

ORDINARY MEETING 16 DECEMBER 2014	6.3
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NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MELCHERT

REGISTER OF PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS FOR HIRE OF MOBILE AND FIXED PLANT (WET AND DRY)

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I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 December:-

“That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to provide all Councillors with details of the auditable and documented system which will be put in place for Council Staff to utilise in equitably and transparently allocating the hire of fixed plant.”

BACKGROUND

Council has adopted a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Hire of Mobile and Fixed Plant (Wet and Dry) and as yet no advice has been provided on the documented system which will be utilised in allocating the plant hire.

While it is accepted the actual allocation of the hire is an operational issue, it is clearly a matter for Councillors in fulfilling a number of their responsibilities under the Local Government Act to ensure and understand that an auditable, documented and transparent system exists to allocate the plant hire.

CEO'S COMMENT:

The Chief Executive Officer and senior management are focused on ensuring internal controls are appropriate for all of Council operations which includes procurement and engagement of contractors. One opportunity available is to have these processes independently assessed to ensure alignment with legislation, Council policies/guidelines and best practice, is through Internal Audit.

At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 4 November 2014, the Audit Committee minutes were presented which included the endorsement of the Internal Audit Plan for 2014/2015. One of the key projects in this plan is the “Procurement Compliance Review” which will not only consider the operational issues raised by Cr Melchert's Notice of Motion but all procurement activities across Council. It is through this review that Councillors will be provided with the confidence that operational matters are being handled appropriately.