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PRESENT

Clr P Batten (in the Chair), Clrs , A Rawson, K Beatty.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services, Acting Department Leader Environmental Services, Department Leader Innovation and Technology and Executive Support Officer.

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr Nash.

RECOMMENDATION (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT the apology tendered on behalf of Clr Nash be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

EIE 24/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

EIE 24/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of political donations.

EIE 24/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS

Proceedings in Brief

As a result of a question from Clr Rawson, Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that there had been no update provided by MERC on the strategic plan.

Discussions were held surrounding Resources for Regions and the replacement fund that has been put in place that only applies to coal affected Local Government Areas. It was noted by Clr Rawson that council should continue to lobby through bodies like MERC for return on royalties.

Clr Beatty advised that there is no representative for Western NSW on the committee, this will make it difficult to get a result.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Beatty)

THAT the information contained in the report be noted.

EIE 24/04 Carried

ITEM - 5 ELECTRIFY CABONNE

Proceedings in Brief

General Manager advised the committee that council has not yet resolved a specific target as funding sources are yet to be identified. An intent has been interpreted in the report.

Clrs Batten and Rawson congratulated staff on the holistic approach to this plan. It is believed that this document will position Cabonne well for future opportunities within the renewable energy space.

Discussions were held surrounding the calculations of landfill emissions. Department Leader Innovation & Technology advised that council has recently been given access to a tool to assist with better calculations of these.

Clr Batten suggested a potential model off Western Australia. General Manager advised that council is in discussions with Melbourne council's and 'Re-Wiring Australia' to bring about these programs.

Clr Rawson noted that there are two Departments of Energy, Climate Change and Water, one for State and one for Federal Governments.

Clr Batten suggested a potential partnership with trucking companies in trialling Electric Vehicles. General Manager noted concerns regarding resale of vehicles in early adoption. Leasing of vehicles would be a smarter option.

RECOMMENDATION (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT the committee:

1. Endorse the development of the Electrify Cabonne program, and;
2. Endorse submission of the Electrify Cabonne program to the April council meeting.

EIE 24/05 Carried

ITEM - 6 MID-SCALE SOLAR PLANT UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Ashley Bland and Tom Griffiths from Constructive Energy provided the committee with an update on the Eugowra Solar Farm project.

It was advised that Iberdrola have pulled back from directly engaging with council on this project due to the inability to provide energy for small market tariff sites. This leaves the project open to the broader market.

Approval has been given to connect the inverter into the grid and solar panels. It is anticipated that essential energy will approach council within the next few weeks to negotiate a draft connect agreement.

Clr Batten flagged a potential opportunity when it comes to the detailed design phase to look at developing a relationship with Department of Primary Industries to run a research program on the impact of solar panels on wool growth and soil. General Manager advised that we would need to include an optional specification at the tender phase due to the cost of increasing the height of the panels.

Discussions were held surrounding weed and vegetation control underneath the panels and maintenance and cleaning of panels.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Beatty)

THAT the information in this report be noted.

EIE24/06 Carried

ITEM - 7 SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Beatty)

THAT the information in this report be noted.

EIE 24/07 Carried

ITEM - 8 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE REPORT

Proceedings in Brief

Discussions were held surrounding the relocation of the pound. Council currently has no budget to build a new facility.

Acting Department Leader Environmental Services and Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised the committee of council's process once a dog is impounded. It was stated that majority of rehoming agencies that council works with are currently at full capacity, making it difficult for them to assist council with rehoming efforts.

Clr Beatty spoke of the increasing issue of neighbourhood disturbance from the pound and questioned if council could look at relocating the current holding cages as opposed to building a new facility as an interim measure.

Acting Department Leader Environmental Services agreed to investigate alternative options and costings.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Beatty)

THAT the information be noted.

EIE 24/08 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1:25pm.