



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

22 APRIL 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Mayor, Cr C Buchanan (Acting Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge
Cr J Chewparsad
Cr A Graham
Cr K Grenfell
Cr D Hood
Cr P Jensen
Cr M Mazzeo
Cr S McKell
Cr S Ouk

STAFF

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto
A/ General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Foong
A/ General Manager City Development, Mr C Zafiropoulos
A/ General Manager Community Development, Ms C Giles
Manager Governance, Mr R Deco
Governance Officer, Mrs M Woods

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 7.14pm and called for nominations for an Acting Chairman.

Mayor G Alridge nominated Cr K Grenfell.

Cr D Hood nominated Cr C Buchanan.

Following this nomination process, the Finance and Corporate Services Committee by general consent chose Cr C Buchanan to preside over the meeting.

Cr Buchanan as Acting Chairman welcomed the Elected Members, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cr B Brug, Cr L Brug and Cr S Reardon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr P Jensen
Seconded Cr S McKell

The Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

For Decision

Cr P Jensen left the meeting at 7.21pm.

Cr P Jensen returned to the meeting at 7.22pm.

2.1.1 AV Asset Replacement Budget Requirements for Salisbury Community Hub

Moved Mayor G Aldridge
Seconded Cr S McKell

That Council:

1. Approves Bid ITN001376 – AV Asset Replacement 2025/26 to be included in the draft 2025/26 Budget (Attachment 1, item 2.2.1, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025).

With consent of the seconder, the mover sought leave of the meeting to vary the motion, which was granted. The motion was then varied as follows:

That Council:

1. Requests a further information report to come back in May 2025 comparing costs to lease versus purchase outright including warranty provisions of the equipment referred to in the report (Item 2.1.1, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025).

The Varied Motion was put and CARRIED

CARRIED

Cr A Graham sought leave of the meeting to speak for a second time. Leave was granted.

2.1.2 Event Budget - financial year 2025/26

Moved Cr C Buchanan
Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

That Council:

1. Notes the financial information regarding events budget breakdown as included in attachment 1 (item 2.1.2, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025), which was requested by Elected Members at the first budget workshop held in March 2025.
2. Approves the City of Salisbury Events Calendar 2025/2026 (attachment 2 of item 2.1.2, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025) with the reinstatement of three Community Fun Days and one Starlight Cinema as discussed at the March 2025 Budget Workshop.
3. Approves to amend budget bid opn001415 in the 2025/2026 draft budget to the amount of \$73K.
4. Approves the establishment of a working party consisting of the Mayor, Cr K Grenfell and Cr L Brug to work with the administration on the 2026 International Women's Day Event with a net budget of \$25K.

CARRIED

Cr S Ouk left the meeting at 7.46pm.

2.1.3 NAWMA Draft 2025/2026 Budget and Annual Business Plan

On the basis of being a Board member of NAWMA, Cr K Grenfell, invoked the conflict of interest exemption under Regulation 8AAA(1)(e) and (f) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013. Cr K Grenfell remained in the meeting and voted in the best interest of the community.

On the basis of being a Board member of NAWMA, Cr C Buchanan, invoked the conflict of interest exemption under Regulation 8AAA(1)(e) and (f) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013. Cr C Buchanan remained in the meeting and voted in the best interest of the community.

Moved Cr A Graham
Seconded Cr P Jensen

That Council:

1. Notes the information relating to the draft 2025/2026 NAWMA Annual Business Plan and Budget as included in the report (item 2.1.3, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025).
2. Endorses the draft NAWMA 2025/2026 Budget (Attachment 1, Item 2.1.3, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025).

3. Endorses the NAWMA draft Annual Business Plan 2025/2026 (Attachment 1, Item 2.1.3, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025).

CARRIED

Cr S Ouk returned to the meeting at 7.50pm.

2.1.4 Budget Status Update

Moved Cr C Buchanan
Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Notes the Budget Status Update, and the inclusion of:
 - a. Various amendments made to the operating budget as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report, Item 2.1.4 Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025.
2. Approves for inclusion in the Draft 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan for public consultation the four-year Budget Bid Program as per Attachment 3 to this report (Item 2.1.4, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, 22 April 2025), which is inclusive of parts 3 and 4 of this recommendation, with 2025/26 net expenditure totalling:

	Capital Expenditure	Operating Expenditure
Infrastructure	\$42,132,200	\$1,756,900
Information Technology	\$1,460,300	\$575,100
Plant, Furniture and Equipment	\$2,907,000	\$25,200
Operating	\$0	\$2,568,400
Total	\$46,499,500	\$4,925,600

3. Approves the addition of the following 2025/26 Operating Budget Bid to the 2025/26 budget:
 - OPN001420 City Growth Planning \$500,000 (Attachment 4).
4. Approves the inclusion of the following 2025/26 Infrastructure Budget Bid to the 2025/26 budget:
 - PBN001301 Clubs/Sporting Facilities Service Continuity Program (Minor Infrastructure Grants Program) (Attachment 5) increased to \$750,000 as per

Item WS1-2 Budget Workshop 1 - 4 March 2025 and is comprised of capital \$707,600 and operating \$42,400 operating components.

5. Approves a \$60,000 reduction of Operating Bid OPN001373 Salisbury Memorial Park and Mausoleum Management (Attachment 6) reflecting the further review of the 2025/26 SMP budget and taking into consideration the financial implications of the proposed future management arrangement with details known at this stage.
6. Approves the inclusion of confidential Infrastructure Budget Bid PSN001425 CONFIDENTIAL \$1,210,000 (Attachment 7) prepared in response to Confidential Resolution 0862/2025.
7. Notes the following item is currently not included in the draft budget subject to approval at the 22 April 2025 Community Wellbeing and Sport Committee (Item 5.1.5 Salisbury Aquatic Centre Seating, Shade and BBQ Area)
 - Proposed New Infrastructure Budget Bid \$119,025 PSN001426 Salisbury Aquatic Centre Seating, Shade and BBQ Area (Attachment 8).
8. Notes the following item is currently not included in the draft budget subject to approval at the 22 April 2025 Community Wellbeing and Sport Committee agenda (Item 5.1.4 North Western Community Transport Program Trial)
 - Proposed removal of Budget Bid \$164,000 OPN001361 North-Western Community Transport Program from the 2025/26 Budget Process (Attachment 9).
9. Notes the following item is currently not included in the draft budget subject to approval at the 22 April 2025 Urban Services Committee agenda (ITEM 4.1.6 Capital Works Program – March 2025)
 - Allocation of \$560,000 to year one (2025/26) of Infrastructure Budget Bid PSN001311 4 x New Pump Tracks in various locations (Attachment 10), recognising the return of 2024/25 budget at the 2024/25 third quarter budget review and deferral of works into 2025/26.
 - Allocation of \$1,000,000 to year one (2025/26) of Infrastructure Budget Bid PSR001322 Playground Renewal Program (Attachment 11) recognising the declaration (return) of 2024/25 budget at the 2024/25 third quarter budget review and deferral of works into 2025/26.
10. Notes the following item is currently included in the draft budget subject to approval to remove at the 22 April 2025 Finance and Corporate Services Committee agenda (Item 2.1.2 Event Budget – financial year 2025/26)

- Removal of Operating bid OPN001415 Large Scale Events \$92k (Attachment 13), reverting the Events program to align with the 2025/26 base budget \$527k.

CARRIED**2.1.5 Higher Value Property Review**

Moved Cr P Jensen

Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Approves for the Higher Property Value Rate Remission for 2025/26 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:

OPTION 2

Tier	Value Range	Rate Adjustment
1	0- \$908,000	0%
2	\$908,001 - \$998,000	10% reduction in the general rates payable on the value above \$908,000 up to and including \$998,000
3	\$998,001 - \$1,134,000	20% reduction in the general rates payable on the value above \$998,000 up to and including \$1,134,000
4	>\$1,134,001	35% reduction in the general rates payable on the value above \$1,134,000

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

2.1.6 Long Term Financial Plan Scenarios and Rate Strategy 2025/26

Moved Cr K Grenfell
Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Approves for consultation basis a rate increase based on a **4.2%** average increase, including the minimum, as the basis for setting rates in 2025/26 and year 1 of the Long-Term Financial Plan, considering the Long-Term Financial Plan and inflation scenarios presented, and approves for this to be included in the Draft 2025/26 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 22 April 2025, Item No. 2.1.6) remains unchanged for 2025/26.
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%

CARRIED

2.1.7 Draft 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan

Moved Mayor G Aldridge
Seconded Cr M Mazzeo

That Council:

1. Adopts the Draft 2025/26 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 22 April 2025, Community Wellbeing and Sport Committee 22 April 2025, Urban Services Committee 22 April 2025 and Council 28 April 2025.

CARRIED

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.

ORDERS TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

2.4.1 NAWMA (Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority) Second Quarter Budget Review 2024/25

Moved Cr S Ouk

Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee:

- *Orders that pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(j)(i) and (j)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, that it is necessary and appropriate to exclude the public for the consideration of Agenda Item 2.4.1 NAWMA (Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority) Second Quarter Budget Review 2024/25 with the exception of the following persons:*
- *Deputy Chief Executive Officer*
- *A/ General Manager City Infrastructure*
- *A/ General Manager City Development*
- *A/ General Manager Community Development*
- *Manager Governance*
- *Governance Officer*

On the basis:

- *it relates to information the disclosure of which would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by 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*
 - *non-disclosure of the matter and discussion of this item in confidence would protect information that was*

*provided to Council in confidence,
the public's interest is best served by not disclosing the
**NAWMA (Northern Adelaide Waste Management
Authority) Second Quarter Budget Review 2024/25** item
and discussion at this point in time.*

CARRIED

The meeting moved into confidence at 7.57pm.

The meeting moved out of confidence and closed at 7.59pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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