



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 27 JUNE 2018 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 92 NELSON STREET, NHILL COMMENCING AT 4:00PM.

MINUTES

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies

3. Declaration of Interests

4. Reports Requiring a Decision

4.1 Adoption of Annual Budget 2018/19

4.1.1 Supplementary Report – Submissions for Draft 2018/19 Annual Budget

4.2 Council Plan 2017-2021 Annual Review & Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022

4.2.1 Supplementary Report - Council Plan 2017-2021 Annual Review & Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022

5. Meeting Close

Present:

Crs R. Ismay (Mayor) (Items 2 to 4), R. Lowe (Deputy Mayor), T. Schneider, R. Gersch, D. Nelson, D. Colbert

In Attendance:

Mr Greg Wood, (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Shane Power (Director of Infrastructure Services) Ms Shelley Gersch (Executive Assistant), Ms Janette Fritsch (Manager Strategic Assets and Planning), Mr Mike Coppins (Senior Asset Engineer) (items 1-4.1.1)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Cr Lowe opened the meeting at 4:00pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community and offering the opening prayer, in Cr Ismay's absence.

MOVED: Crs R Gersch/T Schneider

That Council adjourns for up to 10 minutes while it awaits the arrival of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Council resumed at 4:08pm, with Cr Ismay assuming the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- Direct; or
- Indirect interest
 - a) by close association;
 - b) that is an indirect financial interest;
 - c) because of conflicting duties;
 - d) because of receipt of an applicable gift;
 - e) as a consequence of becoming an interested party; or
 - f) because of an impact on residential amenity.

Declaration of direct or indirect interest must also be advised by Councillors at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

4. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

4.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET 2018/19

Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachment:	1 - Draft Hindmarsh Shire Council Budget 2017/18 2 - 2018 General Valuation – Certification made to the minister 3 - Report of General Valuation under section 7AA(1)

Introduction:

This report presents the proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget for further consideration, consider submissions received and recommendation to adopt the Budget.

Discussion:

Council is required under section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 to prepare and release a draft budget for public comment. Council must ensure that the budget contains:

- (a) financial statements in the form and containing the information required by the regulations;
- (b) a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the budget;
- (c) a statement as to how the services and initiatives described under paragraph (b) will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan;
- (d) Major Initiatives, being initiatives identified by the Council as priorities, to be undertaken during the financial year;
 - (da) for services to be funded in the budget, the prescribed indicators of service performance that are required to be reported against in the performance statement under section 131;
 - (db) the prescribed measures relating to those indicators;
- (e) any other information required by the regulations.

The Council must ensure that the budget also contains—

- (a) the information the Council is required to declare under section 158(1);
- (b) if the Council intends to declare a differential rate under section 161, the information listed in section 161(2);
- (c) if the Council intends to declare a differential rate under section 161A, the information listed in section 161(2).

The 2018/19 budget document reflects the requirements of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework and revised Local Government Planning and Reporting Regulations (LGPRF). The 2018/19 Budget has been developed in consideration of the Institute of Chartered Accountants' Victorian City Council Model Budget 2018/19. It replicated the format of the four Key Result Areas used in the Council Plan, namely:

- Community Liveability;
- Built and Natural Environment;

- Competitive and Innovative Economy; and
- Our People, Our Processes.

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The 2018/19 Budget provides for a broad range of services, programs and infrastructure projects and is a reflection of the strategic direction that Council has adopted through the Council Plan. It has been developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review with officers, senior management and Council.

Submissions

Written submissions in relation to the 2018/19 budget close on 25 June 2018. Submissions will be provided to Councillors as they are received and discussion will be held during the Council meeting.

Rates and Charges

The rates and charges calculated for 2018/19 are based on revaluation figures as at 1 January 2018. The Rating Strategy includes differentials for farms and commercial/industrial properties (10 percent discount), recreational properties (50 percent discount), and non-farm vacant land (100 percent penalty).

This is the third year of rate capping. For 2018/19 the rates cap has been set at 2.25%. For the 2018/19 year it is proposed that general rates and municipal charge increase by 2.25% in line with the Essential Services Commission (ESC) calculation method, which applies the increase to the average rates payable per assessment. The proposed kerbside collection charge increase by 6.7% or \$21 reflecting the rising costs of waste management and global recycling challenges. Council has also introduced a general waste charge to cover waste costs not covered by collection / recycling. This new charge will be phased in over 3 years. For 2018/19, the general waste charge will be \$9, payable using the same criteria as the municipal charge. For 2018/19 the proposed total rates and charges are \$8.64 million. These rates and charges will go toward maintaining service levels and delivering on capital works programs. General rates and charges for 2018/19 represent 56% of Hindmarsh Shire's income.

The following table summarises the rates to be determined for the 2018/19 year. A more detailed analysis of the rates to be raised is contained in the budget document, Appendix B 'Statutory Disclosures'.

Type or class of land	2017/18	2018/19	Change
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Residential rates	Cents/\$ CIV	0.58634	0.53186	-9.3%
Farm Land	Cents/\$ CIV	0.52771	0.47867	-9.3%
Business, Industrial & Commercial Land	Cents/\$ CIV	0.52771	0.47867	-9.3%
Recreational and Cultural Land	Cents/\$ CIV	0.29317	0.26593	-9.3%
Urban Vacant Land		1.17268	1.06372	-9.3%
Municipal charge	\$/ property	\$197	\$199	1.0%
Kerbside collection / recycling charge	\$/ property	\$329	\$351	6.7%
General waste charge	\$/ property	\$0	\$9	100%

Under section 11(a) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 Council are required to make a general valuation of rateable land within an area as at 1 January each calendar year. The previous valuation for the Shire was 1 January 2016.

Council's property valuations are undertaken by the Valuer General who has subcontracted the services to Preston Rowe Patterson (PRP). PRP has officially returned the final revaluation data for use in Council's 2018/19 rating period.

The valuation report was sent to the Valuer General, and Council has received declaration from the Minister.

Council must adopt the 2018 General Revaluation of all rateable properties within the Shire. The general revaluation has been completed in accordance with section 13DC(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960.

Valuations for rateable properties within Hindmarsh Shire Council have increased / decreased as follows:

- Residential 3.80% increase
- Commercial 0.75% decrease
- Industrial 0.37% increase
- Rural 15.5% increase

While Council proposes a rate increase that is in line with the 2.25% cap, as Council rates are based on property valuations, this being a municipal property revaluation year the actual rate increases experienced by individual ratepayers will differ.

In a revaluation year, rates increases are impacted by the average rate increase (2.25%) and the property valuation increases of individual properties relative to the average across the municipality. If properties increase by more in value than the Hindmarsh average, rates will increase by more than 2.25%, while properties with values increasing by less than the average will experience a rates increase of less than 2.25% or even a reduction from the previous year.

Rates notices will be issued in August 2018, reflecting the change in property values. Rate payers who feel their property has been incorrectly valued are able to lodge objections within two months after the issues of the rates notice. Objections are considered by PRP.

Key Initiatives

The key initiatives for the 2018/19 financial year are outlined below. Further details are included in the relevant sections of the budget document.

Community Infrastructure

- Construction of a new skate at Nhill, supported by state government funding of \$100,000.
- \$50,000 in recurrent and \$50,000 in capital as seed funding for grant opportunities arising during the year.
- \$5,000 assistance grant allocation to assist public halls throughout the Shire that are not owned by Council.

Tourism Development

- \$10,000 to support the Rainbow Desert Enduro in August 2018.
- \$10,000 to update the Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan.

Economic Development:

- Business Assistance Grants. The Business Assistance Grants Program (BAGP) aims to support local businesses expanding their operations or new businesses, large and small, to establish in the Shire. It will provide assistance to offset costs associated with expanding or establishing a business in Hindmarsh Shire. \$20,000 has been included in the 2018/19 budget for this project.

Empowered Communities

- \$7,500 to each of the Shire's four Town Committees. This funding can be used as seed funding for grants that will fund works important to the community in each town. In its third year, this funding has enabled some fantastic projects in our towns over the years.
- Hindmarsh Youth Council funding of \$10,000 to allow this successful initiative to continue.
- \$30,000 to its Community Action Grants which will enable community groups to apply for funding for events, minor facility upgrades, small equipment and community assistance.

Infrastructure

- \$100,000 to replace the roof at the Dimboola sports stadium which is at the end of its life.
- Local Roads: Block 40 Road, Broughton \$104,044; Katyil-Wail Road \$132,170; Netherby-Baker Road \$155,052, Rainbow-Nhill Road \$103,095 and Antwerp Woorak Road \$355,324 will be reconstructed in 2018/19.
- Construction of Sealed Pavements: Council has budgeted for a further two urban reconstruction projects – Anderson Street, Dimboola and Elgin Street in Nhill. These projects carry a total cost of around \$470,000.

- Five unsealed road resheet projects: A Bells Road, Antwerp-Katyil Road, W Cooks Road, Geodetic Road, and Greig/McKenzie Road will total more than \$380,000.
- Sealed Pavement Shoulder Resheet: In 2018/19 Council will be undertaking 3 sealed pavement shoulder resheets on Block 40 Road, Diapur-Yanac Road, and Salisbury-Woorak Road at just under \$190,000.
- Council will be undertaking 17 reseal and final seal projects in 2018/19, totalling more than eight hundred thousand dollars. These projects include Victoria, Lloyd and McDonald Streets in Dimboola, Gunn, Railway, George Streets in Nhill, Nhill-Murrayville Road, Netherby-Baker Road, Lorquon Palms Road, Antwerp-Woorak Road, Winiam Road, Katyil-Wail Road, Tarranyurk West Road, Jeparit East Road, Rainbow-Nhill Road, and Rainbow Rises Road.
- Kerb and Channel: Wimmera Street; Dimboola, and Nelson Street; Nhill will be constructed costing approximately \$110,000.
- Carpark Renewal: Resurfacing Bongiorno's Carpark in the Nhill CBD median with asphalt at a cost of \$66,000.

Council's budget balances the need to maintain our existing infrastructure, particularly our extensive road network, whilst funding new projects that improve the liveability of our Shire and build a strong future.

Changes

Changes to the capital works program have been made due to Council contributions required to grants projects currently submitted. These include the inclusion of Nhill Rainbow Road, and Antwerp Woorak Road. To accommodate these inclusions Kerb & Channel replacement in Scott Street Jeparit, reconstruction works at Pigick Bus Route Rainbow and safety upgrades on rural roads have been removed from 2018/19. Nhill Murrayville Road Yanac has been reduced to 4505 in length.

A small reduction in the grant funding for school crossings has been made and funding for tobacco activity has been included to reflect the actual projected amount council will receive. Minor editorial changes have been made

Options:

Council has worked through an extensive process and provided opportunity for the community to comment as part of developing the Budget 2018/19.

Having prepared the proposed budget and received written submissions from the community Council must now adopt the Budget for 2018/19.

Link to Council Plan:

The Annual Budget provides the funding for Council to undertake its initiatives and activities proposed in the Council Plan's four key result areas. Each program in the Budget contains a statement about how the program will contribute to the initiatives and strategies detailed in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

Financial Implications:

The 2018/19 Budget is consistent with the parameters set out in Council's ten-year financial plan. The underlying operating result and the cash position are positive but reduced in comparison to forecasts in previous long-term plans.

Risk Management Implications:

The preparation of the Budget is a statutory requirement.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80C of the LGA officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Author & Officer Responsible: Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services
In providing this advice as the Author and Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

Communications Strategy:

Council must give notice of the adoption of the Budget 2018/19 under section 125 LGA. A public notice will be inserted in the Wimmera Mail Times, Dimboola Banner, Nhill Free Press and Rainbow Argus advising of the adoption of the Budget 2018/19.

Copies of the adopted Budget will be placed on Council's website and hard copies will be made available from Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centres.

A copy of the Budget 2018/19 will be sent to the Minister for Local Government.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. ADOPTION OF THE 2018/19 BUDGET

- 1.1 That Council pursuant to Sections 127, 129, 130 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 ('the Act') and noting written submissions received relating to the 2018/19 Municipal Budget ('the Budget'), now adopt the Budget for the financial year, being for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ('the Financial Year') attached as Appendix 1 and annexed to the recommendation and initialled by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer for identification;**
- 1.2 That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to give public notice of this decision to adopt the Budget, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the Act;**
- 1.3 That a copy of the adopted Budget be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government before 30 June 2018, in accordance with Section 130(4) of the Act;**
- 1.4 That a copy of the adopted Budget be kept available at the Hindmarsh Shire Council offices and customer service centres for public inspection in accordance with Section 130(9) of the Act.**

2. AMOUNT INTENDED TO BE RAISED

That an amount of \$8,644,977 be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates by the application of differential rates, the annual service charge (kerbside waste / recycling collection charge and General waste charge) municipal charge (all described later in this Recommendation), and Windfarms in lieu of rates, which amount is calculated as follows:

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3. GENERAL RATES

3.1 *That a general rate be declared in respect of the Financial Year, being for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;*

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3.3 *That it be confirmed that the differential rates for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined by multiplying “Capital Improved Value” of each rateable land by a percentage specified as the percentage of each uniform rate (which percent may be alternatively expressed as cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value):*

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3.4 *That Council adopts the return of the revaluation of all properties within the Hindmarsh Shire as at 1 January 2018 from the Valuer General.*

4. MUNICIPAL CHARGE

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5. ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE (KERBSIDE COLLECTION / RECYCLING CHARGE AND GENERAL WASTE CHARGE)

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- 5.3 That the Annual Service Charge for “Kerbside waste / recycling collection charge” be in the sum of \$351.00 for each rateable land within the municipal district in respect of which service charges may be levied and where the services listed in 5.2 above are available.**
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6. INTEREST ON UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES

That interest at the rate prescribed by Section 172(2)(a) of the Act be payable in respect of any of the aforesaid rates and charges which are not paid by the dates fixed pursuant to Section 167(2) of the Act by the date specified for their payment.

7. AUTHORISATION TO LEVY AND RECOVER

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to levy and recover the aforesaid rates and charges in accordance with the Act.

8. SUBMISSIONS

That having considered all submissions received, Council notifies in writing, each person who has made a separate submission of the decision and the reasons for that decision, section 223 of the Act, the reason being that Council believes the budget as 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, 2, & 3

4.1.1 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - SUBMISSIONS FOR DRAFT 2018/19 ANNUAL BUDGET

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 1, 2, 3

Introduction:

This supplementary report presents a summary of the submissions received in relation to the 2018/19 Annual Budget and subsequent amendments to the draft budget.

Discussion:

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Submissions

One written submission was received by the closing date of 25 June 2018.

The submission from a Jeparit resident suggests Council consider and invest in new initiatives aimed at specifically growing our economy across the Shire. To not only see value in trimming, pruning and removal of trees, but budget for actual planting and improvements to the amenity of our streetscapes.

The submission refers to the utility costs incurred by halls and community facilities, and suggests reducing these costs through the installation of solar panels. The submission also expresses the need for Council to budget for a family cabin at Jeparit Caravan Park, and upgrade the Edward Eyre walking track.

The submission asks that Hindmarsh Shire news be delivered through a mail drop, and look at sustainability initiatives with waste management including educational initiatives to ensure the community does all it can to ensure our waste streams are clean and managed appropriately.

The Jeparit resident who made the submission was invited to join Council and speak to their submission. Unfortunately, she is unable to make the Council meeting.

Amendments

Following the consultation period changes to the 2018/19 budget are as follows:

- Include \$50,000 upgrade works to High Street, Dimboola service lane due to community expectations that this project would be undertaken in 2018/19. The project was listed in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 budget to be undertaken in 2018/19.

- Reallocate the \$10,000 budget for the Nhill Aerodrome Masterplan to Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Minor Works following budget consultation and community meetings raising the riverbank precinct near the caravan park as an important area for the Jeparit community. The cost of the Nhill Aerodrome Masterplan has been fully covered from funds re-allocated by Council from the 2017/18 budget.

It is recommended Councillors authorise the CEO to undertake any further consequential and administrative changes required.

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That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to levy and recover the aforesaid rates and charges in accordance with the Act.

8. SUBMISSIONS

That having considered all submissions received, Council notify in writing, each person who has made a separate submission, of the decision and the reasons for that decision, section 223 of the Act, the reason being that Council believes the budget as 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.

9. AMENDMENTS

That changes to the 2018/19 budget be altered to:

- *Include \$50,000 upgrade works to High Street, Dimboola service lane.*
- *Reallocate the \$10,000 budget for the Nhill Aerodrome Masterplan to Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Minor Works.*
- *Authorise the CEO to undertake any further consequential and administrative changes as required.*

CARRIED

Attachment 1, 2, 3

4.2 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 ANNUAL REVIEW & STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2019-2022

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services
Attachment Number: 4

Introduction:

This report presents the revised Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022 for adoption following the period for public comment.

Discussion:

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 (LGA) provides that a Council must prepare and approve a Council Plan within six months after a general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is the later. Council adopted its 2017-2021 Council Plan at its meeting held on 23 August 2017.

Section 125 of the LGA provides that at least once each financial year Council must consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect of the remaining period of the Plan.

The Council Plan is the key document that drives the direction of the Council and is a requirement of the LGA. It must include, s125 (2)

- a. The strategic objectives of Council;
- b. The strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next four years;
- c. Strategic indicators for monitoring the achievements of the objectives;
- d. A Strategic Resource Plan; and
- e. Any other matters prescribed by the regulations.

The Strategic Resource Plan details the resources required to achieve the strategic objectives. It must include in respect of at least the next four financial years

- a. Financial statements;
- b. Statements describing the required non-financial resources, including human resources;

A Council must review the Strategic Resource Plan during the preparation of the Council Plan; and adopt the Strategic Resource Plan no later than 30 June each year. A copy of the current Strategic Resources Plan must be available for inspection by the public at the Council office and any district offices and any other place required by the regulations. In addition, a Council must ensure that the current Strategic Resource Plan is published on the Council's internet website.

Since the adoption of the Council Plan in August 2017, 18 of the 32 objectives to be completed in 17/18 have been completed. The remaining 14 objectives have been delayed due to funding or staff absences, and also by their nature, will be ongoing and reoccurring for the four years of this Council term and most likely into the future.

Council released the Council Plan 2017-2021 incorporating the strategic resources plan 2019-2021 for the statutory 28 day public review period between 25 May 2018 and 25 June 2018.

Minor changes have been made to the Strategic Resources Plan 2019-2022 to reflect the changes in the 2018/19 budget.

At the time of writing this report no submissions were received. Any submissions received will be provided to Councillors and discussion will be held during the Council meeting.

Options:

Council can:

1. Adopt revised Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022, as per the draft advertised.
2. Further amend the Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022, and adopt the amended.

Link to Council Plan:

Compliance with the requirements to prepare and review the Council Plan is an important aspect of Good Governance and Leadership.

Financial Implications:

A Strategic Resource Plan is prepared as part of the Council Plan preparation process. It outlines the financial and other resources required to complement the objectives, and strategies for achieving them, within the Council Plan.

Risk Management Implications:

The preparation of the Council Plan is a statutory requirement.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80C of the LGA officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Author and Officer Responsible: Monica Revell, Director Corporate and Community Services

In providing this advice as the Author and Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

Communications Strategy:

Council must give notice of the adoption of the Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022 under section 125 of the Local Government Act. A public notice will be inserted in the Wimmera Mail Times, Dimboola Banner, Nhill Free Press and Rainbow Argus advising of the adoption of the Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022.

Copies of the adopted Plan will be available at each Hindmarsh Shire Customer Service Centre and on Council's website.

A copy of the Plan will be sent to the Minister for Local Government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Notes submissions received, in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 ('the Act') on the revised Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022.***
- 2. Adopts the revised Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resources Plan 2019-2022.***
- 3. That a copy of the adopted Plan be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government before 30 June 2018.***

Attachment: 4

4.2.1 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 ANNUAL REVIEW AND STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2019-2022

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 4

Introduction:

This supplementary report presents a summary of amendments required to the Strategic Resource Plan due to changes in the 2018/19 budget.

Discussion:

No submissions were received regarding the Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resources Plan 2019-2022.

Following the consultation period for the draft 2018/19 budget changes have been proposed to the budget that will alter the strategic resources plan.

Following the consultation period changes to the 2018/19 budget are as follows:

- Include \$50,000 upgrade works to High Street, Dimboola service lane
- Reallocate the \$10,000 budget for the Nhill Aerodrome Masterplan to Jeparit Riverbank Precinct Minor Works.

These changes and any further changes made during the council meeting will require an update of the strategic resources plan 2019-2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. **Notes that no submissions were received, in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1898 ('the Act') on the revised Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022;**
2. **Adopts the revised Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resources Plan 2019-2022;**
3. **That a copy of the adopted Plan be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government before 30 June 2018;**
4. **To include amendments to the Strategic Resources Plan in line with alterations to the 2018/19 budget in item 4.1;**
5. **Authorises the CEO to undertake any further consequential or administrative amendments as required.**

MOVED: Crs R Gersch/R Lowe

That Council:

1. **Notes that no submissions were received, in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1898 ('the Act') on the revised Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022;**
2. **Adopts the revised Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan 2017-2021, including the Strategic Resources Plan 2019-2022;**
3. **That a copy of the adopted Plan be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government before 30 June 2018;**
4. **To include amendments to the Strategic Resources Plan in line with alterations to the 2018/19 budget in item 4.1;**
5. **Authorises the CEO to undertake any further consequential or administrative amendments as required.**

CARRIED

Attachment: 4

5. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr R Ismay declared the meeting closed at 4:22pm.
