



MAYORAL MINUTE

14th August 2007

MM1	ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER POSITION
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SUMMARY:

To outline funding arrangements for the Aboriginal Liaison Officer's position for the 2007 / 2008 year.

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DESCRIPTION:

For some years Council has been receiving a grant for the employment of an Aboriginal Liaison Officer. Originally the position was fully funded but grant moneys have not kept pace with the salary increases and the grant currently represents approximately 77% of salary and on costs.

With the resignation of the incumbent employee, representations were made to the Department of Community Services to have the grants increased to 100% of salary and on costs.

This has been unsuccessful but the Department has advised that Council can use the grant funds for the employment of an Aboriginal Liaison Officer for as many hours as it wishes so long as the grant is expended on its intended purpose.

For the amount of grant money received, Council can fully fund an Aboriginal Liaison officer for 21 hours. Following liaison with the General Manager, the position has been advertised as a 21 hour per week position.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

The functions of the Aboriginal Liaison Officer can be undertaken on a 21 hour basis. The position hours can be reassessed prior to applying for grant funding for the 2008 / 2009 year.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The position was fully funded in this year's budget. Community Service needs are being examined and a further report on Council's portion of the funding will be submitted to Council.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council confirms the action taken to employ the Aboriginal Liaison Officer on a 21 hour per week basis.

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MAYOR