



Ararat Rural City

# AGENDA

## COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday 17 June 2020**

To be held in the Alexandra Oval Community Centre  
1 Waratah Avenue, Ararat

Commencing at 6.00pm

Council:

Cr Jo Armstrong (Mayor)

Cr Gwenda Allgood

Cr Bernardine Atkinson

Cr Peter Beales

Cr Bill Braithwaite

Cr Frank Deutsch

Cr Fay Hull

### **Our Vision**

Our communities, our opportunities

### **Our Mission Statement**

We will demonstrate leadership through social responsibility, openness and transparency by actively working with our community to achieve shared goals.

### **Our Values**

- Respect** - Respect for each other and the wider community.
- Excellence** - Striving for ongoing professionalism and organisational excellence.
- Passion** - Passion for our people, community and services.

A recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the Council Meeting.

The recording is being streamed live via Facebook, to improve transparency between council and the community and give more people the opportunity to view what decisions are being made.

Recordings of Council Meetings (excluding closed sessions) are made available on Council's website.

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## SECTION 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### 1.1 LIVE STREAMING

Council is keen to engage with members of the community and now live streams the formal Council Meetings to make them accessible. The stream will be available to view on Ararat Rural City Council's Facebook page from 6pm and on Council's website, [www.ararat.vic.gov.au](http://www.ararat.vic.gov.au) from Thursday morning following the Council Meeting.

You do not require a Facebook account to watch the live broadcast, simply enter [www.facebook.com/araratruralcitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/araratruralcitycouncil) into your address bar.

### 1.2 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/OPENING PRAYER/COUNCILLORS PLEDGE

#### *Traditional acknowledgement*

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

#### *Opening Prayer*

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to help us, as elected Councillors of the Ararat Rural City Council. Guide our deliberations. Prosper what is your will for us, to your honour and glory and for the welfare and benefit of the people whom we serve in the Ararat Rural City.

#### *Councillors Pledge*

We will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Ararat Rural City Council and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us under the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government Act 1989 or any other act to the best of our skill and judgment.

### 1.3 APOLOGIES

#### RECOMMENDATION (if required)

That the apology of Cr be accepted.

### 1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 6 May 2020 and 10 June 2020 be confirmed.

## 1.5 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Disclosure of Interests are to be made immediately prior to any relevant item being discussed.

*Local Government Act 1989 Section 79 (2)* A Councillor or member of a special committee who has a conflict of interest and is attending the meeting of the Council or special committee must make a full disclosure of that interest -

- (a) by either -
  - (i) advising the Council or special committee at the meeting of the details required under paragraph (b) and (c) immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting; or
  - (ii) advising the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the details required under paragraphs (b) and (c) before the meeting; and
- (b) classifying the type of interest that has given rise to the conflict as either -
  - (i) a direct interest: or
  - (ii) an indirect interest and specifying the particular kind of indirect interest under section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D or 78E; and
- (c) describing the nature of the interest; and
- (d) if the Councillor or member advised the Chief Executive Officer of the details under paragraph (a) (ii), the Councillor or member must make a disclosure of the class of interest only to the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting.

*Local Government Act 1989 Section 80C)* A person who is providing advice or a report to a meeting of the Council or a special committee, and who has a conflict of interest in a matter to which the advice or report relates, must disclose the constituting the conflict of interest when providing the advice or report and before the advice or report is considered by the Council or the committee.

## 1.6 ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Items proposed as urgent business must not be submitted to the meeting other than by resolution of the Council and only if it relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the Agenda or which cannot be reasonably deferred for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting.

The Urgent Business Item/s admitted will be considered as part of Section 9 Urgent Business.

### RECOMMENDATION (if required)

That Council admits as Urgent Business an item titled "XX" and this matter be considered as part of Section 9 Urgent Business.

## SECTION 2 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### 2.1 PETITIONS

Clause 15 of Council's Meeting Procedure states:

- 1 A petition presented to Council must lay on the table until the next Ordinary Meeting of Council and no motion, other than to receive the petition or joint letter may be accepted by the Chair, unless the Council agrees to deal with it earlier.
- 2 Petitions received by Ararat Rural City Council will be tabled under "Petitions" in the Order of Business.
- 3 At the meeting the petition will be formally received by Council and referred to the relevant area of Council for consideration and action which will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of Council for decision if one is required.
- 4 When a petition relates to an item already on the agenda at the meeting at which the petition is tabled, the matter will be dealt with at that meeting.
- 5 Any Councillor presenting a petition will be responsible for ensuring that he or she is familiar with the contents and purpose of the petition and that the petition is not derogatory or defamatory.
- 6 Any person who fraudulently signs a petition or joint letter which is presented to the Council is guilty of an offence.

## SECTION 3 – REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION

### 3.1 YEAR 2020 GENERAL VALUATION

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** MANAGER CORPORATE SUPPORT  
**DEPARTMENT:** CORPORATE SERVICES  
**REFERENCE:** 20115178

#### **OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 20 May 2020 Council received notification from the Valuer-General Victoria, certifying the 2020 General Valuation to be generally true and correct.

The Valuer-General Victoria has reported to the Minister for Planning that the 2020 General Valuation is generally true and correct with respect to each of the bases of value.

Once the Minister has made his declaration that the valuation is suitable to be adopted and used Council can raise rates for the 2020/21 financial year.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Valuer-General Victoria is now the valuation authority responsible for revaluing all properties in the municipality each year.

The Valuer-General Victoria appointed PW Newman Pty Ltd as the valuer. Mr Paul Newman has delivered valuations for rateable and non-rateable leviable properties to Council. The non-rateable leviable valuations are returned to enable Council to calculate the Fire Services Levy for these properties. The Valuer-General Victoria has audited the valuations to ensure they are generally true and correct. The Minister for Planning will make a declaration under the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 that allows the returned valuation to be used to raise rates for 2020/21.

	2020 Rateable Valuations	2020 Non Rateable Leviable Valuations	Total
Site Value	\$2,396,947,500	\$16,536,500	\$2,413,484,000
Capital Improved Value	\$3,824,571,500	\$81,810,500	\$3,906,382,000
Net Annual Value	\$227,325,700	\$5,120,475	\$232,446,175

The following table illustrates the change in capital improved valuations (CIV) between each category of property as a result of the revaluation. The categories included in this table are based on Valuation Best Practice Guidelines, which are not consistent with the classifications used for rating purposes. For example, the rural category includes urban farmland that may not necessarily be defined as farmland for rating purposes. There are several properties that are rated at the general rate but are classed as rural for the Fire Services Levy.



Category	2020 CIV\$	2019 CIV\$	% Change
Residential	\$1,007,126,500	\$977,117,900	3.07%
Commercial	\$130,170,000	\$129,792,000	0.29%
Industrial (includes windfarms)	\$590,445,000	\$568,640,900	3.83%
Rural (including Urban Farm Land)	\$2,096,830,000	\$1,721,711,000	21.79%
Non Rateable Leviable	\$81,810,500	\$59,503,500	37.49%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,906,382,000</b>	<b>\$3,456,765,300</b>	<b>13.01%</b>

### Residential properties

In comparison to 2019 valuations, residential property valuations have increased by 3.07% (4.32% in 2019, 3.45% increase in 2018, 3.88% increase in 2016, 0.76% decrease in 2014, 11.96% increase in 2012, 4.6% increase in 2010, 6.94% increase in 2008, 31.00% increase in 2006, 48.93% increase for 2004, 13.72% increase for the 2002 and 6.84% increase for the 2000 valuation).

### Commercial and Industrial properties

In comparison to 2019 valuations, commercial property valuations have increased by 0.29% (1.43% in 2019, 8.69% in 2018, 6.66% increase in 2016, 8.35% increase in 2014, 5.84% increase in 2012, 2% decrease in 2010, 17.35% increase in 2008, 24.71% increase in 2006, 27.52% increase in 2004 and 11.54% increase for the 2002 valuation).

Industrial property valuations have increased by 3.83% (0.09% increase in 2019, 0.75% increase in 2018, 10.97% increase in 2016, 12.06% increase in 2014, 0.13% decrease in 2012, 0.3% decrease in 2010, 21.10% increase in 2008, 26.96% increase in 2006, 26.85% increase in 2004 and 6.71% increase for the 2002 valuation).

### Rural properties

In comparison to 2019 valuations, rural valuations have increased by 21.79%, (2.72% in 2019, 24.48% increase in 2018, 7.09% increase in 2016, 2.45% increase in 2014, 7.05% decrease in 2012, 18.7% increase in 2010, 17.36% increase in 2008, 27.02% increase in 2006, 46.36% increase in 2004 and 12.14% increase for the 2002 valuation).

### Non rateable leviable properties

In comparison to 2019 valuations, non-rateable leviable property valuations have increased by 37.49% (3.06% increase in 2019, 1.15% increase in 2018, 2.55% decrease in 2016 and 0.35% increase in 2014).

Whilst these properties are non-rateable for municipal rates, they are charged the Fire Services Levy. Land in this category includes Council owned properties, Churches and Wind Farms.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

5.1 Good Governance through leadership.

### *Budget Implications*

The Valuer-General Victoria is now responsible for the cost of the annual general revaluation. Council is required to pay for the costs of supplementary valuations during the year and these costs are included in the budget each year.

***Policy/Relevant Law***

The Valuer General Victoria is required to revalue all properties in accordance with the Valuation of Land Act 1960.

***Sustainability Implications***

The report does not raise any sustainability implications.

***Risk Assessment***

Low.

***Innovation and Continuous Improvement***

Revaluing properties every year allows current land values to be used for Council Rating purposes and Land Tax purposes.

***Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement***

The valuation process is undertaken by the Valuer-General Victoria and widely promoted to ratepayers across various websites including the Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning, the State Revenue Office and Councils.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That subject to Ministerial approval, Council adopts the General Valuation for 2020 conducted by Mr Paul Newman for total Site Value of \$2,413,484,000 (rateable Site Value of \$2,396,947,500 and non-rateable leviable Site Value of \$16,536,500); total Capital Improved Value of \$3,906,382,000 (rateable Capital Improved Value of \$3,824,571,500 and non-rateable leviable Capital Improved Value of \$81,810,500); and total Net Annual Value of \$232,446,175 (rateable Net Annual Value of \$227,325,700 and non-rateable leviable Net Annual Value of \$5,120,475).

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments relating to this item.

### 3.2 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN (SRP)

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DEPARTMENT: CEO's OFFICE  
REFERENCE: 20114037

#### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Council Plan includes the strategic objectives for the next financial year, including the strategic actions and indicators for monitoring the achievement of these objectives.

The Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) is a plan of the resources required to achieve the Council's strategic objectives expressed in the Council Plan. It also facilitates the commencement of the Budget 2020/2021 which follows as an annual resource plan to implement the fourth year of the Council Plan. The SRP also assists Council maintain a financially sustainable organisation into the long term.

The statutory requirements prescribed under Sections 125 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 require Council to consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect to the remaining period of the Council Plan at least once in each financial year.

Council is required to advertise the draft Council Plan/SRP for a period of 28 days in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. During this period, community members were encouraged to scrutinise and review the Council Plan to ensure it expresses their view of the Council's intended future direction. One submission to the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 was received.

#### DISCUSSION

The draft Council Plan sets the direction for Council for the next year. As Council's role is to support the community through leadership and service provision, it is ultimately a plan for the community.

##### 1 Council Plan

Over the past four months the Council and Chief Executive Officer have reviewed the Council Plan 2017-2021. The Council Plan has been developed with an emphasis on providing services to the community. It has been developed with a strong understanding of the key physical and strategic issues facing Council. The actions out of the Council Plan will fulfil Council's role of fostering future growth and development for the Municipality's residents.

It defines the strategies Council will employ in endeavouring to meet these challenges and ensure continued growth and prosperity for the municipality.

The Draft Council 2017-2021 Plan (Year 3) has significant changes in form and content to align with Council's current direction, priorities and initiatives.

The design changes to the Council Plan are aimed to produce an accessible series of documents, which present Council's 4 year and annual plan to the community, government and other stakeholders in an accessible and coherent manner.

The new 'suite' of Council Plan documents exists in three parts:

- Council Plan (Year 4) as required by the Local Government Act 1989, including the Strategic Resource Plan
- Council Plan Snapshot providing a brief and accessible version of the Council Plan to promote Council's four-year plan (2017-2021)
- Annual Work Plan is a simple one-page document, which serves as the annual work plan for the organisation to achieve the annual requirements of the Council Plan.

## 2 Strategic Resource Plan (SRP)

The SRP is a rolling plan of at least four years and forms part of the Council Plan. The Plan outlines the resources that Council requires to achieve the objectives described in the Council plan and includes the standard statements as prescribed by the regulation to outline the financial and non-financial resources required.

The SRP has been developed to assist Council in adopting a budget within a longer term prudent financial framework.

The key objective of this plan is financial sustainability in the medium to long term, whilst still achieving the Council's strategic objectives in the Council Plan.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

- 5.1 Good Governance through leadership
- 5.2 Services and infrastructure that meets the municipality's existing and future needs
- 5.4 Sustainable, long term financial management

### *Budget Implications*

The implications of the Council Plan 2017-2021 have been considered in the 2020/2021 Budget, and the Strategic Resource Plan.

More detailed information is contained in the Strategic Resource Plan and Budget documents.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

In accordance with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 Council must consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect to the remaining period of the Council Plan at least once in each financial year.

### *Sustainability Implications*

Environmental, social and economic impacts of the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3) have been considered in the development of a balanced future plan.

### *Risk Assessment*

The primary objective of Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions. The proposed Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan manages the financial risks faced by Council, ensuring that decisions are made, and actions taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations.

***Innovation and Continuous Improvement***

There remains a number of strategic challenges ahead, including the renewal of Council's asset base, the continuation of an appropriate range and level of services, the maintenance of a sound financial position under Rate Capping and the protection of our natural environment.

The pillars, key strategies, activities and initiatives in the Council Plan aim to meet these needs and continue to deliver on Council's vision, mission and values.

It is expected the community will benefit from activities and initiatives funded in the Council Plan.

***Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement***

Councillors and Management have discussed and reviewed the draft Council Plan 2017-2021.

The Council Plan incorporating the SRP was placed on public display for a period of 28 days. One submission to the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 was received.

The submission to the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 was presented to the Council Meeting held on 10 June 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Having considered the public submission, Council adopts the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 Year 4 is provided in Attachment 3.2;
- 2 Submission received as part of the public consultation process are provided in Attachment 3.2;
- 3 Council Plan 2017/2021 Snapshot is provided in Attachment 3.2; and
- 4 Council Plan Actions 2020/2021 (workplan) is provided in Attachment 3.2.

### 3.3 DRAFT BUDGET 2020/2021

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE  
REFERENCE: 20114038

#### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council is required to prepare a budget for each financial year and provide the opportunity for people to make a submission under Section 223 of the Act on any proposal contained in the budget.

Section 130 of the Act requires Council to adopt the budget by 30 June each year. Section 158 of the Act requires Council to declare rates and charges.

#### DISCUSSION

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 May 2020, Council considered the proposed budget for 2020/2021 and resolved to give public notice of the Budget in accordance with Section 129 of the Local Government Act 1989.

The draft budget was advertised in the *Ararat Advocate* on Friday 8 May 2020. The advertisement called for public submissions and set out how submissions were to be made.

There were 14 written submissions received on the Draft Budget and 3 people presented their submissions to Council on 10 June 2020.

Most of the submissions supported maintaining equity between the various classes of land by reducing the farm differential from 55% of the general rate to 47% of the general rate.

There is a general consensus that Council is showing leadership working with all sectors across the region to achieve better outcomes for the whole community.

It is well recognised that the Ararat Council provides several regional city type services such as Ararat Town Hall, Art Gallery, Chinese heritage museum, Ararat Fitness Centre, Outdoor Pools, Alexandra Oval Community & Recreation Centre, but the rate revenue is derived from a small rate base. This has a flow-on effect with higher recurrent operating costs associated with maintaining the key commercial areas at regional standard, including signage, footpaths, streetscape, cleaning and public conveniences.

Whilst Council could raise rates by 2% under the Victorian State Government's rate cap the Budget for 2020/21 includes a 1% rate reduction in the total amount raised from general rates.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

- 5.1 Good Governance through leadership.
- 5.4 Sustainable, long term financial management.

### *Budget Implications*

The Draft Budget has been prepared within the following parameters:

- The draft Budget proposes the following differential rates - general rate – 100%, commercial and industrial rate – 125% of the general rate and farm rate – 47% of the general rate;
- A decrease of one percent in the total amount received from general rates;
- An increase in the Municipal Charge from \$94 per rateable property in 2019/2020 to \$96 per rateable property in 2020/2021;
- An increase of approximately 2.0% for recycle collection and other waste management charges;
- A balanced budget in terms of a cash result and an operating surplus of \$4.661 million in terms of an accrual accounting result;
- A net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$2.043 million;
- A capital works program of \$13.648 million;
- No new loan borrowings;
- Capital budgets have been prepared in accordance with good asset management principles.

More detailed information is contained in the Budget document.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

Council is required under Section 127 of the local Government Act to prepare a budget for each financial year. The budget contains the Financial Statements, a description of services and initiatives to be funded in the budget, service outcome indicators, and major initiatives to be undertaken during the financial year and the performance measures in relation to each major initiative.

### *Sustainability Implications*

In developing the Draft Budget 2020/2021 all environmental, social and economic impacts have been considered.

### *Risk Assessment*

Council must implement the principles of sound financial management, which includes managing financial risks faced by Council and ensuring that decisions are made, and actions taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations. The increases in rates and charges are considered necessary if Council is to strive for long term financial sustainability.

### *Innovation and Continuous Improvement*

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 has been prepared over a considerable period, with significant input from Council officers and Councillors. The Draft Budget allows Council to increase the level of capital works and continue to deliver a wide range of services to ratepayers and residents.

### *Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement*

It is expected the community will benefit from the services funded in the budget. The budget for 2020/2021 has been developed over several months after a thorough and comprehensive review process. All departments have analysed both financial and non-financial information to develop the draft budget.

The public were given the opportunity to make a submission on the budget. Submission were presented to the 10 June 2020 Council Meeting.



RECOMMENDATION

1 Adoption of the 2020/2021 Budget

Having considered the public submissions, Council adopts the Budget 2020-2021

2 Amount intended to be raised

That an amount of \$17,108,001 be declared as the amount Council intends to raise through general rates, municipal charge, and annual service charges which are calculated as follows:

Source of Revenue	Amount
General Rates	\$14,205,400
Municipal Charge	\$627,744
<b>Annual service charges:</b>	
- Garbage Collection	\$1,727,556
- Water Supply	\$6,272
- Recycle Collection	\$538,500
<b>Special charges:</b>	
- Bunnugal Drainage	\$2,529
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,108,001</b>

3 General Rates

- (a) That a general rate be declared in respect of the Financial Year, being for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021;
- (b) That it be further declared pursuant to Sections 158, 158A and 161 of the Act that the general rate be raised by the application of differential rates having regard to the objectives of each differential rate and characteristics of the land which are the criteria for declaring each differential rate as set out in the Budget Report 2020/2021 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 6 May 2020;
- (c) That it be confirmed that the rates for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined by multiplying the "Capital Improved Value" of each rateable land by the applicable "Rate in the Dollar" for each Type of Rate:

Type of Rate	Rate in the Dollar
General	0.006280
Commercial	0.007850
Industrial	0.007850
Farm	0.002952

and

4 Municipal Charge

- (a) That pursuant to Section 159 of the Act, a Municipal Charge be declared to cover some of the administrative costs of Council;
- (b) That the Municipal Charge be in the sum of \$96.00 per rateable assessment; and

5 Annual Service Charges

- (a) That, pursuant to Section 162(1)(a), Section 162(1)(b) Section 163 and Section 221(1)(b) of the Act, an Annual Service Charge in respect of serviced properties be declared in respect of the 2020-2021 Financial Year;
- (b) That Annual Service Charges be declared on properties where the service is provided in the municipal district for garbage services as follows:
- Kerbside collection for 120 litre mobile garbage bin - \$318
  - Kerbside collection for 240 litre mobile garbage bin - \$416



- (c) That Annual Service Charges be declared on properties where the service is provided in the municipal district for recycling services as follows:
  - Kerbside collection for 240 litre mobile recycling bin - \$150
- (d) That an Annual Service Charge of \$456 be declared for the provision of water supply to properties in which water is supplied in the following areas: Mininera, Rossbridge, Tatyoon and Travellers Rest;
- (e) That a special charge of \$1.65 per hectare be levied in the high rating zone and \$1.00 per hectare in the low rating zone on all properties in the Bunnugal Drainage area, for maintenance works within the drainage area; and

6 Cultural and Recreation Land

That all cultural and recreational lands and indoor cultural and recreational facilities be exempt from the payment of municipal rates, except where:

- a) the land is subject to a grazing lease, in which case it will attract the General rate (or the Farm rate if applicable);
- b) the land is used for housing gaming machines, in which case the portion of the premises used for housing gaming machines shall attract the Commercial rate, and the balance of the property shall be exempt from the payment of municipal rates; and

7 Rebates

That no Council funded rebates apply for 2020/2021; and

8 Incentives

That no incentives be declared for early payment of the general rates, annual service charges and municipal charge; and

9 Consequential

- (a) That Council requires any person to pay interest on any amounts or rates and charges which;
  - That person is liable to pay; and
  - Have not been paid by the date specified for their payment;
- (b) That the interest rate fixed under Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983 be noted as the rate set out in accordance with Section 172(2) of the Act;
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, annual service charge, municipal charge and amounts payable under the Act; and

10 Payment Arrangements

That Council allow the payment of rates and charges by direct debit over nine monthly or eighteen fortnightly payments, free of interest, commencing the last Friday of September and finishing in the following May.

That Council offer the option to pay rates and charges by lump sum under Section 167 of the Act by 15 February 2021.

That, in accordance with Section 167 of the Act, rates and charges are also payable by four equal instalments on the date fixed by the Minister for Local Government, that is:

- 30 September 2020
- 30 November 2020
- 28 February 2021
- 31 May 2021; and



That should any person pay an amount equivalent to their first instalment before 30 October 2020, Council will consider the payment as an instalment payment. Should any person pay an amount equivalent to their first instalment after 30 October 2020, Council will consider the payment as an amount towards the lump sum option and the rates will then be due in full by 15 February next.

11 Interest

That Council allows a grace period of 30 days before interest is applied under Section 172 (3) of the Act to late instalments and late lump sum payments; and

That Council set a minimum interest amount of \$3 when charging interest on late payment in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989.

12 Submissions

That Council note the submissions received under Section 223 and notify the persons who have made a separate submission of the decision and the reasons for that decision; the reason being that Council believes the budget, as advertised and adopted, achieves the objectives of Council as determined by Section 3C of the Act and the role of Council as determined by Section 3D of the Act.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Budget 2020/2021 is provided in Attachment 3.3;
- 2 Submissions received as part of the public consultation process are provided in Attachment 3.3; and
- 3 Budget 2020/2021 Snapshot is provided in Attachment 3.3.

### 3.4 WILLAURA RAILWAY STATION PRECINCT – DEED OF CONSENT TO AND VARIATION OF SUB-LEASE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR  
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S DEPARTMENT  
REFERENCE: 16075480

#### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a direct lease arrangement with VicTrack for Railway Lots 47, 48 and 49, Willaura, which contains the memorial, the old Court House and the Willaura Railway Station.

At the 21 November 2017 Council Meeting, Council resolved to sign and seal the Deed of Consent to Sub- Lease Railway Lot 47 situated at 55 Main Street, Willaura to Willaura Modern Inc.

Willaura Modern have contacted Council in relation to sub-leasing Railway Lots 48 and 49, Willaura.

#### DISCUSSION

The former Willaura Court House building was relocated to Railway Lot 49 approximately 15 years ago. This project was overseen by the Willaura Historical Society. No further changes to the building had occurred during that time.

Willaura Modern, with the endorsement of the Willaura Historical Society, have advised Council that they are interested in a further sub-lease for Railway Lots 48 and 49, Willaura.

Willaura Modern recently received funding from the Commonwealth Government for roof, gutting, plumbing and glazing works at the Willaura Court House. This work has now been completed.

Willaura Modern are preparing to submit further applications to fund activities to reactivate the precinct for community use.

The following image highlights the area of the proposed sub-lease. Lot 47 (highlighted area) is the existing sub-lease to Willaura Modern, Lots 48 and 49 are included in the Deed of Consent to and Variation of Sub-Lease.



Lot 49 – including former Willaura Court House

Lot 48 – Current Sub-Lease to Willaura Modern Inc

Lot 47 – Current Sub-Lease to Willaura Modern Inc

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

- 1.1 Work with the community to develop and prosper.
- 2.1 Community and cultural connectedness

### *Budget Implications*

There are no budget implications in relation to this matter.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

A Consent to and Variation of Sub-Lease between VicTrack, Willaura Modern Inc and Ararat Rural City Council has been prepared and would require signing and sealing by Council.

### *Sustainability Implications*

None identified.

### *Risk Assessment*

A formal sub-lease between the three parties will ensure appropriate governance requirements are followed.

### *Innovation and Continuous Improvement*

Signing this document enables Council to vary the sub-lease with VicTrack and Willaura Modern and support further activities that Willaura Modern Inc has in the vision for the Willaura Railway Station precinct.

### *Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement*

Discussions held between VicTrack, Willaura Modern Inc, Willaura Historical Society Inc and Council's Chief Executive Officer and Governance Unit in relation to the sub-lease arrangements for Railway Lots 47,48 and 49, Willaura.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer sign and seal the Deed of Consent to Sub-Lease Railway Lots 47, 48 and 49 at Willaura.

#### ATTACHMENTS

The Deed of Consent to Consent to and Variation of Sub-Lease is provided as attachment 3.4.

### 3.5 GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: HEAD OF SERVICE SUPPORT  
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE  
REFERENCE: 20115244

#### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to seek State Government funding for the redevelopment of the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve.

The Victorian Government recently announced the \$2.7billion Building works package, designed to support 'shovel ready projects' as economic stimulus following the COVID-19 event. An element of this package is a \$68 million Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program, which is to fast track investment in community sport and recreation infrastructure projects.

Gordon Street Recreation Reserve has been identified by Sport and Recreation Victoria to be redeveloped as part of this funding opportunity, to assist in dispersing the usage and impact across the municipality's sport and recreation facilities and complement recent redevelopment and upgrades in the City's existing facilities.

#### DISCUSSION

Gordon Street Recreation Reserve is a sporting precinct on the eastern side of Ararat, which comprises of an oval along with a large field previously used to host hockey, it also has a non-compliant change room/social room. The reserve was previously owned by the Department of Education, with Council purchasing the reserve in 2017 as a means to fulfil the need for a second oval to take pressure off Alexandra Oval. It has in the past 12 months undergone a redevelopment of the main oval, which now incorporates appropriate drainage and irrigation.

Council has been working very closely with Sport and Recreation Victoria to look at funding opportunities to develop Gordon Street Recreation Reserve into a multiuse facility. Council in conjunction with key stakeholders is focused on stimulating economic growth through improved and infrastructure-specific development targeting the needs of local sporting groups. The redevelopment of Gordon Street Recreation Reserve will stimulate and grow participation rates, in particularly female participation rates, in sport and recreation activities across the municipality.

Recommendations from the Sport & Recreation Facilities Study that was undertaken in 2017 was to support greater participation opportunities and to respond to demand for new participation opportunities such as Football (Soccer), Cricket and AFLW. This would also see a strong sport and active recreation participation for disadvantaged and underrepresented clubs and communities.

A redevelopment of this area would see the following outcomes:-

1. Incorporating 2 large football (soccer) fields alongside the existing oval to attract football participation
2. Develop a new change space for AFLW that complies with the female friendly sport guidelines
3. Develop a new change space and social room space for Cricket and Football (Soccer)
4. Incorporate a new cricket oval that will include a turf wicket
5. Activate a multiuse space for Little Athletics to be undertaken.

The proposed development would see the works commence within 6 months of the funding being announced. It is proposed the total redevelopment cost would be around \$3.1 million with the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus funding providing \$2,650,000 and an allocation from the Federal Governments, Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program of \$300,000. It is therefore recommended that Council contribute \$150,000 out of reserve from the 2020/2021 budget.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

#### 1.1 Work with communities to develop and prosper

- provide community development support and facilitate partnerships
- Create a culture which supports social inclusion

#### 2.4 Ararat Active City

Promote community health and wellbeing through the provision of recreation facilities and programs

### *Budget Implications*

It is recommended that Council contribute \$150,000 towards the proposed development of Gordon Street Recreation Reserve to support the funding application via the State Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program. The remainder of the investment would be sought from Federal Government's Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

None identified

### *Sustainability Implications*

None identified

### *Risk Assessment*

None identified

### *Innovation and Continuous Improvement*

None identified

### *Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement*

Consultation has taken place as part of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Study and will continue to be undertaken between all stakeholders within the community, clubs and potential future users.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the:

- 1 Council endorse the proposed development of Gordon Street Recreation Reserve; and
- 2 Council commit \$150,000 from reserve towards the funding application of the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program with funds of \$300,000 provided by Federal Government Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

## ATTACHMENTS

The Schematic Plans - Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Redevelopment are provided as attachment 3.5.



## SECTION 4 – INFORMATION REPORTS

### 4.1 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 YEAR 3 – YEARLY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S DEPARTMENT  
REFERENCE: 20114787

#### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan Action report is presented to Council updating the progress of actions identified against the strategic objectives in the Council Plan 2017-2021 for Year 3.

The Council Plan 2017-2021 contains actions to be undertaken during the 2019-2020 financial year under the pillars and foundation of Our Community, Our Lifestyle, Our Economy, Our Environment and Our Organisation.

#### DISCUSSION

This report outlines the progress of the actions listed in the Council Plan for Year 3 (2019/2020) as at 12 June 2020.

The Council Plan for 2019/2021 contain 48 actions, which the following table outlines the results in relation to these actions:

Progress	Number
Ongoing	4
0-50% completed	1
51%-99 completed	12
Completed	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

It is pleasing to report that of the 48 actions, 34 have been completed, several of these are highlighted below:

- Meeting project milestones for several projects including: the Alexandra Gardens Lighting Project (Active Link) and Ararat on the Move Female Friendly Facilities – Netball Court and Olver Stand, Ararat on the Move Events and Visitor Space and Pathways and Active Links, and Ararat Active Link Stage 2 – Multipurpose Court and Bouldering Wall;
- Advocating for the Ararat Regional Park Mountain Bike Track;
- Funding applications completed for the Willaura Recreation Reserve Female Friendly Facilities and the Mininera Recreation Reserve;
- Development of new waste transfer station at Lake Bolac; and completion of eWaste facilities at Ararat and Lake Bolac transfer stations.
- Implementation of the Ararat Digital Transformation Project.



Actions not yet complete (ongoing, 0-50% completed and 51-99% completed) have been incorporated in the Council Plan 2017-2021 Action Plan (Year 4).

Various delays have affected the completion of the actions for the 2019/2020 financial year, these include.

- Impact of the COVID-19 event;
- Applications for funding, outcome not yet advised.

The following tables details the Council Plan Actions in full.

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
1.1 Work with communities to develop and prosper	Develop township strategies for Willaura and Pomonal	Both township strategies completed and endorsed by communities	In progress 51-99%	Pomonal and Willaura Township Strategies completed in consultation with communities. The process has been complicated by the COVID-19 event. The Willaura community will hold a community listening conference to finalise their plan.
1.1 Work with communities to develop and prosper	Preparation work for Lake Bolac and Elmhurst township strategies	Plan for township strategy work in 2020/2021 developed and agreed with communities	Completed	Preparation work has been completed.
1.2 Accessible, responsive and inclusive community services	Seek sector partners for the redevelopment of the McDonald Centre site	Seek joint project submission for redevelopment	Completed	Discussions with State Government and Grampians Community Health are ongoing. A submission was put forward to the State Budget to develop a feasibility study for redeveloping the site.
1.2 Accessible, responsive and inclusive community services	Develop a Vocational Education & Training (VET) sector partnership plan	Develop plan with VET sector partners	In progress 51-99%	FedUni has committed to developing a partnership plan with ARCC and other key local stakeholders around access to VET, higher education and English language training. Further meeting to be held on 15 June 2020 with Professor Andy Smith from Fed Uni to progress the plan.
1.2 Accessible, responsive and inclusive community services	Develop a model to expand the library further into the community education space	Feasible model presented to Council	In progress 51-99%	Discussions with Library staff have commenced and further work to be developed for a report to Council. The COVID19 event has delayed this project.

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
1.3 A safe community	Completion of the Alexandra Gardens Lighting project (Active Link)	Project milestones completed on time and within budget	Completed	<p>Alexandra Gardens - works were completed and lighting operational by the milestone date.</p> <p>Ararat Skate Park - Lighting works for the Skate Park will be undertaken in line with Stage 2 Skate Park project. Work is to commence on Stage 2 Skate Park Project in the first half of May 2020. Work has commenced on Stage 2 Skate Park Project and is on target to be completed in September 2020.</p>
2.1 Community and cultural connectedness	Hold a cultural festival in 2019/2020	Successful funding application and/or festival held	Ongoing	Working party was established to plan event for 19 April 2020 and meetings were being held fortnightly. This project was cancelled for 2020 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 event.
2.2 Promotion of regional living	OPAN (Opportunity Pyrenees, Ararat & Northern Grampians) project commenced	OPAN project implemented at regional level with milestones met	Completed	OPAN and TTY projects are being implemented. Current milestones are being met for both projects. OPAN has been to tender for a local employment demand study and a housing demand study. The OPAN and TTL projects have been suspended due to the impacts of the COVID-19 event.
2.2 Promotion of regional living	Develop and promote the Pomonal Tunnel Track walk.	Linkage plan developed	Completed	Video has been developed and published on YouTube. Brochure has been designed, but not yet published. Contact made with Jallukar Landcare and Grampians Tourism regarding links. Council officers working with Parks Vic on connecting GPT Loops. Expressions of Interest for project costings and development plan to be sought prior to the end of the 2019/2020 financial year. \$200,000 funding received from Victorian Bushfire

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
				Recovery Program to implement the Linkage Plan.
2.3 Strong performing and visual arts program	Undertake formal review of Arts, Culture and Heritage programs	Review completed and recommendations adopted by Council	In progress 51-99%	The Art Gallery Advisory Committee has been dissolved. External review of Arts, Culture and Heritage has been delivered in draft form. A model for a skills based advisory group was adopted by Council at the March Council Meeting. A report on broader recommendation of the review will be presented to the July 2020 Council Meeting.
2.3 Strong performing and visual arts program	2019/2020 Town Hall and TAMA programs	Programs implemented	Completed	Town Hall programming completed 2019/20. TAMA programming 75% completed. Both programs mid delivery. Town Hall and TAMA programming impacted by the COVID-19 event
2.4 Ararat Active City	Advocate for Ararat Regional Park Mountain Bike Track	Proposal developed	Completed	Project fully funded. \$2.7 million from the Victorian State Government, \$300,000 from Ararat Rural City Council.
2.4 Ararat Active City	Develop a works priority for rural recreation reserves	Works priority developed and agreed at community level	Completed	Priority list put to Council and works are underway- Priorities included Elmhurst Hall and Willaura Recreation Reserve.
2.4 Ararat Active City	Develop funding application for Female Friendly change facilities at Willaura Recreation Reserve	Funding application developed and submitted to Female Friendly Facilities funding.	Completed	Design agreed on with all stakeholders and application developed and submitted under the Female Friendly Facilities program with SRV. Notification of funding will be announced at the end of July 2020.

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
2.4 Ararat Active City	Seek funding for Mininera Recreation Reserve drainage	Funding application lodged or funding acquired	Completed	Funding application lodged to Sport and Recreation Victoria Country Football Netball program. Requesting \$68,155 with \$40,000 Council contribution and \$10,000 from community. Funding application was unsuccessful, discussions held with SRV to reapply for funding. Funding application has been submitted with notification of funding being announced at the end of July 2020
2.4 Ararat Active City	Review the Open Space and Recreation Strategy	Review complete within timeframe	Completed	Strategy Review complete. Key items have been completed or are no longer relevant. This provides a very strong base for development of 2021-2025 Sport and Recreation Action Plan.
2.4 Ararat Active City	Ararat on the Move Female Friendly Facilities – netball court and Olver Stand	Complete all project milestones on time and on budget in 2019/2020	Completed	2019/2020 milestones met. Tender has been awarded for work to commence in October 2019. Project plan on target for milestone requirements. Project has commenced and is aligning with the allocated milestone requirements. Netball Court - Work on the netball court is progressing and in line with current milestone, netball courts are close to being completed, although due to Covid19 there has been a slight delay in laying the final surface. Olver Stand - Plans being finalised ready for tender process. Tenders have been released and will close 12 March. Tender awarded and work has commenced on the redevelopment of the Olver Stand and Administration building. All on track to be completed by extended due date of 31 August 2020. There have been some slight delays in work due to Covid-19 but work is

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
				continuing on both the Administration Building and Olver Stand.
2.4 Ararat Active City	Ararat on the Move Events and Visitor Space and Pathways and Active Links	Complete all project milestones on time and on budget in 2019/2020	Completed	2019/2020 milestones met. Plans in progress for finalisation, project on target for milestone requirements. Finalisation of project plan in final stages. Tenders have been released and will close 12 March. Tender has been awarded and work is scheduled to commence in the first week of May. Work is to commence in the coming weeks on the front of the Olver Stand to align with the work being undertaken at the back of the Olver Stand.
2.4 Ararat Active City	Ararat Active Link Stage 2 – multipurpose court and bouldering wall	Complete all project milestones on time and on budget in 2019/2020	Completed	2019/2020 milestones met. Plans in progress for finalisation, project on target for milestone requirements. Sport and Recreation Victoria have endorsed the schematic plans to proceed to development. Tender has been advertised. Work to commence in March for Stage 2 work in line with the lighting project. Work is now commencing in the first half of May along with the lighting project work in line to be completed by the milestone. Work has commenced and is on track to be completed in September 2020
2.4 Ararat Active City	Implement the outcome of the Ararat Fitness Centre Access Improvement Plan	Improvement Plan Implemented	In progress 51-99%	Inhouse delivery of the management of the Ararat Fitness Centre. Made application to Sport and Recreation Victoria for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Ararat Fitness Centre.

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Promote the Ararat East Development Zone	Enabling infrastructure grant lodged with RDV	Completed	Detailed design completed for Heath Street crossing development. Grant application submitted to RDV. The project has been funded through RDV grant and Council contribution. Funding confirmed for project to commence. Planning work has commenced for the project as per the funding guidelines and milestones.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Attract a 4 star tourist accommodation business to Ararat	A firm proposal from a developer	In progress 0-50%	Opportunities to complete this project were seriously affected by the COVID-19 event. Investment in tourist infrastructure was severely impacted during this period.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Advocate for full East Grampians Pipeline Project implementation	Agreement to implementation of full \$92mill project	Completed	Full funding of project by Federal and State Governments, and GWMWater has been secured. Chief Executive Officer continues to Chair the Community Consultative Committee and is a member of the Project Steering Committee. Project contractors appointed and works due to commence.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Support development of a business association	New organisation established	Completed	Initial meeting to re-establish GABNet held and attended by over 60 people. There is a high level of interest across the ARCC business community in being involved. Phillippa Cairns to work with GABNet for 2019/2020 to support ongoing development of the organisation. Greater Ararat Business Network has been established. The new organisation has held a planning day and also held a successful Business After Dark event. GABNet continues to operate during the COVID-19 event.

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Conduct a wine industry conference in Ararat	Council with FedUni and industry partners complete successful conference	In progress 51-99%	Significant progress made with key stakeholders to undertake a Shiraz Symposium in May 2021 at the Ararat Town Hall.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Seek funding to establish a co-working space	Funding sought from RDV and LaunchVic	Completed	Business plan completed and Council seed funding established. An application has been lodged through the Central Highlands Regional Partnership for \$92,000 to support ICT requirements and fit-out. Project funding application successful.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Council to lead development of a Business Leaders Forum	4 meetings held in 2019/2020	In progress 51-99%	The Business Leaders Forum has formed and met. Its activities were impacted by the COVID-19 event and regular meetings will be occurring as restrictions are lifted.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Contribute to Rural Council Victoria business attraction model	Facilitated engagement with relevant stakeholders	Completed	Held discussions with project consultant. RCV Business Attraction Model has been published.
3.1 A strong and diverse local economy	Actively engage in promoting renewable energy options for the municipality	Facilitated engagement with relevant stakeholders	Completed	Progress is being made on a renewable energy generator in ARCC. CEO a member of GNET. Installation of PV on multiple buildings underway. CEO is an Executive member of GNet. A number of renewable energy projects currently in feasibility phase.
3.2 Effective, efficient and safe transport networks	Implement a Rural Roads Task Group	First cut of road priorities established	Completed	The first cut of road priorities has been established to inform the 2020/2021 capital works program. This will be reported to Rural Roads Group and then to Council as part of the 2020/2021 budget formulation process. Members of group working with Mayor and CEO to lobby for funding under the Federal Government's Infrastructure Investment Program.
3.2 Effective, efficient and safe transport networks	Review the Road Management Plan	Road management plan reviewed and adopted	Completed	The Road Management Plan has been reviewed and will be presented to the July 2020 Council Meeting.



Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
3.2 Effective, efficient and safe transport networks	Planning for the Ararat Bypass	Regular communication with government departments	Ongoing	Regular communication with key government departments regarding the Western Highway duplication. A fortnightly schedule of meetings has been established between ARCC CEO and Major Road Projects Victoria.
3.2 Effective, efficient and safe transport networks	Continue to advocate for Western Highway duplication	Advocate for completion of the duplication	Ongoing	Regular communication with key government departments regarding the Western Highway duplication. A short section of the highway has commenced construction between Dobie Rd and Langi Ghiran Picnic Ground Rd. A fortnightly schedule of meetings has been established between ARCC CEO and Major Road Projects Victoria.
3.3 Effective and efficient land use planning and building control	Housing strategy developed and implemented	Housing strategy completed	In progress 51-99%	Housing Strategy is being developed through the OPAN project and the Ararat in Transition Project. Ararat in Transition is being finalised and the OPAN Project suspended during COVID-19 event.
3.3 Effective and efficient land use planning and building control	Public Private Partnership housing model explored with potential private sector partners	Model explored	Completed	Ongoing conversations with the development community regarding PPP opportunities.
4.1 Attractive streetscapes, town entrances, parks and gardens	Street tree planting program, including introduction of edible species	Reach milestone targets for 20219/2020	Completed	This is an annual program - 150 plus street trees planted last financial year predominantly along nature strips. Program for current year includes similar numbers. This season's trees are in stock and planting will commence second week in June 2020.
4.1 Attractive streetscapes, town entrances, parks and gardens	Upgrade township and municipal welcome signage	Completion of upgrade program	Ongoing	This is now an ongoing program. 16 signs have been replaced to date. Only signs that need replacing are being updated as some signs are still in good condition.



Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
4.2 Effective management of municipal waste and disposal of domestic stormwater/wastewater	Develop a new waste transfer station at Lake Bolac	New facility operational on time and on budget	Completed	Site civil construction works commenced in October 2019 and completed in April 2020.
4.2 Effective management of municipal waste and disposal of domestic stormwater/wastewater	Completion of eWaste facilities at Ararat transfer station	New facility operational on time and on budget	Completed	Development works complete. Facility open and receiving materials.
4.2 Effective management of municipal waste and disposal of domestic stormwater/wastewater	Completion of eWaste facilities at Lake Bolac transfer station	New facility operational on time and on budget	In progress 51-99%	Site works commenced in October 2019 and project was due for completion April 2020. Additional \$50,000 in funding secured from Sustainability Victoria. Construction delayed due to design issues and now expected to be completed in July 2020.
4.3 Protected and enhanced natural environment	Revision of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS)	ESS reviewed	In progress 51-99%	Review of the existing study undertaken and being assessed internally. Finalisation of the work to be held over so new community group can have input in the strategy in 2020/2021
4.4 Long-term asset management	Capital Works Program upscaled	Increase in capital works program to at least \$9mill in 2019/2020	Completed	Capital works budget exceeds this target at \$14.6mill. All significant road projects have been tendered and yielded significant value to ratepayers. An additional section has been tendered for Woorndoo-Streatham Road on the basis of savings. A consultant is currently working with Council engineering and assets staff to develop a capital works planning model.
5.1 Good governance through leadership	Councillor training program reviewed and implemented	Fully budgeted training program adopted by Council	In progress 51-99%	Program being developed. The focus is on induction training for the newly elected Council in 2020.
5.1 Good governance through leadership	Implement a Customer Service Charter	Charter fully implemented on time and on budget	In progress 51-99%	Customer Service Charter will be completely reworked by 30 June 2020 for adoption at the July 2020 Council meeting.
5.2 Services and infrastructure that meets the municipality's needs	Undertake the Ararat Digital Transformation Project	Project milestones met in 2019/2020	Completed	Digital Transformation Program has greatly exceeded expected targets. Office 365 productivity suite has been

Council Plan Objective	Action	Outcome	Progress	Update
				implemented across the organisation within a six-week period. New finance and rating systems will be implemented by 30 June 2020. A new planning and building system will be implemented by 30 June 2020. A new telephone system has been implemented.
5.3 Organisational Risk	Implement the Regional Councils Transformation Project (Glenelg, Northern Grampians, Southern Grampians and Ararat Rural City)	Project milestones met in 2019/2020	Completed	The RCTP project with Northern Grampians, Southern Grampians and Glenelg was not funded by the state government. A Central Highlands Councils Victoria project was funded, of which ARCC is a partner Council. This project will explore resource sharing and common processes, procedures and systems around statutory building services, statutory planning services, records and information management, procurement, finance and environmental health in its first group of a total of 14 services. All project milestones have been met.
5.4 Sustainable, long-term financial management	Establish service standards and a Council senior management reporting framework	Reporting framework operation for first quarterly report on September Quarter	Completed	The reporting framework is being developed. There is a KPI reporting system in place and KPIs across service areas have been developed. The project has now been extended to include performance target setting on a service by service basis.
5.4 Sustainable, long-term financial management	4-year capital works program funding model explored by council	4-year program and funding model considered by Council	Completed	A 1, 2.5 and 10-year roads capital funding model is currently being finalised. This has been developed in conjunction with the Rural Roads Group. Council has been briefed on the model.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

- 1.1 Work with communities to develop and prosper
- 1.2 Accessible, responsive and inclusive community services
- 1.3 A safe community
- 2.1 Community and cultural connectedness
- 2.2 Promotion of regional living
- 2.3 Strong performing and visual art program
- 2.4 Ararat Active City
- 3.1 A strong and diverse local economy
- 3.2 Effective, efficient and safe transport networks
- 3.3 Effective and efficient land use planning and building control
- 4.1 Attractive streetscapes, town entrances, parks and gardens
- 4.2 Effective management of municipal waste and disposal of domestic stormwater/wastewater
- 4.3 Protected and enhanced natural environment
- 4.5 Long term asset management
- 5.1 Good governance through leadership
- 5.2 Services and infrastructure that meets the municipality's needs
- 5.3 Organisational risk
- 5.4 Sustainable, long term financial management

### *Budget Implications*

Initiatives and projects listed in the Council Plan Action Plan have an allocation in the 2019/2020 Budget.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

The Local Government Performance Reporting Framework – Governance and Management Checklist No 17 - Report reviewing the performance of the Council against the Council Plan including the results in relation to the strategic indicators for the first six months of the financial year. Where Council has a report, it must also provide details of the report, where Council has no report it must provide a reason.

In relation to funding projects, all State Government funding milestone requirements have been met.

### *Sustainability Implications*

None identified for this report.

### *Risk Assessment*

Not meeting the requirements of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework will result in negative feedback on the Know Your Council website.

### *Innovation and Continuous Improvement*

The list presented to Council shows the innovation and continuous improvement that Council is providing both the organisation and the community.

The project milestones reached for the Ararat on the Move – Active Link projects are a credit to all involved and will increase the overall participation of these facilities into the future.

Due to the COVID-19 event, the Ararat Digital Transformation Project was escalated to ensure that the organisation could continue to function and serve the community.



***Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement***

The Chief Executive Officer along with relevant officers have worked to ensure that Council Plan actions have met expected milestones and timeframes where possible.

The Chief Executive Officer has held various meetings with Regional Development Victoria, Rural Councils Victoria, Major Roads Projects Victoria and GWM Water regarding various projects listed in the Council Plan Actions for 2019/2020.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Council Plan 2017-2021 Year 3 Update Report be received.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are not attachments relating to this item.

## 4.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2019-2020

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DEPARTMENT: DESIGN AD PROJECT MANAGEMENT  
REFERENCE: 20115255

### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a current summary of progress on the 2019/2020 Capital Works Program. The Capital Works Program is tracking well, and it is envisaged that most projects will be delivered on time and on budget across all areas.

The only projects that are unlikely to be delivered on time from the 2019/2020 program are:

- Tatyoon North Road / Helendoite Road (7800m) - impacts of COVID-19 on construction capacity, difficult geology and adverse weather conditions;
- Elmhurst Hall - construction delays over demolition permits;
- Ararat Memorial Fountain - COVID-19 delays and issues with restoration of artistic elements;
- Leatherwood Drive – delay to start;
- Pollands Bridge – bridge elements purchased, EoI process for installation delayed due to COVID-19. Tender currently being finalised.

The following projects are planned to be completed over two financial years:

- Ararat on the Move Stage 3 Front of Olver Stand
- Ararat on the Move Stage 4 – Skate Park

### DISCUSSION

Council committed significant resources to the 2019/2020 Capital Works Program, which included development and renewal of recreation and community facilities and construction and reconstruction of road and bridge infrastructure. This report does not include minor capital works elements such as bus shelters and any aggregated asset renewal on Council buildings.

The tables below provide updated details of the current status of Council's Capital Works Program for 2019/2020 on an item by item basis. The projects are in general being completed on time and on budget.

#### Recreation and Community Facilities

Project	Budget	Tender Price	Variation	Current Status
Ararat on the Move Stage 1 Active Link Lighting	\$257,000	\$232,490	-	Project complete
Ararat on the Move Stage 2 Netball Court Construction and back of Olver Stand	\$970,000	\$461,460 Netball Court	-	Netball court civil works completed with final surfacing to be completed when we have two consecutive days over 18 degrees.

				The small administration building and the female friendly change rooms and back of Olver Stand project is being completed by Council building staff and local sub-contractors. A commercial builder was appointed project manager following a competitive EoI process. The project is due for completion 30 June 2020.
Ararat on the Move Stage 3 Front of Olver Stand	\$660,000			Project tendered to a local civil construction firm. Completion required by 30 November 2020.
Ararat on the Move Stage 4 – Skate Park	\$376,000	\$381,500		Contractor appointed. Project due for completion 31 December 2020.
Willaura Recreation Reserve redevelopment				Project scoping completed and revised design agreed with PCG. Project independently costed and application for FFF funding was lodged with SRV in the February 2020 round with successful projects announced 30 June 2020.
Willaura Netball / Tennis Courts (Pick My Project)	\$117,273	\$95,911	\$12,290	Project completed. Variation due to several soft spots and root damage on the existing court. The project was poorly scoped and specified by a former Council staff member.
Ararat Basketball Courts (Pick My Project)	\$192,000	\$176,930		Project completed.
Basketball Courts backboards	\$15,000	\$39,290		Project completed. Final price \$39,290 met through grant funds and Ararat Basketball Association contribution.
PAC Balcony seating and lighting	\$50,000	\$46,796		Project completed.
J Ward Exercise Yard	\$30,000	\$27,688.10		Project completed.
Elmhurst Hall upgrade	\$350,000	\$316,734		Construction commenced after some delay in negotiating a demolition permit for part of the old structure.
Local Government Energy Saver Program	\$198,582	\$198,582.18		Project completed.
Ararat Memorial Fountain	\$125,000	\$115,093		Work almost complete. COVID-19 has delayed completion due to craftsman self-isolating.

#### Road Safety Initiatives

Project	Budget	Tender Price	Variations	Current Status
Pomonal Speed Safe Initiative	\$50,000	\$49,464		Project completed.
Marian College Safety Works RRV	\$100,000	\$89,600	\$6000	Project completed

### Waste Management Facilities

Project	Budget	Tender Price	Variations	Current Status
Lake Bolac Resource Recovery Centre	\$641,272	\$557,492	\$84,165.50	<p>Civil works completed.</p> <p>Two variations totalling \$84,165 were approved due to requirements to import additional fill and compaction issues. The total cost overrun on the project is \$49,272 which will be recovered from the Waste Management and Sustainability Reserve.</p> <p>e-Waste shed approved and currently under construction.</p>

### Road Projects

Project	Budget	Tender Price	Variations	Current Status
Rundell Street sealing	\$225,000	\$191,300	\$6,650	<p>Project completed.</p> <p>The project was delivered at \$27,050 under budget</p>
Waratah Avenue and McNeal Street	\$250,000			<p>Project completed.</p> <p>In-house construction. Project scope increased to include sealing of McNeal Street at an additional \$50,000. Final costing will be reported to the July 2020 Council meeting.</p>
Willaura-Wickliffe Road reconstruction (750m)	\$500,000	\$364,153.50	\$40,413	<p>Project completed.</p> <p>The variation was included for stabilisation of soft patches in a 200m section.</p> <p>The project was delivered at \$95,433.50 under budget</p>
Woorndoo-Streatham Road (950m)*	\$800,000	\$361,824	\$76,449	<p>Project completed.</p> <p>The variation was included for stabilisation of soft patches in a 200m section.</p> <p>*The project was delivered at \$91,147 under budget, this included an additional 570m of construction.</p>
Woorndoo-Streatham Road (570m)*	-	\$261,435	\$9,145	<p>Project completed</p> <p>An additional section of Woorndoo-Streatham Rod was tendered. This is funded through projected savings on the first section of Woorndoo Streatham Road. Provision was made in the contract price for stabilisation and soft spots based on learning from earlier contracts.</p>

Tatyoan North Road / Helendoite Road (7800m)	\$3,384,000 (\$2,400,000)	\$2,272,168	\$195,000	<p>Helendoite Road nearing completion. This has been a very problematic construction project based on weather and a very difficult geology, including, soft spots, rock and a spring running under a section of the road. This has led to significant variations. A provision of \$200,000 for variation was suggested in the Council report when the contract was awarded.</p> <p>The contractor recommends that widening of Tatyoan North Road be delayed until better weather to mitigate risk of additional variation. The project will be completed by 30 September 2020.</p> <p>The initial budget for this project was \$2,400,000, which was increased to \$3,384,000 at the November 2019 Council Meeting, based on initial cost estimates.</p> <p>Based on discussions with the contractor the final cost will be around \$2,467,168. It is believed that the project will be delivered at \$67,168 over Council's original budget.</p>
Old Geelong Road (1600m)	\$395,000			<p>Project completed.</p> <p>In-house construction. Final costing will be reported to the July 2020 Council meeting.</p>
Buangor-Ben Nevis Road	\$1,500,000			<p>Project completed.</p> <p>In-house construction. Final costing will be reported to the July 2020 Council meeting.</p>
Leatherwood Drive	\$300,000	\$286,900		Works have commenced.
Bituminous Reseals	\$1,400,000	\$1,054,202		Awaiting final account from Contractor.
Gravel Road Re-sheeting	\$1,400,000	\$1,307,349		Budget will be fully expended by 30 June 2020.

#### Bridge Projects

Project	Budget	Tender Price	Variations	Current Status
Pollands Bridge	\$534,000	\$277,212 Bridge Kit		<p>Bridge kit purchased from In-Quik.</p> <p>EoI process with interested contractors has been undertaken with four contractors being invited to submit a tender.</p>
Elmhurst – Landsborough Twin Bridges	\$1,664,000	\$1,518,430	\$88,700	Project completed. The \$88,700 variation relates to the construction of a temporary track to enable ongoing access by local traffic.



The roads constructed by Council's construction crews will be fully costed and reported to Council at the July 2020 Council meeting. Current estimates suggest that the projects have all been completed under budget.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

3.2 Effective, efficient and safe transport networks.

### *Budget Implications*

Currently all projects being undertaken are projected to be completed within budget parameters.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

Councils Local Road Management Plan applies.

### *Sustainability Implications*

Models of contracts that should go to market earlier.

### *Risk Assessment*

There is a risk of cost overruns based on uncertainty of tender prices, particularly with high value projects. The projects have been carefully scoped, designed and specified to minimise this risk. There are indications from early tenders that a competitive market exists particularly in road projects.

### *Innovation and Continuous Improvement*

Delivery of Council's largest Capital Works Program in 2019/2020 has led to considerable organisational learning around delivery of scaled-up capital works programs. During this period there has been some churn, with two senior staff departing the organisation. This has provided the opportunity to rebuild the Design and Project Management team, engage two professional engineers in project management and bring in a senior consulting resource to provide guidance through the process. Council is much better placed to ensure strong efficiencies in design, specification and delivery of projects.

### *Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement*

Significant community and stakeholder consultation have been undertaken, particularly around recreation and community facility projects and in relation to access issues relating to bridge reconstruction.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the current status report on the Capital Works Program for 2019/2020.

## ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments in relation to this item.

#### 4.3 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2020

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE  
REFERENCE: 19109415

#### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received the results from the 2020 Annual Community Satisfaction Survey. The Survey provides insight on how the community views the performance of Council.

Overall, the results are tracking in a positive direction. Community satisfaction with most services has improved since the last three survey periods. Council's performance against small rural and state-wide averages has demonstrated substantial improvement in the 2020 survey.

There are still opportunities for substantial service improvement in all areas of Council's operations that will be a focus of activity in the next twelve months.

The community identified areas for improvement as community consultation, rating, sealed road maintenance waste management, communication, unsealed road maintenance, informing the community and financial management. Only five percent of respondents believed that there were no areas of Council activity that could be improved.

#### DISCUSSION

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) coordinates the survey, which this year has been conducted by the independent research group, JWS Research. The 2020 survey was conducted through interviews with 400 randomly selected households during February and March 2020.

Of Victoria's 79 Councils, 62 have participated in the 2020 survey, providing data benchmarked against state-wide results and the 18 Councils within the small rural Council group.

In 2020 Council showed improvement, on the previous year, in 15 of 19 areas of service delivery surveyed, remained the same in three and marginally declined in one.

Table One below provides Council's community satisfaction performance across the surveyed service areas for 2020, 2019 and 2018. The trend is towards significant improvements in several areas. However, there are still several scores in the 50s and 60s providing room for substantial service improvement.

**Table One**

Service	ARCC 2020	ARCC 2019	ARCC 2018
Overall performance	60	49	37
Overall Council direction	63	55	29
Customer service	70	69	56
Art Centres and Libraries	78	76	70

Emergency & disaster management	<b>74</b>	73	70
Appearance of public areas	<b>73</b>	69	65
Recreational facilities	<b>71</b>	68	64
Elderly support services	<b>68</b>	65	64
Community & cultural	63	63	n/a
Local streets & footpaths	<b>62</b>	55	53
Bus/community dev./tourism	61	61	n/a
Waste management	60	60	64
Informing the community	<b>58</b>	49	41
Community decisions	<b>57</b>	46	33
Consultation & engagement	<b>56</b>	49	41
Lobbying	<b>56</b>	50	44
Sealed local roads	<b>56</b>	50	43
Building & planning permits	51	52	46
Unsealed roads	<b>44</b>	39	33

Table Two provides a comparison of Council's customer satisfaction scores against the average of small rural and the state-wide average. Council achieved higher satisfaction scores against the small rural average in 14 service areas, the same in 2 and lower scores in 3. Compared to the state-wide average Council performed better in 12 areas, the same in 4 and worse in 3.

**Table Two**

Service	ARCC 2020	Small Rural average 2020	State-wide average 2020
Overall performance	<b>60</b>	56	58
Overall Council direction	<b>63</b>	50	51
Customer service	70	70	70
Art Centres and Libraries	<b>78</b>	74	74
Emergency & disaster management	<b>74</b>	70	68
Appearance of public areas	<b>73</b>	72	72
Recreational facilities	<b>71</b>	68	70
Elderly support services	68	71	68
Community & cultural	<b>63</b>	68	68
Local streets & footpaths	<b>62</b>	57	58
Bus/community dev./tourism	<b>61</b>	58	59
Waste management	60	64	65
Informing the community	58	58	59
Community decisions	<b>57</b>	53	53
Consultation & engagement	<b>56</b>	54	55
Lobbying	<b>56</b>	51	54
Sealed local roads	<b>56</b>	51	54
Building & planning permits	51	46	51
Unsealed roads	<b>44</b>	43	44

Table three shows the performance of Council when compared to the small rural and state-wide averages across 2020 and 2019. There is a significant lift in Council's performance against these averages in 2020. These comparisons are important as they indicate significant relative improvement against sector trends.

Table Three

ARCC performance	2020		2019	
	Small rural	State-wide	Small rural	State-wide
Better than	14	12	5	3
Same as	2	4	1	2
Worse than	3	3	13	14

In 2020 Council has compared well with the small rural and state-wide averages and has demonstrated improvement across several service areas. The 2020 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results should be seen as an aid to undertake further service improvement rather than an endorsement of performance.

A copy of the full report is available on Council's website.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

This report links to the following Council Plan objective:  
5.2 Services and infrastructure that meets the community's needs

### *Budget Implications*

No budget implications.

### *Policy/Relevant Law*

The Local Government Performance Reporting Framework includes three measures taken directly from the Community Satisfaction Survey data.

### *Sustainability Implications*

None identified.

### *Risk Assessment*

None identified.

### *Innovation and Continuous Improvement*

Careful analysis of the full 2020 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Report will provide significant data to base further continuous improvement activity in each service area.

### *Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement*

This report is based on a survey of Ararat Rural City Council Residents seeking to measure their satisfaction with service delivery in several key service areas.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Satisfaction Survey 2020 Report be received.

## ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments in relation to this item.

## SECTION 5 – COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

### 5.1 SECTION 86 COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

**AUTHOR'S TITLE:** GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR  
**DEPARTMENT** CEO'S OFFICE  
**REFERENCE:** 13039110 / 20115272 (Willaura Hall)

#### OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 86 Special Committees are established to assist Council with executing specific functions or duties. By instrument of delegation Council has delegated to the Special Committees such functions and powers of the Council that it deems appropriate, utilising provisions of the Local Government Act 1989.

#### DISCUSSION

Section 86 Special Committees are required to report to Council at intervals determined by the Council.

Council officers have recently contacted each Committee to request minutes of meetings and to also confirm when the Committees are holding their Annual General Meetings.

#### Summary of S86 Committee Meetings Minutes Received

The following table lists the Section 86 Committee meeting minutes received by Council in the past month.

Special Committee	Councillor representative	Councillor Attendance Record	Current meeting (as presented)	Next proposed meeting/s
Willaura Memorial Hall	Cr Beales	Cr Beales attended	4 June 2020	6 August 2020

#### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

##### *Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives*

5.1 Good governance through leadership

##### *Budget Implications*

No budget impact for the receiving of minutes.

##### *Policy/Legal/Statutory*

Council's Section 86 Committee Instrument of Delegation states that Committees must "Adhere to the *Section 86 Committee Governance Manual (Governance)* in relation to all reporting requirements." Section 86 Committee Minutes must be forwarded to Council within 14 days after the meeting.



***Risk Assessment***

Council need to be aware of issues raised in the minutes and take action were required. Not receiving the minutes in a timely manner can lead to delays in implementation of the requests.

***Stakeholder Consultation and Communication***

Councillor representation on Section 86 Committee of Management.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the Ordinary Meeting minutes of the Willaura Memorial Hall Committee of Management meeting held on 4 June 2020.

**ATTACHMENTS**

The Section 86 Committees minutes as listed above are provided as Attachment 5.1.



## SECTION 6 – NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion must be in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer no later than 5pm on the Wednesday which is at least four (4) business days before the meeting at which it is intended to be considered, unless a public holiday falls within that four days, as per Clause 18(4) of the Ararat Rural City Council Meeting Procedure.

No Notices of Motions were received by 12pm on 12 June 2020.



## SECTION 7 – URGENT BUSINESS

Ararat Rural City Council Meeting Procedure, Clause 17 Urgent Business states:

- (1) Items proposed as urgent business must not be submitted to the meeting other than by resolution of the Council and only if it relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the Agenda or which cannot be reasonably deferred for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting
- (2) The nature of the urgency must be stated by the Councillor and outlined in the minute of the meeting.

Discussion on Urgent Business Items admitted and accepted by resolution of Council at the commencement of the meeting:



## SECTION 8 – CLOSE SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL)

In accordance with section 66(2)(a) and 3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020, the following agenda items are listed for consideration in the confidential section:

Items 8.2 and 8.3 – Supply of Electricity (Commercial contractual matters)

## CLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The Open Council Meeting will now be closed, but members of the public are welcome to rejoin the Council Meeting following the recommencement of the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider reports relating to contractual matters.

## OPEN COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

Gallery invited to return to Council Chamber.

## LIFTING OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Confidentiality of the report and decision in relation to Items 8.2 and 8.3 of the Confidential Agenda be lifted.