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**PRESENT** Clr P Batten (in the Chair), Clrs , A Rawson, M Nash.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Services, Department Leader Environmental Services, Executive Support Officer

#### ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty and Department Leader Innovation & Technology.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the apologies tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty and Development Leader Innovation & Technology be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

EIE 23/01 Carried

#### ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

EIE 23/02 Carried

# ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT any political donations be noted.

EIE 23/03 Carried

### ITEM - 4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORT

#### Proceedings in Brief

Discussions were held regarding the life span of the Cumnock landfill site and consequent implications on other landfill sites once Cumnock closes. Clr Batten raised concerns around change management. The Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that these concerns will be addressed in the strategic review currently being undertaken.

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As a result of a question from Clr Nash, the Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that it is no longer viable for council to on sell goods from landfill sites to members of the public due to costs, infrastructure, policies and risk management requirements.

As a result of a question from Clr Batten, the Deputy General Cabonne Services advised council receives a positive return on its investment with Netwaste. It allows council to deliver programs that we couldn't do on our own.

The Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services gave credit to the Department Leader Environmental Services for his work in improving and maintaining Manildra landfill.

Clr Batten raised concerns regarding the management of roadside vegetation and weeds. The General Manager advised that a lack of funding from State Government makes this difficult to manage beyond what council already does.

### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the information be noted.

#### EIE 23/04 Carried

# ITEM - 5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that the findings from the public hearing regarding the McPhillamy's Gold Projects will be delayed another month due to State Government caretaker conventions. The findings are expected to be released at the end of April.

It was also advised that Department Leader Development Services will be taking over attendance of CCC meetings.

#### **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT the information be noted.

EIE 23/05 Carried

# CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### ITEM - 1 CARRYING OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTION INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

#### **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the committee now hereby resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential nature relating to personnel or industrial matters, personal finances and matters which the publicity of which the Committee considers would be prejudicial to the Council or the individual concerned and that the press and the public be excluded from

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the meeting in accordance with the conditions of Council's Confidentiality Policy AND FURTHER that as reports to the Closed Committee of the Whole are likely to be confidential and their release prejudicial to the public interest and the provisions of Council's confidentiality policy, that copies of these reports not be made available to the press and public.

#### EIE 23/06 Carried

### \* <u>ITEM - 2 ENERGY UPDATE</u>

**RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT the information in the report be noted.

EIE 23/07 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:51pm.