

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
12 February 2013
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item: 15.1
Originating Officer: Chris Button
Responsible Director: Tim Hancock
Subject: Animal Management Plan Advisory Group –
Membership – Confidential Item
File No: 01.14.5
SMP Goal: Goal 5 Open, Effective, & Efficient Governance
SMP Key Issue: 5.5

1. Animal Management Plan Advisory Group - Membership – Exclusion of the Public

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Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, an order be made that the public, with the exception of appropriate Council staff – CEO, Andrew Aitken, Director Engineering, Tim Hancock, Director Planning & Development Services, Marc Salver, Director Finance, Tim Piper, Manager Health & Regulatory Services, Chris Button and Minute Secretary, Pam Williams, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter relating to Section 90(3):

- (a) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);**

2. SUMMARY

The report outlines the feedback from the advertisement for an independent member of the Animal Management Plan Advisory Group (AMPAG), and makes recommendation for the appointment of Wendy Stubbs to that position.

3. GOVERNANCE

➤ Strategic Management Plan

Goal 5: Open, Effective & Efficient Governance

Key Issue 5.5: Promote Community Engagement – Council is innovative in its open and transparent engagement.

Council has formed the AMPAG to provide an open, balanced and transparent review process for its current animal management plans and associated issues.

➤ Legislation

Section 26A of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 requires that all councils create and review a plan for the management of dogs & cats. AMPAG has provided assistance to Council in the processes related to the review of the Adelaide Hills Council Animal Management Plan.

➤ Sustainability

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental
- Governance

➤ Budget

Sitting fees for the independent members of the group over the past 12 months have cost \$6,210. There are funds in the operating budget to meet the cost of the sitting fees in the current budget.

➤ Consultation

AMPAG has assisted Council with the establishment and analysis of consultation processes associated with the review of the Animal Management Plan.

4. BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 25 September 2012 when considering the membership of AMPAG Council resolved as follows:

4. *“That advertisement be made for a person with suitable expertise in the area of conservation, biodiversity and vegetation management to join the Animal Management Plan Advisory Group.*
5. *A Council Natural Resource Officer provide advice to the Advisory Group until that vacancy is filled.*

6. *That Councillors Andrew Stratford and Lynton Vonow be appointed to a selection panel for the current vacancy on the Animal Management Plan Advisory Group in accordance with the terms of reference for that group"*

This report provides feedback on the outcome of that process.

5. DISCUSSION

In response to the above resolution an advertisement was placed in "The Courier" and information relating to the vacancy was placed on Council's website. The issue of the filling of this vacancy was also reported in local newspapers.

In response to the above process one nomination was received for this position from Wendy Stubbs. It can be seen from the attached resume (Appendix 1) that Ms Stubbs has extensive qualifications and expertise in conservation, biodiversity and vegetation management and therefore would be suitable to fill the current AMPAG vacancy.

Given that only one application was received the selection committee for this appointment was not convened. Ms Stubbs' resume was circulated to the members of the selection panel for information and comment and no objections were received to Ms Stubbs' appointment.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Ms Wendy Stubbs as an Independent Member of the Animal Management Plan Advisory Group, for the term from 12 February 2013 until 31 December 2013.

7. APPENDIX

- (1) Resume - Wendy Stubbs

8. Animal Management Plan Advisory Group - Membership – Period of Confidentiality

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That having considered this matter in confidence under section 90(2) and 90 (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, orders that the documents, reports and minutes pertaining to this matter, including discussions and considerations, be retained in confidence until the applicant has been advised of Council's decision, but not longer than 3 months, pursuant to section 91(9).

That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to release documents at the conclusion of the period of confidentiality.

Appendix 1

Resume
