



# CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

of

## CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

*Pursuant to the provisions of Section 84(1) of the Local Government Act 1999*

HELD IN

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
PLAYFORD CIVIC CENTRE  
10 PLAYFORD BOULEVARD, ELIZABETH**

ON

**TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2025  
AT 7:00 PM**

The meeting went into confidence at 7.30 pm.

### ATTENDANCE RECORD

#### 1.1 Present

#### **MAYOR GLENN DOCHERTY – PRINCIPAL MEMBER**

Cr Marilyn Baker	Cr Andrew Craig	Cr Shirley Halls
Cr Chantelle Karlsen	Cr David Kerrison	Cr Clint Marsh
Cr Misty Norris	Cr Jane Onuzans	Cr Gay Smallwood-Smith
Cr Tanya Smiljanic	Cr Katrina Stroet	Cr Rebecca Vandepeear

#### Also in attendance for the meeting:

Chief Executive Officer  
General Manager City Services  
General Manager City Assets  
General Manager Corporate Services  
Executive Strategic Advisor

Mr Sam Green  
Ms Tina Hudson  
Mr Dale Welsh  
Mr Luke Culhane  
Mr Greg Pattinson

Senior Manager Community Engagement & Experience  
 Senior Manager Financial Services  
 Manager Governance  
 Minute Taker  
 ICT Support Engineer  
 Chair, Corporate Governance Committee

Ms Bree Goodchild  
  
 Ms Trisca Price  
 Ms Zoey Squires  
 Ms Joanne Cross  
 Mr Nick Gehlert  
 Mr Mark Labaz

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Corporate Governance Committee - 1 April 2025

*Matters which cannot be delegated to a Committee or Staff*

#### 17.1 2025/26 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Responsible Executive Manager : Luke Culhane

### B. THE BUSINESS MATTER

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6227

Moved: Cr Halls

Seconded: Cr Baker

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 - COUNCIL TO DECIDE HOW LONG ITEM 17.1 IS TO BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6228

Moved: Cr Marsh

Seconded: Cr Halls

Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders that the following aspects of Item 17.1 be kept confidential in accordance with Council's reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the *Local*

**Government Act 1999:****- Attachment(s) for Item 17.1**

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.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting reopened to the public at 7.34 pm.*

Not retained in confidence