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LICENCE AGREEMENT – PINPOINT SOFTWARE

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Purpose

1. To:
 - 1.1. brief the Finance, Corporate Services and Governance Committee on the development of a purpose built software program (“PinPoint software”) to manage the recording and management of Parking Infringement Notices; and
 - 1.2. seek endorsement for the Council to enter into an agreement with Database Consultants Australia Pty Ltd (“DCA”) to permit DCA to market the PinPoint software to third parties.

Background

2. There are currently three different models of Portable Data Entry (“PDE”) devices in use by Council to issue Parking Infringement Notices (“PINs”). These include two models of Autocite units and the Polites Model 520.
3. Each of the current models of PDEs in use comes complete with proprietary software. This software is cumbersome, requires a licensing fee to be paid on an annual basis, and incurs costs whenever changes are required to the software due to legislative requirements.
4. The existing units have been in service for a number of years. The older Autocite units are no longer supported by the supplier and are maintained using in-house expertise. Older units are being cannibalised to ensure that remaining units remain in service.
5. Existing PDE units require replacement to ensure that Council has the necessary equipment to issue PINs and that there is no disruption to budgeted issue rates.
6. DCA was engaged in November 2001 to develop a purpose built software program to manage the recording and management of infringements issued. The software program called PinPoint, developed as part of this project, is a CE based program that is able to meet business requirements.
7. The PinPoint software program can be loaded onto any handheld computing device that operates a Windows based operating system and has a large number of drop down screens that allow the recording of the required details and the printing of the ticket more quickly than the current Autocite units.

Advantages of PinPoint Software

8. The development of the PinPoint software delivers the following benefits:
 - 8.1. the software is compatible with the corporate mobile computing environment;
 - 8.2. there is expected to be a reduction in the ergonomic issues prevalent with the current devices in use;
 - 8.3. elimination of the loss of data being experienced (occasionally) with the current hardware;
 - 8.4. the ability to move away from the reliance on proprietary hardware and software;
 - 8.5. the ability to benefit from royalties if the software is marketable; and
 - 8.6. the ability to gain advantages of other user's experience in utilising the software.

Proposed Agreement

9. DCA is the provider of a PINs management system to a number of local government authorities. It is believed that there is a limited niche market that the PinPoint software would be appealing to and DCA has proposed to market the PinPoint software on behalf of Council.
10. The details of the marketing proposal are specified in the closed report.

Legal

11. Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* states that Council may resolve that a meeting be closed to members of the public if the meeting is to discuss contractual matters. If Council resolves to close a meeting to members of the public the reason must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
12. No legal issues arise from the recommendations to this report.

Recommendation

13. That the Finance, Corporate Services and Governance Committee note this information report.

FINANCE ATTACHMENT

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The financial implications are noted in the confidential Committee report.

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LEGAL ATTACHMENT

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