

## **LATE ITEM – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **4.2 RFS Agreement Hazard Reduction by Roadside Slashing**

Every year the NSW Rural Fire Services (RFS) encourage Local Government to pursue Hazard Reduction for bushfire control by slashing along roads and around towns and villages. Last September (2011) there was a verbal undertaking between Council and the RFS that certain roads and villages would be slashed during the summer months to mitigate the risk of fires.

A number of roads were selected and entered into the RFS Bushfire Risk Information Management System (BRIMS) database. Council's Road Operations crews have completed these works over the last four (4) months.

Council was advised early March that for the RFS to pay for these works a formal agreement is required. This Agreement for \$18,525 (GST inc) was received after the close of business for the March Business Paper, and requires signing and acceptance by the General Manager by Thursday, 15 March 2012.

The BRIMS database was completed and the Final Report added to the Agreement as per acquittal requirements.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse and approve the General Manager signing and acceptance of the NSW RFS Mitigation Grant Funding Agreement of \$18,525 (GST inc) for 2011/2012.