



SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET)

MINUTES

23 JUNE 2026

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 4 LAGOON PLACE, YEPPPOON ON TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2026 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**1 OPENING*****Acknowledgement of Country***

"I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully acknowledge the Darumbal People. The traditional custodians and elders past, present and emerging of the land on which this meeting is taking place today."

Opening Prayer

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pat Eastwood is scheduled to deliver an opening prayer.

2 PRESENT**Members Present:**

Mayor, Councillor Adam Belot
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pat Eastwood
Councillor Glenda Mather
Councillor Rhodes Watson
Councillor Wade Rothery
Councillor Lance Warcon
Councillor Andrea Friend

Officers in Attendance:

Alastair Dawson – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Michael Kriedemann – General Manager Infrastructure
Katrina Paterson – General Manager Communities and Environment
Andrea Ellis – General Manager Corporate Services
Kristy Mansfield - Chief People and Performance Officer
Graham Scott – Project Director Blueprint Livingstone

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 REPORTS

5.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026-27

File No:	FM12.5.2
Attachments:	1. 2026-2027 Operational Plan
Responsible Officer:	Catherine Parfitt - Risk & Governance Officer Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Ursula Sleeman - Governance Officer

SUMMARY

The Operational Plan is a key strategic document that is developed and adopted with the annual budget. The Operational Plan captures key projects and priorities to be actioned based on the outcomes of the '*Livingstone Corporate Plan 2025-2030*'.

The Operational Plan recognises Council's key strategic projects and priorities and core business direction over the 2026-27 financial year and was developed in conjunction with the 2026-27 budget process in consultation with elected members and key Council staff.

This Operational Plan links the key actions to the strategic themes and strategies contained in the Corporate Plan and captures key actions, which are either a project or reflects operational efficiency measures that contribute to the intended outcomes and measures of success outlined in the '*Livingstone Corporate Plan 2025-2030*'.

The attached Operational Plan provides for the delivery of projects and services in 2026-27 and identifies:

- 1) the actions to be undertaken to implement and progress the Corporate Plan;
- 2) how these actions align with the '*Livingstone Corporate Plan 2025-2030*' intended outcomes and measures of success;
- 3) how progress or performance of each of the actions are to be measured against a target outcome;
- 4) the expected year of delivery within the five-year period of the '*Livingstone Corporate Plan 2025-2030*'.

There are a total of 54 performance measures or actions to be delivered in the 2026-27 year.

A breakdown of the initiatives for each strategic theme is as follows:

Diversified & Resilient Economy	12
Natural Environment	10
Vibrant Culture & Healthy Community	12
Transparent, Accountable and Progressive Leadership	20

Over the 2026-27 financial year, progress on Operational Plan actions will be reported on quarterly.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council adopts its annual Operational Plan for the 2026-27 financial year in accordance with section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved by: Councillor Friend

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMED

5.2 REVENUE POLICY 2026-27**File No:** fA97944, fA88575**Attachments:** 1. Revenue Policy**Responsible Officer:** Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

Councils 2026-27 Revenue Policy has been reviewed and is now presented to Council for adoption.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT pursuant to Section 193(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the 2026-27 Revenue Policy as contained in Attachment One (1).

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood**Seconded by:** Councillor Friend**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.3 REVENUE STATEMENT 2026-27**File No:** fA97944, fA88575**Attachments:** 1. Revenue Statement 2026-2027**Responsible Officer:** Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Revenue Statement 2026-27 in accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Pursuant to Section 104(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Revenue Statement 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood**Seconded by:** Councillor Friend**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.4 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES 2026-27**File No:** fA97944, fA88575**Attachments:** Nil**Responsible Officer:** Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the differential general rates for the 2026-27 financial year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

- (a) Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, 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 Regulation 2012*, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

No.	Category	Description	Identifiers (Land Use Codes)
1	Mainland Commercial/ Light Industry	Lands on the mainland where the dominant use or intended use is commercial or low Impact industry purposes.	1,2,4,5,6,7,10 to 49 and 72 (excl. lands in any other category)
2	Retail Warehouse, Business/Shopping Complex or Outdoor Sales GFA 400m ² -3,000m ²	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or outdoor sales with a gross floor area greater than 400m ² and up to 3,000m ² .	10 to 16 inclusive, 23,24,28,33,35 and 36
2A	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse GFA 3,001m ² -10,000m ²	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or major shopping centre with onsite parking with a gross floor area of 3,001m ² -10,000m ² .	10 to 16 inclusive, 23, 24, 28,33,35 and 36
2B	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse GFA >10,000m ²	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or major shopping centre with onsite parking and a gross floor area greater 10,000m ² .	10 to 16 inclusive, 23, 24, 28,33,35 and 36
3	Heavy and Noxious Industry	Lands used or intended to be used, in whole or part, and whether predominantly or not, for: (a) an abattoir, (b) a meat processing facility, (c) any facility that processes by-	31, 35, 37

		products of an abattoir or a meat processing facility, (d) a fuel dump or storage facility, (e) an oil refinery, (f) a heavy or general industrial use, or (g) any industrial activity which emanates offensive noise, odour and dust.	
4	Island Commercial/Industrial	Lands on the islands where the dominant use or intended use is for commercial or light industrial purposes.	1,4,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category)
5A	Extractive A	Lands used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing, or other mode of winning materials (including minerals or other substances) from the earth or other environments including related activities, with a rateable value of \$12,000 or less (including mining leases).	1, 4, 40
5B	Extractive B	Lands used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing, or other mode of winning materials (including minerals or other substances) from the earth or other environments including related activities, with a rateable value of greater than \$12,000 (including mining leases).	1, 4, 40
6	Other Rural	Lands where the use or intended use is non-residential rural, agricultural or farming purposes.	60 to 63, 67 to 89 and 93 to 94 (excl. 72 or lands in any other category)
6A	Beef Cattle Production A	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is \$2,000,000 or less.	64 to 66
6B	Beef Cattle Production B	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is greater than \$2,000,001.	64 to 66

7	Child Care	All lands used predominantly for the provision of childcare services.	41
8	Major Tourism / Accommodation Facilities	All lands predominantly used, or intended to be used, for Accommodation – Tourist Facilities and the land: a) is used or intended for use commercially for that purpose, b) is greater than 5ha. in area; and c) has or is intended to have accommodation capacity for greater than 100 rooms/units.	18
9	Residential 1	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$210,000 or less (excl. lands in any other category).	1, 2, 6 and 72
10	Residential 2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$210,001 and \$420,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	1, 2, 6 and 72
11	Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$420,001 and \$915,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	1, 2, 6 and 72
12	Residential 4	Lands where the dominant use is a single residential dwelling and the land has a rateable valuation of more than \$915,000.	2 and 6
15	Large Residential 1	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$210,000 or less: a) having an area of 4000m ² or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m ² but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m ² or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	1,2,4,5,6,72, and 94
16	Large Residential 2	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$210,001 and \$420,000: a) having an area of 4000m ² or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m ² but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a	1,2,4,5,6,72 and 94

		preferred minimum lot size of 4000m ² or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	
17	Large Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$420,001 and \$915,000: a) having an area of 4000m² or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m² but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m² or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	1,2,4,5,6,72 and 94
18	Large Residential 4	Lands where the dominant use is a single residential dwelling, with a rateable valuation more than \$915,000: a) having an area of 4000m² or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m² but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m² or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	2, 5 and 6
21.2A	Multi Residential Non-Strata 2A	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 2 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; d) having a rateable valuation of \$255,000 or less; and e) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3,2,5,6
21.2B	Multi Residential Non-Strata 2B	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 2 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings);	3,2,5,6

		c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; d) having a rateable valuation of greater than \$255,000; and e) not otherwise included in another rating category.	
21.3	Multi Residential Non-Strata 3	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 3 to 4 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.5	Multi Residential Non-Strata 5	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 5 to 7 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.8	Multi Residential Non-Strata 8	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 8 to 9 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.10	Multi Residential Non-Strata 10	Lands which meet all of the following criteria:	3

		a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 10 to 14 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	
21.15	Multi Residential Non-Strata 15	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 15 to 19 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.20	Multi Residential Non-Strata 20	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 20 to 49 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.50	Multi Residential Non-Strata 50	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 50 to 99 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and	3

		d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	
21.100	Multi Residential Non-Strata 100	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 100 to 149 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.150	Multi Residential Non-Strata 150	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 150 to 199 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.200	Multi Residential Non-Strata 200	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 200 to 249 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
21.250	Multi Residential Non-Strata 250	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 250 to 299 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living	3

		quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	
21.300	Multi Residential Non-Strata 300	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 300 or more self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	3
22	Strata Commercial/Industrial	Lands that are part of a community title scheme, used or intended to be used predominantly for commercial (including retail) or industrial purposes.	8 or 9
23.1	Strata Residential 1	All land in a community title scheme, used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes, with an individual lot size of 500m ² or less.	8 or 9
23.2	Strata Residential 2	All land in a community title scheme, used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes, with an individual lot size of greater than 500m ² .	8 or 9
24	Vacant Land	Vacant land with a rateable valuation greater than \$915,000.	1, 4, 72 and 94
26	Special Uses	Lands on the mainland where the predominant use is non-commercial in nature and the land is used or intended to be used for social and community welfare, defence or education purposes.	21, 50 – 59, 92, and 96 – 100
27	Other	All other rateable land that does not fall within another category. Including but not limited to Transformers, Stratum, Reservoirs, Dams and Bores. Excluding land included in rating category L28.	90, 91 and 95 or not elsewhere categorised
28	Reservoir/Pump Site	Lands where the valuation is \$10,000 or less and used for the purpose of a Reservoir, Dam, Pump site, or Bores.	95

29	Service Stations	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is in whole or in part; capable of; or being used for the storage, wholesale, or retail of petroleum products including gas;	30
30.1	Power Generation 1	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of 25 Megawatts or less (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
30.2	Power Generation 2	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 26 and 50 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
30.3	Power Generation 3	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 51 and 100 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
30.4	Power Generation 4	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 101 and 200 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
30.5	Power Generation 5	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 201 and 300 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
30.6	Power Generation 6	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 301 and 400 Megawatts or less (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
30.7	Power Generation 7	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of greater than 400 Megawatts or less (excluding transformers / substations).	90, 94
31.1	Marina 1	A Marina with less than or equal to 100 berths (inclusive) and land/s used or intended for use, in whole or in part, adjacent to and/or servicing a Marina.	1,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category), 20

31.2	Marina 2	A Marina with between 101 and 200 berths (inclusive) and land/s used or intended for use, in whole or in part, adjacent to and/or servicing a Marina.	1,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category), 20
31.3	Marina 3	A Marina with between 201 and 300 berths (inclusive) and land/s used or intended for use, in whole or in part, adjacent to and/or servicing a Marina.	1,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category), 20
31.4	Marina 4	A Marina with between 301 and 400 berths (inclusive) and land/s used or intended for use, in whole or in part, adjacent to and/or servicing a Marina.	1,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category), 20
31.5	Marina 5	A Marina with between 401 and 500 berths (inclusive) and land/s used or intended for use, in whole or in part, adjacent to and/or servicing a Marina.	1,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category), 20
31.6	Marina 6	A Marina with greater than 500 berths and land/s used or intended for use, in whole or in part, adjacent to and/or servicing a Marina.	1,6,7,10 to 49 (excl. lands in any other category), 20

- (b) Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to Sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.
- (c) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:

No.	Category	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate (\$)
1	Mainland Commercial/Light Industry	2.1138	2,492
2	Retail Warehouse, Business/Shopping Complex, or Outdoor Sales GFA 400m ² – 3,000m ²	2.3252	6,230
2A	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse GFA 3,001m ² – 10,000m ²	3.3821	49,840
2B	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse GFA >10,000m ²	4.4390	299,040
3	Heavy and Noxious Industry	3.8048	9,968
4	Island Commercial / Industrial	2.3252	2,741
5A	Extractive A	7.1869	4,984
5B	Extractive B	7.1869	9,968

6	Other Rural	0.7865	2,243
6A	Beef Cattle Production A	0.7865	2,243
6B	Beef Cattle Production B	0.7079	15,730
7	Child Care	2.1138	2,492
8	Major Tourism/Accommodation Facilities	2.3252	199,360
9	Residential 1	1.2538	1,462
10	Residential 2	1.0030	2,633
11	Residential 3	0.8777	4,213
12	Residential 4	0.7523	8,031
15	Large Residential 1	1.2538	1,462
16	Large Residential 2	0.9780	2,633
17	Large Residential 3	0.8777	4,213
18	Large Residential 4	0.7523	8,031
21.2A	Multi Residential Non Strata 2A	1.3792	2,192
21.2B	Multi Residential Non Strata 2B	1.2538	3,517
21.3	Multi Residential Non Strata 3	1.3792	4,386
21.5	Multi Residential Non Strata 5	1.5046	7,310
21.8	Multi Residential Non Strata 8	1.7553	11,696
21.10	Multi Residential Non Strata 10	2.0061	14,620
21.15	Multi Residential Non Strata 15	2.2568	21,930
21.20	Multi Residential Non Strata 20	2.5076	29,240
21.50	Multi Residential Non Strata 50	3.1345	73,100
21.100	Multi Residential Non Strata 100	3.1345	146,200
21.150	Multi Residential Non Strata 150	3.1345	219,300
21.200	Multi Residential Non Strata 200	3.7614	292,400
21.250	Multi Residential Non Strata 250	3.7614	365,500
21.300	Multi Residential Non Strata 300	3.7614	438,600
22	Strata Commercial/Industrial	2.1138	2,492
23.1	Strata Residential 1	1.5673	1,462
23.2	Strata Residential 2	1.5673	2,559
24	Vacant land	2.5077	NIL
26	Special uses	1.4797	2,492
27	Other	3.1707	3,738
28	Reservoir/Pump Site	1.0569	1,246
29	Service Stations	2.3252	2,492
30.1	Power Generation 1	3.1707	6,230
30.2	Power Generation 2	4.2276	31,150
30.3	Power Generation 3	5.2845	62,300
30.4	Power Generation 4	6.3414	124,600

30.5	Power Generation 5	9.5121	249,200
30.6	Power Generation 6	12.6828	373,800
30.7	Power Generation 7	15.8535	498,400
31.1	Marina 1	3.1707	2,492
31.2	Marina 2	3.4878	37,380
31.3	Marina 3	3.8048	74,760
31.4	Marina 4	4.1219	112,140
31.5	Marina 5	4.4390	149,520
31.6	Marina 6	4.7561	186,900

Note: Minimum General Rates will not apply to land to which Sections 49-51 of the *Land Valuation Act 2010* applies.

Moved by: Councillor Warcon

Seconded by: Councillor Mather

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5 SPECIAL CHARGES 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88575
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
 Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
 Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the special charges for the 2026-27 financial year for adoption to support the 2026-27 Budget. Special Charges identified include the Rural Fire Services Levy, North West Emu Park Sewerage Benefited Area, Causeway Township Sewerage Benefited Area and the Musklers Beach Revetment Wall.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

1. Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Rural Fire Services Levy") for the purpose of raising revenue for each Rural Fire Brigade as set out in the table below:

KEPPEL GROUP

Rural Fire Brigade	Levy 2026-27	Rural Fire Brigade	Levy 2026-27
Adelaide Park	\$40	Kunwarara	-
Barmoya	\$40	Marlborough	-
Belmont	\$65	Maryvale	\$30
Bondoola	\$45	Mt Gardiner	-
Bungundarra	\$70	Nankin	\$50
Byfield	\$25	Nerimbera	\$30
Canal Creek	-	Ogmore	-
Canoona	-	Rossmoya	-
Cawarral	\$60	Stanage Bay	\$25
Cooberrie	\$20	Stockyard Point	\$50
Coowonga	\$50	Tanby	\$30
Great Keppel Island	-	The Caves	\$100
Hidden Valley	\$40	Wattlebank	-
Jardine	\$30	Woodbury	\$30
Keppel Sands	\$20		

The rateable land to which the special charge will apply, is land within the areas separately described on a map titled 'Keppel Group' – these being:

'Rural Fire Brigade – Adelaide Park'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Kunwarara'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Barmoya'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Marlborough'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Belmont'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Maryvale'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Bondoola'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Mount Gardiner'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Bungundarra'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Nankin'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Byfield'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Nerimbera'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Canoona'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Ogmore'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Canal Creek'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Rossmoya'

'Rural Fire Brigade – Cawarral'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Stanage Bay'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Cooberrie'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Stockyard Point'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Coowonga'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Tanby'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Great Keppel Island'	'Rural Fire Brigade – The Caves'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Hidden Valley'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Wattlebank'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Jardine'	'Rural Fire Brigade – Woodbury'
'Rural Fire Brigade – Keppel Sands'	

Note: Rural Fire Brigade Maps are available upon request from the Rural Fire Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Rockhampton Area Office.

The overall plan for each special charge is as follows:

- a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is to fund the provision of fire prevention and firefighting services, facilities and activities by the rural fire brigades.
- b) The rateable land to which the plan applies is identified in the special charge table in the defined benefit areas.
- c) The estimated time for implementing the overall plan is twelve (12) months ending 30 June 2027; however, provision of rural firefighting services is an ongoing activity, and further special charges are expected to be made in future years.
- d) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan (being the cost of planned works and replacement of capital items for the period) is \$213,260.

The special charge is intended to raise all funds necessary to carry out the overall plan.

The occupier/owner of the land to be levied with the special charge specifically benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because the rural fire brigades are charged with firefighting and fire prevention under the *Fire Services Act 1990* and whose services could not be provided or maintained without the imposition of the special charge.

2. Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "North West Emu Park Sewerage Benefited Area – Special Charge") of \$478 per rateable assessment for the provision of reticulated sewerage to North West Emu Park.

The rateable land to which the charge applies is every parcel of rateable land within the areas separately described on a map titled 'North West Emu Park Sewerage Benefited Area' (see Attachment 3 contained within the Revenue Statement).

The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the construction and commissioning of sewerage infrastructure necessary for providing reticulated sewerage to North West Emu Park. The construction was completed during the Financial Year 2009-10, and there are no further works to be undertaken.

The overall plan for the North West Emu Park Sewerage Special Charge is as follows:

- a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the construction and commissioning of sewerage infrastructure necessary for providing reticulated sewerage to North West Emu Park. The construction was completed during the Financial Year 2009-10, and there are no further works to be undertaken.
- b) The rateable land to which the plan applies is every parcel of rateable land within the areas separately described on a map titled 'North West Emu Park Sewerage Benefited Area' (see Attachment 3 contained within the Revenue Statement).
- c) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$2,377,000 (being the cost of infrastructure constructed).
- d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is (20) years commencing 1 July

2009.

The special charge is to reimburse Council \$1,244,208 of the funds expended on the project. Council funded the cost of construction of the sewerage reticulation infrastructure from its own revenue sources.

The annual implementation plan for the North West Emu Park Sewerage Special Charge for the 2025-26 financial year comprises reimbursement to Council of part of the cost that it has incurred to construct the North West Emu Park Sewerage Scheme.

With the implementation of the North West Emu Park Sewerage Project, the Council has designated the area covered by the Project as a benefited area to enable the charging of a Special Charge to partially fund the costs of the reticulation system of the Project.

The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge has specially benefited, or will specially benefit, from the implementation of the overall plan, because they will enjoy special access to an efficient convenient and healthy system for the removal and treatment of sewerage, access to which would not have occurred if Council had not undertaken the project of constructing the sewerage reticulation infrastructure.

The charge shall apply per parcel for the duration of twenty (20) years commencing 1 July 2009. The charge being \$481 per parcel for the first year commencing 1 July 2009. The annual charge of \$478 per parcel will then apply for the remaining nineteen (19) years commencing 1 July 2010.

Owners of the relevant rateable land to which the special charge applies may, upon written request, elect to make a lump sum payment to Council of \$1,171.15 by no later than 30 September 2026, towards the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan.

That potential lump sum payment reflects Council's estimated 2026-27 cost per parcel (excluding developer contributions and external funding sources) for the construction and commissioning of the relevant sewerage infrastructure for the overall plan.

Provided that full lump-sum payment of \$1,171.15 is received by Council from a relevant land owner by no later than 30 September 2026, then:

- For the current 2026-27 financial year, Council will grant the relevant ratepayer a concession, by resolution, equal to the amount of the special charge to be levied on their relevant land for the 2026-27 financial year, on the grounds that requiring a rate payer who elects to pay the lump-sum payment of \$ 1,171.15 to also pay the 2026-27 special charge levy, would cause them hardship;
- For each relevant future financial year, Council will consider (upon application by the relevant rate payer) granting the relevant land owner a concession, by resolution, equal to the amount of the special charge to be levied on the relevant land in each future financial year, on the grounds that requiring a rate payer who elects to pay the lump-sum payment of \$1,171.15 to also pay the special charge levy for that future financial year, would cause them hardship.

Where the property is currently vacant land and there is a building application lodged or there is an application lodged to reconfigure the lot, the total amount outstanding will be required to be paid at the time of lodging the application.

All parcels within the 'North West Emu Park Sewerage Benefited Area' are now included within the Capricorn Coast Sewerage Service Area, and will incur, in addition to the above special charge, the Capricorn Coast Sewerage Scheme Charge.

3. Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Causeway Township Sewerage Benefited Area – Special Charge") of \$468 per rateable assessment for the provision of reticulated sewerage to Causeway Township.

The rateable land to which the charge applies is every parcel of rateable land within the

areas separately described on a map titled 'Causeway Township Sewerage Benefited Area' (see Attachment 2 contained within the Revenue Statement).

The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the construction and commissioning of sewerage infrastructure necessary for providing reticulated sewerage to Causeway Township. The works were completed during the financial year 2009-10 and there are no further works to be undertaken.

The overall plan for the Causeway Township Sewerage Special Charge is as follows:

- a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the construction and commissioning of sewerage infrastructure necessary for providing reticulated sewerage to Causeway Township. The works were completed during the financial year 2009-10, and there are no further works to be undertaken.
- b) The rateable land to which the plan applies is every parcel of rateable land within the areas separately described on a map titled 'Causeway Township Sewerage Benefited Area' (see Attachment 2 contained within the Revenue Statement).
- c) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$850,000 (being the cost of infrastructure constructed).
- d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is twenty (20) years commencing 1 July 2009.

The charge is expected to reimburse Council \$386,400 of the funds expended on the project. Council funded the cost of construction of the sewerage reticulation infrastructure from its own revenue sources.

The annual implementation plan in 2026-27 comprises reimbursement to Council of part of the cost that it has incurred to construct the Causeway Township Sewerage Scheme.

With the implementation of the Causeway Township Sewerage Project, the Council has designated the area covered by the Project as a benefited area to enable the charging of a Special Charge to partially fund the costs of the reticulation system of the Project.

The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge has specially benefited, or will specially benefit, from the implementation of the overall plan, because they will enjoy special access to an efficient convenient and healthy system for the removal and treatment of sewerage, which access to which would not have occurred if Council had not undertaken the project of constructing the sewerage reticulation infrastructure.

The charge shall apply per parcel for the duration of twenty (20) years commencing 1 July 2009. The charge being \$235.50 per parcel for the first year commencing 1 July 2009. The annual charge of \$468 per parcel will then apply for the remaining nineteen (19) years commencing 1 July 2010.

Owners of the relevant rateable land to which the special charge applies may, upon written request, elect to make a lump sum payment to Council of \$1,508.30 by no later than 30 September 2026, towards the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan.

That potential lump sum payment reflects Council's estimated 2026-27 cost per parcel (excluding developer contributions and external funding sources) for the construction and commissioning of the relevant sewerage infrastructure for the overall plan.

Provided that full lump-sum payment of \$1,508.30 is received by Council from a relevant land owner by no later than 30 September 2025, then:

- For the current 2026-27 financial year, Council will grant the relevant ratepayer a concession, by resolution, equal to the amount of the special charge to be levied on their relevant land for the 2026-27 financial year, on the grounds that requiring a rate payer who elects to pay the lump-sum payment of \$1,508.30 to also pay the 2026-27 special charge levy, would cause them hardship;
- For each relevant future financial year, Council will consider (upon application by the

relevant rate payer) granting the relevant land owner a concession, by resolution, equal to the amount of the special charge to be levied on the relevant land in each future financial year, on the grounds that requiring a rate payer who elects to pay the lump-sum payment of \$1,508.30 to also pay the special charge levy for that future financial year, would cause them hardship.

Where the property is currently vacant land and there is a building application lodged or there is an application lodged to reconfigure the lot, the total amount outstanding would be required to be paid at the time of lodging the application.

All parcels within the 'Causeway Township Sewerage Benefited Area' are now included within the Capricorn Coast Sewerage Service Area, and will incur, in addition to the above special charge, the Capricorn Coast Sewerage Scheme Rate Charge.

4. Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Muskers Beach Revetment Wall – Special Charge") of \$192.65, per lineal metre of Muskers Beach frontage, per rateable assessment for the provision of a Revetment Wall to protect the identified properties adjoining Muskers Beach; 22 Kennedy Street through to 48 Reef Street in Zilzie.

The rateable land to which the charge applies is every parcel of rateable land within the area separately described on a map titled 'Muskers Beach Revetment Wall Benefited Area' (see Attachment 4 contained within the Revenue Statement).

The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the design and construction of a stacked sand filled geotextile container revetment wall necessary to provide protection against erosion of the properties by wave action. The works were completed during the financial year 2015-16, and there is no further work to be undertaken.

The overall plan for the Muskers Beach Revetment Wall Sewerage Special Charge is as follows:

- a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the design and construction of a stacked sand filled geotextile container revetment wall necessary to provide protection against erosion of the properties by wave action. The works were completed during the financial year 2015-16, and there is no further work to be undertaken.
- b) The rateable land to which the plan applies is every parcel of rateable land within the area separately described on a map titled 'Muskers Beach Revetment Wall Benefited Area' (see Attachment 4 contained within the Revenue Statement).
- c) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is approximately \$1,543,252 (being the cost of investigation, design and construction of the revetment wall).
- d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is (15) years from 1 July 2016.

The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge has specially benefited, or will specially benefit, from the implementation of the overall plan, because the revetment wall construction to be funded by the special charge will provide an increased level of protection from adverse coastal processes such as storm surge and wave action. Protection which would not have occurred if Council had not undertaken the project of constructing the revetment wall infrastructure.

The annual implementation plan in 2026-27 comprises reimbursement to Council of part of the cost that it has incurred to construct the Muskers Beach revetment wall.

The charge is expected to reimburse Council \$1,360,450 of the funds expended on the project. Council funded the cost of construction of the Muskers Beach revetment wall from its own revenue sources.

With the implementation of the Muskers Beach revetment wall, the Council has

designated the area covered by the Project as a benefited area to enable the charging of a Special Charge to partially fund the costs of the construction costs of the Project.

The charge shall vary from property to property in accordance with the length of property frontage adjacent to the wall. The annual charge per property will be applied for the balance of the fifteen (15) years per parcel from 1 July 2016 on the basis of \$192.56 per l/m of property frontage.

Owners of the relevant rateable land to which the special charge applies may, upon written request, elect to make a lump sum payment to Council (value available upon request on a per property basis) by no later than 30 September 2026, towards the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan.

That potential lump sum payment reflects Council's estimated 2026-27 cost per parcel (excluding developer contributions and external funding sources) for the construction and commissioning of the relevant sewerage infrastructure for the overall plan.

Provided that full lump-sum payment (value available upon request on a per property basis) is received by Council from a relevant landowner by no later than 30 September 2026, then:

- For the current 2026-27 financial year, Council will grant the relevant ratepayer a concession, by resolution, equal to the amount of the special charge to be levied on their relevant land for the 2026-27 financial year, on the grounds that requiring a rate payer who elects to pay that above-mentioned lump-sum payment amount to also pay the 2026-27 special charge levy, would cause them hardship;
- For each relevant future financial year, Council will consider (upon application by the relevant rate payer) granting the relevant land owner a concession, by resolution, equal to the amount of the special charge to be levied on the relevant land in each future financial year, on the grounds that requiring a rate payer who elects to pay that above-mentioned lump-sum payment amount to also pay the special charge levy for that future financial year, would cause them hardship.

The combined charges for the entire Muskens Beach revetment wall benefited area shall equate to a total of \$95,305 for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Watson

Seconded by: Councillor Warcon

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.6 SEPARATE CHARGES 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88575
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of Separate Charges for the 2026-27 financial year. Separate Charges are levied equally on all rateable land in the Shire and include the Road Network Separate Charge and the Disaster Response Separate Charge.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

- (a) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a Separate Charge (to be known as the "Road Network Separate Charge"), in the sum of \$76.00 per annum per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of maintaining the road network for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2026.

Discount in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, will not apply to this charge purposes.

- (b) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a Separate Charge (to be known as the "Disaster Response Separate Charge"), in the sum of \$62.00 per annum per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the financial year beginning 1 July 2026 for the purposes of:

- a. Assisting in the support of the State Emergency Services including the ongoing cost of maintenance of facilities and emergency equipment;
- b. Providing mitigation strategies based on hazards and risks from disasters in the Livingstone Shire area; and
- c. Providing funding to recover from disaster events that impact the Livingstone Shire area.

Discount in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, will not apply to this charge.

Moved by: Councillor Watson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.7 WATER UTILITY CHARGES 2026-27

File No: fa10590, FM12.5.1

Attachments: Nil

Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
 Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
 Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer

Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the water utility charges for the 2026-27 financial year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

CAPRICORN COAST WATER SUPPLY CHARGES

- (a) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of Capricorn Coast water services by the Council, as follows:

Capricorn Coast Water Supply Scheme – Residential & Non-Residential Access Charges

Meter Size	Annual Access Charge
20mm	\$ 836
25mm	\$ 1,306
32mm	\$ 2,139
40mm	\$ 3,343
50mm	\$ 5,223
65mm	\$ 8,827
80mm	\$13,371
100mm	\$20,892
150mm	\$47,007
200mm	\$83,568
Vacant Land	\$ 836

Capricorn Coast Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
Single Tier	All consumption	\$3.43/kl

Capricorn Coast Water Supply Scheme – Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
1 st Tier	up to 90kl per quarter	\$1.44/kl
2 nd Tier	>90kl per quarter	\$3.43/kl

- (b) The application of the above levied Capricorn Coast water supply charges aligns with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

The Caves and Marlborough Water Supply

- (c) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of The Caves and Marlborough water services by the Council, as follows:

The Caves & Marlborough Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential & Residential

Access Charges

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20mm	\$ 836
25mm	\$ 1,306
32mm	\$ 2,139
40mm	\$ 3,343
50mm	\$ 5,223
65mm	\$ 8,827
75mm	\$ 12,203
80mm	\$ 13,371
100mm	\$ 20,892
150mm	\$ 47,007
200mm	\$ 83,568
Vacant Land	\$ 836

The Caves & Marlborough Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
Single Tier	All consumption	\$3.43/kl

The Caves & Marlborough Water Supply Scheme – Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
1 st Tier	up to 90kl per quarter	\$1.44/kl
2 nd Tier	>90kl per quarter	\$3.43/kl

- (d) The application of the above levied Caves and Marlborough water supply charges aligns with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

Nerimbera Water Supply

- (e) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of Nerimbera water services by the Council, as follows:

Nerimbera Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential & Residential Access Charges

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20mm	\$ 669
25mm	\$ 1,045
40mm	\$ 2,674
100mm	\$ 16,714
150mm	\$ 37,606
Vacant Land	\$ 669

Nerimbera Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
Single Tier	All consumption	\$3.43/kl

Nerimbera Water Supply Scheme – Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
1 st Tier	up to 90kl per quarter	\$1.44/kl
2 nd Tier	>90kl per quarter	\$3.43/kl

- (f) The application of the above levied Nerimbera water supply charges aligns with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

Ogmore Water Supply

- (g) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of Ogmore water services by the Council, as follows:

The Ogmore Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential & Residential Access Charges

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20mm	\$ 502
Vacant Land	\$ 502

The Ogmore Water Supply Scheme – Non-Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
Single Tier	All consumption	\$3.43/kl

The Ogmore Water Supply Scheme – Residential Water Consumption Charges

Billing Tier	Kilolitres (kl) Per Meter	Charge per Kilolitre
1 st Tier	up to 90kl per quarter	\$1.44/kl
2 nd Tier	>90kl per quarter	\$3.43/kl

- (h) The application of the above levied Ogmore water supply charges aligns with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

Moved by: Councillor Mather

Seconded by: Councillor Watson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.8 SEWERAGE CHARGES 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88575
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Sewerage Utility Charges for the 2026-27 financial year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

- (a) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy Sewerage Utility Charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as follows:

Declared Sewered Area	Amount of Charge	Amount of Vacant Land Charge
Capricorn Coast	\$1,069	\$1,016
Great Keppel Island	\$1,069	\$1,016

- (b) The application of the above levied sewerage charges align with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

Moved by: Councillor Mather
Seconded by: Councillor Warcon
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.9 WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88575
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
 Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
 Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

This purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Waste Management charges for the 2026-27 financial year. The report details the structure of charges based on the number of bins and the type of service provided, ensuring equitable cost recovery for waste management services.

09:40AM Councillor Friend left the meeting.

09:40AM Councillor Friend returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

- (a) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy Waste Management Utility Charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

Schedule of Waste Collection and Recycling Charges	
Service	Annual Charge
Domestic Services	
Combined Waste and Recycling Collection	\$666
Additional Collection – Waste	\$510
Additional Collection – Recycling	\$161
Ogmore - Waste Collection	\$328
Great Keppel Island - Combined Waste and Recycling Collection	\$830
Great Keppel Island - Additional Collection - Waste	\$725
Great Keppel Island - Additional Collection - Recycling	\$306
Combined Waste and Recycling Collection (on Request)	\$800
Waste Facility Charge	
Residential Waste Facility Charge	\$50
Commercial Services	
Waste Collection	\$625
Additional Collection – Waste Other than Normal Collection Day	\$746
Recycling Collection	\$189
Additional Collection – Recycling Other than Normal Collection Day	\$240
Ogmore - Waste Collection	\$379

Great Keppel Island - Combined Waste and Recycling Collection	\$947
Great Keppel Island - Additional Collection – Waste	\$725
Great Keppel Island - Additional Collection – Recycling	\$306

- (b) The application of the above levied waste collection and recycling charges be in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.
- (c) Eight (8) Waste Disposal Vouchers will be issued annually and distributed as outlined within the Waste Voucher Procedure (5.2) and the Revenue Statement 2026-27.

Moved by: Councillor Watson

Seconded by: Councillor Mather

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.10 LEVY AND PAYMENT 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88575
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the levy and payment periods for the 2026-27 rates and charges.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

- (a) Pursuant to Section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council's Rates and Charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy shall generally be levied half yearly (billing periods beginning August and February) with the exception of water consumption which will be levied at quarterly intervals on a rolling basis. Such rates and utility charges shall be payable by the due date detailed on the rate notice.
- (b) Council will apply Section 102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to the reading of water meters so that if a meter is due to be read on a particular day (e.g. the last day of a quarter) to enable Council to calculate a consumption charge to be levied, the meter will be deemed read on that particular day if it is read within 2 weeks before the day or 2 weeks after the day.
- (c) Pursuant to Section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's Rates and Charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

Moved by: Councillor Mather

Seconded by: Councillor Warcon

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:10AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Resumed**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:16AM

THAT the meeting be resumed.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.11 INTEREST 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88578
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of the rate of interest applied to all overdue rates and utilities (including water consumption) for the 2026-27 financial year.

10:18AM Councillor Rothery left the meeting.

10:19AM Councillor Rothery returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolves pursuant to Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, overdue rates will bear interest at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum compounded monthly, to be calculated from the end of the financial half year in which they fall due and charged at the end of each month or at such other time as required for the issuing of statutory notices.

Moved by: Councillor Watson

Seconded by: Councillor Mather

MOTION CARRIED:

Crs G Mather, W Rothery, L Warcon and R Watson voted in the affirmative.

Crs A Belot, P Eastwood and A Friend voted in the negative.

5.12 DISCOUNT 2026-27

File No: fA97944, fA88575
Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Nicole Carr - Executive Support Officer
Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author: Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption for a ten percent discount on prompt payment of rates and charges for the 2026-27 financial year, aimed at encouraging timely payments among ratepayers.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolves:

1. in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will allow a discount of ten (10) percent on the following charges made and levied:
 - gross differential general rates
 - sewerage utility charges
 - water utility charges
 - waste management utility charges.
2. This discount **excludes** water consumption charges, waste facility charge, the emergency services levy, special and separate rates and charges.
3. To be eligible for the discount, the full amount outstanding, including any overdue rates and interest accrued up to the date of payment, less any applicable discount, must be paid in full by the due date stated on the original notice of the levy.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

Seconded by: Councillor Mather

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.13 RATES REBATES AND REMISSIONS POLICY 2026-27**File No:** fA97944, fA88575**Attachments:** 1. 13.1 Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy (PDF Clean) (A2394974)**Responsible Officer:** Nicole Carr - Executive Support Officer
Sean D'Souza - Interim Manager Financial Services
Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Priscilla Graham - Coordinator Revenue**SUMMARY**

This purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy for the 2026-27 financial year. This policy provides rating rebates and remissions for approved pensioners, not for profit/charitable organisations and properties with nature refuge agreements.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**THAT**

- (a) Pursuant to Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy.
- (b) Pursuant to Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will grant to eligible pensioner ratepayers under Council's Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy (upon the same terms and conditions as the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme), a 20% remission (to a maximum of \$300) on all rates levied in respect of the property the person owns and occupies, excluding special rates/charges, water consumption charges and rural and state fire levies/charges. The Council Pensioner Subsidy includes a person in receipt of a Widow/ers Allowance. The remission is offered on the basis that the ratepayers are pensioners (as defined by the *Local Government Regulation 2012*).
- (c) Pursuant to Sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will grant varied levels of concessions to approved charitable and other not-for-profit Community Groups, including not-for-profit Sporting Bodies, in accordance with the provisions of the *Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy*. The concessions are offered in accordance with eligibility criteria outlined within the Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy and are offered on the basis that the ratepayers are entities whose objectives do not include the making of a profit.
- (d) General Rate Remissions - In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the properties where 100% remission of general rates applies may be exempted from payment of general rates in lieu of the provision of a remission.
- (e) Permits to Occupy (Pump Sites)
Council will grant a remission on the following basis for those assessments that only contain a Permit to Occupy for pump sites provided the ratepayer as shown on the assessment is the owner of another property in the Council area on which the rate or charge has been levied:
 - (a) Separate Charges – 100% remission
 - (b) General Rates – Maximum remission of \$600.00
- (f) Nature Refuge Agreements

Council will grant a rebate for properties where a Nature Refuge Agreement exists over the property or part thereof; and an application is submitted by the land owner/s. The amount of rebate is proportional to the area of land covered by the nature refuge agreement.

Moved by: Councillor Friend

Seconded by: Councillor Rothery

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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5.14 2025-26 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION**File No:** FM12.5.2

- Attachments:**
1. 2026-26 Revised Budget 2 (26BR2) - Budget and Long Term Financial Statement
 2. 2026-26 Revised Budget 2 (26BR2) - Long Term Sustainability Statement
 3. 2025-26 Budget Review 2 (26BR2) - Total value in the change in rates and charges levied
 4. 2025-26 Budget Review 2 (26BR2) - Estimated Activity Statement for Significant and Other Business Activities

Responsible Officer: Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Statement of Estimated Financial Position as of 30 June 2026 for Council's adoption in accordance with Section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012. This is presented as a revised budget (26BR2) recognising changes to the financial position since the adoption of the revised budget one (26BR1).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolve to:

- a) adopt, pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2025–26 Revised Budget 2, prepared in accordance with the requirements of sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, as contained within the document titled 2025–26 Budget Review 2 - Budget Long-Term Financial Forecast (Attachment One); and
- b) Note that the 2025-26 Budget Review 2 (26BR2) incorporates the estimated financial operations and financial position of Council to 30 June 2026 and includes the following statements and measures:
 - i) Statement of Financial Position (Attachment One);
 - ii) Statement of Cash Flows (Attachment One);
 - iii) Statement of Income and Expenditure (Attachment One);
 - iv) Statement of Changes in Equity (Attachment One);
 - v) Long-Term Financial Forecast (Attachment One);
 - vi) Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability (Attachment Two);
 - vii) Total Value of change in the rates and charges expressed as a percentage (Attachment Three); and
 - viii) Revised estimated business activity costs for the period ending 30 June 2026 (Attachment Four).

Moved by: Councillor Friend**Seconded by:** Councillor Warcon**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.15 2026-27 DEBT POLICY**File No:** FM12.5.1**Attachments:** 1. 2026-27 Debt Policy**Responsible Officer:** Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the 2026-27 Debt Policy in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

10:56AM Councillor Friend left the meeting.

10:57AM Councillor Friend returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT pursuant to Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the 2026-27 Debt Policy.

Moved by: Councillor Warcon**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.16 2026-27 SIGNIFICANT AND OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**File No:** FM12.5.2**Attachments:** 1. 2026-27 Estimated Activity Statements for Significant and Other Business Activities**Responsible Officer:** Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the identified business activities that will be conducted by Council during the 2026-27 financial year and recommends that Council resolve to apply the code of competitive conduct to Council's water & sewerage and waste operations during the 2026-27 financial year pursuant to Section 47(7) of the Local Government Act 2009. This report also outlines that Council's water & sewerage operations and waste operations for the 2026-27 financial year are significant business activities under Section 43 of the Local Government Act 2009.

11:07AM Councillor Watson left the meeting.

11:10AM Councillor Watson returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**THAT:**

1. Council notes that the following are all business activities that are to be conducted by Council during the 2026-27 financial year:
 - Water and Sewerage Operations
 - Waste Operations
 - Building Certification
 - Caravan Parks
 - Car Parking
 - Car Wash Operations
 - Cemetery Operations
 - Community Nursery Operations
2. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year Council's combined water & sewerage operations are a significant business activity which is subject to national competition policy arrangements under Section 43 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.
3. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year Council's waste operations are a significant business activity which is subject to national competition policy arrangements under Section 43 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.
4. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year Council will not conduct any other significant business activity that was not conducted in the preceding financial year.
5. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year, the competitive neutrality principle will be applied to the significant business activity of water & sewerage operations and waste operations. The level of reform applied to this significant business activity is full cost pricing.
6. Council notes that Council's building certification activities are a prescribed

business activity under Section 38 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* meaning that the code of competitive conduct will mandatorily apply to Council's building certification activities in the 2026-27 financial year in accordance with Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

7. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year Council's combined water & sewerage operations and waste operations are prescribed business activities under Section 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
8. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year the estimated value of community service obligations is \$131,000 which is funded by general revenue and allocated to the waste business activity and water & sewerage business activity to cover the cost of providing non-commercial community services or costs deemed to be community service obligations by Council.
9. Council notes that for the 2026-27 financial year the estimated value of community service obligations is \$798,841 which is funded by waste revenue to the waste business activity to cover the cost of providing waste disposal vouchers to residential ratepayers for disposal of eligible waste materials at Council's waste facilities.
10. Council resolves for the 2026-27 financial year that the following prescribed business activities apply the code of competitive conduct under Section 47(7) of the *Local Government Act 2009*:
 - Water & Sewerage Operations
 - Waste Operations
11. Council resolves for the 2026-27 financial year that under Section 47(8) of the *Local Government Act 2009* the code of competitive conduct will not apply to the caravan parks, car parking, car wash or community nursery operations of Council for the reasoning that these business activities have expenditure under the prescribed business activity threshold (\$340,000) outlined in Section 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the costs of applying competition reforms to these activities outweigh any realisable benefits.
12. Council resolves for the 2026-27 financial year that under Section 47(8) of the *Local Government Act 2009* the code of competitive conduct will not apply to the cemetery operations of Council for the reasoning that this business activity is primarily conducted as a non-competitive community service and the costs of applying competition reforms to these activities outweigh any realisable benefits.
13. Council receives the estimated activity statement for the significant and other business activities (Attachment One (1)) under section 34 of the *Local Government Regulation*.

Moved by: Councillor Mather

Seconded by: Councillor Watson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.17 ADOPTION OF THE 2026-27 BUDGET AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST**File No:** FM12.5.1

Attachments:

1. 2026-27 Budget and Long Term Financial Forecast
2. 2026-27 Long Term Sustainability Statement
3. 2026-27 Total Value in the change in rates and charges levied
4. Capital Expenditure Portfolio - 4-year Summary

Responsible Officer: Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Andrea Ellis - General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the 2026-27 Budget and Long-Term Financial Forecast.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT;

- 1) pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolve to adopt the Budget for the financial year 2026-27 and the long-term financial forecast for the financial years 2026-27 to 2035-36, as contained in the document entitled *2026-27 Budget and Long-Term Financial Forecast* (Attachment One) and set out in the pages contained therein:
 - a) Statement of Financial Position (Attachment One);
 - b) Statement of Cash Flows (Attachment One);
 - c) Statement of Changes in Equity (Attachment One);
 - d) Statement of Income and Expenditure (Attachment One);
 - e) Long-Term Financial Forecast (Attachment One);
 - f) Sustainability Statement (Attachment Two); and
 - g) Percentage of Change in Rates & Utility Charges (Attachment Three).
- 2) Council receives the remainder of the documentation as working papers to support the 2026-27 adopted budget:
 - a) 4-year capital expenditure portfolio summary (Attachment Four)

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:55 am.

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