

Moved Ms Rantanen**Seconded Mr Papa**

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Committee orders that all persons present, with the exception

and Governance Officer, Manager IT Operations be excluded from the meeting as the Committee receives and considers information relating to Cyber security of CoM, upon the basis that the 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 relates to the current status of the CoM Cyber Security and the impact on contractual expectations.

Carried Unanimously

4.25pm the meeting went into confidence

Manager IT Operations introduced the item and provided a brief summary on the current status of cybersecurity in the City of Marion. It was noted since the last report was presented to the Committee that there had been three audits in the department including an audit undertaken by Galpins, an internal audit and an external security audit. All of the audits came back positive, reducing the risk score. It was noted this score has now halved with the decommissioning of the systems identified in the previous report to the committee.

The following discussion points were noted:

- The Committee acknowledged the significant improvement in this space and sought further information on the essential eight and how we are tracking.
- Manager IT Operations commented that the essential eight includes a catch clause that can exclude some services. Given we have opted to include these services, it has affected our score, giving us a lower result. It was noted that it was important to include these additional services to give the full picture and ensure compliance. Within the last twelve months the essential eight have been refined and now excludes an entire patching section which we are sitting at a score of three. Given the nature of our systems and they type of industry we are in, management are comfortable with a score between 1-3.
- Management confirmed the Authority systems still being used include fines and infringements, rates and property and some additional smaller systems. It was noted the rates and property module was about to transition to the cloud based operating model. The committee raised concerns of this falling over and queried what mitigation strategies were in place to reduce this happening. The Chief Finance Officer provided assurance that strategies were in place to mitigate this including running dual systems, and an appropriate timeframe to implement and transition over to the cloud system.
- Manager IT Operations commented that although we are aiming for ISO 27001, we wouldn't expect to achieve this given this standard is not needed for our extent of services. It is more important to achieve the essential eight first. These provide a well-defined set of strategies and controls that provide good protection against a number of cyber threats which can be implemented with varying levels of complexity. Key components of the ISO 27001 will be selected and implemented where we know that these can be achieved.
- The committee noted although we are making good progress, there is still a long way to go in achieving the essential eight.
- The Unauthenticated ArcGIS Access in the Security Assessment Validation Report was queried by the committee and whether this was vulnerability we had seen before. Management confirmed this was a different scenario not related to data loss and confirmed this has now been rectified.

Moved Councillor Duncan**Seconded Ms Rantanen**

That the Committee:

1. Notes the cybersecurity update; and
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the committee members order that this report, Cybersecurity – Quarterly Update, any appendices and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person) 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.

Carried Unanimously

4.36pm the meeting came out of confidence