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| REPORT TITLE: | Mobile Assistance Patrol Services and Assertive Outreach Program – Request for Tender proposal | | |
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COMMUNITY VISION & STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES

3 We Connect

- 3.2 Walk and work together in unity with our Aboriginal communities.
- 3.5 Council is a responsive organisation that provides services in ways that empower the community to achieve their outcomes

4 We Care

- 4.2 Facilitate services and develop partnerships to enable appropriate care for people in our communities.

6 We Achieve

- 6.3 We aim to provide good governance practices and compliance with all legislative requirements in delivery of services.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council in relation to a proposal from the Davenport Community Council to enter into a partnership arrangement, and participate in their tender submission for the ongoing provision of the Mobile Assistance Patrol Services and the Assertive Outreach Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Council:

1. Agrees to participate in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet tender process for the provision of the Mobile Assistance Patrol Services and Assertive Outreach Program in partnership with the Davenport Community Council.

BACKGROUND

In 2018 the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet announced that they would be transitioning the provision of the Mobile Assistance Patrol Services and Assertive Outreach Program to an Aboriginal Organisation. This was originally scheduled to occur on 1 January 2019. However, in December 2018, Council received an extension to our funding agreement for the provision of these services to 31 December 2019.

In 2018 the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet ran an expression of interest process to determine the level of interest from other providers, and four Aboriginal Organisations participated in that process.

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DISCUSSION

The four Aboriginal Organisations that participated in the Expression of Interest process in 2018 were issued with tender documents for the provision of the services last week. Tenders are due to be lodged on 6 February 2019. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has proposed that a contract with the new service provider would be put in place around June 2019, to enable a transition period between Council and the new provider. The new contract will be for the period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Council has been approached by, and met with, the Davenport Community Council in relation to this tender process. Davenport Community Council would like to enter into a partnership arrangement with Council so that they are able to maintain the current level of service to the community.

Under this proposal, Council would continue to provide all the current services and resources that we currently do. Davenport Community Council would provide administration and seek to align the tendered services with some of their other programs for Vulnerable and Complex needs.

In order to facilitate this request, it is proposed that Council will provide an offer to Davenport Community Council to operate as a sub-contractor for the provision of services. This will require Council to provide revised operating costs to the Davenport Community Council for inclusion in their tender proposal.

A general overview of how Council currently operates these services, including a summary of the operations and resources that Council invests into this contract, will also be provided to all four organisations that have been invited to submit tenders.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is proposing to conduct business, and the information would prejudice the commercial position of the Council, in that the Council has received a tender proposal and the information outlines the commercial approach of the a third party that may be considered by Council.

The information to be considered in relation to this agenda item will outline the a commercial proposal in relation to the Mobile Assistance Patrol and Assertive Outreach Program Contract. It is considered that the open discussion in relation to this proposal, the disclosure of which would prejudice the Council's commercial position in the review process, should to considered under confidential provisions.

In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in the continued non-disclosure of the information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information. The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of Council's commercial position may prejudice Council's ability to be able to negotiate a cost-effective proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter.

Having considered this agenda item in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council, pursuant to Section 91(7) of that Act orders that report, discussions and minutes be retained in confidence until the new Mobile Assistance Patrol and Assertive Outreach Program Contract is awarded; and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

1: Financial/Budget/Asset Management

To participate in this tender process, several staff will need to allocate time to the provision of information and the development of a proposal outlining Council's requirements to provide the contracted services.

Council's proposal will require that all costs associated with the provision of the services are covered by the contract.

The Mobile Assistance Patrol and Assertive Outreach Program currently operate out of the Sobering Up Unit, with staff rostered across a series of programs including some that are State Government funded. However, due to the varied end dates of the different programs, the tender proposal will need to allow sufficient funding for the tendered services to continue to operate should the other programs cease. The Sobering Up Unit funding ends on 30 June 2020, and the Exceptional Needs Program funding currently ends on 30 June 2019.

If Council together with the Davenport Community Council are successful in their tender submission, this would be a continuation of services from the Council's perspective and would not require any additional resources.

2: Legal/Policy

Not applicable.

3: Environment/Planning

Not applicable.

4: Community

- 4.1 General
Not applicable.
- 4.2 Aboriginal Community Consultation
Not applicable – due to confidentiality.

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