



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
25 JUNE 2025**

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SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JUNE 2025
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,
61 MARSH STREET, STANTHORPE AT 9:00AM**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Crs Hamilton (Chair), Bartley, Deane, Harslett, McDonald, Pidgeon, Richters, Wantling and Windle

Officers: Rachel Brophy (Chief Executive Officer), Susie Glasson (Acting General Manager Customer and Organisational Services), Nick Wellwood (General Manager Infrastructure, Assets & Projects), Nicole Collette (Manager Environmental Services), Gurbindar Singh (Chief Financial Officer) and Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

4.1 National Competition Policy

Resolution

Moved Cr J Richters

Seconded Cr C Pidgeon

THAT Council, in accordance with section 47(7) of the *Qld Local Government Act 2009*:

1. Continue to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to the following significant business activities:
 - Water and sewerage; and
 - Waste services
2. Determines not to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct for FY25/26 to the Warwick Saleyards prescribed business activity until a proper financial review is undertaken once all capital improvements are completed.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Schedule of General Fees and Charges 2025/26

Recommendation

Moved Cr M Harslett

Seconded Cr S Deane

THAT Council adopt the attached Schedule of General Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 Financial Year.

Amendment

THAT the charges under Planning Fees for Class 10 Applications for non-professionally drawn plan of \$350.00 be removed.

Resolution

Moved Cr J Richters

Seconded Cr R Bartley

Lost

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, C Pidgeon and S Windle (5)

Against: Crs R Bartley, C McDonald, J Richters and R Wantling (4)

Amendment

THAT the increase for the 12 Month Membership fees for Gym/Group Fitness be reduced by 50%.

Resolution

Moved Cr C McDonald

Seconded Cr R Wantling

Carried

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs R Bartley, S Deane, C McDonald, C Pidgeon, J Richters, R Wantling and S Windle (7)

Against: Crs M Hamilton and M Harslett (2)

Amendment

THAT all Centrelink concession cards be eligible for a concession, other than a Seniors Card.

Resolution

Moved Cr J Richters

Seconded Cr C McDonald

Carried Unanimously

Resolution

Moved Cr M Harslett

Seconded Cr S Deane

THAT Council adopt the attached Schedule of General Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 Financial Year with the following amendments:

1. The increase for the 12 Month Membership fees for Gym/Group Fitness be reduced by 50%.
2. All Centrelink concession cards be eligible for a concession, other than a Seniors Card.

Carried

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, C McDonald, C Pidgeon, J Richters and S Windle (7)

Against: Crs R Bartley and R Wantling (2)

Attachments

1. SDRC Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

4.3 Operational Plan 2025-2026

Recommendation

Moved Cr S Windle

Seconded Cr M Harslett

THAT Council adopt the 2025-2026 Operational Plan as presented.

Amendment

THAT under Our Prosperity Item 10, replace “regional external partners” with Granite Belt Growers Association.

Resolution

Moved Cr C McDonald

Seconded Cr J Richters

Carried Unanimously

Resolution

Moved Cr S Windle

Seconded Cr M Harslett

THAT Council adopt the 2025-2026 Operational Plan as presented with the amendment to Our Prosperity Item 10.

Carried

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, C McDonald, C Pidgeon, J Richters and S Windle (7)

Against: Crs R Bartley and R Wantling (2)

Attachments

1. Operational Plan 2025-2026 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

Cr McDonald called a Point of Order on Cr Harslett's response to points previously raised by Cr Richters.

Cr Harslett withdrew her comment.

4.4 Adoption of the 2025/26 Financial Year Budget

Recommendation

Moved Mayor M Hamilton

Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council adopt the various expanded resolutions appropriate for adoption of the budget and making and levying rates and charges which are summarised below:

1. Pursuant to sections 169(2)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the Revenue Policy as tabled;
2. Pursuant to section 104(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 169(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Revenue Statement for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, as tabled;
3. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt a differential rating system and make and levy a differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land included in each differential general rate category as set out in the Revenue Statement attached;
4. Pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves that the categories into which rateable land is categorised the description of those categories and, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

	Column 1 - Category	Column 2 – Description	Column 3 - Identification
	Residential Group		
1	Residential 1	Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes With a value of less than or equal to \$239,000	For all Residential categories: – Land having the land use codes of 01A, 02, 06A, 07B, 08A, 09A, 56A or 72A
2	Residential 2	Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes With a value of greater than \$239,000	
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6	Multi-Residential – Dwellings/Flats/Units 4	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Dwellings/Flats/Units With a total number of Dwellings/Flats/Units greater than 9 and less than or equal to 14	
7	Multi-Residential – Dwellings/Flats/Units 5	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Dwellings/Flats/Units With a total number of Dwellings/Flats/Units greater than 14 and less than or equal to 19	
8	Multi-Residential – Dwellings/Flats/Units 6	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Dwellings/Flats/Units With a total number of Dwellings/Flats/Units greater than 19	
9	Retirement and Lifestyle Villages 1	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Retirement and Lifestyle Villages With a total number of independent living units of between 1 and 19	For all Retirement and Lifestyle categories: - Land having the land use code of 21 or 27
10	Retirement and Lifestyle Villages 2	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Retirement and Lifestyle Villages With a total number of independent living units of greater than 19 and less than or equal to 39	
11	Retirement and Lifestyle Villages 3	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Retirement and Lifestyle Villages With a total number of independent living units of greater than 39 and less than or equal to 59	

12	Retirement and Lifestyle Villages 4	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Retirement and Lifestyle Villages With a total number of independent living units of greater than 59 and less than or equal to 79	
13	Retirement and Lifestyle Villages 5	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Retirement and Lifestyle Villages With a total number of independent living units of greater than 79 and less than or equal to 99	
14	Retirement and Lifestyle Villages 6	Land used or capable of being used for Non-Strata Multi-Residential – Retirement and Lifestyle Villages With a total number of independent living units of greater than 99	
Primary Production Group			
15	Agricultural Farming 1	Land used, or capable of being used for agricultural farming, excluding land categorised as part of the Intensive Animal Industries Sub-Group With a value of less than or equal to \$830,000	For all Agricultural Farming categories: - Land having the land use codes of 60, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 85, 86, 87, 89B or 88A
16	Agricultural Farming 2	Land used, or capable of being used for agricultural farming, excluding land categorised as part of the Intensive Animal Industries Sub-Group With a value of greater than \$830,000, but less than or equal to \$1,900,000	
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18	Horticultural Farming 1	Land used, or capable of being used for horticultural farming With a value of less than or equal to \$330,000	For all Horticultural Farming categories: - Land having the land use codes of 79, 82 or 83
19	Horticultural Farming 2	Land used, or capable of being used for horticultural farming With a value of greater than \$330,000, but less than or equal to \$850,000	

20	Horticultural Farming 3	Land used, or capable of being used for horticultural farming With a value of greater than \$850,000	
12	Sugarloaf Private Forestry	Land used, or capable of being used for the growing or harvesting of natural and/or plantation hardwood or softwood within the Sugarloaf locality.	Land having the land use code of 88P and located within the boundary of Map A.
Intensive Animal Industries Sub-Group			
22	Cattle Feedlots 1	Land used, or capable of being used for cattle feedlots with an approved capacity of between 2,000 and 9,999 (inclusive) standard cattle units	For all Cattle Feedlot categories: - Land having the land use code of 66
23	Cattle Feedlots 2	Land used, or capable of being used for cattle feedlots with an approved capacity of more than 9,999 standard cattle units	
24	Piggeries 1	Land used, or capable of being used for a piggery with an approved capacity of between 5,000 and 9,999 (inclusive) standard pig units	For all Piggery categories: - Land having a land use code of 85A
25	Piggeries 2	Land used, or capable of being used for a piggery with an approved capacity of more than 9,999 standard pig units	
26	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 1	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 50,000 and 99,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	For all Poultry Farm/Hatchery categories: - Land having a land use code of 87A
27	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 2	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 100,000 and 199,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
28	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 3	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 200,000 and 399,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
29	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 4	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 400,000 and 599,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
30	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 5	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or	

		hatchery with an approved capacity of between 600,000 and 799,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
31	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 6	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of more than 799,000 standard bird units	
Non-Residential Group			
32	Commercial and Industrial	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for commercial and/or industrial purposes	Land having the land use code of 01B, 06B, 07A, 07C, 08B, 09B, 10, 11A, 13, 17, 18A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37A, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 72B or 89A
33	Noxious & Hazardous Industry	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a fuel dump or storage, oil refinery, abattoir or industry which emanates offensive noise, odour, dust etc.	Land having the land use code of 31, 37B
34	Special Uses	Land used, or capable of being used for non-profit religious, community, welfare or defence-oriented purposes including aged residential institutions, nursing or convalescent homes, hospitals, sports clubs, cemeteries, showgrounds, airfields, libraries, educational, parks and gardens, defence force and community protection centres.	Land having the land use code of 11B, 18B, 48, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 92, 96, 97 or 99
35	Other	All other land not otherwise categorised	Land having the land use code of 00, 91A, 95 and
36	Workforce Accommodation 1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating no more than 25 people	For all Workforce Accommodation categories: - Land having the land use code of 07C
37	Workforce Accommodation 2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in	

		rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 25 people, but less than or equal to 100 people	
38	Workforce Accommodation 3	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 100 people, but less than or equal to 300 people	
39	Workforce Accommodation 4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 300 people, but less than or equal to 500 people	
40	Workforce Accommodation 5	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 500 people, but less than or equal to 700 people	
41	Workforce Accommodation 6	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 700 people	
42	Major Shopping Facility 1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a	For all Major Shopping Facility

		major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of no more than 4,000 m ²	categories: - Land having the land use code of 12, 14 or 16
43	Major Shopping Facility 2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of greater than 4,000 square metres, but less than or equal to 8,000m ²	
44	Major Shopping Facility 3	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of greater than 8,000m ² , but less than or equal to 16,000m ²	
45	Major Shopping Facility 4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of greater than 16,000m ²	
Resources and Energy Sub-Group			
46	Solar/Wind Farm 1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, no more than 30MW of power	For all Solar/Wind Farm categories: - Land having the land use code of 91B
47	Solar/Wind Farm 2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 30MW of power, but no more than 50 MW of power	
48	Solar/Wind Farm 3	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a	

		solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 50MW of power, but no more than 100 MW of power	
49	Solar/Wind Farm 4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 100MW of power, but no more than 200 MW of power	
50	Solar/Wind Farm 5	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 200 MW of power	
51	Extractive 1	Land, not subject to a mining lease, used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities Having approval to extract a maximum of 5,000 tonnes of material per annum	For all Extractive categories: - Land having the land use code of 40A
52	Extractive 2	Land, not subject to a mining lease, used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities Having approval to extract between 5,001 and 100,000 tonnes of material per annum	
53	Extractive 3	Land, not subject to a mining lease, used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities Having approval to extract more than 100,000 tonnes of material per annum	
54	Mining Leases	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for mining purposes pursuant to a mining leases issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> .	Land having the land use code of 40B

5. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and in accordance with section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council delegates to the Chief Executive

Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.

6. Pursuant to section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a minimum general rate for each differential general rate category as set out in the Revenue Statement.
7. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy the special charges, and where applicable, adopt the overall plans and annual implementation plans as set out in the Revenue Statement, which includes the Rural Fire Equipment Levy.
8. Pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will limit the increase in rates or charges for category numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 45 and 53 as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
9. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the utility charges for water, sewerage, trade waste and waste management as set out in the Revenue Statement.
10. Pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, all rates and charges shall be due and payable within 31 days of the issuance of rates notices, as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
11. Pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will allow a discount of 7.5% on general rates where payment of the current rates and charges and any overdue rates and charges including interest relating to that rateable assessment is paid by the due date as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
12. Pursuant to section 93(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council grant an exemption from rating to land that is primarily used for show grounds or horse racing.
13. Pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grants the concessions set out in the Revenue Statement and the Rate Concessions Policy.
14. Council adopt the Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges as tabled and resolve that, pursuant to *section 133* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will charge interest on overdue rates and charges at an interest rate of 12.12% per annum, compounded on daily rates, from the date the rates and charges become overdue, as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
15. Council adopt the Rate Concessions Policy as tabled.
16. Council adopt the Investment Policy as tabled.
17. Council adopt the Debt Policy as tabled.
18. Council adopt the Debt Recovery Policy as tabled.
19. Council adopt the Discount Policy as tabled.
20. Council adopt the Supplementary Rates Policy as tabled.
21. Council, pursuant to sections 169, 170 and 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopt the 2025/26 financial year budget, incorporating as tabled:

- a. The statements of financial position (Attachment 9);
- b. The statements of cash flow (Attachment 9);
- c. The statements of income and expenditure (Attachment 9);
- d. The statements of changes in equity (Attachment 9);
- e. The operating budget by service type (Attachment 9);
- f. The capital works program (Attachment 9);
- g. The long-term financial forecast (Attachment 9);
- h. Budgeted statement of Financial Performance of Activities subject to Competition Reforms (Attachment 9);
- i. The relevant measures of financial sustainability (Attachment 9)

22. Total Value of Change in Rates and Charges:

THAT Council, pursuant to *sections 169(6) and 169(7) of Local Government Regulation 2012*, the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and charges budgeted to be levied for the 2025/26 financial year compared with the rates and charges levied in the 2024/25 financial year is 7.78%. For the purpose of this calculation any discounts and rebates are excluded (Attachment 10).

23. Statement of Estimated Financial Performance:

THAT Council, pursuant to *section 205 of Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 ('the Statement of Estimated Financial Performance') (Attachment 11) be received and its contents noted.

Amendment

THAT the following amendments be made to the 2025/26 Financial Year Budget:

1. The overall rate increase be capped at 4.5%.
2. Residential Capping be set at 5%.
3. The General Minimum Rates for Residential 1 be set at \$1291.00.

Resolution

Moved Cr J Richters

Seconded Cr C McDonald

Lost

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs R Bartley, C McDonald, J Richters and R Wantling (4)

Against: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, C Pidgeon and S Windle (5)

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26	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 1	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 50,000 and 99,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	For all Poultry Farm/Hatchery categories: - Land having a land use code of 87A
27	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 2	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 100,000 and 199,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
28	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 3	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 200,000 and 399,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
29	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 4	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 400,000 and 599,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
30	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 5	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved capacity of between 600,000 and 799,999 (inclusive) standard bird units	
31	Poultry Farm/Hatcheries 6	Land used, or capable of being used for a poultry farm or hatchery with an approved	

		capacity of more than 799,000 standard bird units	
	Non-Residential Group		
32	Commercial and Industrial	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for commercial and/or industrial purposes	Land having the land use code of 01B, 06B, 07A, 07C, 08B, 09B, 10, 11A, 13, 17, 18A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37A, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 72B or 89A
33	Noxious & Hazardous Industry	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a fuel dump or storage, oil refinery, abattoir or industry which emanates offensive noise, odour, dust etc.	Land having the land use code of 31, 37B
34	Special Uses	Land used, or capable of being used for non-profit religious, community, welfare or defence-oriented purposes including aged residential institutions, nursing or convalescent homes, hospitals, sports clubs, cemeteries, showgrounds, airfields, libraries, educational, parks and gardens, defence force and community protection centres.	Land having the land use code of 11B, 18B, 48, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 92, 96, 97 or 99
35	Other	All other land not otherwise categorised	Land having the land use code of 00, 91A, 95 and
36	Workforce Accommodation 1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating no more than 25 people	For all Workforce Accommodation categories: - Land having the land use code of 07C
37	Workforce Accommodation 2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 25 people, but less than or equal to 100 people	
38	Workforce	Land used, or capable of being	

	Accommodation 3	used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 100 people, but less than or equal to 300 people	
39	Workforce Accommodation 4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 300 people, but less than or equal to 500 people	
40	Workforce Accommodation 5	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 500 people, but less than or equal to 700 people	
41	Workforce Accommodation 6	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose Capable of accommodating greater than 700 people	
42	Major Shopping Facility 1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of no more than 4,000 m ²	For all Major Shopping Facility categories: - Land having the land use code of 12, 14 or 16

43	Major Shopping Facility 2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of greater than 4,000 square metres, but less than or equal to 8,000m ²	
44	Major Shopping Facility 3	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of greater than 8,000m ² , but less than or equal to 16,000m ²	
45	Major Shopping Facility 4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or a supermarket with car parking provided Having a gross lettable floor area of greater than 16,000m ²	
Resources and Energy Sub-Group			
46	Solar/Wind Farm 1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, no more than 30MW of power	For all Solar/Wind Farm categories: - Land having the land use code of 91B
47	Solar/Wind Farm 2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 30MW of power, but no more than 50 MW of power	
48	Solar/Wind Farm 3	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 50MW of power, but no more than 100 MW of power	
49	Solar/Wind Farm 4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a	

		solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 100MW of power, but no more than 200 MW of power	
50	Solar/Wind Farm 5	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, as a solar / wind farm Generating, or having the potential to generate, more than 200 MW of power	
51	Extractive 1	Land, not subject to a mining lease, used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities Having approval to extract a maximum of 5,000 tonnes of material per annum	For all Extractive categories: - Land having the land use code of 40A
52	Extractive 2	Land, not subject to a mining lease, used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities Having approval to extract between 5,001 and 100,000 tonnes of material per annum	
53	Extractive 3	Land, not subject to a mining lease, used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities Having approval to extract more than 100,000 tonnes of material per annum	
54	Mining Leases	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for mining purposes pursuant to a mining leases issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> .	Land having the land use code of 40B

5. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and in accordance with section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.
6. Pursuant to section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a minimum general rate for each differential general rate category as set out in the Revenue Statement.
7. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act* and section 94 of the *Local Government*

Regulation 2012, Council will make and levy the special charges, and where applicable, adopt the overall plans and annual implementation plans as set out in the Revenue Statement, which includes the Rural Fire Equipment Levy.

8. Pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will limit the increase in rates or charges for category numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 45 and 53 as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
9. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the utility charges for water, sewerage, trade waste and waste management as set out in the Revenue Statement.
10. Pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, all rates and charges shall be due and payable within 31 days of the issuance of rates notices, as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
11. Pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will allow a discount of 7.5% on general rates where payment of the current rates and charges and any overdue rates and charges including interest relating to that rateable assessment is paid by the due date as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
12. Pursuant to section 93(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council grant an exemption from rating to land that is primarily used for show grounds or horse racing.
13. Pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grants the concessions set out in the Revenue Statement and the Rate Concessions Policy.
14. Council adopt the Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges as tabled and resolve that, pursuant to *section 133* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will charge interest on overdue rates and charges at an interest rate of 12.12% per annum, compounded on daily rates, from the date the rates and charges become overdue, as more particularly set out in the Revenue Statement.
15. Council adopt the Rate Concessions Policy as tabled.
16. Council adopt the Investment Policy as tabled.
17. Council adopt the Debt Policy as tabled.
18. Council adopt the Debt Recovery Policy as tabled.
19. Council adopt the Discount Policy as tabled.
20. Council adopt the Supplementary Rates Policy as tabled.
21. Council, pursuant to sections 169, 170 and 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopt the 2025/26 financial year budget, incorporating as tabled:
 - a. The statements of financial position (Attachment 9);
 - b. The statements of cash flow (Attachment 9);
 - c. The statements of income and expenditure (Attachment 9);
 - d. The statements of changes in equity (Attachment 9);
 - e. The operating budget by service type (Attachment 9);

- f. The capital works program (Attachment 9);
- g. The long-term financial forecast (Attachment 9);
- h. Budgeted statement of Financial Performance of Activities subject to Competition Reforms (Attachment 9);
- i. The relevant measures of financial sustainability (Attachment 9)

22. Total Value of Change in Rates and Charges:

THAT Council, pursuant to *sections 169(6) and 169(7) of Local Government Regulation 2012*, the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and charges budgeted to be levied for the 2025/26 financial year compared with the rates and charges levied in the 2024/25 financial year is 7.78%. For the purpose of this calculation any discounts and rebates are excluded (Attachment 10).

23. Statement of Estimated Financial Performance:

THAT Council, pursuant to *section 205 of Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 ('the Statement of Estimated Financial Performance') (Attachment 11) be received and its contents noted.

Carried

The Mayor accepted a call for a Division on the motion from the floor and the following votes were recorded:

For: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, C Pidgeon and S Windle (5)

Against: Crs R Bartley, C McDonald, J Richters and R Wantling (4)

Accordingly the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Attachments

- 1. 2025/26 Revenue Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 2. 2025/26 Revenue Statement - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 3. 2025/26 Rate Concession Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 4. 2025/26 Investment Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
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- 6. 2025/26 Debt Recovery Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 7. 2025/26 Discount Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 8. 2025/26 Supplementary Rates Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 9. 2025/26 Budget Statements - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 10. 2025/26 Value of Change in Rates and Charges - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
- 11. 2025/26 Statement of Estimated Financial Performance 30 June 2025 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:53am.