base material, which was inconsistent with Council's prevailing Road Construction specifications.

In 1988 a 20-year warranty from the date of construction of each road was provided by DoH to Council covering structural failure caused by the use of sandstone within the road pavements. The obligation for this warranty has since passed to Landcom.

It became apparent in the early 1990's that some of the roads were failing to various degrees. Following discussions, from 1997 Landcom accepted Council's road construction specification for the construction of subsequent roads.

Since early 2000 to March 2004 Council has spent \$117,710 on urgent maintenance/restoration in the Landcom areas on their behalf, for which Landcom has met all costs.

Council has negotiated repair of certain roads with Landcom and have achieved a number of successful results notably:

- The reconstruction of Welling Drive between Waterworth Drive roundabout and Rose Drive at a cost of \$503,886 in 1997. This was one of the earliest roads to show failure.
- Council negotiating a \$563,541 contribution in May 2001 for maintenance/restoration works on various roads in Narellan Vale, Mount Annan and Currans Hill.

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- In addition, Landcom also provided \$376,000 in 2001 to construct footpaths, across the Narellan Release area.

- Funding for rehabilitation of the Welling Dr/Rose Dr/Dunbar Pl roundabout was provided prior to the opening of Mount Annan High School in April 2003 by Landcom (\$55,864).

Report

Council officers have been involved in a process of negotiation with Landcom to identify the roads, the subject of the warranty, and provide Council with a final and agreed program of maintenance/restoration. This will result in Council accepting the liability of these roads.

Landcom has commissioned an independent engineer to identify precisely which roads fall into the 1988 warranty and recommend an appropriate defect repair program and methodologies recognising the use of each road, its asset management focus, and usual economic life.

The roads and works have been identified and are currently the focus of negotiations with Landcom which have been positive and fast approaching resolution with senior Landcom management.

Council met most recently with Landcom representatives on 10 August 2004 to identify and resolve technical issues in assessing the value of the work. The outcome of the meeting generally accepted the processes proposed by Council subject to clarification of a number of issues.

It is considered by Council officers that final agreement (ideally a lump sum payment for full financial settlement) to rationalise this matter is required as a matter of urgency. It is further anticipated total agreement of all matters of road liability can be concluded between Council and Landcom by the end of the calendar year.

As part of these discussions it was also suggested that Landcom be approached to seriously consider, as a separate issue, the immediate and separate restoration of Waterworth Drive, from Welling Drive roundabout to the approach of Holdsworth Drive roundabout, which has notably failed. The value of these necessary works is estimated to be \$670,000 (incl. GST). Landcom is considering this proposal but maintain a preference for the lump sum capitalisation of all agreed obligations under the warranty.

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Recommended: that Council:

- (i) Note the status of negotiations currently underway to provide maintenance/restoration of roads constructed by DoH (and now Landcom responsibility) within the Narellan Release Area;
- (ii) Note Officers will continue to negotiate with Landcom to resolve a final acceptable maintenance/restoration position for the roads;
- (iii) Request Landcom fund, via a lump sum payment of \$670,000, for the restoration of Waterworth Drive, between Welling Drive roundabout and the approach to Holdsworth Drive roundabout, to overcome the serious deterioration of this section of the network in Mount Annan.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Elliott, seconded Cr Kernohan that Council:

- (i) *Note the status of negotiations currently underway to provide maintenance/restoration of roads constructed by DoH (and now Landcom responsibility) within the Narellan Release Area;*
- (ii) *Note Officers will continue to negotiate with Landcom to resolve a final acceptable maintenance/restoration position for the roads;*
- (iii) *Request Landcom fund, via a lump sum payment of \$670,000, for the restoration of Waterworth Drive, between Welling Drive roundabout and the approach to Holdsworth Drive roundabout, to overcome the serious deterioration of this section of the network in Mount Annan.*

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**5. Roads and Traffic Authority – 2004/2005 Program
Funding**

(File 3212/7) (Director Works and Services)

At its meeting of 9 August 2004, Council accepted funding of \$211,000 under the RTA's Block Grant Agreement. The Block Grant Agreement including funding for Traffic Facilities (\$99,000), Roads (\$73,000) and 3x3 (\$39,000).

Council has been further advised of funding available under the RTA's 2004/2005 Funding Program. The funding includes:

Project Description	RTA Allocation
Camden/Narellan Cycleway (Stage 6) (50/50)	\$40,000
PAMP Implementation (50/50)	\$30,000
Kirkham/Campbell Street Intersection Upgrade (100%)	\$15,000
Community Road Safety Officer (50/50)	\$35,000
REPAIR Rehab CVW (Richardson Road to Camden View Drive)(50/50)	\$34,100
Total	\$154,100

The \$15,000 allocated to the improvements at the intersection of Kirkham Street and Campbell Street, Narellan, does not require matching Council funding.

Matching funding for Council's Community Road Safety Officer program has previously been included within the adopted 2004/2005 Budget. Similarly, matching funding has been included in Council's Construction Budget for the REPAIR program which will be used to reseal a section of Camden Valley between Richardson Road and Wilson Crescent, Narellan.

Should Council accept the RTA's funding offer of \$40,000 for the next stage of the Camden to Narellan Cycleway then matching funding will need to be allocated from within Council's 2004/2005 Budget. The combined budget of \$80,000 will extend the cycleway from Wilson Crescent across the CVW frontage of the Camden Golf Course; including the crossing of the creek.

With respect to the PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) Implementation, Council previously included an allocation of \$20,000 within the 2004/2005 Budget as matching funding of the anticipated RTA allocation. An additional \$10,000 will need to be allocated within Council's 2004/2005 Budget to provide full matching funding.

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Recommended: That Council

- (i) advise the RTA it will accept funding of \$154,100 for the Camden/Narellan Cycleway, PAMP Implementation, Kirkham/Campbell Streets intersection upgrade, CRSO Program and the REPAIR Program.
- (ii) Allocate \$40,000 as matching funding towards the next stage of construction of the Camden to Narellan Cycleway as supplementary vote for 2004/05 budget.
- (iii) Allocate an additional \$10,000 (to compliment the existing 2004/2005 allocation of \$20,000) as matching funding towards the implementation of Council's PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) as supplementary vote for 2004/05 budget.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Elliott that Council

- (i) *advise the RTA it will accept funding of \$154,100 for the Camden/Narellan Cycleway, PAMP Implementation, Kirkham/Campbell Streets intersection upgrade, CRSO Program and the REPAIR Program.*
- (ii) *Allocate \$40,000 as matching funding towards the next stage of construction of the Camden to Narellan Cycleway as supplementary vote for 2004/05 budget.*
- (iii) *Allocate an additional \$10,000 (to compliment the existing 2004/2005 allocation of \$20,000) as matching funding towards the implementation of Council's PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) as supplementary vote for 2004/05 budget.*

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6. Kerbside Clean-up Campaign

(File No: TC4804) (Director, Development & Environment Division)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the results of the tendering process where Council called for submissions from interested companies to provide an 'on-call' kerbside clean up service. As a result of advertisements placed in both the local and national newspapers, three (3) conforming tenders and two (2) non-conforming tenders have been received. This report details the results of the process and recommends that the tender be let.

Background

As part of the Domestic Waste Management Service, Council has offered a service where on two occasions each year all domestic properties have had the opportunity to place unwanted waste out for collection. As discussed in the previous report to Council on this matter on 24 May, 2004, this service has been fraught with difficulties and the change to an 'on-call' service was resolved.

The purpose of moving away from the scheduled service to an 'on-call' service is to better serve the community needs. It will provide the flexibility to our constituents to enable them to utilise the service when it best suits them and they are not locked into the rigid timeframe provided by either Council or the contractor. It is inevitable that the change will cost more, however it is considered that the benefits provided will outweigh the added cost.

This new service will overcome ongoing problems and will provide the flexibility for residents of having a collection when it is convenient for them and will reduce the time that the material is sitting on the kerb awaiting collection by the contractor.

Main Report

As indicated earlier, three conforming tenders were received from the following companies:

- Waste Service NSW;
- SITA Environmental Solutions; and
- Cleanaway

All tenders submitted complied with the tender specifications and the table below lists the tendered prices of each tenderer and the anticipated budget implications to Council.

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From past collections and discussions with other councils which operate an on-call system it is anticipated that approximately 40% of residents will utilise the two (2) free services offered annually. The following table shows the cost of the tenders assuming a 40% presentation rate. If the rate is higher it will have a possible impact to budget, however this will be an endorsement by our community of the new system.

Tender	Price per service where Council owns metal (not including GST)	Budget implication (calculated at 40% presentation rate, 16,000 properties)	Price per service where contractor owns metal (not including GST)	Budget implication (calculated at 40% presentation rate, 16,000 properties)
Waste Service NSW	\$47.24	\$302,336	\$44.63	\$285,632
SITA	\$29.80	\$190,720	\$24.60	\$157,440
Cleanaway	\$25.00	\$160,000	\$21.65	\$138,560

The approved 2004/05 Domestic Waste Management budget provides \$152,000 for the kerbside campaign. This figure includes the cost of disposal at Jacks Gully Waste Management Facility. These costs do not include disposal costs and using the costs from last year's collection the expected disposal costs would be in the vicinity of \$45,562. If the participation rate was 40% then the total cost of the service would be \$184,122 (@ \$21.65 per service). Considering that the service will not commence until the end of the first quarter of the new financial year, the costs for the current year are expected to be \$138,091.

As indicated earlier there were two non-conforming or alternate tenders received. Both were received from Waste Service NSW. One alternate tender proposes a 4 day per week service, the other a fully mixed service where it is suggested that the metals will be removed at the disposal point. The tendered prices for the alternate tender were \$38.42 and \$32.63 respectively. The alternative tender is still a higher price among the tenders received and does not represent any cost benefit to Council and has no additional benefits to the community.

The tender document required two prices to be submitted by the tenderer. A price per service, limited to (2) two services per property per year, whereby the metal is collected separately and delivered to the Council Waste Depot for sale or otherwise by Council and a price whereby the contractor owns the metal and benefits from the sale of the metal.

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It is considered from the tenders received that it is more cost effective to Council if Council were to accept a tender where the contractor takes ownership of the metal product and passes the savings onto Council with a reduction in the rate per service. This would also avoid the material having to be stored in containers at the waste depot awaiting removal.

Furthermore, provisions were made in the tender for the provision of additional services in addition to the maximum of two services should residents request additional services. The charge for this additional service will be the accepted tendered price for collection tipping costs plus a Council administration charge, and this new charge per service will need to be advertised for 28 days in accordance with the Local Government Act, adopted by Council and included into Council's adopted fees and charges for 2004/05. The proposed fee for third and subsequent services is \$35.50 including GST.

Cleanaway are the preferred tenderer from the submissions received. Whilst being the most cost effective of the submissions, Cleanaway has a long history in providing similar waste management services with other Councils and has recently been successful in providing an on-call kerbside bulk waste collection service for Hawkesbury Council commencing September 2004. Cleanaway is currently providing a near identical service for Bankstown Council and therefore will operate the service for Camden from their Peakhurst Depot.

Conclusion

From the three tenders submitted Cleanaway are the preferred choice to provide Camden Council with an on-call domestic kerbside cleanup service. Cleanaway are well experienced in providing such a service and their tendered price is the most competitive.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council award the on-call domestic kerbside cleanup service to Cleanaway at a cost of \$21.65 per service (not including GST) where the contractor takes ownership of the metal material collected.
- (ii) That a fee of \$35.50 be charged for additional services in excess of the maximum of two services per property per year and this charge be advertised for 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act for adoption by Council.
- (iii) Should any submissions be received as a result of the exhibition then a further report be placed before Council for the consideration of any submissions.

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- (iv) Should no submissions be received then Council adopts the fee of \$35.50 for any additional services in excess of two in any one financial year for on-call domestic kerbside cleanup services.

- (v) A contract be entered into between Council and Cleanaway and that Council affix the official seal to such contract.

MOTION

Moved Cr Elliott, seconded Cr Kernohan that this item regarding the domestic kerbside cleanup service be withdrawn and brought back to Council at a later date.

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(The Mayor, Cr Anderson having previously declared an interest in the Notice of Motion of Rescission and Notice of Motion took no part in discussion or voting and left the chamber – the time being 8.51pm).

CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING

Deputy Mayor, Cr Funnell assumed the role of chairperson of the meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF RECISSION

We, the undersigned Councillors, hereby give notice of our intention to move the following Rescission Motion in respect of Item 2 in the Resources and Services Committee meeting held 9th August 2004, Council resolution (Minute Number RS057/04) relating to “International Liveable Communities Awards – Invitation to Present at Awards Finals Ceremony”

Resolution

FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Johnson that:

- (i) Council congratulate all staff involved in the preparation of Council’s submission to the International Liveable Communities Awards for successfully reaching the final stage of the competition, and
- (ii) Council send and fund the expense for Senior Projects Officer, Outcomes, Mr Mark Hitchenson to attend the Awards Ceremony in Niagara Canada, and
- (iii) Council send the Mayor as Council’s representative to the Awards Ceremony in Niagara Canada, and expenses to be funded from the Mayoral Allowance, if desired, and
- (iv) Council cover the expense for gifts which may need to be provided at the Mayoral Reception, and
- (v) Council inform the Camden community of its success in reaching the finals of the International Liveable Communities Awards and call for members of the community to provide Council with details of all activities that they participate in that contribute to the sustainability and liveability of Camden.

RS057/04 THE FURTHER MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Funnell, Cr Cagney and Cr Anderson voted against the Further Motion).

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Be rescinded

Signed:..... Cr Cindy Cagney

Signed:.....Cr Debby Dewbery

Signed:.....Cr Peter Johnson

The Notice of Motion of Rescission was formally

Moved Cr Cagney, seconded Cr Johnson that Item 2 in the Resources and Services Committee meeting held 9th August 2004, Council resolution (Minute Number RS057/04) relating to “International Liveable Communities Awards – Invitation to Present at Awards Finals Ceremony” be rescinded

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*THE RESCISSION MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.*

(Cr Campbell, Cr Kernohan and Cr Funnell voted against the Rescission Motion).

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NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Cindy Cagney hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting of the 23rd August, 2004

“That

- (i) Council congratulate all staff involved in the preparation of Council’s submission to the International Liveable Communities Awards for successfully reaching the final stage of the competition.*
- (ii) Council send and pay the expenses for a delegation to the Awards Ceremony in Niagara Canada, comprising the Mayor and Senior Projects Officer, Outcomes, Mr Mark Hitchenson.*
- (iii) Council provide any gifts which may need to be presented at the Mayoral Reception.*
- (iv) Council inform the Camden community of its success in reaching the finals of the International Liveable Communities Awards and invite members of the community to provide Council with details of all activities that they participate in which contribute to the sustainability and liveability of Camden.”*

Signed: Cr Cindy Cagney

The Notice of Motion was formally

Moved Cr Cagney, seconded Cr Johnson that

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THE NOTICE OF MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

(Cr Campbell, Cr Kernohan and Cr Funnell voted against the Notice of Motion).

(The Mayor, Cr Anderson returned to the chamber and resumed the Chair – the time being 9.06pm).

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

*(Cr Cagney left the Chamber – the time being 9.08pm).
(Cr Cagney returned to the Chamber – the time being
9.11pm)*

Councillor Briefing – Employment of Consultants

Cr Funnell asked if Council could be briefed before Council elects to employ consultants such as Leisure Consultants or legal advisors/solicitors.

The General Manager advised Councillors could be advised if Council is proposing to employ consultants, however as this is an operational matter it may slow proceedings. The employment of consultants is for work undertaken in accordance with the management plan and they are remunerated from funds allocated in the budget adopted by Council so she would not generally propose to provide such briefings. Also larger consultancies such as the employment of the services of a Leisure Consultant are generally by way of tender or a result of a special report to Council and are therefore considered by Council prior to engagement. The General Manager also advised legal advice is an operational issue but if Council is proposing legal action this is always reported to Council.

**Monthly Update Construction
Certificates/Development Applications**

Cr Funnell asked if Council could give all interested Councillors a monthly update including progress of all construction certificates and development applications including subdivisions outstanding for more than three months.

The General Manager advised that this is possible but as it is a resource extensive task the budgetary implications will need to be checked and if additional funds need to be allocated to the task a report would need to be brought back to Council.

The Director Development and Environment advised a summary of the development applications can be computer generated easily, however the computer system will not generate a list of Construction Certificates and she would not be able to provide these.

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Lobbying Request for Government Departments in Camden

Cr Funnell asked if Council could lobby both State and Federal Governments to relocate Government Departments to the area to enhance employment opportunities.

The General Manager suggested this could be facilitated by a notice of motion.

Carpark - John Street, Camden

Cr Whiteman would like to know the status of Council's undertaking of blocks of land at the rear of John St backing onto the carpark at the back of Argyle Living and if Council is not continuing with the plan to expand the carpark will the land be sold back to the owners.

The Director Works & Services advised staff were following a directive from Council to acquire the land then residents asked for a reconsideration and Council resolved that staff ceased the action to extend the carpark. All land presently available will be utilised for carparking therefore land will not be sold off.

The General Manager advised a report will come to Council regarding the details and progress of this matter.

Definition of Delegated Authority

Cr Whiteman asked if he and other interested Councillors could be given details of the definition of delegated authority and what conditions are associated with delegated authority.

The General Manager advised in order to manage the operations of Council, Council delegates authority to the General Manager in a variety of areas for example to enable her to spend money or carry out Council's decisions. The delegation from Councillors to the General Manager sets the areas which are delegated and the conditions under which they are delegated and this will be provided to all Councillors.

Boat Ramp - Belgenny Reserve

Cr Kernohan asked why and for how long has the boat ramp at Belgenny Reserve been chained off.

The Director Works & Services and the General Manager advised as part of a State Government Grant the ramp was constructed for emergency use only and for safety purposes as outlined in the Grant had been chained and padlocked since its

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construction approximately 4 or 5 years - Camden State
Emergency Services holds the keys. Access for canoes is
available from an area to the side of the ramp.

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Bike Track – Ron Dine Reserve

Cr Kernohan enquired if there were any proposals to construct a walking/bicycle track along the Ron Dine Reserve.

The Director Works & Services advised there were no proposals for this area and will provide to Councillors the adopted Cycle Plan showing proposed plans and the areas the RTA will consider funding. The General Manager advised the Budget Strategy this year provides for a review of the Cycle Plan and Councillor may like to consider this area in the review.

Cr Kernohan asked if staff could reply on her behalf to letters she has received by residents regarding the boat ramp at Belgenny Reserve and a cycleway along Ron Dine Reserve.

The General Manager advised staff would be happy to do this on her behalf.

Possible effects on the Nepean River due to proposed underground mining

Cr Kernohan asked if Council had investigated the possible effect to the Nepean River and the water flowing through Camden due to the proposed underground mining between Douglass Park and Menangle.

The Director Development & Environment advised she was aware of letters received by Councillors regarding the potential impacts of the proposed mining and she has asked the writer for details of avenues to submit comments on this matter. Councillors can be supplied with a long list of potential environmental impacts of mining under the River but with no avenue to submit these concerns the exercise becomes unproductive.

Cr Kernohan asked if staff could report to Council any information received by Council on this matter and to make a submission regarding the potential environmental impacts to Camden LGA.

Accoustic Mound regarding Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange (Lot 203 DP746843) proposed subdivision

Cr Campbell asked if the Conditions of Consent for the Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange (Lot 203 DP 746843) proposed subdivision particularly in relation to the vegetation could be checked because the image at the site does not seem to portray the Development Application.

The Director Development & Environment answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Conferences

Cr Campbell asked for a report to Council of how many Councillors had attended conferences since March 2004 and were their expenses paid by Council or from their allowances. Could the report include details of the expenses paid by Council.

The General Manager answered in the affirmative.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre – Stage 2

Cr Elliott asked after the progress of Stage 2 of the Mount Annan Leisure and when it would be implemented.

The Director Works & Services advised the original Section 94 Plan included a Stage 2 but due to development when the Plan was revised it was decided that in the short term Stage 2 would not be implemented. Stage 2 is subject to various alternatives and reviews and it is envisaged once sufficient information is available the implementation of Stage 2 will be brought back to Council.

Recreation & Leisure Strategy – Sports Summit

Cr Elliott asked after the feasibility of a Sports Summit of local sporting associations as a review mechanism to receive information about existing facilities and future requirements for the area.

The General Manager answered this is feasible and as part of the Management Plan a Recreation and Leisure Strategy is being developed. The Strategy involves a study on recreation demand in the area looking at all the current facilities available and shortfalls in facilities using generally accepted criteria. This could form a baseline to satisfy the request and when the Strategy comes before Council for consideration towards the end of 2004 the Summit could be held as part of the exhibition and consultation process.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.