

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

9.52pm Internal Audit Tender Evaluation Report Reference: FAC190528F01

9.52 am Ms Johnston declared an actual conflict of interest due to her employment with [REDACTED] and left the meeting.

Moved Councillor Clancy

Seconded Councillor Gard

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) (d)(i)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Finance and Audit Committee orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Adrian Skull, Ray Barnwell, Abby Dickson, Tony Lines, Kate McKenzie, Jamie Dunicliff be excluded from the meeting as the Finance and Audit Committee receives and considers information relating to the Internal Audit Tender, upon the basis that the Finance and Audit Committee is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information contains commercial information that would on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Carried Unanimously

9.52 am the meeting went into confidence.

The Manager, Corporate Governance provided an overview of the Internal Audit Tender process and evaluation. It was noted that this tender was a joint approach with the City of Charles Sturt and six (6) tenders were received. One (1) tender was determined to be non-conforming.

Based on the evaluation process, two tenders were competitive, being KPMG and [REDACTED]. From these two tenders, KPMG were assessed as the preferred tender as they articulated how a joint contract could operate, the benefits to each Council, a clear methodology and they identified the opportunities for collaboration between the two Councils. KPMG also provided a number of contract value adds (at no additional charge).

Following this, KPMG were the only tender requested to present to the tender panel. An independent member from both Council's Audit Committee's attended this presentation.

Mr Connor confirmed that he attended the presentation from KPMG. He highlighted that the presentation was professional and supported the tender submission. He also confirmed that the contract value add's being offered were exceptional. Mr Connor concurred with the recommendation to appoint KPMG for a further contract term.

Moved Ms Hinchey

Seconded Councillor Gard,

That the Finance and Audit Committee:

1. **Recommends to Council that KPMG is appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021, with the option for a two (2) year contract extension, subject to the costs of the contract being provided to Council.**
2. **In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 orders that this report, the minutes arising from this report and any other information distributed at the meeting having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(d)(i)(ii) of the Act shall, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter be kept confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the December 2019 Council meeting.**

Carried Unanimously

10.06 am the meeting came out of confidence

10.06 am Ms Johnston re-entered the meeting