



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Tuesday, 30 June 2026 at 5.30pm

At the

**Shire of Morawa Council Chambers,
26 Winfield Street, Morawa**



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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The President to declare the meeting open at 5.35pm.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The President acknowledges the traditional custodians, the Yamatji people, and recognises the contribution of Yamatji Elder's past, present and future, in working together for the future of Morawa.

Item 3 Recording of Attendance**3.1 Attendance****Council – e- Attendance.**

President (Presiding Member) Councillor Karen Chappel

Council – In Person Attendance

Deputy President Councillor Stokes

Councillor Grant Chadwick

Councillor Mark Coaker

Councillor Dean Clemson

Councillor Diana North

Councillor Naomi Francis

Staff – In Person Attendance

CEO

Support officer

Marty Symmons

Anish Thomas

Members of the Public

Nil

3.2 Apologies

EMWS - Graeme Hedditch

3.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3.4 Disclosure of Interests

The Presiding Member read aloud the following listed disclosures of interest received before the meeting:

Agenda Item		
Disclosing Member	Nature of Interest	The Nature being
Nil		

Item 4 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 5 Response to Previous Questions

Nil

Item 6 Public Question Time

Nil

Item 7 Questions from Members without Notice

Nil

Item 8 Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion

President's Meetings for the month of May 2026.

Date	Details of Meeting
04 May 2026	State Road Funds To Local Government Meeting.
05 May 2026	Media Interview – Mice Issues.
11 May 2026	State Budget Briefing – Geraldton.
11 May 2026	Media Interview – Farmweekly (Mice Issues).
18 May 2026	Meeting DFES- Grain Harvest Conversation.
18 May 2026	Meeting - Rural West Board.
19 May 2026	LEMC Meeting, Morawa.
20 May 2026	Media Interview – Patrick Zohl (Mice Issues).
26 May 2026	Ordinary Council Meeting, Morawa.
27 May 2026	Meeting at UWA – Pathway to Politics Advisory.
28 May 2026	Media Interview – Radio New Zealand ((Mice Issues).

Item 9 Declaration by all Members to have given due consideration to All Matters Contained in the Business Paper before the Meeting

The Elected Members to declare that they had given due consideration to all matters contained in the agenda.

- President (Presiding Member) Councillor Karen Chappel
- Deputy President Councillor Stokes
- Councillor Mark Coaker
- Councillor Grant Chadwick
- Councillor Diana North
- Councillor Dean Clemson
- Councillor Naomi Francis

Item 10 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the 26 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting were provided as email on 03rd June 2026 and under separate cover via the Shire of Morawa’s secure portal to all Councillors on 04th June 2026.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

260601

Moved: Cr. Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Clemson

That Council confirm that:

- 1. the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 26 May 2026 are a true and correct record.**

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

Disclaimer

Members of the public are cautioned against taking any action on Council decisions, on items in this agenda in which they may have an interest, until formal notification in writing from the Shire has been received. Decisions made at this meeting can be revoked pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995.

Item 11 Reports of Officers**11.1 Chief Executive Officer****11.1.1 Actions Performed under Delegated Authority for May 2026.**

Author: Executive Assistant

Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author/Authorising Officer declares that they do not have any conflict of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION**260602****Moved: Cr. North****Seconded: Cr. Chadwick**

That with respect to Actions Performed under Delegated Authority for May 2026, Council:

- 1. Accept the Report.**

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

PURPOSE

To report back to Council, actions performed under delegated authority from the period 01 May 2026 to 31 May 2026

DETAIL

To increase transparency this report has been prepared for Council and includes all actions performed under delegated authority for –

- Development Approvals;
- Building Permits;
- Health Approvals;
- One off delegations to the Chief Executive Officer;
- Dangerous Goods;
- Affixing of Common Seal;
- Other Delegations as provided for in the Delegations Register.

The following outlines the actions performed within the Shire relative to Delegated Authority from the period 01 May 2026 to 31 May 2026 ('the period') and are submitted to Council for information.

Bushfire

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to bushfire matters during the period.

Caravan parks and campgrounds

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to caravan parks and camping grounds during the period.

Common Seal

No Common Seal actions were undertaken by the Shire during the period.

Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to Dangerous Goods Safety matters during the period.

Food Act 2008

<i>Date of decision</i>	<i>Decision Ref.</i>	<i>Decision details</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Other affected person(s)</i>
07/05/2026	N/A	Temporary Food Stall Permit Granted	Morawa Speedway	
14/05/2026	N/A	Food Stall Permit Granted	Daphnes Timeless Treats	

Hawkers, traders, and stall holders

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to hawkers, traders, and stall holders during this period.

Liquor Control Act 1988

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to liquor matters during the period.

Lodging houses

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to lodging house matters during the period.

Public Buildings

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to public buildings matters during the period.

Septic Tank Approvals

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to the Health Act 1911 and Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent Waste) Regulations 1974 during the period.

Planning Approval

No delegated decisions were undertaken by Shire pursuant to *Planning & Development Act 2005* during the period.

Building Permits

Date of decision	Decision Ref.	Decision details	Applicant	Other affected person(s)
08/05/2026	3/26	Granted	Auspan Building Systems Pty Ltd	

Other Delegations

Date of decision	Decision Ref.	Decision details	Applicant	Other affected person(s)
19/05/2026		Granted Approval to Camp other than at a Caravan park – 54 & 56 Gill Street , Morawa	Ann Pigdon & Paul Crawford	

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Low – report provided to Council for information purposes.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Building Act 2011

Bushfire Act 1954

Dangerous Goods Safety (Explosives) Regulations 2007

Health Act 1991

Health Act 1911

Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992

Liquor Control Act 1988

Local Government Act 1995

Planning & Development Act 2005

Shire of Morawa Local Planning Scheme No. 2

Shire of Morawa Cemeteries 2018 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Dogs 2018 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Extractive Industries 2018 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Fencing 2018 Local Law

Shire of Morawa Health 2004 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Public Places and Local Government Property 2018 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Meeting Procedures 2012 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Waste 2018 - Local Law

Shire of Morawa Delegations Register (2020)

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no known financial implications relating to this Item.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no known risk management implications relating to this Item.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.1.2 Setting of Differential Rates

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

260603

Moved: Cr. Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Clemson

That Council:

1. **NOTES** that in accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, public notice of the Shire of Morawa's intention to levy differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2026/2027 financial year was advertised for a minimum period of 21 days, with the public submission window closing at 9am, Tuesday 23 June 2026.
2. **NOTES** that no public submissions were received during the statutory advertising period regarding the proposed differential general rates and minimum payments.
3. **ENDORSES** the following Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments for the 2026/2027 financial year, matching the structure and figures previously authorised by Council, to be progressed to the final 2026/2027 Annual Budget:

Rate Type	Rate in the Dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
GRV Residential / Commercial	9.5865	\$386
UV Rural	1.4570	\$386
UV Mining	31.7030	\$742

4. **NOTES** that the formal application to the Minister for Local Government under Section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 is being progressed for the UV Mining category (being more than twice the lowest UV differential rate), as conditionally authorised via Clause 9 of the previous Council resolution.
5. **NOTES** that the formal striking of these rates and the application of the 1.5% prompt payment discount will occur via the formal adoption of the full 2026/2027 Annual Budget at a meeting of Council to be scheduled following receipt of the required Ministerial approval.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

PURPOSE

To note compliance with the statutory advertising requirements under the *Local Government Act 1995* for the 2026/2027 differential rating structures and, given that no public submissions were received, endorse the rates and minimum payments to form the basis of the upcoming annual budget.

DETAIL

At the May Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to adopt the *Statement of Objects and Reasons for Differential Rating* and authorised the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2026/2027 financial year.

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the proposed rates were advertised for a minimum period of 21 days, allowing the community the opportunity to lodge submissions. The public comment period closed at 9am, Tuesday 23 June 2026.

Administration can confirm that no public submissions were received during the statutory advertising window.

As part of the preceding rate-setting and budget deliberation process, Council reviewed its expenditure, assessed organisational efficiencies, and formally adopted its rating strategy. Because a local government may impose differential general rates based on the predominant purpose for which land is held or used, the advertised strategy aimed to balance escalating cost pressures while smoothing out structural revaluation spikes from the Valuer General.

RATING STRATEGY & PROPERTY VALUATIONS

The final rating model is built upon the total rateable property values provided by the Valuer General for the period commencing 1 July 2026:

UV Rural Value:	\$185,144,730
UV Mining Value:	\$931,080
GRV Value:	\$3,736,386

To maintain current service levels and deliver on the objectives of the *Strategic Community Plan 2022–2032 (SCP)* and *Corporate Business Plan 2024–2034 (CBP)*, the endorsed model implements the following adjustments to target an overall 4.5% revenue variance increase from last year's base values.

BUDGET EFFICIENCIES & FINANCIAL CONTEXT

As required by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) *Rating Policy – Differential General Rates*, the Shire continues to actively apply budget efficiency measures to ensure it does not automatically rely on rate increases. Ongoing containment strategies include structural workforce optimisations, targeted debt recovery for outstanding rates, local procurement preference, and exploring shared service arrangements.

However, these structural efficiency gains continue to be heavily offset by unavoidable macroeconomic pressures outside of the Shire's direct control, including:

- Award wage increases (predicted).
- Increases to insurance expenses.
- Utility cost increases.
- Higher costs for materials and contractors.
- Tight labour market placing pressure on the Shire to offer above award wages.
- Overall increase to expenditure.

As internal efficiencies alone cannot bridge these compounding external expenditure pressures, the proposed differential rating framework is necessary to preserve the financial health of the Shire.

MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

Because the proposed UV Mining rate is more than twice the lowest general rate category, statutory approval from the Minister for Local Government is triggered under Section 6.33(3) of the Act.

As Council previously granted conditional authorisation via Clause 9 of the May OCM resolution, the closing of a clean advertising window allows Administration to immediately progress the formal application package to the DLGSC. Following receipt of the Minister's formal approval, the final 2026/2027 Annual Budget incorporating these exact rates and the authorized 1.5% prompt payment discount will be presented to Council for absolute majority adoption.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

High significance: Finalising the 2026/2027 rate in the dollar framework is a critical, statutory prerequisite to the formal adoption of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget and underpins the Shire's operational revenue stream for the upcoming fiscal year.

CONSULTATION

Local Public Notice was given in accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, including publication in *The West Australian* newspaper on Saturday, 30 May 2026.

The statutory 21-day public submission window officially closed at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, 23 June 2026.

As required under the updated Local Government regulations, the *Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates* and the supporting *Statement of Objects and Reasons* were also prominently displayed on the Shire of Morawa's official website and public notice boards for the duration of the consultation period.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, no public submissions or objections had been received by the Shire.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

S6.33 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Financial Management Regulation 52A - a local government may impose a differential rate.

An application to the Minister for Local Government is required for approval to impose a differential general rate under section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 that is more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed. The Shire's UV Mining rate remains significantly higher than the UV Rural rate and therefore requires Ministerial approval.

CONCLUSION

The statutory advertising process for the proposed 2026/2027 differential general rates and minimum payments has been successfully completed in strict accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Given that the public submission window closed on 23 June 2026 with no submissions or objections received from the community, Council is now in a position to formally endorse the rating structures as advertised.

This endorsement provides the administrative certainty required to immediately progress the Shire's application to the Minister for Local Government for the necessary approval of the UV Mining category. Securing this approval is the final statutory dependency required before the full 2026/2027 Annual Budget can be presented to Council for formal, absolute majority adoption.

It is therefore recommended that Council notes the outcome of the consultation period and endorses the 2026/2027 differential rating framework to progress to the final stages of the budget process.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution 260504, 26 May 2026

That Council:

- 1. NOTES the consideration of the efficiency measures listed in this report and used in the development of the Draft Budget for the 2026-2027 Financial Year.*
- 2. ADOPT the Statement of Objects and Reasons for each Differential and Minimum Rate for 2026-2027.*
- 3. Pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, ADOPT a 4.5% rate in the dollar increase to the GRV category to form the basis of the proposed rate setting for the 2026-2027 Budget.*
- 4. Pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, ADOPT a 12.1% decrease in the rate in the dollar for the UV Rural category (yielding a 4.5% category rate revenue variance from last year) to form the basis of the proposed rate setting for the 2026-2027 Budget.*

- 5. Pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt a 4.5% increase to the minimum rates for the GRV, UV Rural, and UV Mining categories to form the basis of the proposed rate setting for the 2026-2027 Budget.
- 6. Pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, ADOPT the rate in the dollar and minimum rate increases across the rating categories to form the basis of the proposed rate setting for the 2026-2027 budget as detailed below

Rate Type	Rate in the Dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
GRV Residential / Commercial	9.5865	\$386
UV Rural	1.4570	\$386
UV Mining	31.7030	\$742

- 7. ADOPT the Rates Discount amount of 1.5% for prompt payment.
- 8. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the proposed Differential Rates for 2026-2027 and call for submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.36 - for a minimum of 21 days.
- 9. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to seek ministerial approval under Section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 to impose differential rates at the end of the advertising period, subject to no submissions being received.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – 11.1.2a Proposed Rates Model for 2026-2027.
- Attachment 2 – 11.1.2b Notice of Differential Rates 2026-2027.
- Attachment 3 – 11.1.2c Advertisement in the “West Australian”.
- Attachment 4 – 11.1.2d Statement of Objects & Reasons.

11.2 Chief Executive Officer (For EMCCS)

11.2.1 Monthly Financial Report – May 2026

Author: Financial Services Coordinator

Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

260604

Moved: Cr. North

Seconded: Cr. Chadwick

That Council receive:

1. The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Report for the period ending 31 May 2026
2. The Bank Reconciliation Report for period ending 31 May 2026
3. The List of Payments for the period ending 31 May 2026
4. Declarations of reimbursements made to the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 31 May 2026

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

PURPOSE

The Monthly Financial Report is prepared to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the financial position on a monthly basis.

The Monthly Financial Report includes the Statement of Financial Activity Report, Bank Reconciliation Report and the List of Payments made during the reporting month.

DETAIL

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 34(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, a local government is to prepare each month a Statement of Financial Activity (Attachment 1) reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the Annual Budget each month.

Under the regulations the report must include the following items:

- Annual Budget estimates
- Budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates,
- Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue, and income.

- Material variances between budget and actual
- Net current assets
- The report is to be accompanied by documents containing an explanation of the net current assets, material variances and other relevant supporting documentation.

As part of the monthly report a bank reconciliation report will be completed and included as **Attachment 2**. The summary of the report for 31 May 2026 is as follows:

Account	Balance
Municipal Account	1,198,809.23
Municipal Online Account	1,181,061.37
Trust Account	1,525.11
Reserve Account	5,920,341.74
Term Deposits (Reserves)	2,100,000.00
Total Cash & Investments	10,401,737.45

Pursuant to Section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council has resolved to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make payments from the municipal and trust funds.

As a result of this delegation there is a requirement under the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* – Reg 13(3) for a list of payments to be prepared and presented to Council.

The list of accounts paid for the period 1 May to 31 May 2026 is presented as an attachment to this report (**Attachment 3**) and is summarised in the table below.

Bank	Payment Description	Amount
Municipal	Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) Less Fuel Cards	662,040.58
Municipal	Cheques No:	0.00
Municipal	Direct Debit Transactions	88,636.40
Municipal	Bank Transfers / Payroll / Other Payments	181,605.32
Municipal	Corporate Credit Cards / Fuel Cards	16,050.30
Trust	Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT)	0.00
	TOTAL	937,386.64

Reimbursement Applications

There have been no reimbursements claimed during the month of May 2026.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Nil

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Low significance – report is presented to Council for information purposes only.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Section 5.42 Local Government Act 1995 Delegation of some powers and duties to the CEO.

Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995 states:

Role of council

- (1) The council —
 - (a) governs the local government's affairs; and
 - (b) is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —
 - (a) oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and
 - (b) determine the local government's policies.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 34(1)

- (1) A local Government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for each month.

Regulation 13

- (1) If the local government has delegated authority to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month.
- (3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be –
 - a. presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - b. recorded in the minutes of that meeting

Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Be future focused in all we do:

1. Ensure the Shire and its assets are well resourced and sustainable.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

As presented.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The risks identified as part of this report being inaccurate information is mitigated by Council receiving financial statements on a monthly basis and in the form that is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations in the format called Statutory Reporting and is considered Low Risk.

CONCLUSION

Council is requested to receive the attached Monthly Financial Report that contains the Statement of Financial Activity, the Bank Reconciliation Report, the list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer and the list of any work-related expenses/reimbursements submitted by the Chief Executive Officer.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 11.2.1a Monthly Financial Report as at 31 May 2026.

Attachment 2 – 11.2.1b Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 May 2026.

Attachment 3 – 11.2.1c List of Accounts Paid for the period ending 31 May 2026.

11.3 Executive Manager – Works & Services.

11.3.1 Annual Road Maintenance Grading Program Update

Author: Executive Manager – Works & Services.

Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

260605

Moved: Cr. Coaker

Seconded: Cr. Stokes

That Council:

- 1. Receive the Annual Road Maintenance Program Update: May 2025/26.**

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

PURPOSE

For Council to receive an update of the ongoing Shire of Morawa Annual Road Maintenance Program.

DETAIL

Council is being presented with an update on the annual program of road maintenance works to ensure transparency and ongoing oversight. This will provide the status of the annual program as of the end of the previous calendar month.

The Road Maintenance Grading Program schedule shows the routine grading activities scheduled to restore road surface condition, remove corrugations, and reinstate rainfall runoff functionality ahead of increased seasonal traffic demands.

The program targets approximately 1,788 km of maintenance grading per annum, with a primary focus on Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) routes and school bus routes. This prioritisation ensures the delivery of a consistent base standard that supports a safe and reliable running surface for key transport corridors.

As part of the grading program, the following activities are completed to enhance long-term road performance:

- Gravel re-sheeting works, in accordance with the 2025–2035 Road Maintenance and Renewal Plan.
- Increase grading frequency during the dry season, where operationally feasible.
- Investigate the installation of additional mitre and table drains to improve drainage outcomes.
- Apply moisture conditioning prior to future grading activities to minimise material loss and improve compaction.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Low Significance: Provided for information purposes only.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032**

Be future focused in all we do:

1. Ensure the Shire and its assets are well resourced and sustainable.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the adopted budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The Shire of Morawa Annual Road Maintenance program reduces the risk of premature costly renewals while improving road safety.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 11.3.1a Adopted 2024 – Ten Year Forward Works Program 2025-2035.

Attachment 2 – 11.3.1b Road Maintenance Schedule 25-26.

Item 13 Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

Nil

Item 14 New Business of an Urgent Nature

Nil

Item 15 Matters for Which the Meeting May Be Closed (Confidential Items)

Nil

Item 16 Closure

16.1 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next ordinary meeting of Council will be Tuesday, 28th July 2026 commencing at 5.30pm, in the Council Chambers.

16.2 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5.41pm.