



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA – 9 AUGUST 2017 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD: Wednesday 9 August 2017

LOCATION: Edenhope Council Chamber

COMMENCEMENT: 10:00am

REQUIRED TO ATTEND:	
Councillors	Senior Management Group
Bruce Meyer, Mayor	David Leahy Chief Executive Officer
Trevor Domaschenz	
Richard Hicks	Ashley Roberts Director Corporate & Community Services
Tom Houlihan	
Jodie Pretlove	Robyn Evans Director Infrastructure Development & Works

Members of the Gallery are advised that the following Local Law applies to this meeting:

West Wimmera Shire Council Local Law No.7, 2017

42. Gallery to be silent

- (1) Any member of the public asking a question of the Council or in attendance in the gallery must extend due courtesy and respect to the Council and the processes under which it operates*
 - (2) Visitors must not interject or take part in the debate and must take direction from the Chairperson whenever called upon to do so.*
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Vision Statement:

*Our Wimmera Shire communities are healthy, thriving, diverse, harmonious,
prosperous and self-sustaining, with regional and global connectivity*



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1.0 WELCOME

2.0 OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we humbly ask your blessing upon this Council. Guide and prosper our decisions to the advancement of Your Glory and the true welfare of the people of West Wimmera Shire.

3.0 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All councillors have a personal responsibility to ensure they are aware of the provisions mandated in the Local Government Act 1989 with regard Conflict of Interest disclosures. The Conflict of Interest – A Guide for Councillors (October 2012) has been made available to all Councillors in hard copy form and is available via docs on tap.



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5.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2017-2018 BUDGET

FILE NUMBER: FM0021

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOR DECISION

Introduction

This report presents all submissions received by West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) as per the resolution made at the Special Council Meeting held 5 July 2017.

Declaration of Interests

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 1989* in the preparation of this report.

Background

As part of its 2017-18 budget process West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) resolved at its Special Meeting on 5 July:

Moved: Cr Trevor Domaschenz

Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove

- 1. The 2017/2018 draft budget be prepared by Council for the purposes of Section 127(1) of the Local Government Act 1989.**
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to:**
 - (a) Give public notice of the preparation of such budget, in accordance with Section 129 (1) of the Local Government Act 1989; and**
 - (b) Make available for public inspection the information required to be made available in accordance with the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004.**



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3. That Council:

- (a) Seek any submissions on any proposal contained in such budget made in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the Act, with such submissions closing 5.00pm Friday 4 August 2017;
- (b) Schedule any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission to the proposed budget, that they be heard by Council on Wednesday 9 August 2017 at Edenhope Council Chambers.
- (c) Consider a recommendation or notice of motion to adopt such budget at the Ordinary meeting of Council on Wednesday 16 August 2017 at Edenhope Council Chambers.

Carried (4/0)

All budget submissions received by Council by the deadline of 5.00pm Friday 4 August are attached for Councillors information and discussion.

Risk Management Implications

Not commented on.

Legislative Implications

Under section 129 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council is required to give public notice and place a proposed budget on public display for at least 28 days. The public has a right to make a submission to the budget under section 223 of the Act.

Council has complied with section 129 of the Act. The proposed 2017-18 budget was displayed at Council's service centres in Edenhope and Kaniva and also on Council's website.

Section 223 allows for members of the public to make a submission. Taking these submissions to Council for consideration complies with the Act.

Environmental Implications

Not commented on.

Financial and Budgetary Implications

The 2017-18 budget has direct and significant financial implications. It highlights Council's revenue and spending for the year and outlines Council's medium term sustainability.



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All budget submissions will have some impact on Council's financial performance and position. The effect of each submission will be spoken to at the time of discussion.

Policy Implications

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy:

Advocacy Policy
Asset Capitalisation Policy
Asset Management Policy
Borrowings Policy
Building Fee Refunds Policy
Community Engagement Policy
Fraud Control Policy
Investment Policy

Council Plan Implications

This report supports all sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2017-2021:

- Strategic Objective 1: A proactive, well governed, professional and financially sustainable organisation that encourages community participation.
- Strategic Objective 2: Meaningful partnerships to support advocacy priorities and service provision.
- Strategic Objective 3: Quality sustainable community services and infrastructure.
- Strategic Objective 4: Building on our agricultural and business strengths and supporting economic development.
- Strategic Objective 5: Thriving, safe and diverse local communities.
- Strategic Objective 6: Participating in activities that address health and wellbeing issues.
- Strategic Objective 7: Providing access to and promoting the natural environment.

Communication Implications

The public submission process allows interested members of our community to have a direct impact on Council's budget process and service delivery.

The outcomes of any public submissions made will be communicated to the parties making the submissions.



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Conclusion

Council may chose whether to include in the 2017-2018 Budget any proposal contained in the submissions received.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the public submissions received on the 2017-18 draft budget as attached.

Attachments:

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
5.1	Budget Submission Trevor Domaschenz	17/002988

MEETING CONCLUDED: