



Hawkesbury City Council

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meeting  
business  
paper

date of meeting: 13 June 2017

location: council chambers

time: 6:30 p.m.



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statement

***“To create opportunities  
for a variety of work  
and lifestyle choices  
in a healthy, natural  
environment”***

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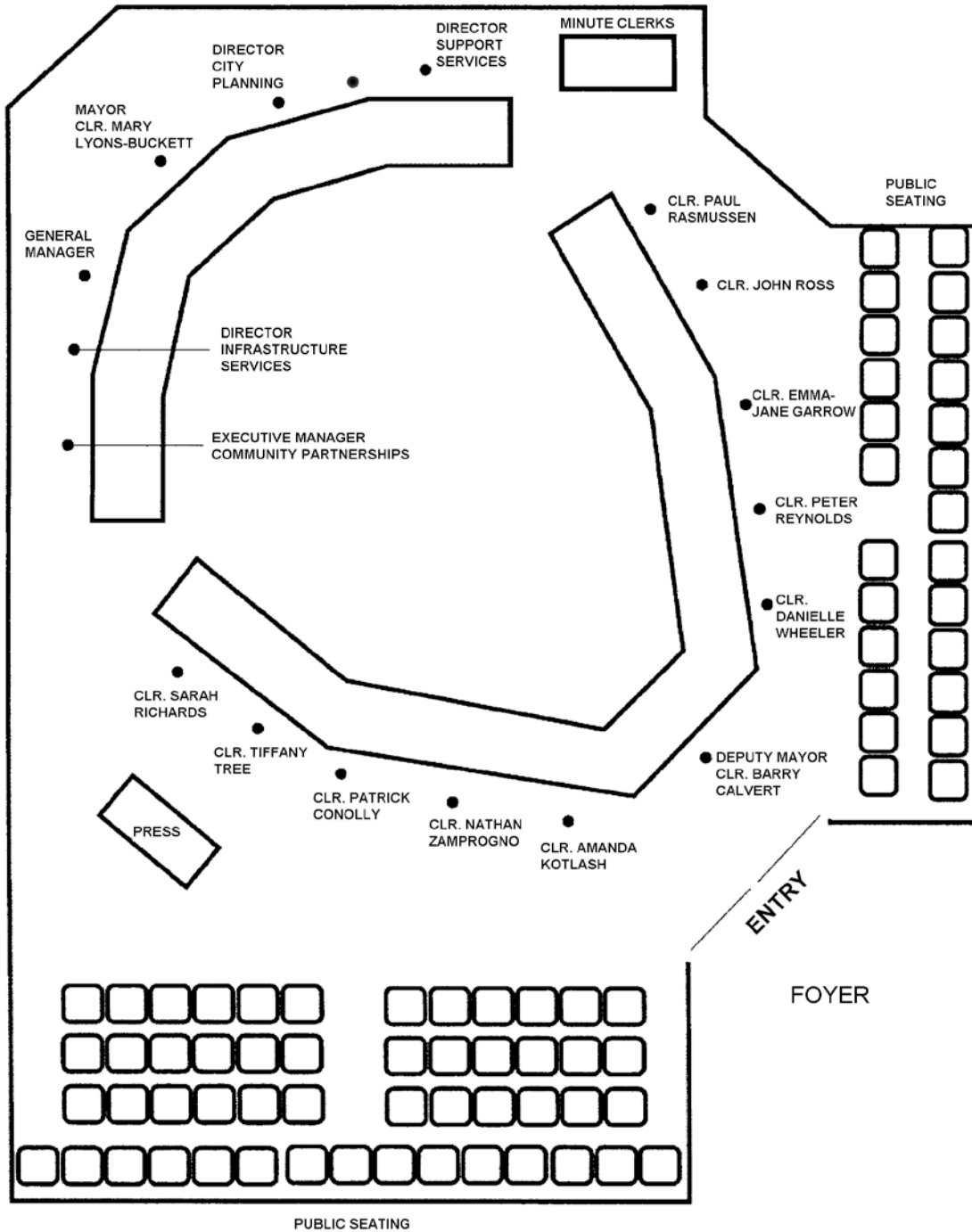
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### Reports for Determination

#### GENERAL MANAGER

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#### REPORT:

##### Executive Summary

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 April 2017, consideration was given to a report in relation to the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018.

At that meeting, Council resolved that the report be received and that the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 be adopted for exhibition purposes and be advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

In addition, Council resolved that an Extraordinary Meeting be held on 13 June 2017, to consider public submissions received, consider the adoption of the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018, and to make and fix rates and charges for the 2017/2018 financial year.

The purpose of this report is to consider submissions received and to make and fix rates and charges for the year ending 30 June 2018.

##### Consultation

The Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 were advertised and placed on public exhibition for a period of 29 days from Friday, 21 April 2017 to Friday, 19 May 2017, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. The draft documents were advertised in the Hawkesbury Courier on 20 and 27 April and 4 May 2017. The draft documents were also exhibited in hard copies at various Council sites and on Council's website.

##### Background

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 April 2017, consideration was given to a report regarding the Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018. Council resolved, in part, as follows:

*"That:*

2. *The Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027 be adopted for exhibition purposes and be advertised for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*
3. *The Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 be adopted for exhibition purposes and be advertised for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

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4. *The Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 be adopted for exhibition purposes and be advertised for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, with the amendment of deleting point four under the Notes section on page 78.*
5. *An Extraordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 to consider any public submissions received in respect of the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, the Draft Delivery Program and the Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018, and to consider the adoption of these documents and to make and fix rates and charges for the year ended 30 June 2018."*

### Public Submissions

In accordance with Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the above resolution, the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018, were advertised in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Local Government Act 1993.

The exhibition period for Council's commenced on Friday, 21 April 2017 and concluded on Friday, 19 May 2017.

Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, four public submissions were received.

A summary of the submissions and comments addressing the submissions are as follows:

#### 1. Ms J Vincent on behalf of Friends of Wilberforce Cemetery

Correspondence was received from the above organisation expressing appreciation for the work that has been undertaken by Council in the Wilberforce Cemetery to date. There were a few matters raised by the Friends of Wilberforce Cemetery including an enquiry as to whether funds allocated in previous budgets for uncompleted works associated with the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) would be allocated to the 2017/2018 Budget. The specific details raised in the submission, and comments to each are provided below:

##### *Request for Row Markers*

This request for row markers was for permanent concrete markers instead of the timber markers that are referred to in the CMP. Additionally, the provision of markers to identify the unmarked graves was requested.

##### Comment

A trial of temporary markers is being undertaken to determine the effectiveness of the markings and associated directory signage to enable visitors to locate gravesites in the historic areas. This project has been delayed due to the need to obtain copyright approval for use of signage prepared by a third party. This has now been resolved and signage and markers will be installed. Row markers will also be placed on new rows and will be made of a durable hardwood in accordance with the requirements of the approved CMP.

Council has previously used ground penetrating radar to locate unmarked graves in the main cemetery and these have been marked. Ground penetrating radar cannot be used in the Wesleyan Section due to the presence of trees and root systems. Signage at the Wesleyan Section has been installed to indicate the possibility of unmarked graves.

##### *Request for Landscaping*

The submission included a request for landscaping around the sandstone columbarium walls to enhance either side of the driveway where the two columbarium walls are located. The request was for an attractive border of low growing hardy plants to contrast with the sandstone walls.

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### Comment

Noting that some funding remained available from the columbarium project, a request for planting of shrubs was made. At an onsite meeting Council staff advised that no maintenance resource would be available to maintain any new gardens, and it was advised that the remaining funds would be utilised to renew the adjoining path areas/surface.

### *Bush Regeneration in Wesleyan Section and opening of Lower Gate to Cemetery*

The submission enquired as to whether or not the work associated with the bush regeneration on the site that has been undertaken to date would continue. Additionally, whether or not there was funding for the opening and closing of the lower pedestrian gate to allow access to the new columbarium.

### Comment

Funding is included in operational budgets to continue bush regeneration work, while the gate will be included in the opening/closing arrangement for the site.

In terms of the delivery of the CMP, it should be noted that this is a guiding document that includes both capital and recurrent works. With the exception of row markers which are in hand and identification of unmarked graves in the Wesleyan Section, all capital works have been completed where practicable.

## 2. Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Two of the submissions received were from the Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, relating to two matters being an accessibility issue at the intersection of Macquarie and Drummond Streets, South Windsor and accessibility from the car park to the shops at Wilberforce Shopping Centre. A summary of the submissions and comments are provided below:

### *Accessibility Issue - Macquarie / Drummond Streets, South Windsor*

Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee request that resources be allocated to undertake investigative and construction works as required to construct a pedestrian footpath and layback on the corners of Macquarie and Drummond Streets, South Windsor. The request is for Council to allocate funding required to undertake the investigative works and identified rectification works to upgrade pedestrian access on the corner of Drummond and Macquarie Streets, South Windsor.

### Comment

Investigations are being carried out to identify remedial works to the pedestrian access ramps at this signalised intersection. Identified works will be listed for future programs, and grant funding will also be sought under the relevant Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) program noting that this is a signalised intersection under the control of RMS. The proposed works are consistent with Council's Disability Inclusion and Action Plan, which is currently on public exhibition.

### *Wilberforce Shopping Centre - Accessibility from Car Park to Shops*

Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee request that resources be allocated to undertake investigative and construction works as required to upgrade the car park and pedestrian access from the car park at the Wilberforce Shopping Centre precinct. The request is for Council to allocate funding required to undertake the investigative works and identified rectification works to upgrade pedestrian access at the Wilberforce Shopping Centre from the car park, in compliance with the Access to Premises Standards.

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### Comment

Investigations will be undertaken to determine options and requirements. The issue will be reported back to the Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for consideration and prioritisation.

### 3. Submission by Mr David Gregory

The submission received from Mr David Gregory provided input into each of the three draft documents included in the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework documents that were the subject of public exhibition. Details of that input and comments are provided below:

#### *Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027*

- a) The submission refers to the comments on page 10 in regard to Council's debt service coverage ratio. The comments indicate that Council's borrowing capacity is constrained by the Operating Performance Ratio (OPR). Mr Gregory raised the question as to whether the OPR could be adjusted to exclude non-cash items such as depreciation, to allow an increased level of borrowings.

Mr Gregory supports a greater and sustainable level of debt for infrastructure spending.

### Comment

The OPR is a measure of financial performance rather than liquidity (cash flow). The OPR measures Council's ability to meet its annual operating costs (including depreciation), with its annual revenue. The OPR cannot be adjusted to exclude non-cash items.

Under the Fit for the Future (FFTF) framework Council is required to meet the OPR, regardless of how it performs against other financial measures.

Additional borrowings would result in increased interest payable, which being an operating cost, would adversely impact the OPR.

The implementation of the FFTF strategies, including an increase in Council's revenue, will support a higher borrowing level, which is also one of the main FFTF strategies aimed at increasing infrastructure spending.

- b) The submission puts forward that on Page 11, the notion of 'intergenerational equity' would benefit from being described more clearly and explicitly. This is a key point which risks being under-emphasised if not expanded upon in a more compelling manner.

### Comment

Additional wording has been added on Page 11 to further expand the meaning of 'intergenerational equity'.

- c) The submission highlights that on Pages 13-16 that it seems to be a comprehensive list of the levers available to achieve financial sustainability and suggests that case studies of applications in other LGAs would at some point be useful.

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### Comment

The comments on this matter are noted. In continuing to develop its financial sustainability strategies, Council will review other councils' strategies in order to identify further initiatives improve the overall budget position. If relevant, explanatory documents such as cases studies maybe useful.

- d) The submission refers to Page 25 and notes that though the community would expect detailed information on expense savings measures as outlined in this document to be made available before being asked to agree to a Special Rate Variation (SRV). The submission suggests that sufficient information should be made available to demonstrate that there is no alternative to the SRV proposed.

### Comment

Council has undertaken two rounds of community engagement processes, one in August 2016 and the other one in February this year. The first round was specific to service levels, with a comprehensive background to Council's current financial position. The associated projected service levels were provided to those attending the various town meetings and information kiosks held. The second round of community engagement was focused towards Council's new Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and the associated Resourcing Strategy, including highlighting the requirement to resource the CSP with an appropriate level of funding.

A further community engagement process is due to commence in July this year. It will build on the previous two rounds and will include details in regard to the various strategies including expenditure savings, that will complement the main strategy being the SRV. The information presented will clearly demonstrate the quantum of the funding gap and the most effective strategy that is required to close the gap whilst continuing to deliver services to the community.

- e) The submission refers to Page 49 and requests details on how Council aims to support the environmental sustainability of the LGA through workforce investment e.g. the appointment of a sustainability officer.

### Comment

The list of workforce investment priorities on Page 49 includes an environmental sustainability function within the 'Placemaking' workforce investment priority.

- f) The submission made a number of suggestions made in respect of wording and grammar within the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027.

### Comment

Where relevant, suggested amendments have been made.

### *Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021*

- a) The submission indicates that Page 9 was confusing as some of the services listed are internal Council matters and not really a service to the Hawkesbury community as described in the preamble.

### Comment

The introductory sentence on Page 9 has been amended to reflect the subsequent list as being a list of functions undertaken by Council in delivering services to its community rather than a list of services to the community.

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- b) The submission asks why there are no projected financial breakdowns by CSP category under the SRV options showing expenditure.

### Comment

A breakdown of expenditures by CSP category can only be provided when the SRV expenditure programs under each respective option are finalised. The expenditure programs under each respective SRV Option are currently under development and will be subject to the community consultation process referred to earlier in the report. The SRV process requires a revised set of IP&R documents, including expenditure programs under each SRV option, to be re-issued. The breakdown by CSP category will be included in the revised version of the IP&R documents.

- c) The submission made a number of suggestions in respect of wording and grammar within the Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021.

### Comment

Where relevant suggested amendments have been made.

### *Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018*

The submission details that there should be more in the Operational Plan with respect to:

- a) Developing the currently limited recreational amenity of the Hawkesbury River, and whether or not there have been any reports undertaken that canvas options. If such a report has not already been prepared then perhaps one could be funded. The submission continues to enquire as to whether or not there are any plans to create paths, access points for boating/fishing as it is believed that the river is currently not utilised to its full potential from a recreational point of view.

### Comment

Council has adopted a number of plans which identify strategies and proposed works to activate the Hawkesbury River foreshore for recreational purposes. The draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 incorporates actions for the ongoing implementation of these plans. These actions include the implementation of the Hawkesbury Regional Open Space Strategy (CSP Strategy 2.2.2), the development of Town Master Plans for Richmond and Windsor (CSP Strategy 2.5.3), the implementation of the Upper Hawkesbury Coastal Zone Management Plan (CSP Strategy 3.1.1), the implementation of the Hawkesbury Horizon Initiative (CSP Strategy 5.4.1) and the staged implementation of works and programs to provide access to the Hawkesbury River for recreational activities (CSP Strategy 5.4.1) as outlined in the adopted Plans of Management for Council parks and public spaces, including the Windsor Foreshore Park Plan of Management, and Plans of Management for Pughs Lagoon, Yarramundi Reserve, Argyle Bailey Reserve, Charles Kemp Reserve and Streeton Lookout.

- b) The submission also considered that there should be more on plans to improve disclosure of water quality data of the Hawkesbury River or invest in new data monitoring if current sources need improving. The objective in this respect would be to shine a light on water quality issues in order that they are better understood, and the community can get behind whatever action may be required to improve them.

### Comment

Council has completed the Upper Hawkesbury River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) which has recently received certification under the Coastal Protection Act 1979.

Council prepared the CZMP in order to provide strategic direction and guidance on future environmental and strategic planning for the Hawkesbury River and tributaries.



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The CZMP was developed under the NSW Government's Estuary Management Program in accordance with the Coastal Protection Act 1979. It also complies with the requirements of the NSW Coastal Policy 1997 and the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Action Plan 2013.

The ongoing implementation of the CZMP will to a large degree address the matters raised, including monitoring of water quality which has been included within the Delivery Program, and provides for the commencement of water quality monitoring as part of the Operational Plan 2017/2018.

As part of its future consultation with the community on the 'Investing in Your Future' resourcing options to commence in July 2017, proposed funding for a water quality monitoring program has been included in the provisional works and program schedule under one of the three resourcing options to be presented to the community for consideration.

### Amendments Proposed

In addition to amendments proposed above in response to submissions received, other amendments are required as follows:

1. Trade Waste Charges
  - a) Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 - Page 147 - WM20 - Volume, Discharge, Conveyance and Treatment be clarified by adding a note, being "Trade Waste Charges are only applied in accordance with the Adopted Trade Waste Policy". This reflects the status of the current review and indicates that new charges cannot be applied until any new or amended policy is adopted.
  - b) Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 - Page 148 - The proposed new fees for Total Dissolved Solids be amended by replacing the references to "1100mg per litre" with "1200mg per litre" to align with recognised standards for water quality. The words "Group 1 Pollutant" are to be deleted from this item to correct a typographical error.
2. Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 - Page 171 - FS.12 - S.603 Certificate - 2017/2018 fee to be changed from \$75.00 to \$80.00 in accordance with advice received by the Office of Local Government.
3. All reference to the Fire and Emergency Services Levy that was proposed to commence from 1 July 2017, but has now been deferred, has been removed from all applicable documents.

The only other changes proposed to the Draft documents that were on public exhibition are minor formatting and typographical amendments, and deletion of any references to "Draft" throughout the document.

### Making the Rates for the 2017/2018 Financial Year

- *Rates in the dollar 2017/2018*

As stated in the Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 placed on public exhibition, the rates in the dollar in the recommendation in this report differ slightly to those placed on public exhibition. It is prudent to incorporate valuation changes up to the final Rating Resolution (being 13 June 2017) to ensure Council's valuation base remains as up to date as possible to minimise carryovers and thereby maximising potential revenue.

- *Variation of General Income for 2017/2018*

IPART announced a 1.5% general increase in terms of Section 506 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the rating year commencing 1 July 2017.

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The recommendation at the end of this report details the rate in the dollar and applicable minimum charge or base amount for each rating category in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area based on the above.

### Conformance to the Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan 2017-2036

The proposal is consistent with all of the Focus Areas, Directions and Strategies contained within the 2017-2036 Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan.

### Financial Implications

The adoption of the recommendations in this report will result in the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018, as placed on exhibition and incorporating the changes proposed in this report, being adopted.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The report regarding the Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 be noted.
2. The Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, as placed on public exhibition and incorporating the changes as detailed in the report, be adopted.
3. The Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021, as placed on public exhibition and incorporating the changes as detailed in the report, be adopted.
4. The Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 including the fees and charges, as placed on public exhibition, be adopted incorporating the amendments as outlined in the report including the rates in the dollar for 2017/2018 to incorporate valuation changes up to the final Rating Resolution.
5. Council Make and Levy the following Rates and Fix the following Charges for the 2017/2018 financial period in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Land Values used for calculation of rates have a Base Date of 1 July 2016):

#### Residential Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, an Ordinary rate named Residential in accordance with Section 543 (1), of zero point one seven two three three seven (0.172337) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties categorised as Residential in accordance with Section 516. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$340.00. The levying of the base amount from the Residential Category will generate 30.32% of the notional yield applicable to the Residential Category.

#### Farmland Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, an Ordinary rate named Farmland in accordance with Section 543 (1), of zero point one five five one zero three (0.155103) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties categorised as Farmland in accordance with Section 515. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$340.00. The levying of the base amount from the Farmland Category will generate 14.49% of the notional yield applicable to the Farmland Category.

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### Business Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, an Ordinary rate named Business Area 1 in accordance with Section 543 (1), of zero point three four four six seven four (0.344674) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties in the Business sub-category Business Area 1 in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$340.00. The levying of the base amount from the Business Area 1 sub-category will generate 15.78% of the notional yield applicable to the Business Area 1 sub - category.

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, an Ordinary rate named Business Area 2 in accordance with Section 543 (1), of zero point three four four six seven four (0.344674) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties in the Business sub-category Business Area 2 in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$340.00. The levying of the base amount from the Business Area 2 sub-category will generate 16.21% of the notional yield applicable to the Business Area 2 sub-category.

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, an Ordinary rate named Business Area Other in accordance with Section 543 (1), of zero point three four four six seven four (0.344674) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties in the Business sub-category Business Area Other in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$340.00. The levying of the base amount from the Business Area Other sub-category will generate 13.53% of the notional yield applicable to the Business Area Other sub-category.

### Domestic Waste Management Service

For 2017/2018, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993:

- A "Weekly Domestic (Inc. Green) Waste Mgt Charge 240L" annual charge of \$608.69 be made for a 240 litre bin, for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service, including a green waste service, is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling, a fortnightly pick up for green waste and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic Waste Mgt Charge 240L" annual charge of \$532.47 be made for a 240 litre bin, for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service, is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling, and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic (Inc. Green) Waste Mgt Charge 140L" annual charge of \$413.04 be made for a 140 litre bin for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service, including a green waste service, is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling, a fortnightly pick up for green waste and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic Waste Mgt Charge 140L" annual charge of \$336.82 be made for a 140 litre bin for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.

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- A "Fortnightly Domestic Waste Mgt Charge 240L" annual charge of \$336.82 be made for a 240 litre bin, for each fortnightly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a fortnightly domestic waste service, is available. This charge includes a fortnightly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Fortnightly Domestic Waste Mgt Charge 140L" annual charge of \$236.51 be made for a 140 litre bin for each fortnightly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a fortnightly domestic waste service, is available. This charge includes a fortnightly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic Waste Service Availability" annual charge of \$153.91 be made for parcels of land where a weekly domestic waste service is available but the service is not utilised.
- A "Fortnightly Domestic Waste Service Availability" annual charge of \$76.95 be made for parcels of land where a fortnightly domestic waste service is available but the service is not utilised.

### *Pensioner Rebate*

In accordance with Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993 where a property is owned and occupied by eligible pensioner(s), a rebate amounting to 50% (fifty percent) of the combined rates and domestic waste service charges up to a maximum of \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) in annual concession will be granted for 2017/2018.

### **Business Waste Management Service**

For 2017/2018, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 a Waste Management Service annual charge of \$734.84 be made for a 240 litre bin, and an annual charge of \$449.68 be made for a 140 litre bin for each weekly waste service to a property which is categorised as Business and for which a weekly waste service is utilised.

### **Sewerage Service**

For 2017/2018, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following range of annual charges be made for the provision of sewerage services.

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| • Connected Residential Properties  | \$773.62    |
| • Unconnected Residential Properties  | \$515.16    |
| • Unconnected Business Properties   | \$519.10    |
| • Business - Category 1 (<1,000 litres per day)   | \$900.46    |
| • Business - Category 2 (1,001 - 5,000 litres per day)  | \$4,514.94  |
| • Business - Category 3 (5,001 - 10,000 litres per day)   | \$8,993.99  |
| • Business - Category 4 (10,001 - 20,000 litres per day)  | \$17,933.06 |
| • Business - Category 5 (>20,000 litres per day)  | \$17,933.06 |
| • Additionally, a trade waste volume charge of \$2.90 per kilolitre be charged to Category 5 properties for each kilolitre in excess of 20,000. |             |

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### *Pensioner Rebate*

Where a residential property receiving this service is owned by pensioner(s) eligible for an Ordinary Rate pensioner rebate, then a rebate amounting to \$386.81 be granted to the owner(s) in annual concession for 2017/2018.

### **Stormwater Management Service Charge**

For 2017/2018, in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, the following annual charges be made for stormwater management services:

- Stormwater Management Service - Residential \$25.00.
- Stormwater Management Service - Residential Strata \$12.50.
- Stormwater Management Service - Business \$25.00 per 350m<sup>2</sup> or part thereof, up to a maximum of \$1500.00.
- Stormwater Management Service - Business Strata - Pro-rata of business charge, based on land valuation apportionment.

### **Sullage Pump-Out Services**

For 2017/2018:

- In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, a Sullage Pump-out Service annual charge of \$2,026.16 will be made for the provision of a fortnightly sullage pump-out service to residential properties.
- In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, a Sullage Pump-out Service annual charge of \$4,052.32 will be made for the provision of a weekly sullage pump-out service to residential properties.
- Where a property receiving a sullage pump-out service is owned by pensioner(s) eligible for an Ordinary Rate pensioner rebate, and the property is occupied solely by the eligible pensioner(s), in accordance with Section 577 of the Local Government Act 1993 a rebate amounting to 50% of the applicable charge be granted to the owner(s) in annual concession for 2017/2018.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, additional pump-outs can be requested at a cost of \$129.83 per extra service.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, emergency after hours pump-outs be charged at \$163.02 per service.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, that a charge of \$22.31 be made for each 1,000 (one thousand) litres of effluent pumped out from commercial and industrial properties for services being conducted on request.

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### **Interest Charges**

In accordance with Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the interest rate charged on overdue rates and charges for 2017/2018 by Council be set at the maximum permitted by the Minister for Local Government. For the 2017/2018 rating year, this will be 7.5%.

6. The persons and organisations that made submissions in response to the exhibition of Council's Draft Resourcing Strategy 2017-2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2017/2018 be advised of Council's decision in this regard and the relevant comments in the report.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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