

Strategy and Assets Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 17 April, 2018
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.00pm

Membership (Quorum - 5)
Clr John Wells - Chairperson
Clr Bob Proudfoot – Deputy Chairperson
All Councillors
General Manager or nominee

Addendum Agenda

Mayoral Minute

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HPERM Ref: D18/124656

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Delegate authority to the the General Manager to finalise the details of a lease agreement with Salt Ministries in relation to the former Shoalhaven Neighbourhood Services premises at 134 Kinghorne Street Nowra for the establishment and operation of a transitional group home on and within the premises.
2. Prepare a Planning Proposal to change the zoning of the property at 134 Kinghorne Street Nowra from RE1 Public Recreation to B4 Mixed Use, to permit the establishment and operation of a transitional group home on the site, and submit to the Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway determination.

Details

Over the last few years homelessness has increased in the Shoalhaven, we are not alone in that phenomenon. Many members of our community have made it clear that they believe that Council has a role to play in assisting with this issue, which is predominantly a function of State and Federal Government. Last year Council assisted the Safe Shelter Shoalhaven group by funding works at the Wesley Centre to allow the project to operate a winter shelter.

It is also increasingly clear that achieving a permanent shelter in the Shoalhaven has been a very difficult task. I am requesting that Councillors support this motion to locate this service at the 134 Kinghorne St site that has served the community so well over the years as the neighbourhood centre. 134 Kinghorne Street offers a win win situation, as it addresses the need identified by the community in a location that is close to town and the wrap around services that assist persons who are homeless to transition back into housing.