

18.6 External Audit Tender

Report Reference	GC220308F18.6
Originating Officer	Chief Financial Officer – Ray Barnwell
Corporate Manager	Chief Financial Officer - Ray Barnwell
General Manager	General Manager Corporate Services - Sorana Dinmore

CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Office of the Chief Executive and Senior Procurement Specialist, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to External Audit Tender, upon the basis that the Council 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 relates to commercial information.

REPORT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the appointment of Galpins as the City of Marion's service provider in the delivery of External Audit Services for a term of 3 years commencing with the audit for the financial year to 30 June 2022, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 2 years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 128 and 129 of the Local Government Act 1999 outlines the requirements regarding the Council's obligations to have an auditor, the conditions of their appointment and the conduct of the auditor. Section 128(2) specifically requires that the auditor will be appointed by the council on the recommendation of the council's Audit Committee.

Council's 5-year contract for external audit services with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu expired following the completion of the audit for the financial year ending 30 June 2021.

Consequently, at the meeting held on 12 October 2021 (FAC211012R7.4), the Finance Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC) considered and noted a report outlining the proposed process and timeline for the external audit tender, also requesting that a member of the Committee participate in the process to ensure independence and integrity over the process and a successful outcome for the City of Marion.

A joint procurement process was undertaken with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield which commenced in November 2021 and concluded in January 2022. A Tender Evaluation Team (TET) was established to review tenders submitted and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the FRAC at the Committee's meeting on 22 February 2022 (FRAC220222F11.2).

The FRAC having considered the report has recommended to Council that Galpins be appointed as the City of Marion's service provider in the delivery of External Audit Services for a term of 3 years commencing with the audit for the financial year ending 30 June 2022, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 2 years.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves the appointment of Galpins as the City of Marion's service provider in the delivery of External Audit Services for a term of 3 years commencing with the audit for the financial year to 30 June 2022, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 2 years.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that Appendix 1 to this report, having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(d) of the Act, 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 General Council Meeting in December 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. External Audit Tender - Appendix 1 [18.6.1 - 3 pages]