



# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**11 JULY 2017**

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
ON TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.02AM**

**1 OPENING****2 PRESENT**

## Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)  
Councillor C E Smith  
Councillor C R Rutherford  
Councillor M D Wickerson  
Councillor S J Schwarten  
Councillor A P Williams  
Councillor N K Fisher

## In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services  
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services  
Mr M Clerc – Acting Manager Finance  
Ms T Sweeney – Manager Workforce and Strategy  
Mr C Ireland – Manager Regional Development and Promotions  
Mr D Morrison – Executive Coordinator to the Mayor  
Ms A Brennan – Coordinator Corporate Improvement and Strategy  
Ms A Bartlett – Acting Coordinator Regional Promotions and Tourism  
Ms P Fry – Regional Development Advisor  
Ms E Brodel – Media Officer  
Ms C Steinberger – Media Officer  
Ms L Leeder – Senior Governance Support Officer

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Rose Swadling tendered her apology and was not in attendance

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

## 5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 5.1 2017-2018 OPERATIONAL PLAN

**File No:** 8320

**Attachments:**

1. Operational Plan 2017-2018
2. Corporate Plan 2017-2022 (incorporating 2017-2018 Operational Plan activities)

**Authorising Officer:** Tracy Sweeney - Manager Workforce and Strategy  
Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Allysa Brennan - Coordinator Corporate Improvement and Strategy

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### SUMMARY

*Presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council's Operational Plan for the financial year 2017-2018 for adoption and Rockhampton Regional Council's Corporate Plan for the financial years 2017-2022 (incorporating the 2017-2018 Operational Plan activities) for information.*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the:

1. Rockhampton Regional Council Operational Plan for financial year 2017-2018 be adopted; and
2. Rockhampton Regional Council Corporate Plan for the financial years 2017-2022 (incorporating the 2017-2018 Operational Plan activities) be received.

**Moved by:** Mayor Strelow  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2 ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 BUDGET**

**File No:** 8785  
**Attachments:** 1. **Rockhampton Regional Council Budget 2017/2018**  
**Authorising Officer:** Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

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**SUMMARY**

*In accordance with Chapter 5, Part 2, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government must adopt, for each financial year a budget for its Operations prior to 1 August in the financial year. The budget papers were circulated via memo to all Councillors on 27 June 2017.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

## THAT

1. Council receive and adopt the 2017/18 Budget including forward estimates in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* comprising:-
  - a) The Budgeted Income and Expenditure Statement, Budgeted Statement of Financial Position, Budgeted Statement of Cashflows and Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity for the 2017/18 – 2026/27 financial year
  - b) One Page Budget Summary for the 2017/2018 financial year; and
  - c) The relevant measures of Financial Sustainability for 2017/2018 and the next nine financial years.
  - d) Capital Budget Listing – 2017/18 to 2021/22
2. Council adopt the Revenue Statement as tabled and more specifically:-
  - a) Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories into which rateable land is categorised and the description of each of those categories for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017 is as set out in Section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
  - b) Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council delegates to the CEO the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs, as set out in Section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
  - c) Pursuant to Sections 80 and 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land included in each category for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017, as set out in Section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
  - d) Pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a minimum differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land in the Local Government area for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017 as set out in Section 3 the Revenue Statement.
  - e) Pursuant to Section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will limit the percentage increase in the differential general rate. The limitation on increases for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017 shall be as set out in Section 4 of the Revenue Statement.
  - f) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a special charge for the purpose of raising revenue for each

Rural Fire Brigade for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017, as set out in Section 5 of the Revenue Statement.

- g) Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a separate charge on all parcels of rateable land for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of maintenance of the road network for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017, as set out in Section 6 the Revenue Statement.
  - h) Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a separate charge on all parcels of rateable land for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for environmental protection, enhancement and conservation for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017, as set out in Section 6 the Revenue Statement.
  - i) Pursuant to Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy Utility Charges for Water, Sewerage and Waste & Recycling for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017, as set out in Section 7 of the Revenue Statement.
  - j) Pursuant to Section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, all rates and charges shall be due and payable within 30 days of the issue date of a notice to pay as set out in Section 10 of the Revenue Statement.
  - k) Pursuant to Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will charge interest on overdue rates and charges at an interest rate of 11% per annum, compounded on daily rests, on rates and charges remaining outstanding 30 days after the due date as set out in Section 11 of the Revenue Statement.
  - l) Pursuant to Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will allow a discount of 10% on gross Council rates and charges excluding all special charges, Natural Environment separate charge or water consumption charges, provided payment of the full amount outstanding and overdue rates and interest is paid by the due date as set out in Section 12 of the Revenue Statement.
  - m) Pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council allows rating concessions in the manner described in Section 13 of the Revenue Statement.
3. Council adopt the Debt Policy in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
  4. Council adopt the Long Term Financial Forecast as provided, which includes the Income and Expenditure as well as the value of Assets, Liabilities and Equity for Rockhampton Regional Council, in accordance with Sections 169 & 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
  5. Council receives the financial position for the 2016/17 financial period as contained in the attached report in accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
  6. In accordance with Section 169(3)(i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council receive the estimated statement for each significant business activities and commercial business units.
  7. Council receives the remainder of the documentation as working papers to support the 2017/18 adopted budget including the Capital Budget Listing for 2017/18 to 2021/22 and Budget Report.

**Moved by: Mayor Strelow**

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That Item 1 (d) be removed from the motion

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost

Mayor Strelow put the original motion

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:13am.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE