

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Purpose: Adoption of 2018/19 Budget

Held on

Thursday, 30 August 2018

Commencing at 6.30pm

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Council Chambers, Donnybrook.

Benjamin Rose
Chief Executive Officer

31 August 2018

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTION OF 2018/19 BUDGET

30 August 2018

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SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK BALINGUP SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – ADOPTION OF 2018/19 BUDGET

To be held at Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Council Chamber, Donnybrook
Thursday, 30 August 2018 at 6.31pm

DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President – Acknowledgment of Country

The Shire President acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Noongar People, paying respects to Elders, past and present.

The Shire Present declared the meeting open and welcome the public gallery

Shire President - Public Notification of Recording of Meetings

The Shire President advised that the meeting is being digitally recorded to assist with minute taking in accordance with Council Policy 1.25. The Shire President further states the following:

If you do not give permission for your participation to be recorded, please indicate this at the meeting. Members are reminded that no other visual or audio recording of this meeting by any other means is allowed without the permission of the Chairperson.

Shire President – Advice of purpose of Special Meeting of Council

The Shire President advised that the purpose of this Special Meeting of Council is for consideration of endorsement of the Shire Budget 2018/19, including supporting documentation. Public questions presented tonight are required to be related to the adoption of the 2018/19 Shire Budget.

COUNCILLORS	STAFF
Cr Piesse (President)	Ben Rose – Chief Executive Officer
Cr Wringe (Deputy President)	Greg Harris – Manager Finance and Administration
Cr Atherton	Damien Morgan – Manager Works and Services
Cr King	Leigh Guthridge – Manager Development and Environmental Services
Cr Lindemann	
Cr Mills	Bob Lowther – Manager Aged Care Services
Cr Mitchell	
Cr Tan	
Cr Van Der Heide	

PUBLIC GALLERY

Lucille Piesse

Susan Learmonth

Jacinta Sparrow

Simon McInnes

Graeme Johnson

APOLOGIES

Nil.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Simon McGuinness

Is there a list of over 55 Donnybrook ratepayers waiting for accommodation?

Chief Executive Officer

I am trying to draw a nexus between your question and the how it relates to the budget, could you please elaborate?

Simon McInnes

Is there a list of ratepayers waiting for accommodation in Donnybrook?

Chief Executive Officer

Yes, there is.

Simon McInnes

How often is the list updated, keeping in mind their names are on a waiting list prior to the development being completed?

Manager Aged Care

The list is updated on an annual basis. These applicants have differing requirements and some people have been on the list for a substantial amount of time.

Simon McInnes

If there are not enough ratepayers to fill the Bridge Street development, who decides who can move in?

Chief Executive officer

The arrangement between the Shire and one of the partners, Alliance Housing, is to be established via a Memorandum of Understanding

Simon McInnes

It's not established yet?

Chief Executive Officer

Correct

Simon McInnes

In light of the fact that there is an over 55's development planned for Kelly Road, wouldn't it be good governance to save the rate payers a million dollars by not proceeding with the Bridge Street works and not going on to complete it in competition with the Kelly Street development?

Chief Executive Officer

As a point of clarification, the Shire's contribution to the Bridge Street Housing Development project is the land on a long term lease basis. It's not gifting the land or handing the land over. I affirm today, the last valuation which is dated 30 June 2017, is \$250,000. It is one lot, not four. The Shire will retain ownership of the land. The Shire is contributing up to \$250,000 for site remediation works. To clarify, the Shire's contribution to the project is up to \$250,000.

Simon McInnes

Is the Shire undertaking the project management as well?

Chief Executive Officer

The Shire will be coordinating the project management. The grant funding for the project, to be provided by the state government has an allocation for project management costs. To reiterate, the project management costs will be paid for by the state government funding, not the Shire.

Simon McInnes

What sort of return can we expect from this project?

Chief Executive Officer

This question is very similar to your question raised at the August Ordinary meeting and the answer remains the same. It is a social return on investment as opposed to a financial return.

Simon McInnes

I take it the Shire's financial investment to the project is \$500,000?

Chief Executive Officer

The Shire is contributing up to \$250,000 for site remediation works. The Shire will retain ownership of the land.

Simon McInnes

How long is the lease for?

Chief Executive Officer

Those details haven't been arranged yet, however it will be somewhere along the lines of twenty-plus years.

Shire President

You compared the Bridge Street Housing Development to the Kelly Road development, I would like to clarify the difference between the two. The Bridge Street project is affordable housing which is means tested, whereas the Kelly Road development is more like the Boyanup village arrangement, a lifestyle village concept, and are quite different in the terms of structure.

Simon McInnes

So the over 55's will not be impacted?

Shire President

The lifestyle village concept is not just about providing accommodation opportunities to people within our Shire, part of the strategy is about attracting people from outside of the shire to come and move here.

Simon McInnes

Why is the Shire spending money on looking for a super rubbish tip within the Shire boundaries when other local government representatives from the South West have searched for a suitable site and have not found one?

Chief Executive Officer

There is a proposed allocation of \$2,000 for a contribution towards a regional resource recovery and recycling project in the South West. The issue of waste management and resource recovery, recycling, food organics material management is an ever increasing issue for all communities and the contribution of a small amount of \$2,000 towards a regional approach to the issue is more than well justified.

Simon McInnes

You are definitely looking for a site within the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup?

Chief Executive Officer

No, we are not at this stage. There was a resolution passed at the last Council meeting for a working group comprised of elected members and a few senior staff will investigate if this is a worthwhile proposition to follow. To clarify, Council has resolved that they are willing to look at the issue, they have not decided to embark on any recommendations or any path forward.

Shire President

As an aside to that, the \$2,000 contribution is for a human resource. All of the Councils in the Bunbury Geographe region are all contributing to resource a person to take this project further.

Simon McInnes

Why is there no money being put into the Reserves for the future?

Manager Finance and Administration

There is some money going into the Reserves. If you have looked at the most recent budget update, there is \$110,000 going back into our Building and Maintenance Reserve. In addition to this, we have money going into the Waste Management Reserve

Simon McInnes

Is this comparable to last year?

Manager Finance and Administration

It is well down on last year's contributions. We are putting more money into our Plant Reserve and we have recently completed a review of our Asset Management Plan for Plant and are putting an extra \$90,000 towards this.

Simon McInnes

Is that for trucks or cars?

Manager Finance and Administration

Plant includes trucks and motor vehicles. Last year we were looking at a total of \$822,000 going into the Shire's Reserves, this year the amount is expected to be \$547,000.

Susan Learmonth

Will you itemise all costs relating to this compulsory land acquisition forced upon me? How much is this costing the Shire?

Shire President

For those in the gallery this relates to the replacement of the bridge on Trevena Road which is right alongside, or in part of, Mrs Learmonth's property. I'll ask the Chief Executive Officer to respond.

Chief Executive Officer

I'm not able to provide a detailed answer immediately and I would like to be able to provide a robust and detailed response for you, so I will take the question on notice and provide a response to you in writing.

Susan Learmonth

Will I get my response in 10 working days?

Chief Executive Officer

Yes

2 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL/IMPARTIALITY INTEREST

Division 6: Sub-Division 1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Care should be taken by all Councillors to ensure that a financial/impartiality interest is declared and that they refrain from voting on any matter, which is considered to come within the ambit of the Act.

Nil

4 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

** 6.46pm Graeme Johnson arrived.

**COUNCIL DECISION
(Procedural Motion)**

Moved: Cr Mills

Seconded: Cr King

Under clause 17.1 Suspension of Local Law in the Meeting Procedures Local Law, that Council suspend Clause 5.2 to change the order of business.

**Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority**

**COUNCIL DECISION
(Executive Recommendation)**

Moved Cr Tan

Seconded Cr Atherton

Under clause 17.1 Suspension of Local Law in the Meeting Procedures Local Law, that Council suspend Clause 5.5 Adoption by Exception Resolution for the duration of this Special Meeting of Council.

**Lost 3/6
By Absolute Majority**

The vote was recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Cr Atherton	Cr Piesse
Cr King	Cr Lindemann
Cr Van Der Heide	Cr Mills
	Cr Mitchell
	Cr Tan
	Cr Wringe

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION 1

Moved: Cr Tan

Seconded: Cr Mitchell

That the resolutions from items be adopted:

- 5.1.1 – Adoption of the Draft Budget for 2018/19 Financial Year**
- 5.1.2 – Waste Management Levy**
- 5.1.3 – Rates Early Payment Incentive Prizes**

Carried 7/2

The vote was recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Cr Piesse	Cr Atherton
Cr Lindemann	Cr Van Der Heide
Cr King	
Cr Mills	
Cr Mitchell	
Cr Tan	
Cr Wringe	

5.1 MANAGER FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

5.1.1 ADOPTION OF DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR

Location	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
Applicant	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
File Reference	FNC 04/1
Author	Greg Harris – Manager Finance and Administration
Attachments	<i>The following attachments are available upon request at the Shire Administration Building:</i> 5.1.1(1) – Statutory Budget 2018/19 5.1.1(2) – Budget Schedules 2018/19 5.1.1(3) – Fees and Charges Schedule 2018/19
Voting Requirements	Various (Simple and Absolute Majority)
Executive Summary	It is recommended that Council adopt the series of resolutions in relation to the Statutory Budget for the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup for the year ending 30 June 2019.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The following outcomes from the Corporate Business Plan relate to this proposal:

Outcome	Strategy	Action No.	Actions
4.2 – A respected, professional and trusted organisation.	A respected and efficient operations and service provision.	4.2.1.4	Demonstrate sound financial planning and management, including revenue/expenditure review and revenue diversification strategies and long term financial planning.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and adopt the Municipal Fund Budget for the 2018/19 financial year, together with supporting schedules, including striking of the municipal fund rates, adoption of fees and charges, setting of elected members' fees for the year and other consequential matters arising.

The Budget for the 2018/19 year has been compiled based on the recommended actions outlined in the Corporate Business Plan, along with guidance provided by Elected Members to the Administration at its Budget workshops.

DETAILS

The Budget has been prepared to include information required by the Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Following a series of Budget Workshops conducted over the last few months a Special Meeting of Council was held to consider a number of specific matters in relation to the 2018/19 Budget.

The resolutions made by Council at the Special Meeting of Council gave firm direction to Council staff to proceed with compilation of the final budget document in accordance with the decisions made at that meeting. The directions given to Council staff are reflected in the Budget document now presented and these decisions will be ratified during the process of final adoption of the Annual Budget due to occur at this meeting.

In summary the 2018/19 budget aims to deliver the strategies adopted by Council (chiefly the Corporate Business Plan) and the community and maintains a high level of service across all programs. The budget aims to consolidate on the 2017/18 year budget by placing an emphasis on the ongoing development of new infrastructure and assets as well as the renewing of all assets at sustainable levels.

CONSULTATION

No specific community consultation has occurred on the Draft 2018/19 budget, however, the budget has been prepared taking into account requests received directly from the community and through Council's community grants assessment process.

Extensive internal consultation has occurred between all divisions and through draft budget meetings conducted with Elected Members.

POLICY/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The budget is based on the principles contained in the Corporate Business Plan. Section 6.2 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 requires that no later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt (by Absolute Majority), in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its Municipal Fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June.

Divisions 5 and 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. *The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The 2018/19 budget as it will be presented is considered to meet the statutory requirements.

An Absolute Majority decision of Council will be required for parts of the recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Specific financial implications are as outlined in the comment section of this report and as itemised in the 2018/19 budget presented for adoption.

Please Note: A list of variances between the original draft budget and the final draft budget has been distributed to Elected Members prior to the meeting.

**COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1
(Executive Recommendation)**

That Council approve the list of variances identified between the draft budget and the final 2018/19 budget (refer page S194-195).

- 1) (Include other alterations to the draft budget proposed by Council).

**PART A – GENERAL AND MINIMUM RATES, INSTALMENT PAYMENT
ARRANGEMENTS**

Carried 7/2

**COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1
(Executive Recommendation)**

1. That for the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at this meeting, Council pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 impose the following general and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values.

1.1.1 General Rates

* Residential (GRV)	8.0170 cents in dollar
* Rural (UV)	0.5274 cents in dollar

1.1.2 Minimum Rates

* Residential (GRV)	\$1031.00
* Rural (UV)	\$1,115.00

The proposed general rates for 2018/19 represent an average of a 6% increase from the Shire rates levied in the 2017/18 financial year.

2. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council nominates the following due dates for the payment in full by instalments:

* Full payment and 1 st instalment due date	19 October 2018
* 2 nd half instalment due date	22 February 2019
* 2 nd quarterly instalment due date	21 December 2018
* 3 rd quarterly instalment due date	22 February 2019
* 4 th and final quarterly instalment due date	26 April 2019
3. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an instalment administrative charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$9 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.

4. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option.

5. Pursuant to section 6.51 (1) and subject to section 6.51 (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 11% for rates (and service charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable.

Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

PART B – GENERAL FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2018/19

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Executive Recommendation)

Pursuant to section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts Fees and Charges included at pages (F1 to F25) of the 2018/19 Draft Budget provided with the agenda papers.

Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

PART C – OTHER STATUTORY FEES FOR 2018/19

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Executive Recommendation)

1. Pursuant to section 245A (8) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960, Council adopts a swimming pool inspection fees of \$14.36 inclusive of GST.

2. Pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007, Council adopts the following charges for the removal and deposit of domestic and commercial waste.
 - 2.1.1 Residential Premises (standard weekly collection)
* All serviced areas - 240 litre bin \$156 pa

 - 2.1.2 Combined Standard Bin & Organic Bin Service
* All serviced areas - 240 litre bin \$200 pa
(Standard bin is collected fortnightly – 240 litre bin)
(Organics Bin is collected weekly – 240 litre bin)

2.1.3	Commercial Organic Bin Only Service * All serviced areas - 240 litre bin (weekly service – 240 litre bin)	\$119 pa
2.1.4	Recycling Service (fortnightly collection) * All locations (240 litre bin)	\$48 pa
2.1.5	Commercial Recycling Service (fortnightly collection) * All locations (240 litre bin)	\$48 pa

**Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority**

**COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1
(Executive Recommendation)**

- Pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007, and section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopt the following charges for the deposit of domestic and commercial waste.**

Donnybrook Landfill Site and Balingup Transfer Station Fees.

Valid vouchers for domestic waste disposal must be presented or scheduled fees apply. All Ratepayers will be provided with a tip pass entitling them to free disposal of up to four (4) cubic metres of household refuse. In addition, households without a bin service shall be entitled to a further tip pass providing for 52 x 240 litres waste disposal coupons.

The shire attendant can determine charges for quantities of waste on a pro rata basis for quantities greater than one (1) cubic metre.

Putrescible, Construction and Demolition Waste

*	Up to 1 cubic metre (min. fee)	\$43
*	Per additional cubic metre	\$43

Greenwaste

Residents with tip pass: no charge for unrestricted amount of uncontaminated greenwaste that is 300mm in girth or less from domestic sources only.

Contaminated greenwaste (domestic and commercial); charged in accordance with the Putrescible Waste fee schedule.

Commercial greenwaste; charged in accordance with the Greenwaste fee schedule.

Greenwaste that is delivered with logs/stumps/stems with girth of more than 300mm will be charged in accordance with the Greenwaste fee schedule.

*	Up to 1 cubic metre (min. fee)	\$7
*	Per additional cubic metre	\$7

* Logs/stumps/stems with girth of more than 300mm	\$43
<u>Recyclables (sorted)</u>	No Charge
<u>Refuse / Household Junk</u>	
Per car or station wagon	\$14
Per ute or standard 6 x 4 Trailer or 4 x 240l bins	\$22
6 x 4 trailers with sides exceeding 600mm	\$43
<u>Vehicle Bodies – per unit</u>	
* Car/truck bodies	\$20
* Tyres (Car/Light Truck)	\$6
* Tyres (Large Truck/Loader etc)	\$15
<u>E-Waste (TVs, computers, printers, computer products (Domestic and Commercial)</u>	N/C
<u>E-Waste (Other – per item)</u>	
<i>Residents with tip pass:</i>	
<i>Commercial: charged in accordance with the fee schedule</i>	\$6
<u>Fridges, Freezers, Air-conditioning Units</u>	
Non-degassed or uncertified (per item)	\$15
De-gassed items (must be certified)	\$0
<u>Disposal of Asbestos</u>	
<i>Residents with tip passes and commercial: charged in accordance with the fee schedule.</i>	
* Quantities up to 0.01 m3 (2m2)	\$0
* 0.01m3 – 1m3	\$66
* Large quantities (per additional cubic metre)	\$66
Mattresses	
<i>Per Mattress</i>	\$10
<u>Disposal of Chemicals</u>	
<i>Residents with tip pass: no charge for domestic quantity up to 5 litres (labelled or unlabelled)</i>	
<i>Quantities more than 5 litres and commercial: charged in accordance with the fee schedule.</i>	
* Labelled Chemicals (per litre)	\$12
* Unlabelled Chemicals (per litre)	\$25
<u>Disposal of Oil</u>	
<i>Residents with tip pass: no charge for domestic quantity up to 20 litres</i>	
<i>Quantities more than 20 litres and commercial: charged in accordance with the fee schedule.</i>	

Per litre \$0.20c

2. Pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007, and section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopt the following charges for the collection and deposit of commercial waste.

4.1 Removal from Tuia Frail Aged Lodge Facility \$9,350 pa
(Inc. GST)

Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

PART D – ELECTED MEMBERS’ FEES AND ALLOWANCES FOR 2018/19

**COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1
(Executive Recommendation)**

1. Pursuant to section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range of fees determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 section 7B, Council adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting attendance fees:

President	\$12,000
Councillors	\$ 7,612

2. Pursuant to section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range of fees determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 section 7B, Council adopts the following annual allowances for elected members:

Information and Communications Technology Allowance	\$ 1,000
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3. Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range of fees determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 section 7B, Council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:

President	\$10,000
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4. Pursuant to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range of fees determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 section 7B, Council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:

Deputy President	\$ 2,500
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Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

PART E – MATERIAL VARIANCE REPORTING FOR 2018/19

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Executive Recommendation)

In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2018/19 for reporting material variances shall be \$5,000.

Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

PART F – MUNICIPAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2018/19

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Executive Recommendation)

That pursuant to the provision of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in attachment 5.1.1 of this agenda and the minutes, for the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup for the 2018/19 financial year which includes the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type on page (8) showing a net deficit result for that year of (\$212,966).
- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Program on pages (9 and 10) showing a net deficit result for that year of (\$212,966).
- Statement of Cash Flows on page (11)
- Rate Setting Statement on page (12) showing an amount required to be raised from rates of \$4,898,169.
- Notes to and Forming part of the Budget on pages (13 to 47)
- Fees and Charges Schedule as detailed on pages (F1 to F25)
- Budget Program Schedules as detailed in pages (S1 to S193)
- Variances from Draft Budget to Final Budget as detailed in page (S194)

Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

5.1.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY

Location	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
Applicant	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
File Reference	FNC 04/1 & RAT 01
Author	Greg Harris – Manager Finance and Administration
Attachments	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Executive Summary	It is recommended that Council adopt the recommended Waste Management Levy.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The following outcomes from the Corporate Business Plan relate to this proposal:

Outcome	Strategy	Action No.	Actions
4.2 – A respected, professional and trusted organisation.	A respected and efficient operations and service provision.	4.2.1.4	Demonstrate sound financial planning and management, including revenue/expenditure review and revenue diversification strategies and long term financial planning.

BACKGROUND

A waste management levy will be imposed on all rate assessments under Section 66 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* for the following purposes:

- (i) Provision of suitable places, buildings and appliances for the disposal of refuse.
- (ii) Construction and installation of plant for the disposal of refuse.

The object of this rate is to ensure that costs in relation to the maintenance and servicing of all refuse disposal sites within the Shire is equally distributed.

A concession will be granted to ratepayers owning contiguous (as defined by Council policy) vacant assessments.

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Executive Recommendation)

That under Section 66 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, Council impose the following rates as a waste management levy.

Description	Total Props.	Rateable Value	Rate in Dollar	Rate Yield	Minimum		Budget 2017/2018
					No.	Yield	
Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Act Rate 2007 Unimproved Valuations	1,343	404,360,508	0.0012336	4,988	1,343	228,310	228,310
Gross Rental Valuations	1,965	28,278,178	0.05029586	14,222	1,965	334,050	334,050
(less concessions)	(68)				(68)	(11,560)	(11,560)
Total Levied	3,240	432,638,686			3,240	550,800	550,800

A minimum rate of \$170 will be imposed.

Carried 7/2

5.1.3 RATES EARLY PAYMENT INCENTIVE PRIZES

Location	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
Applicant	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
File Reference	RAT 08
Author	Greg Harris – Manager Finance and Administration
Attachments	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Executive Summary	It is recommended that Council approve the Early Rate Payer Incentive Scheme.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The following outcomes from the Corporate Business Plan relate to this proposal:

Outcome	Strategy	Action No.	Actions
4.2 – A respected, professional and trusted organisation.	A respected and efficient operations and service provision.	4.2.1.4	Demonstrate sound financial planning and management, including revenue/expenditure review and revenue diversification strategies and long term financial planning.

BACKGROUND

The Manager of the Donnybrook branch of the Bendigo Bank has confirmed the bank’s continuing sponsorship of Council’s Early Rate Payment Incentive Scheme.

The Bendigo Bank has sponsored the incentive scheme since 2004 and has annually donated funds of \$1,000 which are distributed on the basis of \$500 to the first drawn winner, \$300 to the second and \$200 to the third drawn winner.

Winners are drawn soon after the rates payment due date. All ratepayers who pay their rates in full on or before the due date are eligible. Councillors and staff are not eligible to participate.

Winners receive a Bendigo Bank account at the Donnybrook branch

DETAIL

Last year the winners of the early rate payment incentive prize were invited to attend a small morning tea to receive their prize. The morning tea was hosted by the Bendigo Bank and attended by the prize winners (plus family members), Bendigo Bank Branch Manager, Shire President and Council staff. The morning tea is certainly appreciated by the prize winners who are able to attend.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with section 6.46 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a local government may, when imposing a rate or service charge, resolve by absolute majority to grant a discount or other incentive for the early payment of any rate or service charge.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Prize offers financial incentive to ratepayers to pay early. Early payment assists Council cash flow and maximizes investment opportunities.

COUNCIL DECISION – EN BLOC RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Executive Recommendation)



1. That Council accept the offer from the Donnybrook Branch of the Bendigo Bank to sponsor Council's early rate payment incentive scheme and provide a total prize pool of \$1,000.
2. That in accordance with section 6.46 of the Local Government Act 1995 Council offer the early rate payment incentive prize to ratepayers who pay their rates in full on or before the rates due date, being 19th October 2018.
3. That following determination of the prize winners, Council hosts a suitable function to enable presentation of the prizes.

Carried 7/2
By Absolute Majority

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President advised that the date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 September 2018 commencing at 5.00pm in the Council Chamber.

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 7.42pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2018.	
	
Shire President	Presiding Member