MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 24 June 2026 commencing at 5:00 PM
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

SPECIAL MINUTES

Welcome by Mayor Bim Lange who declared the meeting open at 5:04 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Bim Lange, Crs Don Barrett, David de Vries, Tony Hurn, Kathryn Schilling, Bruce Preece and Rick Lane

Apologies

Crs John Angas, Jane Evans, Jess Greatwich and Heidi Thompson

Not Present

Cr Cathy Troup

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. DEBATE REPORTS

2.1 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

2.1.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2026-27 INCORPORATING THE LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026-27 TO 2036-37
26/42255

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, pursuant to Section 123 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), having previously reviewed the outcomes of public consultation and other further recommended adjustments to the budget for the 2026-2027 financial year and complied with the consultation requirements of the Act at Council's meeting of 16 June 2026, adopt the Annual Business Plan for 2026-2027 as presented at Attachment 1.

SECONDED Cr Lane **CARRIED**

Cr Preece called for a **DIVISION**

The decision was set aside.

The division was taken with:
FOR the motion - Cr Barrett, Cr de Vries, Cr Hurn, Cr Schilling, Cr Lane
AGAINST the motion - Cr Preece

The Mayor declared the motion **CARRIED 2022-26/1000**

Subject to recommendation 1 being passed:

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, having adopted the Annual Business Plan for the 2026-27 financial year:

(1) Pursuant to Section 122 and 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act), having previously reviewed the outcomes of public consultation and other further recommended adjustments to the budget for the 2026-2027 financial year at Council's meeting of 16 June 2026, adopts, as presented at Attachment 1:

(a) The Annual Budget 2026-2027, used for the purpose of public consultation, as amended, including all estimates, assumptions and financial statements and forecast borrowings contained therein, for the 2026-2027 financial year;

(b) The annual review of the Long-Term Financial Plan for the 2026-2027 to 2036-2037 financial years, used for the purpose of public consultation, as amended, as the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2036-2037 including all estimates, assumptions and financial statements contained therein.

(2) Notes the Chief Executive Officer's sustainability report on the Council's long term financial performance and position as recorded in the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026-2027 incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2036-2037.

(3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make necessary typographical and grammatical changes to the Annual Business Plan and Budget as necessary prior to formal publication.

(4) Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any loan and related documentation to give effect to Part 1 of this resolution.

SECONDED Cr Barrett **CARRIED 2022-26/1001**

PURPOSE

To adopt the consolidated Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABPB) 2026-2027, incorporating the annual review of the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2036-2037 (LTFP).

REPORT

Background
Council approved a draft ABPB and annual update to the LTFP for consultation at a special meeting of Council held on 13 May 2026. Council has also considered responses from the public consultation process and final recommended amendments from new and revised budget information at its meeting of 16 June 2026.

The ABPB was developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review with Council Officers and Elected Members and engagement with the community.

This report provides a summary of the final proposed ABPB and annual update to the LTFP.

Discussion

Revised Information
Valuation, General Rating, Service Changes – Analysis

Valuation

Valuation data, as provided by the Valuer-General, has been received and updated in Council's modelling tools, using the draft rating model as included within the Draft ABPB for 2026-2027 with minor amendments due to valuation changes as outlined in the table under General Rate Revenue below. Updates have been made to the property valuation for the further data received on 13 June 2026 due to material changes in the valuations that would have resulted in significant additional and over collection of rates from the target budget set in the draft budget plus amendments approved by Council at its meeting of the 16 June 2026. There has been an increase of $1,037,688,324 in total rateable property valuations from last years' property valuations, an increase of 11.24%. There has been a total of 276 new assessments, and the net change is 193 properties with a growth rate of 1.42%.

Total rateable valuations as at 13 June 2026 is $10,272,066,804.

There has been an increase of $1,056,342,900 in total property valuations from last years' property valuations, an increase of 11.20%. Total valuations as at 13 June 2026 is $10,488,015,200.

General Rate Revenue

The overall increase to general rate revenue from last year has changed from the draft projection of 4.3% down to 3.43% based on the average valuation. This is due to higher valuation increases from the consultation rating valuations and the significant growth in valuations for new rateable assessment being greater than budgeted at 2.02%, with actual property assessment growth being 1.42%. Where there has been growth in valuations from revisions since the draft budget, rates in the dollar have been reduced to counter the increases and align the rates collected to the target budget value.

The latest valuation data saw significant increased valuations and property movement for residential land use and commercial – other with a drop in vacant land. This necessitated a reduction to the rates in the dollar for commercial from that consulted upon, and minor increase to residential to ensure the same target is achieved and relative consulted upon rate burden was maintained as best it can be in the model; otherwise it would have raised an additional $110,000 in rate revenue over that set by Council in the draft policy settings with it all coming from commercial – other land uses. Council can elect to take that revenue and maintain the rates in the dollar however that is not recommended, as that additional revenue will increase the net rate increase but reduce Council's short term operating deficits. Please see the following table that highlights the recommended changes.

		Recommended Final		Consulted On		Change	
Local Government Categories	**Land Use Code**	**Rate in the $**	**No. of assessments**	**Rate in the $**	**No. of assessments**	**Rate in the $**	**No. of assessments**
Residential	1	0.0023638	10192	0.0023630	10144	0.0000008	48
Commercial - Shop	2	0.0042810	256	0.0044885	254	-0.0002075	2
Commercial - Office	3	0.0042810	71	0.0044885	71	-0.0002075	0
Commercial - Other	4	0.0042810	360	0.0044885	356	-0.0002075	4
Industry - Light	5	0.0049700	45	0.0049700	45	0.0000000	0
Industry - Other	6	0.0169000	93	0.0169000	94	0.0000000	-1
Primary Production	7	0.0024350	2158	0.0024350	2164	0.0000000	-6
Vacant Land	8	0.0055810	515	0.0055810	531	0.0000000	-16
Other	9	0.0047650	142	0.0047650	141	0.0000000	1
			13832		13800		32

Service Charges - Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS)

The CWMS service charge for residential customers is proposed to be set at $413.25 per annum, a reduction of $4.00 against the draft plan due to greater connections than modelled from growth; last year this was $403.40 per annum representing a 2.44% increase. For non-residential customers the rate in the dollar for their valuation increased to $0.000957 cents from $0.0009445 cents reflecting valuation changes. Vacant land charges are proposed to increase from $129 to $135.

Service Charges - Waste Services

Overall, the refuse, recycling and green organics collection service charge has been increased from last year at $284.30 to $290.80; a small increase of $2.80 to the draft budget amount due to final service numbers, reflecting an overall increase of 2.29% compared to 2025-26. The 140L Refuse Bin has increased from last year from $137.20 to $142.70, recycling has increased from last year from $72.70 to $73.50 and Green Organics increased from $74.40 to $74.60. The refuse collection service rate for 240L bins, available to commercial premises to upsize, has increased from last year at $178 to $185.

The service charges are based on cost increases for collection and disposal.

Operating Budget

Further reviews to the Budget since the draft was adopted have been outlined in the report at 7.2.3 of the 16 June 2026 agenda and have been approved by Council for inclusion in the final budget.

The Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority (NCPA) board approved their 2026-2027 Budget and Business Plan and LTFP. The NCPA operating and capital budget information is contained within Council's ABPB and LTFP.

Reserve Transfers

Service areas for CWMS and Waste, which have separate service charges and rates, are reconciled to the net operating result at the end of the financial year. Movements within these budgets are adjusted to/from the relevant reserve at the end of 2026-2027 and a report provided to Council in due course as is standard end of financial year practices. This is undertaken to ensure compliance with the rating provisions of the Act where service areas that are subject to a service charge or rate are over the long-term covering the cost of the service.

Annual Budget and Business Plan

As required under Section 123 of the Act, the draft Business Plan has been prepared and is contained within the first section of the draft ABPB 2026-2027.

The consolidated budgeted financial statements are included in the Annual Budget section of the ABPB.

Pursuant to Section 123 (7) of the Act, Council must adopt its Annual Business Plan with or without amendment before the adoption of its Annual Budget, as per the following excerpt:

(7) Each budget of a council must-
- (a) be considered in conjunction with the council's annual business plan (and must be consistent with that plan, as adopted); and
- (b) be adopted by the council after the council has adopted its annual business plan.

Pursuant to Section 153(5)(a) of the Act, Council must adopt its ABPB prior to adopting rates for the financial year.

Long-Term Financial Plan

As required by Section 122 of the Act, Council must undertake a review of its LTFP as soon as practical after adopting the Council's Annual Business Plan.

The annual review of the LTFP is included as a section within the ABPB document. It is noted that following the inclusion of the submissions and revised information above, the LTFP has been updated from the draft consultation document.

The LTFP sub-plans are prepared for Waste Services, CWMS Services, NCPA, all other Council services and consolidated to form Council's summary LTFP - this summary annual review is reported within the consolidated financial estimates in the ABPB.
The LTFP includes known operational and capital expenditure programs to maintain, renew and implement assets and services as required for Council services over the ten years.

The plan has been updated for recent changes approved by Council, which has resulted in minor improvements to all indicators and operating budget outcomes.

Funding Plan

As required by Section 122 (1e) of the Act, to meet future service provisions, Council uses a mix of revenue sources including general rates, service charges, user and statutory charges, grants and contributions, commercial and other income along with loan financing as a means of funding both operating and capital expenditure.

Refer to the LTFP for Council's funding of operating and capital programs and requirements, indexation, financial assumptions and estimates, loan financing and financial indicators.

Revenue and Financing over the Forward Estimates

To deliver current service levels and forecast growth needs, Council plans to generate general rates income and predicts the following increases over the ten-year plan:

- For year 2026-27 as outlined in the ABPB attached.
- For the years 2027-28 and 2028-29 at 4.25%.
- For the years 2029-30 and 2030-31 at 3.00%.
- For the remainder of the plan 2.5%, which is in line with the Reserve Bank of Australia trimmed mean consumer price index forecast from July 2028.
- The above estimates do not include new properties - the growth estimates for additional income range between 0.50% and 1.5%.

Selected service areas use services charges and service rates to recover the cost. Increases to costs for waste services, being a three-bin system for refuse, recycling and green organics, range in future years from 3.5% to 4.0%; and Wastewater Management (CWMS) increases in future years range from 2.75% to 3.5%.

Other income changes funding the expenditure of Council are:

- General income from commercial activities and user charges such as caravan park, development fees and the like are estimated to increase at an average of 2.56% over the funding plan.
- Recurrent grants are based on known factors - where the grant is subject to indexation, 2.56% has been applied.

Expenditure

Operating expenditure is indexed within a range outlined in the LTFP, as a base the current RBA Trimmed Mean CPI forecast is 3.1% for 2027-28 budget reducing to 2.5% for the remainder of the 10-year funding plan. Further and full details are provided in the LTFP and there are no significant deviations in the settings from that which was adopted for consultation other than those already explained in this report.

Review of the Audit and Risk Committee

As part of the annual process, the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting of 11 May 2026 reviewed the draft Corporate Plan 2026-27 and draft 2026-27 ABPB and annual update to the LTFP 2026-27 to 2036-37 and resolved the following:

4.10 <u>DRAFT 2026-27 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET INCORPORATING THE LONG *TERM FINANCIAL PLAN REVIEW 2026-2027 TO 2036-2037 FOR REVIEW*</u>
26/36479

MOVED *Mr Paprzycki*

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

(1) Having reviewed the information and settings provide the following comments for Council consideration:

- *All key performance indicator targets are forecast to be achieved;*
- *Budget is consistent with the Long Term Financial Plan and differences have been explained;*
- *Inflationary pressures due to Middle East conflict have been considered and can be managed internally;*
- *Acknowledges the considerations of general uncertainty of the current global climate.*

(2) Support the general settings of the Corporate Plan 2026-27 update and the 2026-27 Annual Business Plan and Budget incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2035-2036 for the undertaking of statutory consultation on the Annual Business Plan and Budget incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan.

SECONDED *Ms Hahn* ***CARRIED AC 2022-26/82***

<u>*Summary and Conclusion*</u>
As required by Section 122 of the Act, the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is to prepare a report on the Council's long term financial performance and position, considering the provisions of Council's annual business plan and strategic management plans.

Council's Financial Sustainability Principles play an important part in the preparation of the LTFP and are included in the document. Council has adopted the Local Government sector key financial indicators to assess Council's long-term financial sustainability. The CEO report uses the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as a tool to analyse and measure forecasts to targets.

The measurement of Council's performance includes both financial and non-financial KPIs. These are reported within the document in detail for the budget year and in summary for the 10-year plan. An explanation of the variances for the LTFP KPIs are recorded in the document.

A Financial Sustainability Performance Report is included in the final ABPB in the LTFP. The amendments to the budget and LTFP see all key performance indicators meeting target settings based on the current elected body policy, service levels and investment settings.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2026-2027 Financial Year incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2036-2037

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Legislative Requirements
Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   No additional or changed considerations that were not already known are raised through the report.

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
   Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   No additional or changed considerations that were not already known are raised through the report.

3. **FINANCIAL**
   Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026-27 Key Financial Performance Indicator Estimates

Financial Indicator	Annual Target	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Forecast	2026-27 Forecast
Operating Surplus	Target (4.0%) to 10.0%	(1,139)	493	(2,081)	(742)
Indicator					
Adjusted Operating	Target (4.0%) to 10.0%	947	(1,279)	(709)	N/a
Indicator					N/a
Operating Surplus Ratio	Target (2.0%) to 10.0%	(2.5%)	0.9%	(3.9%)	(1.3%)
Indicator					
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	Target (2.0%) to 10.0%	2.0%	(2.50%)	(1.30%)	N/a
Indicator					N/a
Net Financial Liabilities ($,000)	Not greater than operating revenue	17,169	37,385	35,986	49,791
Indicator					
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities ($,000)	Not greater than operating revenue	16,705	40,916	34,614	N/a
Indicator					N/a
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	Not greater than 100%	37%	71%	68%	87%
Indicator					
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	Not greater than 100%	36.0%	76.0%	63.8%	N/a
Indicator					N/a
Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	Target (2.0%) to 10.0%	123.0%	84.0%	97.0%	138.5%
Indicator					

Long Term Financial Indicators Summary

Consolidated Results: Key Performance Indicators and Financial Parameters		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
		Budget	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP
		$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %
Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) - Summary	Adopted target						
KPI 1 - Operating Surplus cumulative forward 10 year period	Surplus year 10	(742)	(908)	(870)	(13)	1,225	2,887
KPI 1 - Operating Surplus cumulative forward 10 year period - removing unawarded capital grants to be applied to renewal of assets	Surplus year 10	(2,449)	(4,053)	(4,023)	(3,174)	(1,937)	(274)
KPI 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio - Rolling 3 year - retrospective average	(2%) to 10%	(1.4%)	(1.8%)	(0.5%)	0.4%	1.0%	1.8%
KPI 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio - Rolling 5 year - retrospective average	(2%) to 10%	(0.9%)	(1.4%)	(0.9%)	(0.8%)	0.3%	1.0%
KPI 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio - Annual	(4%) to 10%	(1.3%)	(0.3%)	0.1%	1.3%	1.8%	2.3%
KPI 3 - Net Financial Liabilities ratio	0-100%	86.7%	83.4%	83.7%	74.7%	75.6%	76.0%
KPI 4 - Asset Renewal Funding Ratio - Annual - Using Asset Management Plan Forecast	80% to 110%	138.5%	136.8%	113.3%	127.8%	131.8%	120.3%

Consolidated Results: Key Performance Indicators and Financial Parameters		2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	2036-37
		LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP
		$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %	$'000 or %
Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) - Summary	Adopted target					
KPI 1 - Operating Surplus cumulative forward 10 year period	**Surplus year 10**	4,489	6,611	8,792	11,959	15,483
KPI 1 - Operating Surplus cumulative forward 10 year period - removing unawarded capital grants to be applied to renewal of assets	**Surplus year 10**	1,328	3,450	5,631	8,798	12,322
KPI 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio - Rolling 3 year - retrospective average	**(2%) to 10%**	2.1%	2.4%	2.5%	3.0%	3.4%
KPI 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio - Rolling 5 year - retrospective average	**(2%) to 10%**	1.5%	2.0%	2.3%	2.7%	3.0%
KPI 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio - Annual	**(4%) to 10%**	2.1%	2.7%	2.6%	3.7%	3.9%
KPI 3 - Net Financial Liabilities ratio	**0-100%**	72.3%	65.5%	61.7%	52.9%	52.1%
KPI 4 - Asset Renewal Funding Ratio - Annual - Using Asset Management Plan Forecast	**80% to 110%**	93.8%	96.7%	89.1%	86.0%	98.8%

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

No additional or changed considerations that were not already known are raised through the report.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

No additional or changed considerations not already known are raised through the report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation was undertaken in accordance with Council's instructions at its meeting on 13 May 2026.

2.1.2 ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR RATING PURPOSES
26/42253

MOVED Cr Hurn

That Council, in accordance with Section 167(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, adopts for rating purposes for the year ending 30 June 2027, the Valuer-General's most recent valuations available to Council being 13 June 2026 of the Capital Value in relation to the area of the Council, which specifies that the total property valuation that shall apply is $10,488,015,200 of which $10,272,066,804 is rateable.

SECONDED Cr Schilling **CARRIED**

Cr Preece called for a **DIVISION**

The decision was set aside.

The division was taken with:
FOR the motion - Cr Barrett, Cr de Vries, Cr Hurn, Cr Schilling, Cr Lane
AGAINST the motion - Cr Preece

The Mayor declared the motion **CARRIED 2022-26/1002**

PURPOSE

Property valuations received from the Valuer-General require adoption for the purpose of generating the 2026-2027 rates.

REPORT

The movement in property valuations from 2025-2026 to 2026-2027 is outlined in the table below.

Table 1 – Property Valuation Movement – Rateable Assessments

		2026/2027		
Local Government Categories	**Land Use Code**	**Rate in the $**	**No. of assessments**	**26/27 Total Valuations**
Residential	1	0.0023638	10192	$ 6,984,645,812.00
Commercial	2	0.0042810	256	$ 181,237,483.00
Commercial	3	0.0042810	71	$ 37,059,250.00
Commercial	4	0.0042810	360	$ 386,796,606.00
Industry - Light	5	0.0049700	45	$ 23,874,862.00
Industry - Other	6	0.0169000	93	$ 276,832,424.00
Primary Production	7	0.0024350	2158	$ 2,114,521,461.00
Vacant Land	8	0.0055810	515	$ 174,583,934.00
Other	9	0.0047650	142	$ 92,514,972.00
			13,832	**$ 10,272,066,804.00**

There has been an increase of $1,037,688,324 in total rateable property valuations from last years' property valuations, an increase of 11.24%. There has been a net total of 276 new property assessments and 83 cancelled assessments, resulting in a net growth rate of 1.42% of properties and gross growth rate of new properties of 2.02%.

Table 2 – Property Valuation Movement – All Assessments

			2026/2027		
Local Government Categories	**Land Use Code**		**Rate in the $**	**No. of assessments**	**26/27 Total Valuations**
Residential	1		0.0023638	10197	$ 6,988,520,812
Commercial	2		0.0042810	256	$ 181,237,483
Commercial	3		0.0042810	72	$ 37,999,250
Commercial	4		0.0042810	373	$ 401,749,993
Industry - Light	5		0.0049700	45	$ 23,874,862
Industry - Other	6		0.0169000	95	$ 277,413,424
Primary Production	7		0.0024350	2180	$ 2,124,161,761
Vacant Land	8		0.0055810	557	$ 182,473,234
Other	9		0.0047650	644	$ 270,584,381
				14,419	**$ 10,488,015,200**

There has been an increase of $1,056,342,900 in total property valuations from last years' property valuations, an increase of 11.20%.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   Nil

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
   Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   Nil

3. **FINANCIAL**
   Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

   There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. **PEOPLE**
   Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

   Nil

5. **REPUTATION**
   Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

   Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was undertaken in accordance with Council's instruction from its meeting on 19 May 2026.

2.1.3 DECLARATION OF DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR
26/42260

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, pursuant to Sections 152(1)(c)(i), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, declares the following differential general rates on rateable land within the Council for the year ending 30 June 2027, based upon the capital value of the land, with rates varying with reference to land use categories as per Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*:

(1) Category (a) (Residential), a rate of 0.0023638 cents in the dollar;
(2) Category (b) (Commercial – Shop), Category (c) (Commercial – Office) and Category (d) (Commercial – Other), a rate of 0.004281 cents in the dollar;
(3) Category (e) (Industry – Light) a rate of 0.00497 cents in the dollar;
(4) Category (f) (Industry – Other) a rate of 0.0169 cents in the dollar;
(5) Category (g) (Primary Production) a rate of 0.0024350 cents in the dollar;
(6) Category (h) (Vacant Land) a rate of 0.005581 cents in the dollar;
(7) Category (i) (Other) a rate of 0.004765 cents in the dollar.

AND

GENERAL RATES CAP - RESIDENTIAL AND PRIMARY PRODUCTION

That Council, pursuant to section 153(3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, has determined to fix, on application of the property owner, a maximum increase in general rates (excluding fixed charge) levied upon a category (a) land use (Residential) or category (g) land use (Primary Production) property, for the year ending 30 June 2027 which constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer at:

(a) 7.5% over and above the general rates levied for the 2025-2026 financial year (for those eligible for a State Government concession on their Council rates including those in receipt of the cost of living concession) or;
(b) 15% over and above the general rates levied for the 2025-2026 financial year (for all other such ratepayers), provided that:
    (i) the property has been the principal place of residence of the principal ratepayer since at least 1 July 2025, and;
    (ii) the property has not been subject to improvements with a value of more than $10,000 since 1 July 2025, and;
    (iii) excluding land related to the principal place of residence for the purposes of single farm enterprise and/or contiguous land.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/1003**

PURPOSE

To adopt the differential general rates-in-the-dollar to apply for the 2026-2027 rating year, the general rates cap on application and the revaluation initiative general rates cap.

REPORT

A comparison of the rates-in-the-dollar for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 is outlined in the table below:

		2026/2027				2025/2026						
Local Government Categories	Land Use Code	Rate in the $	No. of assessments	26/27 Total Valuations	Total Rates	Rate in the $	No. of assessments	25/26 Total Valuations	% Movement Total Valuations	% change in rate in $	Average 25/26	Average 26/27
Residential	1	0.0023638	10192	$ 6,984,645,812.00	$ 21,376,635.67	0.002535	9987	$ 6,078,462,558.00	14.91%	-6.75%	2,000.58	2,097.39
Commercial	2	0.0042810	256	$ 181,237,483.00	$ 898,168.86	0.0043345	254	$ 177,422,857.00	2.15%	-1.23%	3,483.91	3,508.47
Commercial	3	0.0042810	71	$ 37,059,250.00	$ 192,567.35	0.0043345	73	$ 38,615,723.00	-4.03%	-1.23%	2,750.87	2,712.22
Commercial	4	0.0042810	360	$ 386,796,606.00	$ 1,826,415.17	0.0043345	356	$ 350,514,448.00	10.35%	-1.23%	4,721.85	5,073.38
Industry - Light	5	0.0049700	45	$ 23,874,862.00	$ 140,154.56	0.004691	47	$ 25,174,635.00	-5.16%	5.95%	2,970.64	3,114.55
Industry - Other	6	0.0169000	93	$ 276,832,424.00	$ 4,719,550.17	0.015661	91	$ 284,366,264.00	-2.65%	7.91%	49,341.76	50,747.85
Primary Production	7	0.0024350	2158	$ 2,114,521,461.00	$ 6,013,496.76	0.0025112	2163	$ 2,034,107,006.00	3.95%	-3.03%	2,736.55	2,786.61
Vacant Land	8	0.0055810	515	$ 174,583,934.00	$ 1,204,126.64	0.0060175	527	$ 156,010,737.00	11.91%	-7.25%	2,202.02	2,338.11
Other	9	0.0047650	142	$ 92,514,972.00	$ 501,979.44	0.004624	141	$ 89,704,252.00	3.13%	3.05%	3,357.56	3,535.07
			13,832	**$ 10,272,066,804.00**	**$ 36,873,094.62**		**13,639**	**$ 9,234,378,480.00**	**11.24%**		**2,560.98**	**2,665.78**

The following table provides the rateable valuation changes and the changes to rate burden based on the proposed rating model.

Local Government Categories	Land Use Code	Valuation Change Rateable			Share of Rates Burden		
		26-27	25-26	%	26-27	25-26	Change
Residential	1	6,984,645,812.00	6,078,462,558.00	14.91%	57.97%	57.20%	0.77%
Commercial	2	181,237,483.00	177,422,857.00	2.15%	2.44%	2.53%	-0.10%
Commercial	3	37,059,250.00	38,615,723.00	-4.03%	0.52%	0.57%	-0.05%
Commercial	4	386,796,606.00	350,514,448.00	10.35%	4.95%	4.81%	0.14%
Industry - Light	5	23,874,862.00	25,174,635.00	-5.16%	0.38%	0.40%	-0.02%
Industry - Other	6	276,832,424.00	284,366,264.00	-2.65%	12.80%	12.85%	-0.06%
Primary Production	7	2,114,521,461.00	2,034,107,006.00	3.95%	16.31%	16.95%	-0.64%
Vacant Land	8	174,583,934.00	156,010,737.00	11.91%	3.27%	3.32%	-0.06%
Other	9	92,514,972.00	89,704,252.00	3.13%	1.36%	1.36%	0.01%
		$ 10,272,066,804.00	**$ 9,234,378,480.00**	**11.24%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**	**0.00%**

The rating settings are directly aligned to the Annual Budget and Business Plan, which is now ready for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

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BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Chapter 10 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Nil

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was undertaken in accordance with Council's instruction from its meeting on 19 May 2026.

2.1.4 <u>DECLARATION OF FIXED CHARGE FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR</u>
26/42256

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, pursuant to Section 152(1)(c)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, impose a fixed charge of $477.70 on each separately valued piece of rateable land within the Council area for the year ending 30 June 2027.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/1004**

PURPOSE

To adopt a fixed charge on all rateable properties for the 2026-2027 rating year.

REPORT

A fixed charge of $477.70 represents a $19.70 increase on the amount applied in the previous rating year. A fixed charge is applied to achieve a balanced rating model of a flat rate contribution across all ratepayers with the general rate, the second determinant of the settings, based on the capital value of the property.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

<u>Supporting references</u>

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Corporate Plan</u>

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 152 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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1. SERVICE DELIVERY
Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Nil

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT
Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL
Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. PEOPLE
Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION
Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement has been undertaken in accordance with Council's instruction from its meeting on 19 May 2026.

2.1.5 DECLARATION OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR
26/42170

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, pursuant to Section 155 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, and in order to provide the service of waste collection in those parts of the Council's area described in (3) below, declares the following service charges with reference to the nature and/or level of usage of the service, for the year ending 30 June 2027:

(1) Non-recyclable Waste Collection
  a. An annual service charge of $142.70 per 140L General (Landfill) Waste collection receptacle;
  b. An annual service charge of $185 per 240L General (Landfill) Waste collection receptacle except in instances where, subject to written application to and approval by Council, residential households with six or more permanent residents or a special medical condition may receive a 240L receptacle at the same service charge for a 140L receptable.

(2) Recyclable Waste Collection
  a. An annual service charge of $73.50 per 240L Co-mingled Recycling collection receptacle;
  b. An annual service charge of $74.60 per 240L Green Organic Recycling collection receptacle.

(3) Parts of Council Area
  a. All Service Entitled Properties in the Designated Waste Collection Areas and along the Approved Waste Collection Route as identified in the Waste Management Services Policy.

SECONDED Cr Barrett **CARRIED 2022-26/1005**

PURPOSE

To adopt the waste collection service charges for the 2026-2027 rating year.

REPORT

The proposed service charges are based on the estimated cost to Council in providing the service.

Pursuant to Section 155(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council cannot recover by way of the service rate an amount exceeding the estimated cost of operating the service.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   Nil

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   Nil

3. **FINANCIAL**
Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

   There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. **PEOPLE**
Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

   Nil

5. **REPUTATION**
Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was already undertaken in accordance with Council's instruction from its meeting on 19 May 2026.

2.1.6 <u>DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR</u>
26/42162

MOVED Cr Hurn

That Council, pursuant to Section 155 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, declare a service rate and impose a service charge for the year ending 30 June 2027, in the following areas to which Council makes available a Community Wastewater Management System:

(1) Residential and Vacant Land Properties:

a. An annual service charge of $413.25 for occupied residential rateable and non-rateable land;
b. An annual service charge of $135 on each assessment of vacant rateable and non-rateable land.

(2) Non-Residential & Non-Vacant Land Properties - a service rate of 0.000957 cents in the dollar of the capital value of occupied non-residential rateable land.

SECONDED Cr Schilling **CARRIED 2022-26/1006**

PURPOSE

To adopt the declaration of Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) rates and charges for the 2026-2027 rating year.

REPORT

The proposed service rates and charges are based on the estimated cost to Council in delivering the service.

Pursuant to Section 155(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council cannot recover by way of the service rate and charges an amount exceeding the estimated cost of operating, maintaining, improving and replacing the service.

The charge for all residential properties connected to a CWMS scheme is solely based on a service charge.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

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Corporate Plan

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BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   Nil

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement has been undertaken in accordance with Council's instructions at its meeting of 19 May 2026.

2.1.7 DECLARATION OF REGIONAL LANDSCAPE LEVY FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR
26/42165

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, in exercising the powers contained in section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, for the year ending 30 June 2027 and in order to reimburse the Council for the amount contributed to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, approve that a regional landscape levy in the nature of a separate rate of 0.000083 in the dollar of the capital value of land, be declared on all rateable land.

SECONDED Cr Barrett **CARRIED 2022-26/1007**

PURPOSE

To adopt the declaration of the regional landscape levy for the 2026-2027 rating year.

REPORT

The regional landscape levy is collected on behalf of the State Government and then forwarded to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board on a quarterly basis. Council has no control over the expenditure and is simply collecting the State's taxes, as well as receiving a small administration fee for the service.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

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BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1999*
Section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   Nil

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
   Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   Nil

3. **FINANCIAL**
   Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

   There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. **PEOPLE**
   Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

   Nil

5. **REPUTATION**
   Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

   Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement has been undertaken in accordance with Council's instruction from its meeting of 19 May 2026.

2.1.8 PAYMENT OF RATES FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR
26/42168

MOVED Cr Hurn

That Council:

(1) Pursuant to Section 181(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, determine that all rates and charges will be payable in four quarterly instalments due on 1 September 2026, 1 December 2026, 2 March 2027 and 1 June 2027; provided that in cases where the initial account requiring payment of rates is not sent at least 30 days prior to these dates, or an amended account is required to be sent, authority to fix the date by which rates must be paid in respect of those assessments affected, is hereby delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) Pursuant to Section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, approve that the Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) be delegated power under *Section 181(4)(b)* of the Act to enter into agreements with ratepayers relating to the payment of rates in any case where he considers it necessary or desirable to do so.

SECONDED Cr Schilling **CARRIED 2022-26/1008**

PURPOSE

To adopt the quarterly payment due dates for the 2026-2027 rating year.

REPORT

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999*, rate payments must be offered on a quarterly basis in September, December, March and June each financial year.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

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Legislative Requirements

Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Nil

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. **FINANCIAL**
Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are no changes to the financial risk management considerations not already known and embedded in the organisation because of this report.

4. **PEOPLE**
Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. **REPUTATION**
Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is not required or recommended as the legislative standards have been applied to the payment dates. The Annual Business Plan and Budget has been through the necessary consultation processes.

2.1.9 ADOPTION OF REVISED 2025-2029 CORPORATE PLAN UPDATES FOR 2026-27 26/42026

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council having reviewed the minor updates to the plan and the 2026-27 strategic actions within the plan, endorse the Corporate Plan 2025-2029 as updated for the 2026-27 financial year provided at Attachment 1.

SECONDED Cr Schilling **CARRIED 2022-26/1009**

PURPOSE

The Council corporate plan, being the administrative management document giving effect to the Community Plan has been updated as it is annually through the budget and business plan process.

REPORT

The updates to the Corporate Plan reflect minor changes as follows and a marked-up version is provided at Attachment 1:

- Updates to strategic actions that then inform the Annual Business Plan and Budget.
- Minor updates as a result of approved changes to service levels by Council in the past 12 months.
- Minor changes to internal resourcing responsibilities and documented levels of service.

The fundamentals of the plan remain unchanged.

The corporate plan is not a strategic management plan, it is the linking strategic and service level document between the aspiration Community Plan and the Annual Business Plan and Budget of Council. It is the administrative four year rolling plan for implementation of Council's Community Plan and directions and is considered a best practice plan and provides significant understanding of Council endorsed service levels. It is complimented by many other plans like the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan and Community Land Management Plans for instance, which also have service level standards embedded in them.

As part of the annual process, the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting of 11 May 2026 reviewed the document, along with the business plan, budget and long term financial plan and resolved as follows.

4.10 <u>DRAFT 2026-27 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET INCORPORATING THE LONG *TERM FINANCIAL PLAN REVIEW 2026-2027 TO 2036-2037 FOR REVIEW*</u>
26/36479

MOVED *Mr Paprzycki*

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

(1) Having reviewed the information and settings provide the following comments for Council consideration:

- *All key performance indicator targets are forecast to be achieved;*
- *Budget is consistent with the Long Term Financial Plan and differences have been explained;*
- *Inflationary pressures due to Middle East conflict have been considered and can be managed internally;*
- *Acknowledges the considerations of general uncertainty of the current global climate.*

(2) Support the general settings of the Corporate Plan 2026-27 update and the 2026-27 Annual Business Plan and Budget incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2035-2036 for the undertaking of statutory consultation on the Annual Business Plan and Budget incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan.

SECONDED *Ms Hahn* ***CARRIED AC 2022-26/82***

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Corporate Plan Review for 2026-2027 Marked Up Version

<u>*Supporting references*</u>
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Corporate Plan</u>

BS13 Strategic/Legislative Planning and Reporting - Provision of organisational performance report (outcomes), activity report (outputs), a range of statutory reporting (e.g. public health, tax, superannuation), financial reporting. Transparency and accountability regarding Council activity and expenditure provided

<u>Legislative Requirements</u>
Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   No significant changes other than minor changes to service levels approved by Council in past year and documentation of service levels.

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
   Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   No changes impacting this area of risk not already known.

3. **FINANCIAL**
   Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

   No changes impacting this area of risk not already known.

4. **PEOPLE**
   Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

   No changes impacting this area of risk not already known.

5. **REPUTATION**
   Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

   No changes impacting this area of risk not already known.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required or recommended, the fundamental basis of the plan is the Community Plan, and this plan was also provided as part of the consultation undertaken in 2024 as part of the four yearly review if strategic management plans. Further the strategic actions that are updated annual were consulted upon under the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026-27 consultation which concluded on 11 June 2026 and is the subject of a report elsewhere in the June ordinary Council meeting agenda.

2.1.10 <u>2026-27 MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATES</u>
26/42329

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Schilling disclosed an Material Conflict of Interest in the matter Item number - 2.1.10 - 2026-27 Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Rebates as she is a sitting member on the Nuriootpa Futures Association who applies for discretionary rate rebates and advised the Chamber that she will leave the meeting.

Cr Schilling left the meeting at 5:16 pm.

A quorum was lost for this matter and as such, item 2.1.10 - 2026-27 Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Rebates is deferred for lack of quorum until the next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 21 July 2026.

DEFERRED RECOMMENDATION

That Council, for the 2026-27 rating year:

(1) note the mandatory rate rebates to be applied, as included at Attachment 1; and
(2) approve the discretionary rate rebates to be applied, as included at Attachment 2.

PURPOSE

To note the mandatory rate rebates and approve the discretionary rate rebates to be applied for the 2026-27 rating year.

REPORT

Discussion
Mandatory rate rebates

Division 5 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) outlines that mandatory rate rebates must be rebated and therefore no resolution of Council is required.

A summary of estimated mandatory rate rebates for 2026-27, totalling $616,697.75, is included at Attachment 1 and is provided for Council's information only.

Discretionary rate rebates

Under Division 5, section 166 of the Act, councils have discretion to provide rate rebates to groups or on properties whose objectives meet certain criteria outlined in the Act. When deciding on what discretionary rebates will be provided, the financial impacting of providing the rebate is balanced against the benefits these groups provide to our community.

In accordance with Council's Rate Rebate Policy and in compliance with the Act, all groups who received a discretionary rate rebate in 2025-26 were required to confirm their continuing eligibility for the rate rebate in the 2026-27 rating year. Any new discretionary rate rebate applications received throughout the year and to be applied in 2026-27 were assessed for eligibility against the requirements outlined in Council's Rate Rebate Policy and the Act.

A summary of proposed discretionary rate rebates for 2026-27, totalling an estimated $201,865.50, is included at Attachment 2 for Council's noting and approval.

Summary and Conclusion
A summary of mandatory rate rebates for 2026-27 is provided at Attachment 1.

A summary of proposed discretionary rate rebates for 2026-27 is provided at Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Proposed mandatory rate rebates 2026-27
Attachment 2 Proposed discretionary rate rebates 2026-27

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

BS12 Property and Rates - Rates, revaluation and forecasting for revenue purposes, collection, and recovery of rates; including payment arrangements and negotiation parameters, hardship arrangement negotiations, property and assessment management to ensure Council's long term financial sustainability.

Legislative Requirements

Division 5 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Nil.

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil.

3. **FINANCIAL**
Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

Mandatory rate rebates totalling $616,697.75 are estimated to be applied in 2026-27 compared to a figure of $626,785.68, which was included in the 2026-27 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget that went out for public consultation.

Discretionary rate rebates totalling $201,865.50 are proposed to be applied in 2026-27 compared to a figure of $183,538.57, which was included in the 2026-27 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget that went out for public consultation.

When assessing any new discretionary rate rebate applications for 2026-27, the financial impact of providing the rebate is balanced against the benefits these groups provide to our community.

4. **PEOPLE**
Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. **REPUTATION**
Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Providing discretionary rate rebates to groups which provide a valuable benefit to our community has a positive impact on Council's reputation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The 2026-27 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, which includes an estimated budget for mandatory and discretionary rate rebates, went out for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Council's Public Consultation Policy.

There are minor variances between budgeted rate rebate figures in the 2026-27 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and the rate rebate figures included in this report.

These variances are considered trivial and are due to differences in the information that was available at the time the amounts were calculated.

Cr Schilling returned to the meeting at 5.17pm

2.1.11 <u>2026-27 FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER</u>
26/42347

MOVED Cr Schilling

That Council approves for adoption the fees and charges to be applied for the 2026-27 financial year as shown at <u>Attachment 1</u>.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/1010**

PURPOSE

To review and approve for adoption the fees and charges to be applied for the 2026-27 financial year.

REPORT

<u>Background</u>
Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) allows a Council to impose a variety of fees and charges for the services it provides. These fees and charges may be fixed, varied or revoked by decision of the Council.

<u>Discussion</u>
A list of the proposed fees and charges for 2026-27 is provided at <u>Attachment 1</u>. The list includes fees and charges for the goods and services that the Council provides, including dog registration fees, which were previously adopted by Council at its 21 April 2026 meeting.

Any fees and charges set by the State Government have been excluded from the fees and charges register given they do not require approval from Council and are available through the relevant State Government authority.

Any fees and charges that do not have a comparable 2025-26 amount are new for 2026-27.

To minimise the general rates burden on our community, it is imperative that Council increases its fees and charges in line with the cost increases being experienced by Council in delivering such goods and services. In order to do this, all prior year fees and charges were indexed by the finance team by 2.7%, which is the indexation rate approved by Council at its 16 December 2025 meeting. These indexed fees and charges were then reviewed by the relevant budget manager and only adjusted further if required.

Summary and Conclusion
Proposed fees and charges for 2026-27 are shown at Attachment 1 for review and approval for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges Register to Council

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims
BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

Legislative Requirements

Section 188 of the Local Government Act 1999.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Fees and charges raised for goods and services provided by Council allows us to recover costs associated with providing these goods and services, allowing us to maintain the approved service delivery level to members of the community.

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil.

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

Fees and charges raised for goods and services provided by Council allows us to recover costs associated with providing these goods and services.

To minimise the general rates burden on our community, it is imperative that Council increases its fees and charges in line with the cost increases being experienced by Council in delivering such goods and services. In order to do this, all prior year fees and charges were indexed by the finance team by 2.7%, which is the indexation rate approved by Council at its 16 December 2025 meeting. These indexed fees and charges were then reviewed by the relevant budget managers and only adjusted further if required.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Fees and charges have been reviewed by the relevant budget managers and, where possible, have been kept at the level of inflation. This helps to ensure that the goods and services provided by Council are accessible to all members of the community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The 2026-27 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, which has been out for public consultation in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, is aligned to the proposed 2026-27 fees and charges and this report represents no change in risk, financial outcomes or resource allocations.

The adopted fees and charges for 2026-27 will be made available to the community to access on the Council's website from 1 July 2026, and where required, will be updated in Council's systems from that date (for example, in Council's Bookable system, which is used by members of the public to book Council's hireable venues).

3. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 5:30pm

4. CLOSURE

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 5.19pm.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on 21 July 2026

Date:………………………………. Mayor:………………………………….