



# CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

of

## CONFIDENTIAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Pursuant to the provisions of Section 88(1) of the Local Government Act 1999*

HELD IN

**COMMITTEE ROOM  
PLAYFORD CIVIC CENTRE  
10 PLAYFORD BOULEVARD, ELIZABETH**

ON

**TUESDAY, 1 APRIL 2025  
AT 5:00 PM**

The meeting went into confidence at 6.10 pm.

### ATTENDANCE RECORD

**MR MARK LABAZ – PRESIDING MEMBER**

Mayor Glenn Docherty      Cr Shirley Halls

Mr Martin White

Also in attendance for the meeting:

Chief Executive Officer  
General Manager, City Assets  
General Manager, Corporate Services  
Senior Manager Financial Services  
Senior Manager Community Engagement & Experience  
Manager Governance  
Minute Taker

Mr Sam Green  
Mr Dale Welsh  
Mr Luke Culhane  
Ms Trisca Price  
Ms Bree Goodchild  
Ms Zoey Squires  
Ms Joanne Cross

**8.1 2025/26 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN****Responsible Executive Manager : Luke Culhane****B. THE BUSINESS MATTER****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****6208****Moved: Mr White****Seconded: Cr Halls**

Council notes the following advice of the Corporate Governance Committee regarding financial sustainability for consideration in finalising the 2025/26 Draft Annual Business Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Plan.

That the Committee supports option 1 (rate rise 4.54%) due to the following reasons:

- Demonstrates financial sustainability by maintaining Council's target ratios allowing for some flexibility to meet unforeseen events and community requirements as evidenced during the 2024/25 financial year.
- Allows for the continuation of existing services as well as new services and projects.
- Rate increase of 4.54% is consistent to support inflationary pressure on existing services and the provision of new services.
- These increases address existing cost pressures, many outside of Council's control and by meeting these pressures reflects prudent financial management.
- Proposed budget includes continuous improvement savings to help fund part of the budget.
- Preparation of the 2025/26 budget has been well-considered and reasoned. It is comprehensive in terms of the economic and financial challenges facing a growth Council.

**CARRIED****C. PROCEDURAL DECISION - COMMITTEE TO DECIDE HOW LONG ITEM 8.1 IS TO BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION****6209****Moved: Mr White****Seconded: Mayor Docherty**

Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Committee orders that the following aspects of Item 8.1 be kept confidential in accordance with Committee's reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*:

- Report for Item 8.1
- Attachment(s) for Item 8.1
- Minutes for Item 8.1

This order shall operate until the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan are endorsed by Council or will be reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by Council, in accordance with section 91(9)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, whichever comes first, with the exception of the Report and Minutes for Item 8.1 which can be released at the time that the April 2025 Ordinary Council Agenda is made public.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting re-opened to the public at 6.46 pm.*

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