

Notice to Rescind

Ordinary Council Meeting – 19 March 2024

Late Item 12.1 Revocation of Council Resolution Item 10.3.5 Medical Services resolved at the 25th July, 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Late Item: Agenda Reference & Subject	
12.1 Revocation of Council Resolution Item 10.3.5 Medical Services 25th July, 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.	
Councillor signed	<p>Cr. LG Bonza, President</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: <u>19.03.24.</u></p> <p>Cr. SM Warner Deputy President</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: <u>19/3/2024</u></p>
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Disclosure of Interest	Nil

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 a Notice to Revoke Council Resolution Item 10.3.5 Medical Services , 25th July, 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting is advised; and in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Notice of Revocation has been supported in writing by Councillors, President LG Bonza and Deputy President SM Warner.

Summary

For Council to consider rescinding Council Resolution Item 10.3.5 Medical Services resolved at the 25th July, 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Background

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10th June 2023, Council resolved:

That Council:

1. Resolve not to proceed with a formal tender process for the provision of medical services, due to receiving no acceptable submissions through the expression of interest process and;
2. Note the report on the strategy to provide the community with quality medical services through the establishment of a Shire run, General Medical Practice, employing a doctor and receptionist.
3. That the CEO engage the Shire's accountants and other appropriate consultants as required to prepare the necessary details for budget allocations in the 2023/24 budget, and;
4. That the CEO initiate the process to recruit a doctor and receptionist in preparation for the establishment of a Shire run, General Medical Practice under a compliant agreement with a fully maintained house (utilities) and vehicle (Servicing and Fuel) plus \$60,000.00 for a locum fees with travel.
5. And that the Council retains the ability to consider any other viable option that may be proposed by a suitably qualified medical service provider.

Subsequent to the June meeting, the Shire was approached by I-Medical with a proposal to run a full-service medical practice including a general practitioner and allied health services. The proposal was considered in the context of resolution number five above. This proposal was presented to Council at the 25th July 2023 Ordinary Meeting and Council resolved:

That Council:

1. Resolve to enter into a contractual agreement for the provision of medical services with I-Medical Australia subject to the following.
 - a. The service is to operate predominantly from the existing medical centre with assistance to the hospital.
 - b. That the premises be brought up to standard (at the Shires cost) to meet the requirements of AGPAL accreditation.
 - c. The Shire contributes a one-off upfront amount as a set-up fee of \$51,000, and this payment includes an upfront Locum engagement cost, including flights and travelling accommodation to start the medical practise.
 - d. That the Shire makes available a house with maintenance including the garden to I-Medical Australia, and I-Medical pays for utilities.
 - e. That the Shire makes available a vehicle for the exclusive use of the I-Medical Australia Practice that includes future replacement and maintenance with a fuel card assigned to the vehicle.
2. Delegate the CEO to engage the Shire's Lawyers, Rural Health West and GFG Consultants as required to prepare the necessary contracts and delegate the Shire President Cr Laurene Bonza and the CEO Peter Fitchat to sign the contract on behalf of the Shire of Dundas.

Allied health services (e.g. hearing, podiatrist, and remedial massage therapy) have been operating effectively however the provision of a GP has been problematic. I-Medical have advised that they are no longer able to source a GP, as such the resolution made on the 25th July 2023 is no longer achievable

and the contract between the Shire of Dundas and I-Medical was not executed. For Council to progress the resolution is required to be revoked.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The revoking of the item requires Council to consider alternative medical services pathways for the Community, these considerations are highlighted in Late Agenda Item 12.2.

Strategic Implications

1.1.1 Work with Government, organisations and key stakeholders to support a high standard of health services in the Community; including General Practice, emergency response, palliative care, Aboriginal and Community Health.

3.1.3 Shire buildings and facilities are appropriately managed according to their need and use.

4.1.1 Financial accountability and informed decision-making by Council.

4.3.1 Support local business collaboration and capacity building.

4.3.2 Encourage Buy Local.

Consultation

Elected Members

CEO, Deputy CEO – Shire of Dundas,

Moore Australia

Comment

The revoking of the resolution allows Council to move forward with alternative solutions to address quality, sustainable GP services in the Shire of Dundas.

Officer Recommendation

That Council rescind 10.3.5 Medical Services Resolution made on the 25th July 2023 to enter into a contractual agreement for the provision of medical services with I-Medical Australia.





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