15 MARCH 2008 TO 26 JUNE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the annual report (including the Audited Financial Statements) for the period 15 March 2008 to 26 June 2009 for the Cairns Regional Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Implementation Regulations and the Local Government Act 1993.

That the Report now be posted on Council’s web page and that this be the primary method of distribution.

INTRODUCTION:

Last year, the Annual Report was reported on separately for the former Douglas Shire Council and the former Cairns City Council to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

BACKGROUND:

Because of the significant impact on day to day operations of the amalgamation implementation process, the State Government amended the Local Government Act to focus on reporting on the financial position of Councils, for the period 1 July 2007 to 14 March 2008 and for the period of 15 March 2008 to 26 June 2009.

COMMENT:

Corporate Performance Branch has coordinated the collation of information in accordance with the revised requirements for the period 15 March 2008 to 26 June 2009.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Corporate and Operational Plans:

The preparation and adoption of the attached Annual Report is in accordance with the Corporate Plan Goal 6: Striving for Organisational Excellence and 6.7: Consistently perform better, deliver on our objectives and operate sustainably.
Statutory:
The requirements of the Act and the Local Government Reform Regulations have been fully met.

Financial and Risk:

Sustainability:
Adoption of the Annual Report will enable Council and the community to better understand the operations of the Council for the period of 15 March 2008 to 26 June 2009.

CONSULTATION:
In past years, a large number of hard copies of the annual report were printed by Cairns City Council and distributed to a wide audience around the state. It is recommended that a limited number of copies be produced in house and distributed to the relevant statutory bodies (eg Queensland Audit Office), and that the remaining organisations on the distribution list be notified by letter that the document has been adopted by Council and is available for viewing on Cairns Regional Council’s web page and that a digital version will be provided on request.

OPTIONS:
That Council adopt the Annual Report and the revised distribution audience.

That Council advise of any amendments required to the Annual Report prior to distribution.

CONCLUSION:
It is appropriate for Council to now adopt the Annual report and revised distribution plan.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the Annual report #2134658. (Attached separately)

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