



**MINUTES OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN LITTLE PARA CONFERENCE ROOMS, SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB,
34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON**

15 APRIL 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr B Brug (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge
Cr L Brug (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Mayor, Cr C Buchanan
Cr J Chewparsad
Cr A Graham
Cr K Grenfell
Cr D Hood
Cr P Jensen (*via Video Conferencing Teams*)
Cr M Mazzeo
Cr S McKell
Cr S Ouk
Cr S Reardon

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto
General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Devine
A/General Manager Community Development, Ms C Giles
General Manager City Development, Ms M English
Manager Governance, Mr R Deco
Team Leader Council Governance, Ms J O'Keefe-Craig
Governance Support Officer, Ms K Boyd
Team Leader Strategic Urban Planning, Ms S Jenkin
Manager Engineering Assets and Systems, Mr M Purdie
Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Mr J Collins
Manager Urban, Recreation and Natural Assets, Mr J Foong
Manager Strategic Development Projects, Ms S Klein
Manager City Shaping, Mr L Lopez Digon
Senior Strategic Planner, Mr D Tian
Senior Social Planner, Ms L Grant
Manager Community Health and Wellbeing, Ms V Haracic
Manager Finance and Procurement Services, Ms K George

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman welcomed the Elected Members, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mayor G Aldridge
Seconded Cr M Mazzeo

The Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Administration

2.0.1 Future Reports for the Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Moved Cr L Brug
Seconded Cr D Hood

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

CARRIED

2.1.1 Higher Value Property Review

Moved Mayor G Aldridge
Seconded Cr S Reardon

That Council:

1. Approves for the Higher Property Value Rate Remission for 2024/25 for public consultation purposes and included in the Draft Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan be set on the following basis and applying to residential properties only:

Market Movement

Tier	Value Range	Rate Adjustment
1	0- \$779,000	0%
2	\$779,001 - \$868,000	10% reduction in the general rates payable on the value above \$779,000 up to and including \$868,000
3	\$868,001 - \$1,002,000	20% reduction in the general rates payable on the value above \$868,000 up to and including \$1,002,000
4	>\$1,002,000	35% reduction in the general rates payable on the value above \$1,002,000

With the following exclusions for either option:

- Multiple Dwellings (noting that House and Granny Flat will continue to receive the remission)
- Dwelling(s) + Commercial Undertaking
- Properties entitled to a mandatory rebate.

CARRIED

2.1.2 Long Term Financial Plan Scenarios and Rate Strategy 2024/25

Moved Cr J Chewparsad
Seconded Cr S McKell

That Council:

1. Approves for consultation basis a rate increase based on a 5.9% average increase, including the minimum, as the basis for setting rates in 2024/25 and year 1 of the Long-Term Financial Plan, considering the Long-Term Financial Plan and inflation scenarios presented and the advice provided by the Audit and Risk Committee, and approves for this to be included in the Draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan for public consultation.
2. Approves for the Long-Term Financial Plan be set with a rate increase of forecast CPI+0.6% for years two to ten.
3. Notes that the current general rate capping policy as set out in section 3.7 of this report (Finance and Corporate Services Committee 17/04/2023, Item No. 2.1.2) remains unchanged for 2024/25.
4. Approves for the Operating Ranges for Financial Sustainability Indicators to remain as follows:
 - a. Operating Surplus Ratio: between 0.5% and 5%
 - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio: less than 70%
 - c. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio: between 90% and 110%

Cr J Chewparsad sought leave of the meeting to VARY the MOTION as follows:

1. Approves for consultation basis a rate increase based on a 6.5% average increase, including the minimum, as the basis for setting rates in 2024/25 and year 1 of the Long-Term Financial Plan, considering the Long-Term Financial Plan and inflation scenarios presented and the advice provided by the Audit and Risk Committee, and approves for this to be included in the Draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan for public consultation.
2. Approves for the Long-Term Financial Plan be set with a rate increase of forecast CPI+0.6% for years two to ten.
3. Notes that the current general rate capping policy as set out in section 3.7 of this report (Finance and Corporate Services Committee 17/04/2023, Item No. 2.1.2) remains unchanged for 2024/25.

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 - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio: less than 70%
 - c. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio: between 90% and 110%

LEAVE WAS NOT GRANTED.

That Council:

1. Approves for consultation basis a rate increase based on a **5.9%** average increase, including the minimum, as the basis for setting rates in 2024/25 and year 1 of the Long-Term Financial Plan, considering the Long-Term Financial Plan and inflation scenarios presented and the advice provided by the Audit and Risk Committee, and approves for this to be included in the Draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan for public consultation.
2. Approves for the Long-Term Financial Plan be set with a rate increase of forecast CPI+0.6% for years two to ten.
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 - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio: less than 70%
 - c. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio: between 90% and 110%

CARRIED

2.1.3 Budget Status Update

Moved Cr C Buchanan
 Seconded Cr L Brug

That Council:

1. Notes the Budget Status Update, and the inclusion of:
 - a. Various amendments made to the operating budget as detailed in Attachment 3 of this report, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 15 April 2024, Item 2.1.3.
2. Approves for inclusion in the Draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan for public consultation the four-year Budget Bid Program as per Attachment 4 to this report (Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 15 April 2024, Item 2.1.3) which is inclusive of parts 3 to 7 of this recommendation, with 2024/25 net expenditure totalling:

	Capital Expenditure	Operating Expenditure
Infrastructure	\$42,808,500	\$1,686,600
Information Technology	\$1,614,300	\$155,340
Plant, Furniture and Equipment	\$2,462,400	\$8,000
Operating	\$0	\$3,425,100
Total	\$46,885,200	\$5,275,040

3. Notes the following Operating Budget Bid has been added to the 2024/25 budget:
 - OPN001283 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM \$150k. (Attachment 5)
4. Notes the following 2024/25 Operating Budget Bid has been amended:
 - OPN001274 Footpath Maintenance operating expenditure increased \$221.4k aligning the bid with Council Resolution 0635/2024, 25 March 2024, Item AMSC6 Asset Management Improvement Plan - Footpaths Policy and Upgrade Program 2023/2024, bringing the total Footpath Maintenance operating budget for 2024/25 to \$1,750k (existing operational budget of \$1,085k plus budget bid OPN001274 \$665k). (Attachment 6).

5. Notes the following Operating Bid has been removed from the 2024/25 budget:
 - OPN001227 Climate Change Adaptation Plan operating expenditure removed from operating bids, reducing operating bids budget \$50k (Attachment 7) with this item to be progressed in the 2023/24.
6. Notes the following Infrastructure Budget Bid has been added to the 2024/25 budget:
 - PSN001285 SAMP: St Kilda Playground Service Continuity Program \$1,133k added as a stand-alone bid for 2024/25 as per Council Resolution 0635/2024, March 2024, (Attachment 8).
7. Notes the following changes to 2024/25 Infrastructure Budget Bids:
 - TRN001183 New Footpath and Kerb Ramps Service Continuity Program reduced \$100k aligning the bid with Council Resolution 0635/2024, March 2024, Item AMSC6 Asset Management Improvement Plan - Footpaths Policy and Upgrade Program 2023/2024, FRET Program budget of \$400k. (Attachment 9)
 - TRR001190 SAMP: Public Lighting Service Continuity Program decreased \$27k to align the bid with the Asset Management Plan – Street Lighting budget as per Item 4.0.1-AMSC3 Asset Management Plan – Street Lighting resolved via Council Resolution 0598/2024, February 2024. (Attachment 10).

CARRIED

2.1.4 Draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan

Moved Cr K Grenfell
Seconded Cr S McKell

That Council:

1. Adopts the Draft 2024/25 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan for the purposes of Public Consultation, subject to further editing and formatting improvements without changing the substantive nature of the document, and changes required to reflect relevant decisions of Council made at Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting 15 April 2024 and Council 22 April 2024.

CARRIED

2.1.5 NAWMA Draft 2024/2025 Budget

Cr L Brug left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Cr K Grenfell declared a conflict of interest on the basis of being a board member of NAWMA. Noting the conflict of interest exemption under Regulation 8AAA(1)(f) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013 “the adoption or revision of a budget”. Cr Grenfell remained in the meeting and voted on the item.

Cr C Buchanan declared a conflict of interest on the basis of being a board member of NAWMA. Noting the conflict of interest exemption under Regulation 8AAA(1)(f) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013 “the adoption or revision of a budget”. Cr C Buchanan remained in the meeting and voted on the item.

Moved Cr P Jensen
Seconded Cr S Ouk

That Council:

1. Notes the information relating to the draft 2024/2025 NAWMA Budget.
2. Endorses the draft NAWMA 2024/2025 Budget.

CARRIED

The majority of members present voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.

Cr K Grenfell voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.

Cr C Buchanan voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.

2.1.6 Approval of Cash Advance Debenture Facility – NAWMA

Pursuant to section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr C Buchanan declared a material conflict of interest on the basis of being a Board member of NAWMA. Cr Buchanan managed the conflict by leaving the meeting. Cr C Buchanan left the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Pursuant to section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr K Grenfell declared a material conflict of interest on the basis of being a Board member of NAWMA and also the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee. Cr Grenfell managed the conflict by leaving the meeting. Cr Grenfell left the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Moved Cr A Graham
Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Approves NAWMA to establish a new Cash Advance Debenture facility to the value of \$1M for a maximum period of ten years.

CARRIED

Cr C Buchanan returned to the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Cr K Grenfell returned to the meeting at 7:45 pm.

2.1.7 Public Awareness - Rates Notice Information

Moved Mayor G Aldridge
 Seconded Cr D Hood

That Council:

1. Notes that Administration coordinates and displays timely and relevant public awareness messages on rates notices and envelopes that are informative to our ratepayers, with the focus for 2024/25 being:

Quarter 1 – Opening of the Salisbury Aquatic Centre

NAWMA insert – Calendar for Bin collection (will be a separate insert)

Quarter 2, 3 and 4 – to be used to further promote Council’s vision of being a progressive, sustainable and connected community. Potential topics could include (but not limited to) are Major Projects, Community Wellbeing programs and services and the promotion of the new Customer Request Management system.

CARRIED

**2.1.8 NAWMA (Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority)
 Second Quarter Budget Review 2023/24**

Cr C Buchanan declared a conflict of interest on the basis of being a member of the NAWMA Board. Noting the conflict of interest exemption under regulation 8AAA (1)(e) – “the adoption or revision of an annual business plan”. Cr C Buchanan remained in the meeting and voted on the item.

Cr K Grenfell declared a conflict of interest on the basis of being a member of the NAWMA Board. Noting the exemption under regulation 8AAA (1)(e) – “the adoption or revision of an annual business plan”. Cr K Grenfell remained in the meeting and voted on the item.

Cr L Brug returned to the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Moved Cr D Hood
 Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Approves the Second Quarter Budget Review of the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority as contained in Attachment 1 to this report (Finance and Corporate Services 20 May 2024, Item No. 2.1.8).

CARRIED

*The majority of members voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.
 Cr C Buchanan voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.
 Cr K Grenfell voted IN FAVOUR of the MOTION.*

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Questions on Notice.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Motions on Notice.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Questions Without Notice, Motions Without Notice, CEO Update)

There were no Other Business items.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

2.4.1 Update on Action on Rates Assessments Outstanding under Section 184 of the Local Government Act 1999

Moved Cr J Chewparsad
Seconded Cr S Ouk

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee orders:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) and (b)(i) and (b)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, it is necessary and appropriate to exclude the public for the consideration of Agenda Item 2.4.1 Update on Action on Rates Assessments Outstanding under Section 184 of the Local Government Act 1999 with the exception of the following persons:*

- *Chief Executive Officer*
- *Deputy Chief Executive Officer*
- *General Manager City Infrastructure*
- *A/General Manager Community Development*
- *General Manager City Development*
- *Manager Governance*
- *Team Leader Council Governance*
- *Governance Support Officer*
- *Team Leader Strategic Urban Planning*
- *Manager Engineering Assets and Systems*
- *Manager Infrastructure Delivery*
- *Manager Urban, Recreation and Natural Assets*
- *Manager Strategic Development Projects*
- *Manager City Shaping*
- *Senior Strategic Planner*
- *Senior Social Planner*
- *Manager Community Health and Wellbeing*
- *Manager Finance and Procurement Services*

On the basis that:

- *it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead); and*
- *information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
- *information the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

2. *In weighing up the factors related to disclosure,*
- *disclosure of this matter to the public would demonstrate accountability and transparency of the Council's operations*

*On that basis the public's interest is best served by not disclosing the **Update on Action on Rates Assessments Outstanding under Section 184 of the Local Government Act 1999** item and discussion at this point in time.*

CARRIED

The meeting moved into confidence at 7.49 pm.

The meeting moved out of confidence and closed at 7.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....