

Item No: 15.5

Subject: GLENELG FOOTBALL CLUB – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Summary

In April 2023, Council endorsed the re-forming of the Glenelg Football Club Working Group to November 2023 to work with the Club to assess its long-term financial viability. In September 2023, a further extension of the Working Group was granted to 29 February 2024.

An independent consultant (BRI Ferrier) was engaged in August 2023 to undertake an independent review of the Club's financial position and forecasted assumptions.

This report seeks an extension of both the appointment of the Elected Members to the Working Group and the current lease and licence agreement.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. notes the report;
 2. approves the extension of the current financial assistance to the Glenelg Football Club to 30 April 2024 being:
 - a) that the Glenelg Football Club continue to not be charged interest on existing borrowings;
 - b) that the current lease and licence be held over at an annual rental of \$40,000 pa (including GST); and
 3. approves the extension of the Glenelg Football Club Working Group to 30 April 2024, including the continued appointment of Councillors Abley, Smedley and Snewin to the Working Group.
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Background

Council resolved on 14 December 2021 the following motion:

Motion:

C141221/2502

1. That Council notes the report and affirms its commitment to the long-term sustainability of the Glenelg Football Club.
2. That the Glenelg Football Club continue to not be charged interest on existing borrowings up to 31 October 2023.

3. *That the Glenelg Football Club annual lease be maintained at \$40,000 pa (including GST) up to 31 October 2023.*
4. *That a review of these arrangements be undertaken at least six months prior to the 31 October 2023.*

In April 2023, Council resolved the following motion:

Motion:

C260423/7422

1. *notes the report;*
2. *approves the extension of the current financial assistance to the Glenelg Football Club to 29 February 2024 being:*
 - a) *that the Glenelg Football Club continue to not be charged interest on existing borrowings;*
 - b) *that the current lease and licence be held over at an annual rental of \$40,000 pa (including GST); and*
3. *approves the extension of the Glenelg Football Club Working Group to February 2024, including the continued appointment of Councillors Abley, Smedley and Snewin to the Working Group.*

In September 2023, an extension of the Working Group and the current financial assistance to 29 February 2024 was sought and approved by Council (C260923/7567).

Report

An independent consultant (BRI Ferrier) was engaged in August 2023 to undertake an independent review of the Club's financial position and forecasted assumptions.

A draft report has now been received by Administration. A report will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee and to Council via a workshop and Council report later in April.

Accordingly, it is recommended that an extension of the current financial assistance to the Club, the continuation of not charging interest on existing borrowings and the holding over of the lease and licence and maintenance of the rent at \$40,000 pa (including GST) until 30 April 2024 be endorsed.

Further, it is recommended the term of the Working Group and appointed Elected Members also be extended to 30 April 2024.

Budget

The 2024-25 budget will be developed based on the decision made by Council.

Life Cycle Costs

Not applicable

Strategic Plan

Wellbeing: Establish community hubs that integrate community support, recreational, and commercial services in multi-purpose spaces.

Council Policy

Not applicable

Statutory Provisions

Not applicable

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