



## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 10 May 2022  
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sam Coupland (Mayor), Councillor Todd Redwood (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paul Gaddes, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Susan McMichael, Councillor Steven Mephram, Councillor Debra O'Brien, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul Packham, Councillor Dorothy Robinson and Councillor Bradley Widders.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr James Roncon (General Manager), Mr Darren Schaefer (Acting Chief Officer Corporate and Strategy), Mr Daniel Boyce (Chief Officer Sustainable Development), Mr Alex Manners (Chief Officer Assets and Services) /22and Ms Melissa Houtt (Executive Officer).

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**1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr O'Brien delivered the Civic Affirmation and Cr Robinson delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The General Manager delivered the statement.

**3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS - Nil**

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - Nil**

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE - Nil**

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION - Nil**

**7. LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION - Nil**

**7.1 Public Exhibition of Integrated Planning and Reporting - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Resourcing Strategy, Operational Plan and Budget for 2022-2023**

*Ref: AINT/2022/14333 (ARC21/4799)*

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**RESOLVED**

That Council:

- a. Endorse placing the following draft documents for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days pursuant to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*:
  - i. Draft Advancing our Region Community Plan 2022-2032
  - ii. Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026
  - iii. Draft Resourcing Strategy (consists of Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032, Workforce Management Plan 2022-2026 and Asset Management Strategy)
  - iv. Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2022-2023
  - v. Draft Revenue Policy 2022-2023
  - vi. Draft Fees and Charges 2022-2023
- b. Note that the 2022-2023 budget contained in the Draft Operational Plan proposes a General Fund operating deficit of \$3.2 million, a draw down on internal reserves of \$2.4 million and includes the 2.5% Additional Special Variation endorsed by Council on 28 April 2022.
- c. Note the General Fund Long Term Financial Plan contained in the Draft Resourcing Strategy proposes a permanent 50% Special Rate Variation to be phased in over 3 years (cumulative 58.81%) commencing 2023-2024 on the basis of ensuring that Council has sufficient revenue to:
  - i. Improve financial sustainability by eliminating the General Fund operating deficit;
  - ii. Deliver the services as outlined in the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents being placed on public exhibition;
  - iii. Provide sufficient funding to meet asset renewal funding requirements and

appropriately manage the infrastructure backlog; and

- iv. Meet compliance obligations under the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* and other forms of legislation.

The final Special Rate Variation position will be subject to Council approval and a future community engagement process as per the requirements of the Office of Local Government and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART ) with a view to make an application for the 2023-2024 financial year;

- d. Note that the IP&R public exhibition period will run from Wednesday, 11 May to Wednesday, 8 June 2022; and
- e. Following the exhibition period a report be presented to Council, which outlines community submissions received, along with the final Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.

**Moved Cr Gaddes**

**Seconded Cr Redwood**

**The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.**

**8. GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Nil**

**9. ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE - Nil**

**10. OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY - Nil**

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nil**

**12. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE - Nil**

**13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - Nil**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:20pm.