

11. Confidential items

11. Confidential – Community Owned Renewable Energy Project A – Expression of interest outcomes

Cr Parslow declared a conflict of interest as a purchaser of solar panels from Zen Home Energy Systems and left the chamber at 9.55pm.

Cr Nash MOVED:

1. That:

a. under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Projects and Services, General Manager Corporate and Community, General Manager City Development, Chief Financial Officer, Group Manager Sustainability, Group Manager Governance, Manager Property and Recreation Services, Manager Infrastructure, Manager Development Services, Team Leader Plant & Fleet, Senior Strategic Planner and Minute Secretary be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider in confidence this item.

b. the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

Section 90(3)(b) information the disclosure of which -

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

Section 90(3)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -

(i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

c. accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.

Seconded by Cr Swann.

CARRIED

Cr Jamieson MOVED:

2. That this report be received and noted.

3. *That Council approve the establishment of a panel of suppliers of solar power systems to our community comprising the following EOI respondents:*
 - *ZEN Home Energy Systems*
 - *Nu Energy*
 - *Solar Man*
 - *Ingenero.*
4. *That the Local Government Association be advised of our intention to withdraw from the Solar Councils Community Program following the establishment of the above supply panel.*
5. *That the minutes reflect that item 11.3 is titled Community Owned Renewable Energy Project A.*

Seconded by Cr R Brown.

CARRIED

Cr Nash MOVED:

1. *That the matter of the Community Owned Renewable Energy Project A– Expression of interest outcomes having been considered in confidence under Section 90(3)(b), 90(3)(d) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made under the provisions of Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the Community Owned Renewable Energy Project A– Expression of interest outcomes report and the minutes relating to discussion of the subject matter be kept confidential until the procurement process for the establishment of the panel of suppliers is complete and legal agreements executed.*

Seconded by Cr S Brown.

CARRIED

Cr Parslow resumed his seat in the chamber at 9.59pm.