CITY OF Playford

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, 7 APRIL 2026
AT 5:00 PM

The meeting went into confidence at 5.25 pm.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Present

MR MARK LABAZ – PRESIDING MEMBER

Mr Peter Brass	Mayor Glenn Docherty	Cr Shirley Halls

Also in attendance:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Sam Green
General Manager, City Assets	Mr Dale Welsh
General Manager, Corporate Services	Mr Luke Culhane
Senior Manager Financial Services	Ms Iolanda Calabrese
Senior Manager Assets & Delivery	Ms Janey Mitson
Acting Manager Governance	Mrs Sarah Schutz
Minute Taker	Ms Joanne Cross

8.1 2026/27 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Responsible Executive Manager : Luke Culhane

B. THE BUSINESS MATTER

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 6534

Moved: Mr Brass Seconded: Cr Halls

Council notes the following advice of the Corporate Governance Committee regarding financial sustainability for consideration in finalising the 2026/27 Draft Annual Business Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Plan.

1. The Committee supports the rate rise of 3.5% due to the following reasons:

a. Demonstrates financial sustainability to fund services and projects it provides to the community now and into the future
b. Council has a long term financial position to support the city growth and to manage debt. In respect to that debt management the Committee supports the initiatives of
   - **No more debt from deficits**
   - **Bad debts reduced by surplus and asset repurposing**
   - **Investing in good debt to ensure intergenerational equity**

c. Allows for the continuation of existing services as well as new services and new capital projects
d. The rate increase of 3.5% is consistent to support inflationary pressure on existing services and provision of new services
e. This rate increase addresses existing cost pressures some of which are material and many are outside of Council’s control and by meeting these pressures reflects prudent financial management
f. The proposed budget includes continuous improvement savings to help fund part of the budget
g. Preparation of the 2026/27 budget has been well considered and reasoned despite material external cost pressures. It is comprehensive in terms of the economic and financial challenges facing a growth Council such as Playford.
h. In respect to material external cost pressures, the Committee will seek to meet with representatives of NAWMA going forward to understand financial impacts on Council in respect to their operations

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C. PROCEDURAL DECISION - COMMITTEE TO DECIDE HOW LONG ITEM 8.1 IS TO BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 6535

Moved: Mr Brass Seconded: Cr Halls

Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Confidential Corporate Governance 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
- Presentation for Item 8.1
- Minutes for Item 8.1

This order shall operate until the 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Draft 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.

Pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Committee delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke in whole or in part this order at any time, and the Chief Executive Officer must advise the Committee of the revocation of this order as soon as possible after such revocation has occurred.

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The meeting reopened to the public at 6.08 pm.