

Delegates Report

Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee

Held 12th February 2021.

Councillors I submit the following for your information only.

This is not the Minutes of the meeting or an opinion of the committee chair or its other members.

Merely a report as a councillor as your member to this committee.

On the 12th February I attended the above committee as one of your representatives.

In councillor Blacks absence (apology had been entered) I found myself in the hot seat at my first ARIC committee meeting.

A comprehensive business paper was on hand (385 pages), and I note all my fellow councillors were in attendance. Thank you for your interest and time.

The general manager and her senior staff were also in attendance to provide clarification or answer any questions as they arose.

The following matters were discussed in open meeting:

- Previous minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (27th November 2020)
- Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Plan 2021-2022
- Finance Position Paper AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantor
- Record Management Framework
- StateWide Mutual Continuous Improvement Pathway Program (CIP)
- Major Project Briefing-Waste Management Strategy

The following was considered in a closed session as Confidential Matters.

- Internal Audit Plan
- Endorsement of proposed Internal Audit Program 2021-2024
- Performance Improvement Action Plan Progress Report (PIAP)
- Post-Election Review of Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IP&R) and Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Three Major Project Briefings being:
 - i) Special rate Variation proposal (SRV)
 - ii) Business and customer systems rehabilitation
 - iii) Quipolly Water Project

The ARIC Plan shows 14 items addressed at this February meeting, 22 items to be addressed at May meeting, 12 in August totaling 48 items of business and 34 items for the incoming council. This shows a huge commitment by this council and in particular council staff to address these issues that have been identified as needing our attention.

Record Management Framework is going to be quite involved and needing some "real time" spent on it. I believe this Item will be forever evolving.

The CIP Program is a great initiative of management and StateWide Mutual and although initially some time will need to be allocated regularly, the benefits we could gain would be well worth the management and her staff's involvement/efforts.

Quite a lot of interest was shown by other committee members in the "Waste Management Strategy" briefing. It was interesting to hear the questions they put and suggestions that were flagged.

As all councilors would know this is one of our 6 major projects to be delivered and again is forever changing and evolving. I hope this current council can have some say in determining the way forward with this project as further information and recommendations come to hand.

I am not going into the confidential items as I am not sure whether my Delegates report is in open forum after acceptance at the council meeting or placed under confidential due to the Confidential items I have listed.

One thing that continually came up throughout the meeting was the quality of the reports and the detail. This is a credit to the standards the GM has set and the submissions by our staff in there reporting. Well done to all involved.

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