

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 14 October 2014, at 6.04pm

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Beale, Bolger, Byars, Davis, Dixon, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted and Page.

**In attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager Community and Strategy (Dr Aaron Fox), General Manager District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Communications Manager (Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson) and one member of the public in the gallery.

**Apologies** Crs Gover and Sharp apologised for absence.

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**1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 (SC0137)**

A memo had been received from the Chief Financial Officer together with a copy of the draft annual report for the 2013/14 financial year. The final deficit for the year was less than what had been projected in the annual plan. The forecast deficit was \$397,000 due to funding from some projects from reserves and funding interest expense from rates collected from depreciation. Considering the additional financial pressures faced during the year, the final deficit was \$344,000 and a good result. Unspent funds had been placed into reserves so they could be drawn on in the future.

A number of pages with amendments noted were tabled at the meeting.

The Chief Executive felt the result was a good one given there had been some significant unexpected expenditure incurred during the year.

His Worship agreed and said the unexpected expenditure tended to get lost in the result. Those managing it needed to be congratulated. It was the first time benchmarking had been included in an annual report. The document was becoming more compliance focused and there was more focus from the Office of the Auditor General on how annual reports were being produced. It required a lot more effort from staff.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Page, THAT the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2014 be adopted.**