



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

3rd February 2009

DSS13 SUPP	REPLACEMENT OF SES VEHICLES FILE: 151 BJM { Folio No. * }
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a proposal to replace the current SES fleet with standardised vehicles

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DESCRIPTION:

A meeting was held with Mr Peter Floyd, Region Controller SES Oxley Region, on 29th January 2008 to discuss the replacement of the SES vehicle fleet across the SES units within the Kempsey local government area. This replacement program would result in the utility vehicles having a standardised body fitted to the tray to accommodate equipment.

The SES have been successful in obtaining additional funding which will result in a reduced cost burden on Council for the replacement of these vehicles. In addition, some of these funds are available this financial year and need to be expended by 30th June 2009. The standard practice in the past has been that Council funds 50% of the change-over cost. The proposal put forward by the SES is that an increased subsidy will be provided, with five SES vehicles being replaced over the next four years.

The actual changeover costs for Council being dependent on the trade realised for the existing vehicle. Given the volatile nature of the used vehicle market it is more prudent to estimate the likely replacement costs, and subsequent costs to Council for the replacement of the vehicles in financial year 2011 / 12 closer to the time of replacement. The proposed replacement schedule is as per the attached table [Appendix F – Page H37](#).

Council's Fleet Coordinator indicated that Council is in the process of purchasing several other utility type vehicles and the replacement of the vehicle used by the South West Rocks SES unit could be progressed in conjunction with these purchases. Given the anticipated value of the current vehicle and the available subsidy it is assessed that Council would need to contribute up to \$7,000 towards the change over of this vehicle.

The current budget for Emergency Services includes a budgetary allocation for Telephone Charges for the SES of \$11,906. The costs of SES Telephone Calls are now met by SES HQ resulting in a saving in this

budgetary item. It is recommended that \$7,000 of this allocation be reallocated for the replacement of the SES vehicle at South West Rocks. The long term financial budget has an allocation for Telephone Expenses each year and an allocation of \$45,000 for the replacement of a vehicle in 2010 / 11. These allocations could be varied to provide the required funds for vehicle replacements in accordance with the proposed schedule from the SES

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The replacement of the SES vehicle at South West Rocks will provide an enhanced capability for the unit to respond to emergencies. The provision of improved equipment may also increase the opportunity for the unit to recruit additional volunteers.

- *Economic (Financial)*

The cost to Council to replace this vehicle can be offset by savings within the existing budget for Emergency Services.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

That Council work with the SES to improve the vehicle fleet and capability of the SES units within Kempsey local government area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council proceed with the replacement of the South West Rocks SES Unit vehicle as proposed by the SES, at an anticipated cost to Council of up to \$7,000
2. That Council reallocate \$7,000 from the budget line item for Telephone Charges within the Emergency Services budget area for the replacement of SES vehicles.
3. That Council accept the vehicle replacement schedule proposed by the SES and adjust the long term budgets as required to implement is program in future years.

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