



11 Confidential Items

11.2 External Audit Tender

Report Reference FRAC220222F11.2

Moved Ms Rantanen

Seconded Mr Papa

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Committee orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, 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 the provision of External Audit Services, 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.

Carried Unanimously

4.07 the meeting went into confidence.

The Chief Finance Officer introduced the item and provided a summary of the External Audit Tender process. It was noted the report outlines a collaborative approach with Port Adelaide Enfield which has resulted in a good outcome. The tender was a select tender with five firms, with three submissions received back. One was a standout and after the final presentation all agreed it was very comprehensive. This is a good, proposed auditor for the committee to propose to council at a reasonable cost.

Ms Rantanen who was involved with the process commented that it was a very well run, professional process which will lead to a good outcome.

The Committee queried why other firms hadn't participated, however it was noted they do not focus on Local Government with some not able to meet the requirements of Local Government.

The Committee also questioned the increase in the portfolio for the preferred auditor and their strategy to deal with the workload. Management verified their commitment and depth of experience in the submission as well as their presentation demonstrating their depth of experience and knowledge to manage the number of audits, raising no concerns that this would be an issue.

Moved Ms Rantanen

Seconded Mr Papa

That the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee :

1. Recommends 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 to 30 June 2022, with an option to extend for a further period of up to 2 years.
2. Notes that a separate report will be brought to Council for consideration of any recommendations from the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee.
3. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that this report, External Audit Tender Report, any appendices and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(b) 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