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**PRESENT** Clr P Batten (in the Chair), M Nash, A Rawson.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Department Leader - Environmental Services, Executive Support Officer.

## **ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

### **ITEM - 1 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

#### Proceedings in Brief

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Clr Rawson nominated Clr Batten. Seconded by Clr Nash. Clr Batten accepted the nomination.

The General Manager advised that there being no other nominations, Clr Batten is elected Chairperson for the term of council.

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Clr Rawson nominated Clr Nash. Seconded by Clr Batten. Clr Nash accepted the nomination.

The General Manager advised that there being no other nominations, Clr Rawson is elected Deputy Chairperson for the term of council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT Clr Batten be elected as Chairperson and Clr Nash as Deputy Chairperson for the term of council.

EIE 24/19 Carried

### **ITEM - 2 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### Proceedings in Brief

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Clrs Beatty and Pull.

It was also noted that the Department Leader – Innovation & Technology was absent.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Batten/Rawson)

THAT the apologies tendered on behalf Clrs Beatty and Pull be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

EIE 24/20 Carried

### **ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Batten)

THAT it be noted there were nil Declarations of Interest.

EIE 24/21 Carried

### **ITEM - 4 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

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

EIE 24/22 Carried

### **ITEM - 5 INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

The Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services provided the following information to the committee on behalf of the Department Leader Innovation & Technology;

- Joint Organisation Shared Chief Information Security Officer applications have closed with several potential applicants.
- Department Leader Innovation & Technology is now the Co- Deputy Chairperson of the Joint Organisation Net Zero group.
- LED streetlight project has achieved approximately \$150,000 savings for 23/24 year, bringing the total project saving to approximately \$630,000. Cost to implement was approximately \$450,000, project has achieved payback in less than five years.
- Payroll project – Cabonne is either the first or at least one of the first three council's in the JO to go fully electronic timesheets. The project has been very successful and well received by staff.

Clr Batten encouraged advertising the success of the streetlight project, highlighting the achievement of zero emissions. It was also noted that the success of this project indicated the economic and environmental value of being part of the Central West Joint Organisation.

Clr Rawson raised the potential need for efficiency ratings of buildings prior to sale. Deputy General Manager advised that all new builds are subject to BASIX requirements.

As a result of a question from Clr Batten, discussions were held surrounding the reasons for the increase of landfill emissions in 2024. The Department Leader Environmental Services advised that there has been an increase in the dumping of mixed loads at landfill sites. Envirocom though Netwaste are undertaking a recycling education drive that council will support. Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services explained that there are potential complications in the data that has been collected and reported over the years making comparisons difficult. It was noted that there is a need for the community to change the way they are utilising these sites, one of the ways

that council is looking to do that is to increase fees & charges of mixed loads. There has also been a suggestion that some basic signage may assist and encourage dumping at correct places within the landfill sites.

General Manager advised that the mid scale solar project is proceeding on track with construction likely to be complete by next calendar year.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT:

1. The committee note the information in this report;
2. Council advertises success of streetlight project.

EIE 23/23 Carried

**ITEM - 6 CENTRAL NSW EV DRIVE DAY**

Proceedings in Brief

Clrs Batten and Rawson will be attending the EV Drive Day in Bathurst on 5-6 December 2024.

Clr Rawson raised a financial element that needs to be considered when transitioning to electric vehicles.

It was noted that councillors should respond to Robyn Little to indicate interest and arrange registration for the EV drive day.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Batten/Rawson)

THAT the committee note the information provided in the report.

EIE 24/24 Carried

**ITEM - 7 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE UPDATE REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT the information be noted.

EIE 24/25 Carried

**ITEM - 8 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE**

Proceedings in Brief

Department Leader Environmental Services provided the committee with an update on the pound relocation project. A meeting will be held with the builder next week to finalise design, with an aim to commence construction early next year. Council staff met with main complainant and they now understand the process that needs to be followed.

As a result of a question from Clr Batten, discussions were held surrounding the accuracy of the household yield of percentage of bins collected and the way that this is reported. Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that this is a snapshot from reporting the JO uses across all of Netwaste and will not be altered, however a disclaimer can be included in future reports for

the purposes of council. Discussions were also held surrounding the use of the kerbside recycling bins, the Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services advised that the use of these bins is tracking well.

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services also provided a summary of the education strategies being undertaken by Netwaste to encourage household recycling.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Batten/Rawson)

THAT the information be noted.

EIE 24/26 Carried

**ITEMS FOR NOTATION**

In response to a question by Cllr Batten, Department Leader Environmental Services advised the committee that the Natural Resource Commission is currently undertaking another review with a recommendation for Local Government to take over pest vertebrate control. This may require a competitive grant process and is something that council will need to monitor.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:48pm.