

4.2: FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT – JANUARY 2013

Responsible Officer : Executive Director Corporate Services (G Adams)

IN BRIEF

- Statement of Financial Activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure of the City of Albany for the reporting period ending 31 January 2013.

**ITEM 4.2: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

The Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 31 January 2013 be RECEIVED.

BACKGROUND

1. The Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31 January 2013 has been prepared and is attached.
2. In addition to the statutory requirement to provide Council with a Statement of Financial Activity, the City provides Council with a monthly investment summary to ensure the performance of the investment portfolio is in accordance with anticipated returns and complies with the Investment of Surplus Funds Policy.

DISCUSSION

3. In accordance with section 34(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the City of Albany is required to prepare each month a Statement of Financial Activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure of the local authority.
4. The requirement for local governments to produce a Statement of Financial Activity was gazetted in March 2005 to provide elected members with a greater insight in relation to the ongoing financial performance of the local government.
5. Additionally, each year a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in Statements of Financial Activity for reporting material variances. Variations in excess of \$50,000 are reported to Council.

“Please note that rounding errors may occur when whole numbers are used, as they are in the reports that follow. The ‘errors’ may be \$1 or \$2 when adding sets of numbers. This does not mean that the underlying figures are incorrect.”

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

6. Section 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides:
 - I. A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the source and application of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22 (1)(d), for that month in the following detail –
 - a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
 - b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;

- c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relate
 - d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
 - e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- II. Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing –
- a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets;
 - b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and
 - c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.
- III. The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown –
- a) according to nature and type classification;
 - b) by program; or
 - c) by business unit
- IV. A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub regulation (2), are to be –
- (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure for the period ending 31 January 2013 has been incurred in accordance with the 2012/13 proposed budget parameters. Details of any budget variation in excess of \$50,000 (year to date) follow. There are no other known events which may result in a material non recoverable financial loss or financial loss arising from an uninsured event.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7. The City's 2012/13 Annual Budget provides a set of parameters that guides the City's financial practices.
- 8. The Investment of Surplus Funds Policy stipulates that the status and performance of the investment portfolio is to be reported monthly to Council.

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