



**Special Meeting of Council
DRAFT 2021-22 Budget Agenda**

*Held at Western Downs Regional Council's
Corporate Office*

On Wednesday, 9 June 2021

Commencing at 09:30 AM

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1. **DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING**

2. **APOLOGIES**

3. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 in relation to Closed meetings provides:

(1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.

(2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.

(3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—

(a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;

(b) industrial matters affecting employees;

(c) the local government's budget;

(d) rating concessions;

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;

(f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

(h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967;

(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

(4) However, a local government or a committee of a local government must not resolve that a part of a local government meeting at which a decision mentioned in section 150ER(2), 150ES(3) or 150EU(2) of the Act will be considered, discussed, voted on or made be closed.

(5) A resolution that a local government meeting be closed must—

(a) state the matter mentioned in subsection (3) that is to be discussed; and

(b) include an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.

(6) A local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

3.1. CORPORATE SERVICES

3.1.1. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of 2021-22 Operational Plan

The purpose of this Report is to propose Council's formal adoption of the 2021-22 Operational Plan at the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.2. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of 2021-22 Budget - Council Policy and 2021-22 Financial Management Strategy - Council Policy

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the proposed 2021-22 Budget - Council Policy and accompanying 2021-22 Financial Management Strategy - Council Policy, and to recommend their adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.3. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of 2021-22 Revenue Policy - Council Policy

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the 2021-22 Revenue Policy - Council Policy and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.4. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Revenue Statement 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council for its consideration the proposed 2021-22 Revenue Statement and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.5. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Differential General Rates and Minimum General Rates 2021-22

The purpose of this report is to provide to Council for its consideration the Differential General Rates and Minimum General Rates to apply in the 2021-22 Financial Year and to recommend their adoption at the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.6. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Rescinding General Rate Capping - Council Policy

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the proposed rescinding of the General Rate Capping - Council Policy, and to recommend its rescinding to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.7. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Special Charges for 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the Special Rates and Charges for 2021-22 and to recommend their adoption at the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.8. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of 2021-22 Utility Charges

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration the proposed 2021-22 Utility Charges and to recommend their adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.9. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Rates and Charges and Special Charges Concessions 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council for its consideration the proposed Rates and Charges and Special Charges Concessions to apply for 2021-22 and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.10. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the proposed Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for 2021-22 and to recommend its adoption at the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.11. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Procedures for Levying Rates and Charges 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the procedures for the Levying of Rates and Charges 2021-22 and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.12. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Discount for Prompt Payment Rates and Charges 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council for its consideration the Discount for Prompt Payment of Rates and Charges for 2021-22 and to recommend the adoption of the discount to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.13. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Interest Charges on Overdue Rates 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council for its consideration the rate of interest to be charged on Overdue Rates and Charges in 2021-22 and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.14. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of National Competition Policy Compliance - Council Policies for 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration:

- The following Policies and for Council to recommend their adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget:
 - The 2021-22 Code of Competitive Conduct - Council Policy; and
 - The 2021-22 Dividend Payment - Council Policy.
- The proposed 2021-22 Dividend Payments and 2021-22 Community Services Obligations and recommend their adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.15. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Debt - Council Policy for 2021-22

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the 2021-22 Debt - Council Policy for the budget year and the subsequent nine (9) financial years and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.16. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of Estimated Position 30 June 2021 and Financial Analysis

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position and to recommend its adoption at the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget. The document also provides an analysis of variations between the 2021-22 Budget and the 2020-21 Revised Budget and 2020-21 Estimated Position.

3.1.17. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of the 2021-22 Rates and Charges Collection - Council Policy

The purpose of this Report is to provide to Council, for its consideration, the 2021-22 Rates and Charges Collection - Council Policy and to recommend its adoption to the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

3.1.18. Corporate Services Confidential Report Recommended Adoption of 2021-22 Budget including the Long-Term Financial Plan

The purpose of this Report is to recommend the 2021-22 Budget and the 2021-22 Long-Term Financial Plan, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of sections 169 and 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for adoption at the Special Meeting of Council Adopt 2021-22 Budget.

4. MEETING CLOSURE