



# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**11 MARCH 2026**

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 9:02AM**

**1 OPENING**

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson  
Councillor S Latcham  
Councillor E W Oram  
Councillor C R Rutherford  
Councillor M A Taylor  
Councillor G D Mathers  
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

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

Nil

## 5 CLOSED SESSION

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**9:02AM**

THAT Council move into Closed Session pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

#### **6.1 2026/2027 Budget Briefing**

In accordance with section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss the local government's budget.

**Moved by: Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Oram**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Edward Oram declared a conflict of interest in **Item 6.1 – 2026/2027 Budget Briefing - Pools**. This prescribed conflict of interest was declared as his daughter Georgia Oram is an employee at Southside Pool.

As the matter was discussed within the budget considerations, the Councillor remained in the meeting and participated in the discussion.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**11:35AM**

**THAT** pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

**Moved by: Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 6.1 2026/2027 BUDGET BRIEFING

**File No:** 8785  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services  
**Author:** Tisin Simon - Manager Finance

In accordance with section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss the local government's budget.

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#### SUMMARY

*This report will provide an update to Council on the progress of the 2026/2027 Budget.*

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council receive the information associated with the briefing on the 2026/2027 Budget as presented.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:36am.

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