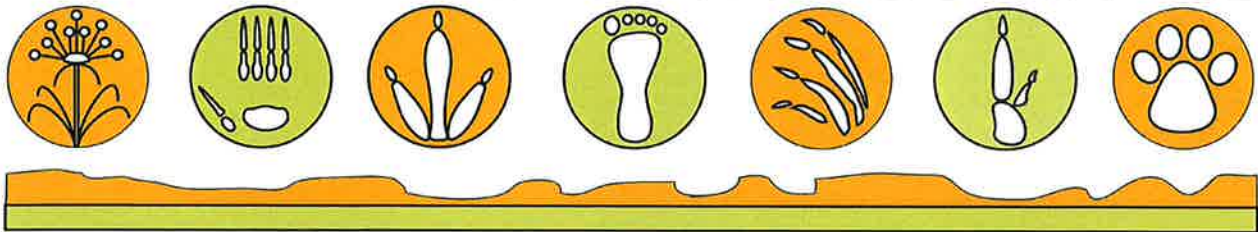


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

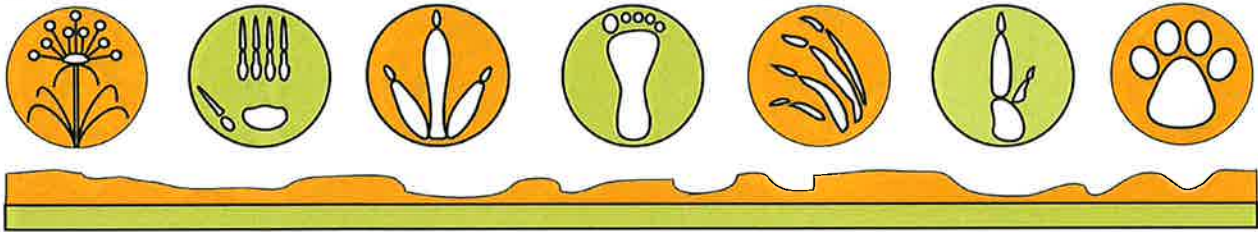
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2018

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in on Thursday, 31 May 2018 at 8:30am.

**Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer**

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within the Barkly Region. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen

AGENDA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 7.6
TITLE 2018-2019 Budget Regional Council Expenditure by Local Authority Area
REFERENCE 246669
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

(a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

This document is to be considered in conjunction with item 7.5, Draft 2018/19 Regional Council Budget

Section 127 of the *Local Government Act* states that:

Annual budgets

- (1) A council must prepare a budget for each financial year.
- (2) The budget for a particular financial year must:
 - (a) outline:
 - (i) the council's objectives for the relevant financial year; and
 - (ii) the measures the council proposes to take, during the financial year, towards achieving those objectives; and
 - (iii) the indicators the council intends to use as a means of assessing its efficiency in achieving its objectives; and
 - (b) contain estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year (differentiating between operating and capital expenditure); and
 - (c) state the amount to be allocated to the development and maintenance of each class of infrastructure for the financial year; and
 - (d) state the amount the council proposes to raise by way of rates, and set out the rates structure, for the financial year; and
 - (e) contain an assessment of the social and economic effects of its rating policies; and
 - (f) state the allowances for members of the council for the financial year and the amount budgeted to cover payment of those allowances; and
 - (g) contain any other information required by any guidelines that the Minister may make.
- (3) Subject to the regulations, a council must not budget for a deficit.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

This is the analysis of the Draft 2018-2019 Barkly Regional Council Budget.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Options

The Council may direct the staff to make changes to the Regional Council Plan as required. The Council must adopt the Regional Council Plan and budget on or before 31 July 2017 in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. If the Council is not satisfied with the contents of the Regional Council Plan and budget, it can seek an extension to this time with the Minister for Local Government.

Relevant Legislation

Section 24 of the *Local Government Act* deals with the annual review of the Regional Council Plan. Revisions must be adopted between 1 April and 31 July each year and a copy forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Section 128 of the *Local Government Act* states that the Council must adopt a budget on or before 31 July of each financial year.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Draft Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan & Budget 2018-19 will be made accessible on the Council's website and available at Council's offices on Friday, 1 June 2018 and will be open for public consultation for a period of 21 days. The availability of the document for public consultation will be advertised in the Tennant Creek Times Friday 1 June 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Regional_Expenditure.pdf

	Regional			Tennant Creek				
	Expenses	Capital	Internal Charges	Total	Expenses	Capital	Internal Charges	Total
<u>Office of the CEO</u>								
Chief Executive Officer	372,447.80	233,500.00	12,828.24	618,776.04	-	-	-	-
Governance, Compliance & Records	178,956.12	-	7,043.40	185,999.52	-	-	-	-
Human Resources	458,200.17	-	13,229.76	471,429.93	-	-	-	-
Learning & Development	334,436.36	-	-	334,436.36	-	-	-	-
Public Relations & Media	144,374.40	-	4,004.76	148,379.16	-	-	-	-
International Women's Day	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-
Australia Day Program	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	-
<u>Elected & Appointed Members</u>								
Councillors & Councillor Services	95,888.00	60,000.00	-	155,888.00	257,009.32	-	-	257,009.32
Community Grants	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
<u>Administration & Finance</u>								
Administration	716,296.82	-	- 635,703.44	80,593.38	-	-	-	-
Finance	3,633,461.46	-	- 823,217.59	2,810,243.87	-	-	-	-
Information Technology Support	201,495.96	100,000.00	- 6,875.16	294,620.80	-	-	-	-
Council Buildings	-	357,000.00	- 4,863.24	352,136.76	118,696.89	-	4,928.64	123,625.53
Staff Housing	-	-	-	-	373,380.40	-	-	373,380.40
<u>Regional Operations</u>								
Area Management Services	289,700.97	-	9,576.00	299,276.97	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Meeting Costs	-	-	-	-	21,967.20	-	-	21,967.20
Local Authorities Funding	-	-	-	-	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00

	Regional			Tennant Creek				
	Expenses	Capital	Internal Charges	Total	Expenses	Capital	Internal Charges	Total
<u>Community Services</u>								
Administration	202,703.32	-	5,296.68	208,000.00	-	-	-	-
Environmental Management	272,657.12	90,000.00	6,822.92	355,834.20	-	-	-	-
Animal Management Funding	78,484.64	-	21,515.36	100,000.00	-	-	-	-
Remote Vet Services Funding	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00	-	-	-	-
Community Care	370,557.30	-	- 376,557.30	6,000.00	-	-	-	-
Administration								
NTJP Wages	35,117.66	-	20,000.00	55,117.66	-	-	-	-
Home Care Package	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NDIS	102,742.30	-	- 102,742.30	-	-	-	-	-
CHSP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Sport & Rec	78,390.34	-	8,324.76	70,065.58	-	-	-	-
Out of School Hours Care	15,787.22	-	-	15,787.22	-	-	-	-
Active Remote Communities	69,256.70	-	42,600.00	111,856.70	-	-	-	-
Youth Centre Program	-	-	-	-	318,237.23	-	31,767.72	350,004.95
Night Patrol	430,898.74	-	135,666.35	566,565.09	-	-	-	-
Swimming Pool	-	-	-	-	527,420.06	-	- 17,440.28	509,979.78
Public Libraries Funding	190,708.84	-	7,373.44	183,335.40	-	-	-	-
<u>Municipal Services</u>								
Municipal Services	354,690.13	-	13,183.08	367,873.21	-	-	-	-
Management								
Cemetery Services	-	-	-	-	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
Landfill Services	-	-	-	-	281,704.78	-	9,826.44	291,531.22
Parks & Gardens Maintenance	-	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	1,093,178.64	2,064,000.00	34,405.68	3,191,584.32
Motor Workshops	300.00	-	-	300.00	553,531.80	-	11,634.00	565,165.80
Council Municipal Services	-	96,000.00	-	96,000.00	319,203.61	-	- 256,687.84	62,515.77
Streetlights	-	-	-	-	66,000.00	-	-	66,000.00
FAGS: Roads Grant	389,574.00	-	-	389,574.00	-	-	-	-
Roads To Recovery	533,650.00	-	-	533,650.00	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Jobs Development	-	-	968,000.00	968,000.00	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	9,798,776.37	1,011,500.00	- 719,536.52	10,090,739.85	3,955,329.93	2,164,000.00	- 181,565.64	5,937,764.29

	Expenses	Elliott District Capital	Internal Charges	Total
<u>Elected & Appointed Members</u>				
Councillor Services	63,698.78	-	-	63,698.78
<u>Regional Operations</u>				
Area Management Services	321,335.80	-	10,085.52	331,421.32
Staff Housing	45,238.00	250,000.00	-	295,238.00
Visitor Accommodation	23,200.00	-	-	23,200.00
Local Authority Meeting	22,095.60	-	-	22,095.60
Local Authorities Funding	-	51,150.00	-	51,150.00
HMS	263,002.00	-	19,398.00	282,400.00
HMS - Outstations	56,448.00	-	6,272.00	62,720.00
HMS - Town Camps	159,840.00	-	-	159,840.00
Homeland Jobs Funding	319,837.38	-	24,762.62	344,600.00
<u>Community Services</u>				
NTJP Wages	124,568.34	-	-	124,568.34
Home Care Package	136,053.00	-	90,702.00	226,755.00
NDIS	134,866.68	-	65,282.40	200,149.08
CHSP	62,829.43	-	56,092.48	118,921.91
Safe Houses	176,109.96	-	36,924.48	213,034.44
Indigenous Sport & Rec	197,652.16	-	1,880.56	195,771.60
Out of School Hours Care	104,990.83	-	18,179.08	123,169.91
Active Remote Communities	21,044.14	-	632.52	21,676.66
Barkly Regional School	7,000.00	-	8,151.52	15,151.52
Holiday Program				
Night Patrol	176,764.11	-	6,477.60	183,241.71
Water Parks	12,600.00	-	-	12,600.00
Public Libraries Funding	76,584.96	-	2,001.00	78,585.96

<u>Municipal Services</u>	Expenses	Elliott District		Total
		Capital	Internal Charges	
Landfill Services	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Parks & Gardens	23,100.00	25,000.00	-	48,100.00
Council Municipal Services	547,647.58	126,000.00	- 159,625.04	514,022.54
Streetlights	45,000.00	-	-	45,000.00
TOTALS	3,127,506.75	452,150.00	183,455.62	3,763,112.37

	Expenses	Ali Curung Local Authority Area Capital	Internal Charges	Totals
<u>Elected & Appointed Members</u>				
Councillor Services	63,698.78	-	-	63,698.78
<u>Regional Operations</u>				
Area Management Services	357,838.79	-	- 20,719.72	337,119.07
Council Buildings	-	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00
Staff Housing	24,560.00	-	-	24,560.00
Visitor Accommodation	27,600.00	150,000.00	-	177,600.00
Local Authority Costs	22,095.60	-	-	22,095.60
Local Authorities Funding	-	83,980.00	-	83,980.00
HMS	4,200.00	-	-	4,200.00
HMS - Outstations	9,172.80	-	1,019.20	10,192.00
<u>Community Services</u>				
NTJP Wages	146,095.41	-	-	146,095.41
Home Care Package	130,518.00	-	87,012.00	217,530.00
NDIS	108,886.39	-	77,455.20	186,341.59
CHSP	59,263.52	-	53,051.62	112,315.14
Safe House	132,657.81	-	27,612.08	160,269.89
Indigenous Sport & Rec	126,803.97	-	3,933.63	122,870.34
Out of School Hours Care	117,584.40	-	20,653.56	138,237.96
Active Remote Communities	16,984.14	-	632.52	17,616.66
Regional School Holiday Program	7,000.00	-	8,151.51	15,151.51
Night Patrol	375,972.98	-	14,102.76	390,075.74
Water Parks	12,600.00	-	-	12,600.00
<u>Municipal Services</u>				
Landfill Services	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Parks & Gardens	12,800.00	-	-	12,800.00
Council Municipal Services	515,362.82	46,000.00	- 85,541.96	475,820.86
Streetlights	45,600.00	-	-	45,600.00
TOTAL	2,323,295.41	2,779,980.00	179,495.14	5,282,770.55

Ampliatwatja Local Authority Area				
	Expenses	Capital	Internal Charges	Totals
<u>Elected & Appointed Members</u>				
Councillor Services	32,099.39	-	-	32,099.39
<u>Regional Operations</u>				
Area Management Services	352,279.63	-	11,462.40	363,742.03
Staff Housing	25,600.00	-	-	25,600.00
Visitor Accommodation	7,500.00	-	-	7,500.00
Local Authority Costs	20,595.60	50,000.00	-	70,595.60
Local Authorities Funding	-	67,210.00	-	67,210.00
HMS	54,049.00	-	5,491.00	59,540.00
HMS - Outstations	127,008.00	-	14,112.00	141,120.00
<u>Community Services</u>				
NTJP Wages	106,802.70	-	-	106,802.70
Home Care Package	109,145.35	-	59,200.00	168,345.35
NDIS	89,711.74	-	42,835.20	132,546.94
CHSP	119,708.86	-	76,460.52	196,169.38
Indigenous Sport & Rec	56,718.87	-	1,350.00	58,068.87
Out of School Hours Care	129,746.84	-	19,422.92	149,169.76
Active Remote Communities	16,984.14	-	632.52	17,616.66
CAYLUS Sport & Rec Officers	48,753.06	-	1,246.94	50,000.00
Night Patrol	186,555.76	-	6,885.84	193,441.60
<u>Municipal Services</u>				
Landfill Services	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Council Municipal Services	469,490.28	46,000.00	- 104,626.76	410,863.52
Streetlights	16,800.00	-	-	16,800.00
TOTAL	1,975,549.22	163,210.00	134,472.58	2,273,231.80

	Expenses	Alpururulam Local Authority Area Capital	Internal Charges	Totals
<u>Elected & Appointed Members</u>				
Councillor Services	32,099.39	-	-	32,099.39
<u>Regional Operations</u>				
Area Management Services	341,620.85	-	- 24,993.20	316,627.65
Staff Housing	23,000.00	-	-	23,000.00
Visitor Accommodation	17,100.00	-	-	17,100.00
Local Authority Costs	39,020.70	-	-	39,020.70
Local Authorities Funding	-	68,120.00	-	68,120.00
<u>Community Services</u>				
NTJP Wages	178,004.40	-	-	178,004.40
Home Care Package	87,240.00	-	58,160.00	145,400.00
NDIS	106,320.38	-	119,897.20	226,217.58
CHSP	69,533.36	-	55,519.96	125,053.32
Indigenous Sport & Rec	159,747.47	-	2,906.55	156,840.92
Active Remote Communities	16,984.14	-	632.52	17,616.66
Barkly Regional School				
Holiday Program	7,000.00	-	8,151.51	15,151.51
Night Patrol	336,182.06	-	12,624.00	348,806.06
<u>Municipal Services</u>				
Parks & Gardens	5,400.00	-	-	5,400.00
Council Municipal Services	449,682.89	152,500.00	- 52,228.28	549,954.61
Streetlights	14,400.00	-	-	14,400.00
TOTAL	1,883,335.64	220,620.00	174,857.16	2,278,812.80

	Expenses	Wutunugurra Local Authority Area Capital	Internal Charges	Totals
<u>Regional Operations</u>				
Area Management Services	249,982.32	-	7,998.72	257,981.04
Visitor Accommodation	7,500.00	-	-	7,500.00
Staff Housing	20,400.00	-	-	20,400.00
Local Authority Costs	22,095.60	36,000.00	-	58,095.60
Local Authorities Funding	-	26,440.00	-	26,440.00
HMS - Outstations	-	-	102,558.00	102,558.00
Night Patrol	189,985.76	-	6,885.84	196,871.60
<u>Municipal Services</u>				
Council Municipal Services	232,768.38	46,000.00	- 151,162.88	127,605.50
Streetlights	6,960.00	-	-	6,960.00
TOTALS	729,692.06	108,440.00	- 33,720.32	804,411.74

	Expenses	Arlparra Local Authority Area Capital	Internal Charges	Total
<u>Elected & Appointed</u>				
<u>Members</u>				
Councillor Services	32,099.39	-	-	32,099.39
<u>Regional Operations</u>				
Area Management Services	269,551.55	-	2,842.68	272,394.23
Local Authority Costs	22,095.60	-	-	22,095.60
Local Authorities Funding	-	63,980.00	-	63,980.00
<u>Community Services</u>				
NTJP Wages	142,403.49	-	-	142,403.49
Home Care Package	65,904.00	-	43,936.00	109,840.00
NDIS	106,497.31	-	101,800.40	208,297.71
CHSP	112,116.44	-	83,908.68	196,025.12
Indigenous Sport & Rec	112,621.29	-	3,389.40	116,010.69
Out of School Hours Care	67,854.99	-	16,688.16	84,543.15
Active Remote Communities	16,984.14	-	632.52	17,616.66
CAYLUS Sport & Rec Officers	68,303.13	-	1,696.87	70,000.00
Night Patrol	186,485.76	-	6,885.84	193,371.60
<u>Municipal Services</u>				
Landfill Services	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Council Municipal Services	308,778.15	61,000.00	- 23,105.40	346,672.75
Streetlights	7,600.00	-	-	7,600.00
TOTALS	1,525,295.24	124,980.00	238,675.15	1,888,950.39

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER S.1
TITLE Audit Committee - Terms Of Reference
REFERENCE 246670
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the verbal report;

SUMMARY:

The Audit and Risk Committee met on the Tuesday the 29th of May 2018 to consider the draft Regional Plan, Budget, Schedule of fees and charges, Schedule of rates and charges.

BACKGROUND

The Audit and Risk Committee met on the Tuesday the 29th of May 2018 to consider the draft Regional Plan budget schedule of fees and charges, schedule of rates and charges.

Due to issues with the Councilbiz system the minutes have been unable to be completed at this current time, however it was noted that the documents detailed above have received endorsement by the Audit and Risk Committee.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 16.8
TITLE NT Tobacco Committee Nominations
REFERENCE 246385
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Nominate Councillor's for the NT Tobacco Committee.

SUMMARY:

LGANT is calling for nominations from council officers and elected members to represent LGANT on the NT Tobacco Control Action Committee (NTTCAC). NTTCAC will provide strategic advice on the review and implementation of the NT Tobacco Action Plan 2018-2021.

Please find attached the invitation from the Department of Health, nomination form and procedures for LGANT representatives on Committees.

Could you please forward nominations to me **by Tuesday 5 June 2018**. A nominee will be endorsed at the Executive meeting on 12 June 2018. Given the short time frame, a council resolution can be forwarded at a later date.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Procedures for LGANT Representatives on Committees.pdf
- 2 2018-05-17 Invitation to join NT Tobacco Control Action Committee.pdf

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



PROCEDURES FOR LGANT REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

LGANT representatives on committees are required to provide the Association with regular reports and an annual report for its Annual General Meeting in November of each year.

The Association also requires the minutes of each meeting attended to be emailed to the CEO's Personal Assistant, elaine.mcleod@lgant.asn.au.

Representatives are required to supply the Association with contact details such as mobile phone number, email address, postal address and the council they are a member of.

The Association will supply information to nominees of committees, including their Terms of Reference.

If a LGANT representative resigns from a committee, he/she is requested to inform the Association in writing, by letter or email, so that an alternative representative can be nominated to the committee.

The Association may remove its endorsement of a representative on a committee if that representative fails to deliver regular reports or misses meetings without just cause. It would then be up to the committee to decide whether or not the representative remains on that committee if the representative is without LGANT endorsement.



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Mr Tony Tapsell
Chief Executive Officer
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
PO Box 2017
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Dear Mr Tapsell

Re: Invitation for Committee Membership – Tobacco Control Action Committee (NTTCAC)

As part of the Northern Territory Government's commitment to strengthening action to reduce the harm caused by tobacco, the Minister for Health has approved the establishment of the Northern Territory Tobacco Control Action Committee (NTTCAC).

NTTCAC will provide strategic advice on the review and implementation of the NT Tobacco Action Plan 2018-2021. A draft Action Plan has been developed with the goal to improve the health of Territorians by reducing the harm caused by tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, and to prevent uptake by young people.

Your organisation has been identified as a key stakeholder and is invited to have representation on the Action Committee.

Could you please confirm your acceptance of this invitation and provide the name of your representative to be a committee member. Information should be provided to the A/Director, Alcohol and Other Drugs Directorate at AODD.DoH@nt.gov.au

I look forward to your positive reply.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Stoddart".

Prof Catherine Stoddart
9 May 2018

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 16.9
TITLE Organisational Chart
REFERENCE 246687
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the attached Organisational Structure for the budget year 2018-2019.

SUMMARY:

Attached for Councils consideration is the proposed organisational structure for approval in conjunction with the 2018-2019 Regional Plan and Budget.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

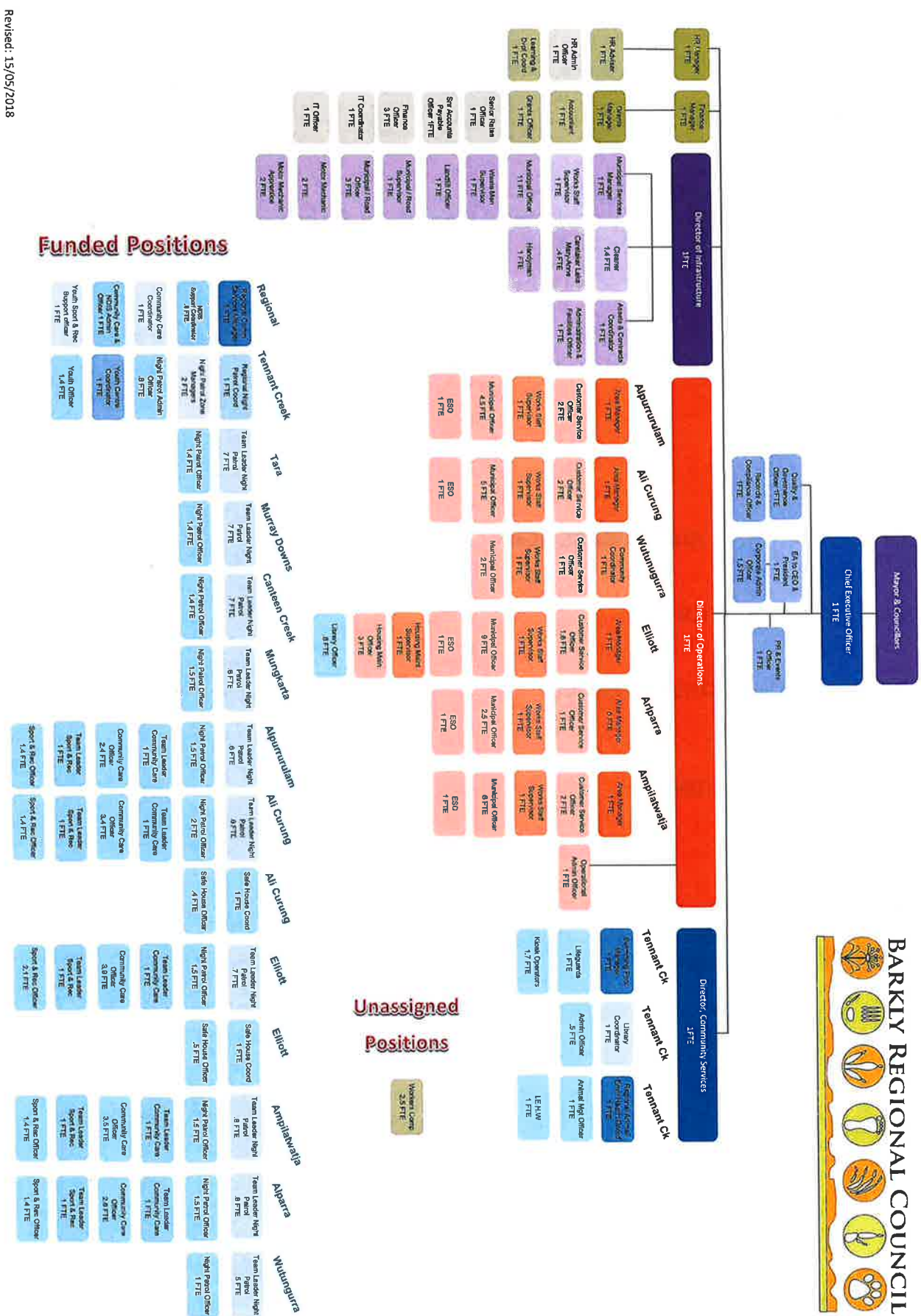
BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Organisational Chart.pdf
- 2 Employee_Listing.pdf



CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 17.2
TITLE Liquor Licence Conditions
REFERENCE 246379
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

See attached correspondence

BACKGROUND

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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Dear Mr Goldflam

Russell

I refer to your notice of the proposed variation of liquor licence conditions for 18 licensees in Tenant Creek and the Barkly region.

Firstly, I thank you for the work of the Liquor Commission in relation to this matter, particularly the consultation you and the other members of the Commission have undertaken.

I understand that the Liquor Commission now awaits the submissions of affected licensees before it makes a decision in relation to the proposed variation.

Notwithstanding that, and having reviewed your written reasons for the proposed variation, I thought it opportune to update you with the latest information regarding the Government's forthcoming expansion of the Point-of-Sale Intervention regime, including for Tenant Creek.

I note that in your written reasons for the proposed variation of liquor licence conditions, the Commission is clearly of the view that the Point-of-Sale Intervention regime is of critical importance. In particular, I note paragraphs 31-32 (footnotes omitted):

"The Commission notes that at around the time the restricted conditions commenced, the police, for operational reasons, discontinued regular Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs) at Tennant Creek takeaway liquor outlets. The longer-term datasets provided by police show that the introduction of POSIs coincided with a "dramatic" decrease in assaults from 705 in January 2014 to 228 by mid-2015. (This appears to closely correlate with the 26% reduction in consumption during this period referred to above.) It is reasonable to infer that the discontinuation of POSIs in March 2018 tended to have the opposite effect.



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The Commission considers that had "full lock-down" POSIs been maintained during the trial of restricted conditions, it is likely that alcohol-related harm would have been clearly and substantially reduced, and to a significantly greater degree than has now been observed."

As you may be aware, on 3 May, the Legislative Assembly passed the Liquor Amendment (Point Of Sale Intervention) Bill 2018.

That bill, which we will move quickly to commence, legally regularises and formalises the Point-of-Sale Intervention regime and will empower a new workforce of Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors to uniformly conduct the necessary checks in front of bottleshops.

Importantly, the Government has committed ongoing funding through the forward estimates of almost \$12 million per year so that 75 new Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors can be employed and maintained.

This workforce is intended to provide the NT Police with the necessary resources to implement a 'full lockdown' Point-of-Sale Intervention regime in Alice Springs, Katherine and Tenant Creek.

I am advised by the Minister for Police that recruitment is underway for these new positions. Further, I am advised that the first squad should begin training in Alice Springs, with a training course that will run from 28 May to 18 August. I am advised that 12 Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors are planned to be deployed to Tenant Creek.

As such, it is my expectation that in a matter of months, a 'full lockdown' Point-of-Sale Intervention regime will be in place at Tenant Creek takeaway liquor outlets.

It is the Government's aim that the implementation of this policy will have a significant impact on alcohol-related harm in Tenant Creek and the Barkly region. The forthcoming implementation of the 'full lockdown' Point-of-Sale Intervention regime in Tenant Creek may be of relevance to your consideration of the proposed variation of liquor licence conditions, particularly as it is proposed that the variation remains in place for 12 months.

It is also of significance that the employment of the Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors will free up existing Police resources as existing Police will no longer be required for bottleshop duties.

It is the Government's aim that Police resources will therefore be more readily available to deal with matters such as domestic and family violence, and for duties and work at remote stations and remote communities such as those in the Barkly region.

Noting that the above will commence in a matter of months, in the interim period additional Police resources have been dedicated and will continue to be dedicated to Tenant Creek. I am advised by the Minister for Police that this includes:

- the redeployment of 11 additional police officers to the area;
- the reestablishment of Mobile CCTV cameras in the area; and
- the extension of Operation Haven to Tennant Creek and Katherine.

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Further to the above resources, the Government has also acted to increase staff and their level of authority in Tennant Creek. Key actions include:

- Increased staff capacity within the Territory Families Tennant Creek Office through the creation of five new positions; a new Director of Barkly Region, two Child Protection Practitioners and a Youth Outreach Reengagement Team Leader and Administrative Support Officer;
- Two Senior Compliance Officers from Licencing NT to service Tennant Creek on a full-time basis, 7 days per week; with one permanent Senior Compliance Officer to be based in Tennant Creek ongoing;
- Two additional Maternal and Child Health Nurses;
- One additional Child and Youth Mental Health Worker;
- Two additional Alcohol and Other Drug Nurses;
- Three new Public Housing Safety Officers; and
- Eleven additional police, including Substance Abuse Intelligence.

Should you require any further information in relation to the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely



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cc Michael Gunner, Chief Minister and Minister for Police

