Invercargill
CITY COUNCIL

Friday 31 October, 2014

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Extraordinary Council: Annual Report adopted; and Uncalled Capital consultation extended

The Invercargill City Council passed two items of business at an Extraordinary Council meeting this afternoon – it adopted the 2013/2014 Annual Report and re-opened public consultation on the uncalled capital requested by Invercargill City Holdings Limited.

Annual Report
Council's Director of Finance Dean Johnston said the Annual Report showed a surplus of $2.95 million compared to a budgeted deficit of $1.2 million. This was largely due to savings in interest rates, increased revenue and careful financial management.

"The total equity of the Invercargill City Council Group increased by $59 million to $760 million."

Mr Johnston said he was pleased that the Annual Report had been released on time and thanked the staff for the many months of work that had gone into producing the document.

Consultation reopened
The Extraordinary Council Meeting also revisited the item of uncalled capital, which was left to lie on the table at an earlier Extraordinary Council meeting held on 21 October.

Councillors approved reopening the consultation process and the issuing of a Clarification Document. This Clarification Document outlines changes to the original proposal document; the practicable options under consideration; the

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implications of each option; and clarification of issues that had caused some public confusion.

Public submissions on the uncalled capital proposal must be received by Council no later than 5pm on Friday 14 November 2014.

Submissions must:

1. Be in letter form, clearly showing the submitter's name, address and contact phone number.
2. Be clearly labelled SUBMISSION – Uncalled Capital and addressed to the Chief Executive, Invercargill City Council.
3. Indicate whether the submitter wishes to be heard by the Council in support of his / her submission. The Hearing will take place on Wednesday 26 November at 4pm. (Note – the substance of the submission should be in writing. Verbal presentations should be restricted to five minutes.)
4. Be received by 5pm on Friday 14 November 2014.

In commenting on the issue of uncalled capital, Chairman of Council's Audit and Risk Committee, Cr Graham Lewis said that it was important that Council also considered the financial risk of increasing the uncalled capital.

"After discussions with the Chairman of Holdco and senior Council executives, I believe that whilst there is always a financial risk with uncalled capital, this increase for currently approved activities does not increase the financial risk that is currently there," he said.

ENDS.

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