



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	Ms Bree Goodchild
Senior Manager Financial Services	Ms Trisca Price
Manager Governance	Ms Zoey Squires
Minute Taker	Ms Joanne Cross
ICT Support Engineer	Mr Nick Gehlert
Chair, Corporate Governance Committee	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.

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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.

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The meeting reopened to the public at 7.34 pm.

Not retained in confidence