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16 JUNE 2015

NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MELCHERT - COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2014-2015 - APPLICATION OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS

NOTICE OF MOTION

I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following motion at Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 June 2015:-

"that Council resolve that any unallocated funds from the 2014-2015 Community Support Program (CSP) and from any future CSP be accounted for so that any unallocated funds are carried forward in full into future programs so that the funds are fully available to support applications made by community groups and others under the program."

BACKGROUND

The proposed action will ensure all funds provided in the CSP are fully retained in the program and are not lost to consolidated revenue or to other projects.

CEO'S COMMENT:

With operational expenditure, which the Community Support Program is part of, there is no ability to "carry forward" unspent funds. As Council utilises "zero based" budgeting principles any additional funds required in an expenditure line will need to be factored into each annual budget being prepared for Council adoption.

For Council to pass a resolution as proposed by Cr Melchert would be binding on future Councils. A decision on the level of funds set aside for the Community Support Program should be a decision for the Council "of the day" and considered in the context of the overall annual budget and the desired outcomes of Council.