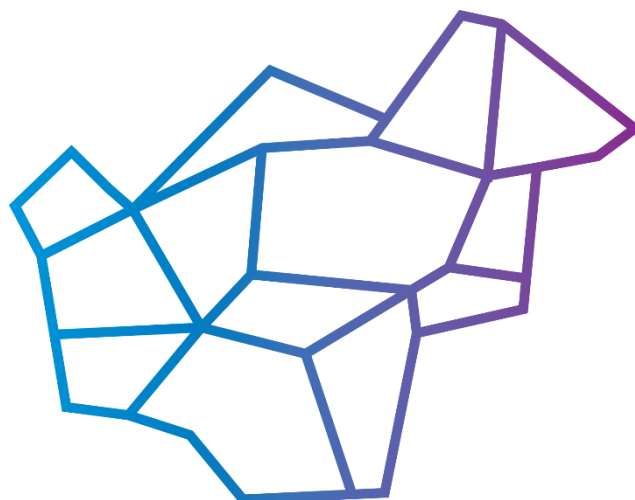




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# Ordinary Agenda

## Council Meeting

Monday, 22 June 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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## General Manager's Certification

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### Qualified Persons Advice – Local Government Act 1993 – Section 65

Pursuant to Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* I hereby certify, with respect to the advice, information and / or recommendation provided for the guidance of Council in this Agenda, that:

1. such advice, information and / or recommendation has been given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice; and
2. where any advice is given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person; and
3. a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice has been provided to the council.



**JOHN MARIK**  
General Manager

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### Notification of Council Meeting

**NOTICE<sup>1</sup>** is given that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Dorset Council will be held on **Monday, 22 June 2026** at the **Council Chambers, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale** commencing at 6:00 pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend in person, however, if any member of the public is feeling unwell, **please do not attend**.

The recording (both visual and audio) of the Council Meeting, except for any part held in Closed Session, will be made available to the public as soon as practicable after the meeting via Council's website and social media.



**JOHN MARIK**  
General Manager

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*

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## Council Meeting - Agenda

Monday, 22 June 2026

Meeting Opened:

### Council Meetings Procedures

In accordance with Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures, this Meeting is being recorded. By attending the Meeting in person, you are consenting to personal information being recorded and published. No unauthorised filming or recording of the Meeting is permitted.

Visitors are reminded that Council Meetings are a place of work for Council Officers and Councillors.

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities as an employer and as host of this important public forum, by ensuring that all present meet expectations of mutually respectful and orderly conduct. It is a condition of entry to the Council Chambers that you cooperate with any directions or requests from the Chairperson or Council Officers.

The Chairperson is responsible for maintaining order at Council Meetings. The General Manager is responsible for health, wellbeing and safety of all present. The Chairperson or General Manager may require a person to leave the Council's premises following any behaviour that falls short of these expectations.

Language and conduct at a Meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person in attendance or listening to the recording, is not acceptable. It is an offence to hinder or disrupt a Council Meeting.

Present:

Apologies:

### Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Scottsdale is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

## PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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### Item 106/2026 Declaration of Interest

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In accordance with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

#### INTEREST DECLARED

### Item 107/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 18 May 2026

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Ref: DOC/26/6478

*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 18 May 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.*

#### Recommendation

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 18 May 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

*The Chair to advise if there are any questions in relation to the Closed Session Minutes that would require them to be discussed in Closed Session.*

### Item 108/2026 Confirmation of Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – Monday, 18 May 2026

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Ref: DOC/26/6426

*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 18 May 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.*

#### Recommendation

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 18 May 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

## Item 109/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

### Recommendation

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 22 June 2026 Council Meeting.

## Item 110/2026 Public Question Time

<sup>2</sup>Members of the Public can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Public Question Time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Any person asking a question is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement and have minimal pre-amble. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Members of the public must provide any question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following question was **taken on notice** at the 18 May Council Meeting:

### Lawrence Archer, Bridport

*The Bridport Caravan Park has achieved a surplus of \$321,000 for the first 9 months of this financial year. What is the surplus / deficit for Council's other caravan parks at Scottsdale, Branxholm and Derby?*

#### Response from Director – Corporate Services:

As at 31 March (year to date), Council's other caravan park and camping assets recorded the following estimated results:

- Northeast Park: net deficit of \$43,800
- Branxholm Centenary Park: net deficit of \$30,220
- Derby Park: net deficit of \$36,250
- Derby Tail Head: net deficit of \$27,200

These figures include estimated depreciation so they could be calculated on a similar basis to the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park.

However, unlike Bridport, these assets are not currently run as standalone commercial operations and Council does not maintain separate cost centres that isolate the camping activity from the broader asset. As a result, the figures include the full cost of maintaining each asset, including public amenities, playgrounds, and open space, costs that would not normally be attributed to a commercial caravan park.

The figures are therefore indicative only and should not be used as a like for like comparison with the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park.

The following questions were received **without notice** from members of the public:

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Regulations 33, 36 & 37 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

## Item 111/2026 Public Address of Meeting

<sup>3</sup>Members of the public can make a statement at a Council Meeting; it is not question or discussion time with Councillors. Prior to making a statement, the person is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Members of the public wishing to address Council at a Meeting shall indicate their intent and subject matter in writing by 10am on the Friday prior to the Meeting.

A person seeking to make a statement may speak for a period up to 3 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson to a maximum of 5 minutes.

All proposed statements are to be provided in writing prior to the Meeting to allow for circulation and inclusion in the minutes of the Meeting.

## Item 112/2026 Councillor Question Time

<sup>4</sup>Councillors can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Councillor question time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement, have minimal pre-amble, not offer an argument or opinion, draw conclusions, or make any accusations. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Councillors must provide question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions were taken on notice at previous meetings:

### 20 April 2026 | Councillor Chilcott

*The army is selling the property in Scottsdale and moving out by the suggested November. Could the Council apply to keep the guns from the front of the facility in Scottsdale and have them placed in the reserve surrounding the war memorial to complement the military museum which is stated to be one of the best in the state?*

#### Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

Council Officers followed up with the Estate Transformation Division with the Department of Defence (DoD) and were advised that the DoD are still considering options in relation to the future of the site, including all assets and no decisions have been made. Contact details at the DoD were provided to the RSL Scottsdale in May 2026 for future follow up.

### 18 May 2026 | Councillor Teichmann<sup>5</sup>

*Why is it not allowed for people to make their own recordings of Council meetings, providing obviously that it's an open session? Is this not an open forum, and what possible reason could there be to prevent people from recording the meeting, given that it's being recorded by Council and given that if people had been able to record it we might have had a back-up copy available to at least meet the legislated requirements under the Local Government Act, to record Council meetings, which we've failed to do, because of that provision,*

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Regulations 46 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with Regulations 33, 34 & 35 and Council's Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

<sup>5</sup> A response was provided to Cr Teichmann at the May Council Meeting by the Executive Assistant. A supplementary response outlining the relevant legislation was subsequently circulated to Councillors after the meeting, and the same information is provided to the general public for transparency.

potentially, that prevents people from recording it, which I don't actually understand the need or the reason for?

**Supplementary Response from Director – Corporate Services:**

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are welcome to attend and observe proceedings. However, this does not create a right to record the meeting. Under the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council is required to make and publish an official recording of meetings (Regulation 43) and has authority to determine how recordings are managed (Regulations 43 and 44). Dorset Council has set out relevant procedures in its adopted Policy 41 - Council Meeting Procedures, which states that unauthorised filming or recording of meetings is not permitted.

While meetings are open, they remain formal proceedings conducted in a controlled environment. Council must manage privacy, orderly conduct and the wellbeing of staff and participants, noting that meetings can involve identifiable individuals and at times sensitive matters. Restricting public recording ensures there is a single, accurate public record and helps manage these risks, while still providing access through the official Council recording.

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The following questions were received without notice from Councillors:

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**Item 113/2026                      Requests for Leave of Absence**

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Nil

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**Item 114/2026                      Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave**

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Nil

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**Item 115/2026                      Councillor Motions with Notice**

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Nil

# ITEMS FOR DECISION

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**Item 116/2026**      **Annual Review of Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032**  
 Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik  
 Ref: DOC/26/8056 | Review Plan V4: DOC/26/6915 | Reporting Database: DOC/25/7211

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## Purpose

This purpose of this agenda item is for Council Officers to conduct an annual review and provide a progress report to Council and the community in relation to the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 (the Strategic Plan).

## Recommendation

### That Council:

1. receive and note the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 progress report; and
2. adopt the attached reviewed Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 Version 4.

## Background

Under Sections 66 - 69 of the *Local Government Act 1993* a Council is to prepare a Strategic Plan for the municipal area which includes:

- A strategic plan is to be in respect of at least a 10-year period;
- In preparing a proposed strategic plan, a council is to consult with the community in its municipal area and any authorities and bodies it considers appropriate;
- The general manager is to make a copy of a proposed strategic plan available for public inspection at the public office during ordinary office hours; and
- Invite and consider submissions prior to adopting the Plan.

As soon as practicable after a Council adopts a Strategic Plan, the General Manager is to:

- Make a copy of the Plan available for public inspection at the public office during ordinary business hours; and
- Provide the Director of Local Government with a copy of the Plan.

A new Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032 was developed by Councillors with the assistance of Council Management throughout various workshops during February - June 2023. During this time the Strategic Plan was put to the community for a two-month period (18 March to 15 May 2023) to allow consultation and feedback.

The review process enabled Councillors to assess the current and future direction of Council and the accompanying priorities. The Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 was adopted by Council in the June 2023 Council meeting. The strategic plan has been reviewed and amended by Council in the June 2024 and June 2025 Council meetings.

## Planning, Environment & Statutory requirements

*Local Government Act 1993 – Sections 66, 68, 69, 70E.*

## Strategic and Annual Plan

Dorset Council Annual Plan – Activity 1 – commence annual review of Strategic Plan.

Note each year's Annual Plan during the respective 2023 – 2032 planning period is an annual representation of the overall 10-year Strategic Plan.

## Risk Management

The Strategic Plan was developed alongside Council's Risk Management Framework which includes the assessment of proposed initiatives against Council's risk appetite and risk tolerance levels. Council's Risk Management Framework identifies, assesses, and prioritises risks and assists Council to make decisions on how those risks are best mitigated.

## Financial & Asset Management Implications

The Strategic Plan initiatives are assessed against and aligned to Council's Financial Management Strategy and the Long-Term Financial Plan. Any new initiatives are assessed on a full lifecycle basis whereby up-front capital cost, along with on-going operational impacts are assessed per initiative.

## Community Considerations & Consultation

Council's Strategic Plan sets a very clear vision for the municipality to be an inclusive, thriving and connected community.

Council received twenty-two submissions on the draft Strategic Plan during the consultation period in 2023. The feedback was incorporated into the Plan where Councillors felt that feedback represented broader community sentiment. This Plan is also a representation of countless discussions that Councillors and Council Officers have had with the community including business organisations, not-for-profit organisations, sporting groups and individual discussions. These discussions have assisted Council to formulate the Strategic Plan initiatives, including the allocation of Council resources in the future.

## Officer's Comments

The Dorset Council Strategic Plan simply and easily defines what Council will be doing over the 2023 – 2032 term and why these initiatives are important to the municipality. The Strategic Plan centres on four key pillars - improving the liveability of the community, stimulating economic growth, improving service delivery and reducing Council's environmental footprint.

The current Strategic Plan provides Council and Management with a clear strategic direction and serves as the basis for more detailed planning documents such as Annual Plans, Implementation Plans and Asset / Infrastructure Planning over the ten-year period. Since Council adopted the Strategic Plan in June 2023, Council has made the following progress:

- Of the 45 strategic activities, 87% are either in progress or complete, while 13% have not yet been started. The 42% of action items that have been completed may be revisited or updated over the

2023 – 2032 strategic term. Activity 9.3 is an example which was the creation of a projects of significance report which will be reviewed and amended over the life of the Strategic Plan.

- Of the 45 strategic actions, 71% have a green status whereby the project timeline and budget is on target. The 2023 -2032 strategic cycle green status activities have focused Council on long term municipal planning including structure plans, Regional Land Use Strategy planning and infrastructure planning. Council have developed an updated Priority Projects plan which focuses Council on projects that require advocacy and funding.
- 11% of the strategic activities have an orange status whereby the project timeline has been extended by up to 12 months or the budget has over-run by 10% - 20%. The projects that have had exceeded timelines include:
  - 8.1 Partner with external providers to create a municipal tourism marketing strategy. Visit Northern Tasmania and Council have a draft rationalised and prioritised action plan. These will be taken back to the original tourism working group for feedback with consultation with the community on the draft plan proposed.
  - 11.1 Develop a positive and safe workplace culture & 11.2 review training, development and succession planning. While the organisation has seen better than expected operating results in 2025/26, this has caused capacity constraints with a number of unfilled roles impacting on organisational culture. The 2026/27 Budget Estimates include fixed-term resourcing within Information Technology (IT), Human Resources (HR), and Work Health and Safety (WHS) to support the modernisation and improvement of Council's systems, processes, and organisational practices. Recruitment of existing budgeted roles either have been or will be expedited to ease capacity constraints and workload pressures.
  - 14.2 Waste strategy. The delivery for FOGO and green waste reviews will be undertaken regionally by Circular North rather than Dorset Council Officers which will delay the project.
  - 15.1 Support and advocate for renewable energy projects such as wind farms. The ACEN North East Wind Farm Project is an in-progress project with the proponent undertaking technical, environmental and social assessments. ACEN is also undertaking regular community sessions, including keeping Council up to date with the progress.
- 4% of the strategic activities (2 activities) have a red status whereby the project timeline has extended greater than 12 months, or the budget over run is greater than 20%. The two red status projects include Council's under-writing of Aminya (activity 1.1) and the successful delivery of the Rail Trail (activity 8.2). In relation to Aminya, as of May 2026, the transfer of Council's title is settled with Council as vendor. From Council's perspective as mortgagee, Celebrate Healthcare (May Shaw) is attending to stamping. This is envisaged to take 1-2 months to be assessed. Once stamp duty has been assessed, Council's solicitors will be able to lodge the transfer and mortgage with the Land Titles Office for registration. With the Rail Trail, A business case for the Rail Trail is completed. Dorset Council are working with the City of Launceston on a possible Memorandum of Understanding. Council officers presented the Rail Trail project to Councillors in a June 2025 special workshop and put the project to vote in the June 2025 Council meeting. In the 20 April 2026 Council Meeting the Rail Trail has been absorbed into a broader regional "City to the Sea" trail network concept. The General Manager will table this concept to the NTDC at an up-coming strategic planning day.
- There are 6 activities, or 13% that have yet to be started. Many of these projects are dependent on other projects and will be appropriately sequenced in future Council Annual Plans.

The strategic planning process must balance a four-year election cycle with legislation mandating a ten-year Strategic Plan requirement for Councils. Council should be flexible in its strategic planning approach.



When the Plan was adopted by Council in June 2023, it was determined the Plan would be reviewed annually, and post Local Government elections, to ensure it represents the changing needs of the community.

The current Strategic Plan has proved effective, and the following minor changes are recommended by Council Officers to further enhance the plan:

- update of the Mayor and General Manager Welcome messages
- amended imperative 2.1 to reflect extension in funding (from 2025 to 2027)
- removed the words '...and deliver' from imperative 3
- amended wording of '....and / or community planning which may include....' included in last dot point of imperative 7.2
- removed reference to 'Rail Trail' and 'leisure bike riding' and replaced with 'City to the Sea project' and 'new markets' in imperative 8.2
- amended wording of '...and Targeted Priority Reform Program' included in imperative 12.2
- replaced reference to 'Northern Tasmania Waste Management Project' with 'Circular North' in imperative 14.1
- additional wording of 'including carbon assessments, climate change risk assessments, and climate dashboard' included in imperative 16.3

The revised Strategic Plan – Version 4, and accompanying commentary for each of the strategic activities can be found in the attachments.

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| Item 117/2026 | <b>2026/27 Budget Estimates (including Annual Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Rates Resolution and Fees &amp; Charges)</b><br>Reporting Officers: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt and Finance Manager. Allison Saunders<br>Ref: DOC/26/7774 |
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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the 2026/27 Annual Plan, Budget Estimates, Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and supporting Rates Resolution and Fees and Charges Schedule for adoption.

## Recommendation

### That Council:

1. adopts the attached 2026/27 Annual Plan, in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
2. adopts the attached Long Term Financial Plan for 2027 - 2036, in accordance with Section 70, 70E and 70F of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
3. by absolute majority, adopts the attached 2026/27 Budget Estimates in accordance with Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
4. by absolute majority, authorises the General Manager to adjust any individual item within the operational or capital budget estimates by up to \$50,000 as deemed necessary during the 2026/27 financial year provided that the total operational and capital budget estimates remain unaltered, in accordance with Section 82(6) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
5. adopts the attached 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule in accordance with Division 7 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
6. adopts the attached revised Policy No. 42 – Rates and Charges in accordance with Section 86B of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
7. adopts the following rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 in accordance with Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:
  - 1 **GENERAL RATE**
    - 1.1 Council makes a general rate under Section 90 of the Act of 5.625 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provision of Section 87 in the Act) within the Dorset municipal area.
    - 1.2 Council declares by absolute majority that pursuant to Section 107 of the Act and by reason of the following factors, the General Rate is varied as follows:
      - a) For all land which is used or predominantly used for short stay visitor accommodation, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 5.625 cents in the dollar to 11.25 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
      - b) For all land which is used or predominantly used for primary production – forestry purposes, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 4.039 cents in the dollar to 9.664 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
      - c) For all land which is used or predominantly used for utility services where the locality is 2205 Cape Portland Road at Cape Portland, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 2.896 cents in the dollar to 8.521 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.

- 1.3** Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate in accordance with Section 90(4) of the Act of \$579.
- 1.4** Council declares by absolute majority that pursuant to Section 107 of the Act and by reason of the following factors, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is varied as follows:
- a)** For all land which is used or predominantly used for vacant land the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is varied by increasing it by \$121 to \$700.
- 1.5** Council declares by absolute majority, pursuant to Section 88A of the Act to set a maximum percentage increase in the General Rate at 30 per cent for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed.

## **2. SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

- 2.1** That pursuant to sections 93, 93A and 94 of the Act, Council makes the following service rates and service charges on all rateable land in the municipal area (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to section 87 of the Act but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply the relevant services) for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending on 30 June 2027, namely:
- a)** A service charge of \$196 for waste management services on all rateable land for making available waste management facilities (including operational costs of Council's Waste Transfer Stations, cartage of waste to landfill, removal of town waste and rehabilitation of Council's former tip sites);
- b)** Service charges for waste management in respect of all land to which Council supplies waste management services comprising the supply of a kerb-side garbage collection service and/or the supply of a kerb-side recycling collection service, as follows:
- i.** \$160 for a small (80 litre) mobile garbage bin;
  - ii.** \$188 for a medium (120 litre) mobile garbage bin;
  - iii.** \$367 for a large (240 litre) mobile garbage bin; and
  - iv.** \$178 where Council supplies a recycling collection service.
- 2.2** If any land to which any of the waste management service charges in paragraphs 2.1a) or 2.1b) is applicable is the subject of separate rights of occupation, which are separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*, then the charges apply to each separate right of occupation.
- 2.3** Pursuant to section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area of Dorset:
- a)** for land within the Bridport and Scottsdale Volunteer Brigade Rating District, a service rate of 0.2835 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value; and
- b)** for land within the General Land Rating District a service rate of 0.2849 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value.
- Pursuant to section 93(3) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount of \$52 payable for the service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979*.

**3. SEPARATE LAND**

That for the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges shall separately apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

**4. INSTALMENT PAYMENTS**

That pursuant to section 124 of the Act, Council determined that ratepayers:

- a) may pay the rates and charges by one payment, in which case the due date for that payment is 30 September 2026; and
- b) may pay rates and charges by four (4) equal instalments, in which case Council determines that the dates by which the instalments are to be paid are as follows:
  - i. the first instalment on or before 30 September 2026; and
  - ii. the second instalment on or before 30 November 2026; and
  - iii. the third instalment on or before 31 January 2027; and
  - iv. the fourth instalment on or before 31 March 2027.

**5. DEFAULT INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT**

Pursuant to section 128(1)(b) of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid in full within 14 days of the date it falls due, then there is payable a daily interest charge equal to the prescribed percentage calculated in accordance with section 128(2) of the Act in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which the relevant amount remains unpaid.

**6. ADJUSTED VALUES**

That for the purpose of each of these resolutions, any reference to assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to section 89 of the Act.

**7. TERMS USED**

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the Act or the *Fire Service Act 1979* have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they have in those statutes.

## Background

This report outlines Council's 2026/27 Annual Plan, Budget Estimates, Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), and associated rates, fees and charges. Together, these documents set out what Council will deliver, how it will be funded, and the steps required to move toward a more sustainable financial position.

These documents have been built around three priorities:

- **People** – Supporting the people who deliver services every day and making it easier for them to do their best work for the community. This includes investing in skills and development, planning for future workforce needs and making sure key roles are properly resourced so that our people can be healthy, safe and productive.

Council is also at the start of a focused transformation across its corporate services, particularly in HR, IT and WHS. These areas have been underinvested in over time and now require careful, sustained investment to modernise systems and processes, strengthen support for staff and ensure Council can offer a contemporary workplace for staff and service to the community.

- **Planning** – Working with the community to shape the future of Dorset through the Dorset – Future Ready program. This includes master planning, structure planning and community action planning

that reflect community priorities, guide how towns and places evolve, and support renewal and investment in key areas.

This work will provide a clearer, shared direction for the municipality and strengthen Council's ability to advocate for and attract external funding for priority projects, helping to bring forward investment that benefits the local community.

- **Funding** – Building a more sustainable and balanced funding base so Council can continue to deliver services and maintain infrastructure over the long term. Council has worked to keep costs low for the community. However, rising costs and ongoing financial pressures mean the current approach is no longer enough. This includes reviewing how Council funds long term asset renewal, along with rates, fees and charges which have historically been lower than what is needed to support current service and infrastructure demands.

The budget also includes an initial increase in costs reflecting targeted, one-off investment to support the Dorset: Future Ready planning work and to resource the priorities outlined under People and Planning.

At the same time, Council is also focused on finding operational savings and efficiencies. The aim is to improve how services are delivered while maintaining current service levels. Over time, this approach will move Council toward a fair and sustainable funding model that supports the services and infrastructure the community relies on, now and into the future.

A key consideration for Council is that it will not be possible to fund all existing services and assets while also delivering new investment identified through community plans, master planning and growth initiatives. Over time, decisions will be required about:

- Service levels
- Asset use
- Funding approaches and a shift towards user pays principles

Overall, these documents reflect an interim position which commences the shift to a more sustainable financial position over time to enable Council to continue to deliver core services and plan for future investment and together they:

- set out what Council will deliver over the next 12 months
- outline how services and infrastructure will be funded
- establish the pathway toward long term financial sustainability

Copies of these documents are attached and will be made available to the community following adoption.

## Planning, Environment & Statutory Requirements

- Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Annual Plan)
- Sections 70, 70E and 70F of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (Content of Plans and Strategies) Order 2014*, Clause 5 (LTFP)
- Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Budget Estimates)
- Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Rates and Charges)
- Part 12, Division 7 - *Local Government Act 1993* (Fees and Charges)

## Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023 – 2032), Imperatives 10.1 and 10.4
- Dorset Council Annual Plan (2025/26), Activity 3

## Financial & Asset Management Implications

Detailed financial implications are set out in the LTFP and Budget Estimates.

The plans are based on current assumptions and known variables. Council will monitor financial performance throughout the year and adjust budgets where required to respond to changing conditions.

## Risk Management

These documents support risk management by aligning priorities, funding and long term planning.

## Community Considerations

Council has developed these documents with a clear understanding of the pressures being experienced by the community, including cost of living impacts, while also recognising the need to restore financial sustainability, maintain core services and infrastructure, and deliver on the key priority areas outlined earlier in the report.

Community expectations, service levels, asset use and funding options will be considered further through upcoming strategic reviews and planning projects.

## Consultation

Council received 14 submissions through the 2025/26 Community Budget Submissions process for consideration in the 2026/27 Budget Estimates. A further 4 submissions were received after the closure date through informal channels. A summary of those submissions is available in the attachments.

These submissions were considered alongside broader planning priorities. Some requests relate to works that should be assessed through the relevant planning or asset management process rather than considered in isolation. For example, a road upgrade request should be considered alongside other road priorities through the review of Council's Road Asset Management Plan.

Council has introduced a Project Management Lifecycle to support more consistent assessment, planning and delivery of projects. Future projects will be assessed through this phased approach before being approved for delivery:



Submitters will be advised of the outcome following adoption of the Budget Estimates, including where a proposal has been referred to a planning stream or may be more appropriately considered through another funding pathway, such as Council's community grants or event funding programs.

The Annual Plan, LTFP and Budget Estimates have also been reviewed through a series of Council Briefing Workshops held on 8 April, 5 May and 2 June 2026 and Audit Panel meetings held on 28 April and 9 June 2026.

## Officer's Comments

### Annual Plan

The Annual Plan is directly linked to Council's Strategic Plan, Financial Management Strategy and LTFP and lists various actions Council is committed to undertaking in the upcoming financial year to meet its commitments under these plans.

The key highlights for 2026/27 include:

- Under **Dorset: Future Ready**:
  - o Deliver the **Derby Masterplan**;
  - o Deliver the **Austins Road Residential and Light Industrial Scheme Amendment**;
  - o Initiate the **Scottsdale Master Plan**;
  - o Progress the **concept plans for the Scottsdale Railway Station and Precinct**;
  - o Initiate the **Bridport Structure Plan**;
- Initiate the **Community Action Plan – Pioneer**;
- Deliver the **Municipal Tourism Marketing Strategy and Action Plan**;
- Deliver the review and update of Council's **Financial Management and Asset Management Strategies**;
- Deliver a comprehensive **Council Owned Asset Review**;
- Progress the development of an organisational **HR Strategy and Roadmap**, **IT Strategy and Roadmap** and the improvement of Council's organisation-wide **WHS Management System**.

Assessment of Council's progress against the Annual Plan will include reviewing the status of items and activities, with a report tabled at a Council Meeting each quarter during the year.

## LTFP

The LTFP has been updated in accordance with the *Local Government (Content of Plans and Strategies) Order 2014*. It sets out a deliberate shift in Council's financial position, with a focus on restoring sustainability while creating capacity for future investment.

This is being achieved through:

- Phased and predictable income reform, including a revised rating structure and greater use of user pays principles to improve cost recovery;
- Stronger financial discipline, including improved budgeting practices, lifecycle costing and targeted efficiency measures;
- Review of services, assets and subsidy arrangements to ensure they remain affordable and aligned with community benefit;
- Positioning Council to capture future growth opportunities, including renewable energy, tourism, land development and commercial activation;
- Investment in strategic planning, including master planning, structure planning and infrastructure sequencing, to strengthen decision making and funding readiness.

Council cannot sustain its current services and asset base while also funding new priorities and future growth under existing financial settings.

Creating capacity for investment requires prioritisation. This will mean some services, assets or subsidy arrangements are reduced, changed or no longer funded. These will be necessary trade-off decisions made by a future Council to restore long term sustainability and ensure fairness between current and future ratepayers.

### *Financial Outlook*

The LTFP forecasts:

- a return to an operational surplus by 2030 (Year 4); and
- a real closing cash balance of \$11.762 million at the end of the 10-year period.

While the current Financial Management Strategy sets a minimum year-end cash balance target of \$3.0 million, this is not met in the first four years of the plan. This reflects the transition required to improve Council's financial position.

Further refinement of the LTFP will occur following the review of the Financial Management Strategy, Asset Management Strategy and Council owned assets in 2026/27. These reviews will provide clearer direction on service levels, asset sustainability and long term investment priorities.

The LTFP is based on several key assumptions and projections that determine Council's projected financial position over the 10 year period. The following assumptions underpin the LTFP:

### *Revenue and Savings Assumptions*

- A 6.5% increase in rates for 2026/27 (which exceeds the 4.75% increase previously forecast) as a necessary first step in strengthening Council's revenue base to ensure sustainable funding for service delivery and infrastructure needs into the future.
- Annual increases of 6% in rates, statutory fees, user charges and other income are applied from 2028 to 2031 to support gradual revenue reform and improved cost recovery.



- Ongoing operational efficiencies are expected to be achieved through efficiency measures and service reviews from 2028 onwards, generating savings of approximately:
  - \$100,000 per annum from 2028
  - \$200,000 per annum from 2029
  - \$300,000 per annum from 2031
- \$200,000 per annum in capital expenditure is deferred from 2028 onwards to prioritise critical asset renewal and support sustainable cash flow.
- The LTFP excludes any income or expenditure associated with potential future projects, including:
  - Council subdivisions
  - North East Wind Farm Project
  - City to Sea Trail Network

#### *Cash Projections*

- Council's cash balance is forecast to be \$2.5 million at 30 June 2027, increasing to \$15.3 million by 30 June 2036.
- Cash balances exceed the current Financial Management Strategy minimum target of \$3.0 million from Year 5 onwards
- When adjusted for inflation, the real value of the closing cash balance in 2036 is estimated at \$11.8 million
- The cash balance target will be reviewed as part of the 2026/27 Financial Management Strategy Review
- Average operating cash flows of \$8.1 million per annum are generated over the 10 year period, which is sufficient to fund planned capital renewal.

#### *Capital Investment Assumptions*

- Capital expenditure averages \$6.3 million per annum for asset renewal and \$1.1 million per annum for new and upgraded assets
- The LTFP does not yet reflect the outcomes of upcoming reviews of bridges, stormwater and council-owned assets, or master planning and community action planning initiatives, which may result in additional capital requirements

#### *External funding assumptions*

- The plan includes \$20.6 million in capital grant funding over the 10 year period
- This includes \$6.6 million under the Roads to Recovery Program from 2025-2029
- Any unsecured external grant funding opportunities are excluded from the LTFP

#### *Debt Assumptions*

- All existing and proposed debt is repaid in full by 30 June 2036

These assumptions are reviewed annually and updated as part of Council's ongoing financial planning process.

## Operational Budget

The key priorities outlined earlier in the report are reflected in the operational result. Council is forecasting an operating deficit of \$2.1 million for 2026/27. This is primarily due to:

- Increased employee and service delivery costs
- Higher materials and contractor costs
- A number of one-off items including election costs, Board of Inquiry costs, annual plan initiatives, rail trail maintenance and targeted asset repairs

Excluding these one-off items, the underlying operating deficit is \$1.3 million. This represents a 7.1% improvement on the revised 2025/26 budgeted deficit of \$1.4 million and reflects continued progress in strengthening Council's underlying operating position while maintaining current service levels.

### *Income*

Total income is estimated at \$22.7 million, including \$2.3 million in capital grants.

This is \$0.4 million higher than the 2025/26 budget estimates and \$1.8 million above the forecast 2025/26 actual result. This increase is primarily driven by:

- \$1.1 million in additional rates income
- \$0.4 million in operating grants and contributions
- \$0.1 million in statutory fees

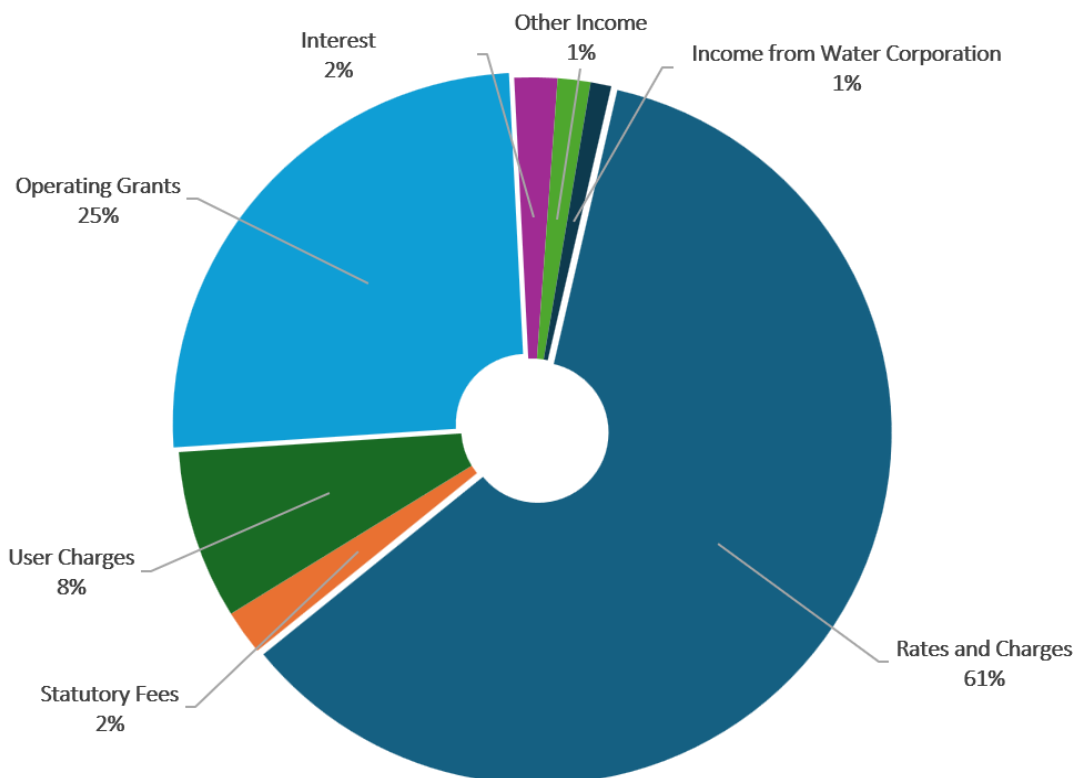
Rates and charges income is expected to increase by 6.5% in line with Council's annual rates increase. A further 0.2% income growth is expected from new developments, along with additional rates income expected under the recommended rates resolution resulting from an increase to the rates maximum increase cap, a proposed varied minimum general rate for vacant land and increased income from properties used for forestry and wind farm.

Operating grants and contributions are expected to increase due to the inclusion of one-off funding of \$250,000 for the Derby Master Plan and increased funding from the Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax (HVMT) grant allocation. The additional component of the HVMT allocation, which has increased to \$441,000 for 2026/27 from approximately \$140,000 in previous financial years, is not expected to continue beyond 2026/27. Both items have been excluded from the adjusted underlying deficit calculation.

Dividend income is unexpectedly set to decrease by \$58,000 compared with both forecast actuals and budget estimates for the 2025/26 financial year. This reduction follows recent advice received from TasWater that dividend distributions are projected to be lower than anticipated over the next four years.

Statutory fees income is forecast to increase following a review of the 2026/27 fee structure. Most fees are proposed to rise by 5.1% in line with CPI, while planning and regulatory services fees have been increased further, introduced or reinstated to ensure the costs of service delivery are recovered while ensuring services remain accessible and affordable.

The following graph illustrates Council's income sources, with most income generated from rates and charges and operating grants:



### Expenditure

Total expenditure is estimated at \$22.5 million which is an increase of \$3.1 million on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and \$2.7 million on 2025/26 budget figures. This increase is driven largely by increases in materials and services, employee costs and other operating expenses.

Materials and services expenditure is expected to total \$5.8 million, including one-off costs associated with Council's planning and strategic initiatives. These include town master planning, feasibility studies, railway precinct concept planning and asset-related work. Additional allocations include:

- \$300,000 for rail trail maintenance
- \$165,000 for priority maintenance across key community facilities including the Derby Schoolhouse Museum, Scottsdale Visitor Information Centre and Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station
- \$561,000 for initiatives under the Dorset: Future Ready program including master planning in Scottsdale and Derby, delivery of the Austins Road Residential and Light Industrial Scheme Amendment, a feasibility study for the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre, concept planning for the Scottsdale Railway Station Precinct and consultancy required for the Council owned asset review

Employee costs are expected to total \$7.6 million representing an increase of \$1.2 million compared with the forecast actual result for 2025/26 and \$0.8 million above previous budget estimates. This increase reflects:

- New roles to meet service and compliance requirements, including fixed-term resourcing in HR, IT and WHS to support the development of an organisational Workforce Plan and IT Strategy, and the modernisation and uplift of Council's HR, IT and WHS services
- Enterprise Agreement wage increases (4%)

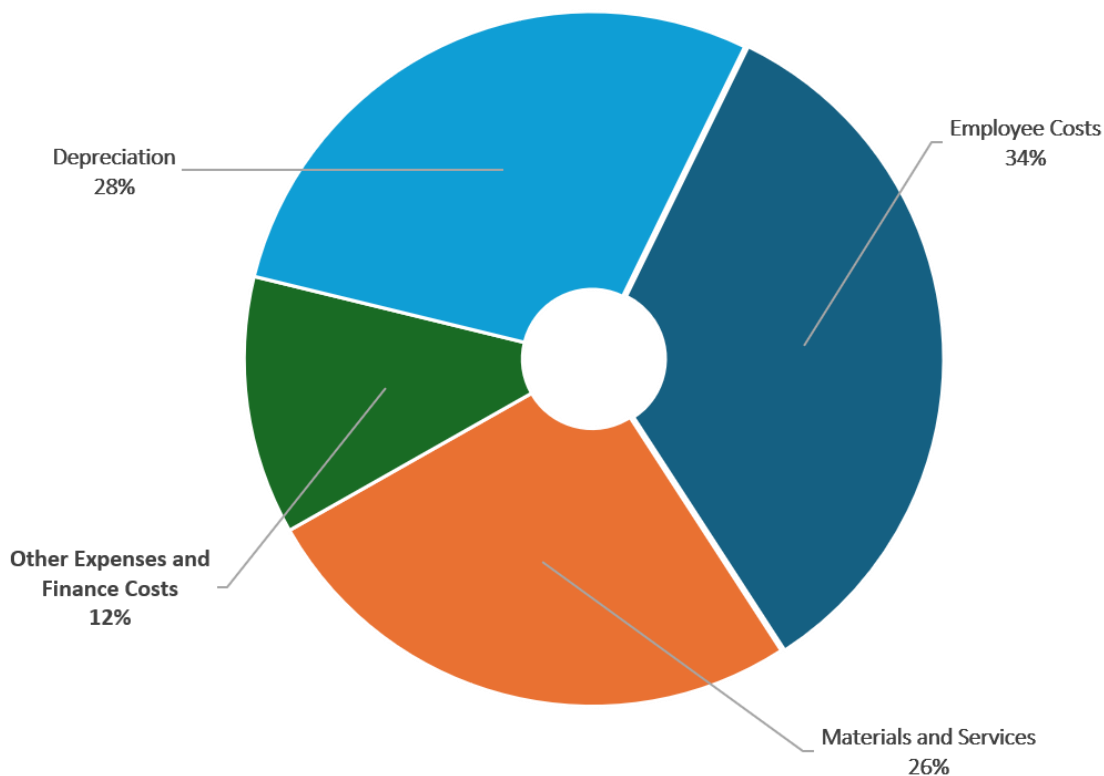
- Increased worker's compensation insurance premiums (estimated at 11.5%)
- The realisation of the full year impact of new or reclassified positions recruited during 2025/26

Employee cost savings were realised during 2025/26 due to several vacancies across Council, which constrained service capacity and placed sustained pressure on existing staff. These roles are included in the 2026/27 budget as recruitment continues.

Other expenses are expected to total \$2.6 million, including:

- \$178,000 for potential Board of Inquiry costs
- \$62,000 for the 2026 Local Government elections.

The following graph shows the composition of Council's estimated expenditure for 2026/27, with employee costs and depreciation comprising the largest components:



Cash generated from operations is estimated at \$4.3 million. This is below the \$7.0 million required to fund the proposed capital renewal program for 2026/27. This shortfall will be met through Council's cash reserves and has been incorporated into the LTFP. Operating cash flows are expected to improve over time and support capital renewal in future years.

### Capital Budget

A Capital Works Program totalling \$13.1 million is recommended, comprising:

- \$1.9 million for plant and equipment

- \$3.6 million for new and upgraded assets
- \$7.6 million for asset renewals (including internal overheads and carry forward from 2025/26)

Of the total program, Council will fund \$11.1 million and \$2 million will be funded through confirmed external grants. In addition, a further \$1.3 million in capital projects is included in the Capital Works Program pending that Council can secure external grant funding. Of this \$1.3 million, Council would fund \$0.2 million and \$1.1 million would be expected from external funding.

If all external funding is secured, the total Capital Works Program will increase to \$14.4 million, with Council contributing \$11.3 million.

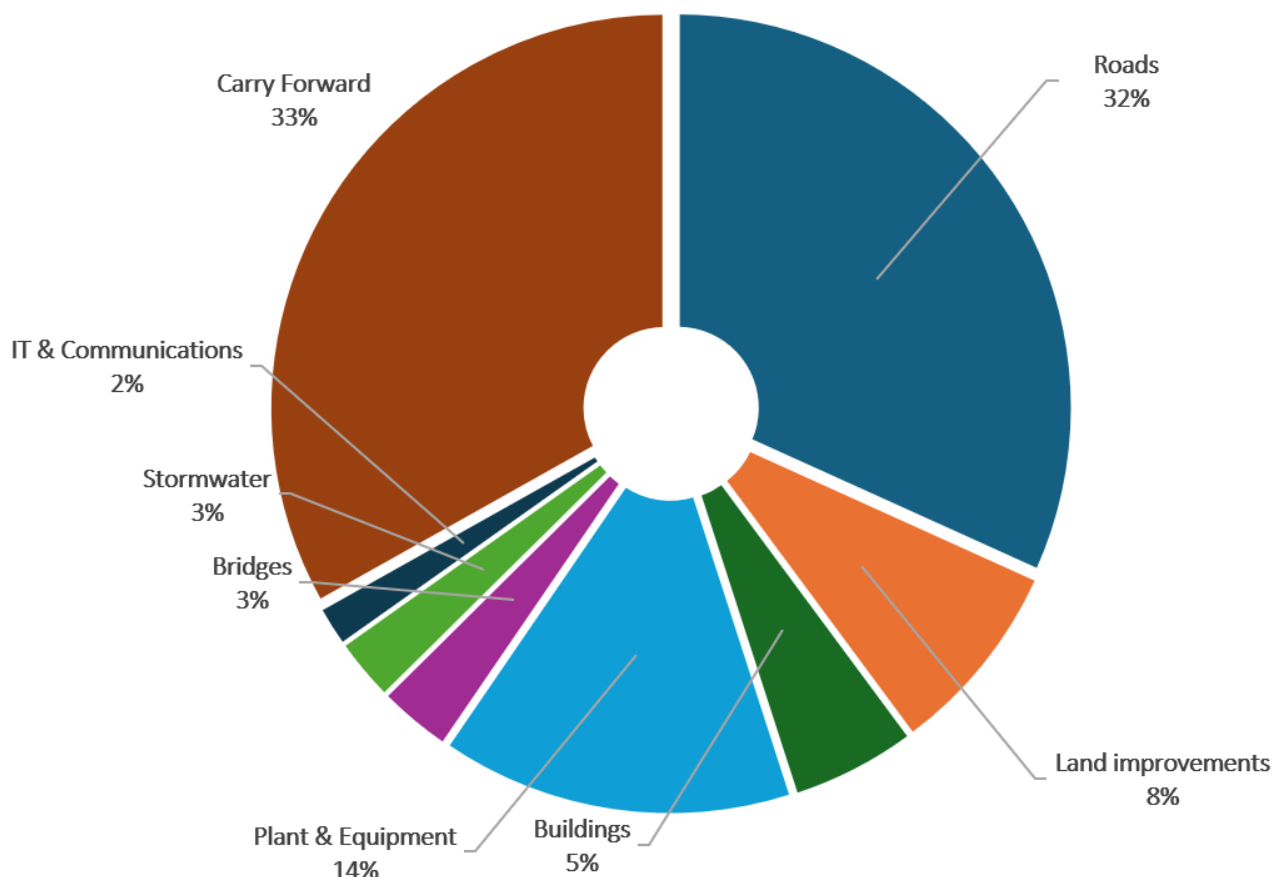
Major capital projects in the 2026/27 financial year include:

- A roads program totalling \$4.1 million including the completion of the annual re-sheeting and reseal program, pavement renewal on Golconda Road and pavement renewal on Main Street Bridport;
- A bridge and stormwater program totalling \$0.7 million and including the upgrade of bridges on Barnbogle Road and Burrows Road and the completion of stormwater network and kerb upgrades at Union Street, Scottsdale;
- A land improvements program totalling \$1 million with key projects including the hotmix sealing of Bridport Hall and Scottsdale Stadium carparks, the renewal of the Tomahawk Reserve playground and the installation of a weighbridge at the Scottsdale Transfer Station (pending approval of grant funding); and
- A buildings program totalling \$0.7 million which includes a roof replacement and repairs at the Council Offices.

\$4.3 million is expected to be carried forward from the 2025/26 Capital Works Program to complete outstanding projects including:

- Purchase of a Flocon Truck for road maintenance activities;
- Delivery of safety upgrades and pavement renewal on Golconda Road;
- Playground upgrades at the Bridport Lions Adventure Playground and the Scottsdale Children's Reserve; and
- Bridge upgrades at Haas Road, Legerwood and Jensens Road, North Scottsdale.

The following graph shows how the Capital Works Program funding is distributed, with the largest share allocated to road projects:



Due to the unresolved conflict in the Middle East, the cost and supply of materials and services remain somewhat uncertain in 2026/27. The capital works budget has been prepared with additional contingency allowances for roads, bridges and stormwater projects to manage this risk. Council will continue to monitor costs and if prices differ significantly either below or above forecasts, a budget variation will be proposed as required.

The capital and operational programs outlined above are reflected in the proposed rates and charges for 2026/27.

### Rates

Council recognises the cost of living pressures being experienced by the community. At the same time, it is important that decisions made today do not place an unreasonable financial burden on future ratepayers.

Over the past 10 years, Council has maintained relatively low rates and charges while continuing to invest in services and infrastructure. This has included:

- No increases to fees and charges between 2015 and 2021
- Free or subsidised access to community and sporting facilities
- Waived or reduced fees to support local businesses

During this same period, Council also delivered significant capital works programs to address historic gaps in asset renewal.

While rates have remained low, Council's costs have increased significantly over time. Key drivers include:

- Rising construction and infrastructure costs
- Wage growth and increasing service delivery costs
- A significant increase in asset depreciation
- A real reduction in external funding
- Increased compliance and community consultation requirements and expectations

As a result, Council's cost base has been growing faster than its income. If rates were to continue increasing with CPI alone, Council would remain in an operating deficit over the life of the LTFP and would not be able to maintain existing service levels.

To support a more sustainable financial position, it is recommended that general rate revenue increases by 6.5% in 2026/27. Additional revenue growth of 3.4% is also expected from growth in the rating base (0.2%) and changes to the:

- maximum increase cap (1.1%)
- minimum general rate for vacant land (0.5%)
- forestry rate (1.5%)
- wind farm rate (0.1%)

The maximum increase percentage cap is proposed to lift from 15% to 30%. Nearly 95% of ratepayers will be out of the maximum increase percentage cap by the end of 2026/27, with the lifting of the maximum increase percentage cap forming part of a staged approach to accelerate the transition of remaining ratepayers out of the cap before the next Adjustment Factors come into effect from 1 July 2028.

To support Council's strategic objectives under Dorset: Future Ready to plan for housing and settlement growth, it is proposed to increase the minimum general rate for vacant land from \$579 to \$700 per property.

It is also proposed that Council continues its approach of strengthening income from the forestry and renewable energy industries. These industries place sustained demand on Council's infrastructure and services, and the proposed approach seeks to better align their contribution with that demand.

What does this mean for ratepayers? For most non-vacant residential properties, the average general rate increase is approximately \$119 per year. However, individual increases will vary and properties that are still subject to the rate cap may experience increases of up to 30% as they transition towards their full assessed rate:

| Average Increases by Locality - Non Vacant Residential |                         |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Non-Vacant Residential                                 |                         |                         |
|                                                        | Average Annual Increase | Average Weekly Increase |
| Branxholm                                              | \$74.53                 | \$1.43                  |
| Bridport                                               | \$179.36                | \$3.45                  |
| Derby                                                  | \$219.60                | \$4.22                  |
| Gladstone Area                                         | \$82.17                 | \$1.58                  |
| Pioneer Area                                           | \$98.31                 | \$1.89                  |
| Ringarooma Area                                        | \$68.64                 | \$1.32                  |
| Scottsdale                                             | \$67.80                 | \$1.30                  |
| Scottsdale Surrounds                                   | \$132.35                | \$2.55                  |
| Tomahawk                                               | \$79.87                 | \$1.54                  |
| Winnaleah                                              | \$104.21                | \$2.00                  |
| Other                                                  | \$93.01                 | \$1.79                  |

The waste management charge is proposed to increase from \$169 to \$196 in 2026/27 to reflect higher service delivery costs and the increase in the Tasmanian Government landfill levy which increases from \$45.84 per tonne to \$70.56 per tonne from 1 July 2026. Kerbside collection service charges will increase in line with the general rate increase.

Council is also required to collect \$470,000 in fire levies on behalf of the State Fire Commission, with the minimum Fire Levy set at \$52.

### Fees and Charges

The proposed 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule has been reviewed to reflect changes in service delivery costs, legislative requirements and benchmarking against comparable councils.

Most fees have been adjusted using established indexation methods, including:

- State Government fee units for statutory charges
- Council Cost Index for infrastructure-based fees
- Enterprise Agreement wage increase for labour-based fees
- Consumer Price Index for service-based fees.

Overall, income received from fees and charges is forecast to increase by 13.7% compared with 2025/26.

Fees across Building and Plumbing, Planning and Health have been reviewed to improve cost recovery from service users while limiting unnecessary impacts on broader ratepayers.

Most fees are proposed to increase in line with CPI. However, some charges that are currently well below cost recovery will increase by up to 50% to better reflect the cost of providing these services.

The schedule also introduces several new fees and reinstates some previously removed fees. Despite these changes, Dorset's fees remain within the lower range of comparable Northern Tasmanian Councils.

Waste disposal fees have been benchmarked against the Environmental Protection Authority pricing model for transfer stations that operate without a weighbridge. As a result:



- Several lower-cost charges (including single garbage bags, wheelie bins, timber, waste oil and mattresses) will remain unchanged.
- Some other charges, including inert waste, will increase to better reflect handling and disposal costs.

Several new and reinstated fees are recommended, including:

#### *Corporate Services*

- \$9.80 for copies of Council's Annual Report
- \$6.60 for reprints of rates notices
- \$49.00 Dispute Lodgement Fee (in accordance with Council Policy No. 67 – Dispute Resolution)

#### *Public Halls and Facilities*

- \$68.00 public liability charge and \$325.00 bond for events involving alcohol
- Call out fee of \$386.00 for the first hour, plus \$55.00 per additional hour where Council officers are required for unscheduled attendances or cleaning

#### *Health*

- Reinstatement of annual food business registration fees
  - \$280.00 for Priority 1 and 2 businesses
  - \$200.00 for Priority 3 businesses
  - Charitable and not for profit organisations remain exempt
- New Annual Mobile Food Vendor Permit of \$255.00 for residents

#### *Building, Plumbing and Planning*

- \$100.00 fees for Building Permit Authority and Plumbing Surveyor assessments and inspections for Category 2 Low Risk Works
- New planning fees including:
  - \$150.00 for No Permit Required Applications
  - \$250.00 for Discretionary Visitor Accommodation Applications
  - \$150.00 per additional lot for subdivision and strata amendments

These changes better align fees with the cost of service delivery while maintaining a competitive position relative to other Councils.

## Item 118/2026

## Event Funding Program Applications

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt  
Ref: DOC/26/7919

## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with the recommendations of Council's Event Funding Panel in relation to the 2026/27 Event Funding Program.

### Recommendation

#### That Council:

#### 1. approves the following funding applications under the Event Funding Program:

| Organisation                                          | Event                      | Years of Funding | Funding 2026/27 | Total Funding Future Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Lions Club of Scottsdale                              | Spud Fest                  | 1                | \$10,000*       | \$0                        |
| Blue Derby Foundation Ltd                             | Derby Fest                 | 3                | \$5,000*        | \$10,000*                  |
| Melaythenner Teeackana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation | Mannalargenna Day Festival | 3                | \$5,000         | \$10,000                   |

*\*Denotes that in-kind support was also requested as part of the event funding application and will be approved with the recommendation.*

#### 2. authorises the Event Funding Panel to allocate funding from the Event Funding Discretionary Fund to eligible event funding applications received between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027, in accordance with Council's Event Funding Policy and Guidelines.

## Background

Council's vision is to be an inclusive, thriving and connected community which includes recognising the significant impact that a diverse events calendar can have on the economic and social wellbeing of the region. Events can be a major driver of visitation which has positive economic benefits for local hospitality, tourism, retail and transport industries. Events also create opportunity for various industries and community groups to create 'spin-off' experiences, promotions or events to maximise user experience and promote longer stays in the region.

Events are also recognised as having positive social outcomes for communities as they generally promote participation by local businesses, volunteers, and community members. This is particularly important in remote municipalities such as Dorset where communities rely on events to bring people together.

To support the development and continuation of events in the region, Council included the following strategic imperatives in its Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032:

- *Council will support events and festivals in conjunction with a regional marketing strategy for a vibrant community; and*
- *Council will review and possibly expand grant and sponsorship programs.*

Council developed an Event Funding Policy and Guidelines in accordance with Council's 2024/25 Annual Plan and has recently received applications for the Event Funding Program for the 2026/27 financial year. Council's Event Funding Panel (comprising of Mayor Beattie, Councillor Bicanic and Councillor Simmons) met on 11 May 2026 to assess the applications received and the Panel's recommendations were presented to Councillors at the 2 June 2026 Briefing Workshop.

Below is a list of events that are included in 2026/27 budget from applications received and approved in the 2025/26 budget:

| Organisation                                         | Event                               | Years of Funding Left | Funding 2026/27 | Total Funding Future Years |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Bridport Innovations                                 | Scallop Fiesta                      | 2                     | \$6,000*        | \$6,000*                   |
| North Eastern Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc. | Scottsdale Show                     | 2                     | \$5,000*        | \$5,000*                   |
| North East Equine Endurance Club                     | Jolly Lette Memorial Endurance Ride | 2                     | \$750           | \$750                      |
| Launceston Triathlon Club                            | Bridport Triathlon                  | 2                     | \$2,000         | \$2,000                    |
| Scottsdale Golf Club                                 | Australia Day Golf Event            | 2                     | \$500           | \$500                      |
| James Scott Decorative Arts Society Incorporation    | North East Arts and Crafts Festival | 2                     | \$3,000         | \$3,000                    |
| Rotary Club of Scottsdale                            | Rail Trail Run and Ride             | 2                     | \$2,300*        | \$2,400*                   |
| Dorset Employment Connect                            | Dorset People and Business Awards   | 1                     | \$2,000         | \$0                        |
| Dorset Community House                               | Dorset Seniors Week                 | 2                     | \$2,000         | \$2,000                    |
| Bridport Lions Club                                  | Bridport Events                     | 2                     | \$0*            | \$0*                       |

*\*Denotes that in-kind support was also requested as part of the event funding application and will be approved with the recommendation.*

## Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

N/A

## Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023 - 2032), Imperatives 3 and 3.1

## Risk Management

Council's Event Funding Policy and Guidelines mitigate the risk of providing event support (either financial or in-kind) that exceeds the amount allocated for events in the annual budget estimates.

It also provides a framework to ensure that Council allocates event funding equitably and consistently, and ensures transparency for Council, event organisers and the community by requiring successful recipients to acquit funds and provide post event reviews.

## Financial and Asset Management Implications

The 2026/27 Budget Estimates include a total allocation of \$55,000 for event funding, with \$20,000 proposed to be allocated in the current funding round and \$23,550 allocated to events previously approved for multi-year funding. The remaining \$11,450 will be retained as a Discretionary Fund to support ad-hoc event funding requests that may arise throughout the year.

## Community Considerations

The Event Funding Program is designed to support local events that contribute to community wellbeing, vibrancy, and engagement. In addition to supporting established local events, the program also plays a key role in attracting new events to the Dorset region. This approach not only diversifies the local event calendar but also encourages tourism and contributes to the economic growth of Dorset and the broader region.

## Consultation

The application period for the 2026/27 Event Funding Program opened on 19 March 2026, with a closing date of 24 April 2026. The 2026/27 Event Funding Program was broadly promoted, and consultation included direct engagement with all past funding recipients, advertising in the North Eastern Advertiser and posts on Council's website and social media channels.

Previous funding recipients whose agreements had expired were contacted directly and encouraged to submit applications.

## Officer's Comments

Four applications for event funding were received, representing a range of community events across the municipality. An overview of the event funding approvals is outlined below:

- One application is recommended for full funding in accordance with the Event Funding Program criteria.
- One application is recommended for partial funding, recognising the substantial level of in-kind support that will also be provided by Council to assist with the delivery of the event.
- One application is not recommended for funding as it did not meet the eligibility requirements for Tier 2 funding. The applicant was advised that a lower level of funding may be available under an alternative tier but elected not to proceed with the application.
- One application applied for but did not meet the eligibility criteria for Signature funding. After discussions with the Event Funding Panel, it was presented at the 2 June 2026 Councillor briefing workshop that Council could provide event development funding for new and emerging events, or for events looking to significantly change their level of impact. Policy 63 – Event Funding already sets the foundation for supporting events to develop, so the Event Funding Guidelines have been updated and are available on Council's [website](#).

Under the event development funding guidelines, applicants that do not yet meet the criteria for higher funding tiers are able to receive additional time-limited financial assistance to support event development and growth by a resolution of Council. In line with these principles, it is proposed that the applicant receive \$5,000 event development funding as well as \$5,000 Tier 1 event funding in 2026/27 to assist in establishing and developing the event.

It is noted that several event organisers who have received funding previously did not apply for funding through the Event Funding Program. Officers anticipate that Council will continue to receive ad-hoc requests for event funding throughout the year as event organisers become accustomed to the new application process and Council will fund these applications through the Event Funding Discretionary Fund where appropriate. In conjunction with considering ad-hoc requests for funding throughout the year, Officers will provide education and support to those event organisers to encourage them to channel their funding applications through the Event Funding Program in future.

As the Event Funding Program is still in its early stages, Council Officers will continue to work with event organisers to build awareness of the program requirements and support successful event planning and delivery.

**Item 119/2026      2025 Annual General Meeting Motion Update | Unconstructed and Insufficiently Constructed Streets**  
 Reporting Officer: Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto  
 Ref: DOC/26/8173

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the community with an update on the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) motion seeking an assessment of unconstructed and insufficiently constructed streets, and development of a strategy for their eventual upgrading.

## Recommendation

That Council defer further work on the motion until further strategic planning, township planning, and service level direction has been completed, at which time Council will be better placed to determine whether a broader assessment is warranted, what standard is being sought, and how any future program could be realistically prioritised and funded.

## Background

At the AGM held on 8 December 2025, the following revised motion was carried:

*“That Council undertake an assessment of unconstructed and insufficiently constructed streets in Bridport, Scottsdale and all other Dorset towns and formulate a strategy for their eventual upgrading.”*

This motion raises a valid question about whether some streets within Dorset’s towns no longer meet community expectations for urban standard and amenity. It also connects to the Future Ready Township Plans, which are intended to help inform the long-term direction, character, infrastructure priorities and service expectations of individual towns.

Currently Dorset Municipality has approximately 243 km of sealed roads and 443 km of unsealed roads.

The issue for Council is not if streets that are unconstructed or insufficiently constructed can be identified, but whether Council currently has:

- a clear strategic position on the desired standard for all of its urban streets;
- an agreed service level approach across different settlement types;
- sufficient data and information to undertake a reliable and useful assessment; and
- the resource capacity to progress the work in a meaningful way
- Reliable systems to manage data and aid in reporting

## Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

- AS 1428 series – Design for access and mobility
- AS1742
- AS/NZA 1158
- AS/NZS 3500
- Austroads Guide to Road Design

- Austroads Guide Road Design Part 6A
- Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 5A
- Council Policy No. 40 - Road
- Dorset Council Asset Management Plans

### **Strategic and Annual Plan**

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023-2032), strategic pillars - Leadership and Governance, and Economic Development

### **Risk Management**

Creating community expectations before Council has confirmed service levels, priorities and available funding.

### **Financial and Asset Management Implications**

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the recommendation. Any future upgrade program would require further assessment and consideration through Council's asset management, long-term financial planning and budget processes.

### **Community Considerations**

The matter was raised through an AGM motion, with potential stakeholder concerns likely to include road condition, access, safety, amenity and future upgrade expectations.

### **Consultation**

No specific consultation has been undertaken beyond the AGM motion and its subsequent clarification. If Council were to pursue the matter further at a later time, more detailed consultation will be required as part of any Future Ready strategic planning or service level review.

### **Officer's Comments**

Dorset is a mixed municipality, so the issue is not just where the gaps are, but what Council considers fit for purpose in each location.

At present, Council does not have a clear adopted position on what standard should apply to urban streets across its towns, or an agreed service level framework to support this work. It is not yet settled whether the expectation is sealed roads, kerb and channel, footpaths, or a more targeted approach depending on the town, how the street is used, and what level of amenity is reasonable.

Without that direction, an assessment may identify streets residents would like upgraded, but it would not answer:

- whether those upgrades are needed;
- what standard should apply; or

- how Council would fund the capital, maintenance and renewal implications.

It could also create a list of projects well beyond any realistic funding horizon and raise expectations about when particular streets might be upgraded.

The Future Ready Township Plans are a key input to this work, as they will inform Council of what is needed and what is reasonably expected in each town before any broader assessment is undertaken.

Council also does not currently have a single reliable data source to draw from for this type of exercise.

Officers consider this work would be better informed once the Future Ready Township Plans and related systems improvements have progressed further.



**Item 120/2026****Feasibility Study – Scottsdale Aquatic Centre**

Reporting Officers: Director – Community & Development Services, Jayne Miller and Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto  
Ref: DOC/26/7791

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse a feasibility assessment regarding options for enclosure and year-round operations at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre (SAC).

**Recommendation**

**That Council endorse development of a feasibility assessment for options regarding enclosing and year-round operations of the existing outdoor 25m pool at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre.**

**Background**

The SAC is an important aquatic recreation facility for the Dorset community. Currently the facility only offers outdoor seasonal facilities and as such there has been a desire from the community to enclose some of the aquatic facilities to provide an all year-around access facility.

The original Scottsdale Pool was established in the 1950's and by 2018 had been earmarked for redevelopment. During the planning process for the redevelopment a hydrotherapy pool was investigated and funding for construction applied for. With limited available resources and the funding application being unsuccessful, budget constraints meant that the project did not proceed further.

In 2022 the newly redeveloped SAC opened and consisted of a seasonal outdoor heated facility that includes an 8-lane x 25m lap pool, 15m program pool, toddler / leisure pool and a water park (included as a destination feature). In addition, solar panels were installed on the adjacent stadium roof to reduce heating costs. The pool was funded by a \$3 million State Government grant with the \$4 million balance made up from Council cash reserves.

Community interest in the development of an indoor aquatic facility was first evidenced with the completion of the Dorset Community Recreation Study and the Northern Tasmanian Regional Aquatic Strategy Final Report, both released in January 2002. Both reports emphasized an indoor facility for year-round use as a top municipal priority.

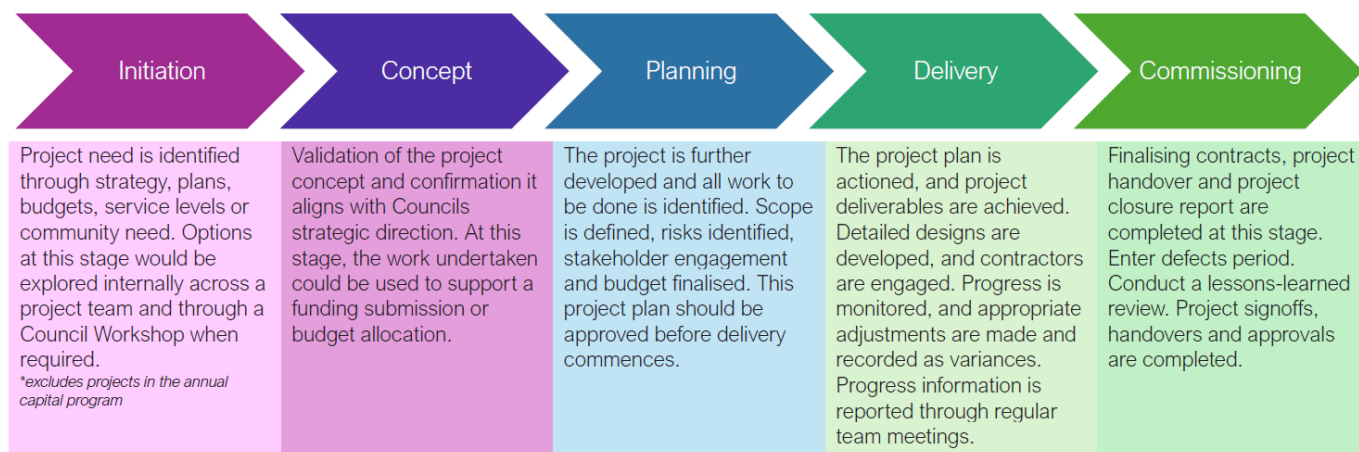
Since 2022, Council has received feedback that an indoor pool is a high priority. At the end of each pool season a SAC user survey is circulated to ascertain satisfaction levels with both the aquatic facilities and with the programs on offer. The question as to what else the survey responder would like to see at Dorset's aquatic facilities garners a consistent response for year-round pool usage at the SAC, with extended opening hours and a longer season also being requested.

In the 2025/26 financial year, \$40,000 was allocated in the Council budget to progress a feasibility study into enclosure options for the SAC.

In March 2026, an internal projects review was completed, and a new system was established, regarding how projects are delivered at Dorset Council. A Project Lifecycle was adopted, and the model was presented to a Council Workshop in May 2026.

While this project commenced prior to the project lifecycle being adopted, the SAC Feasibility assessment is at the 'concept' phase, and Council endorsement is now required to finalise the scope and proceed to a Request for Quote process.

## Project Management Lifecycle



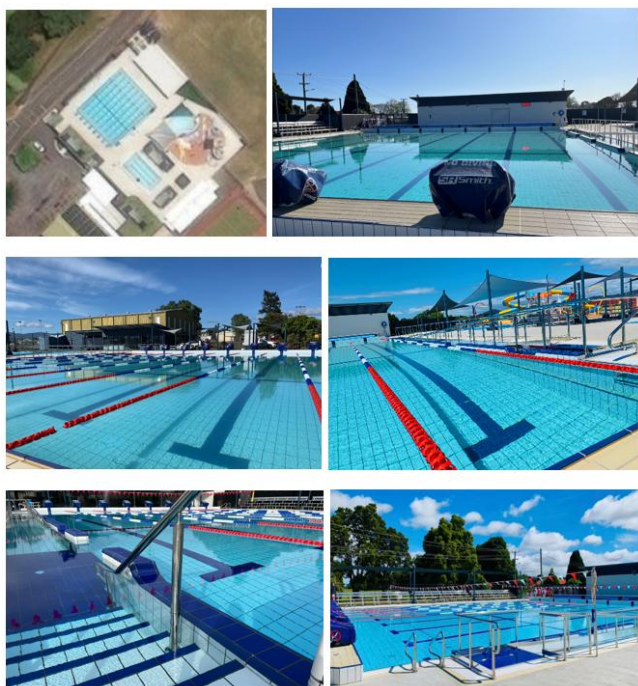
### Concept Phase - Project Scope

The project scope has been prepared reflective of demand indicated by users of the SAC and longer-term community feedback. The feasibility assessment will:

- Analyse and assess enclosure options for the existing 25m outdoor pool, including consideration of interaction with the overall facility;
- Analyse operational costs and benefits of conversions vs continued operations;
- Analyse potential operational models and revenue options to determine life cycle costings;
- Provide an objective recommendation considering the economic, community and social impacts of progressing vs not progressing with the recommended enclosure option with Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) included.

A Request for Quote process will be undertaken in accordance with Council Policy.

### Site Photos



## Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

- The SAC is in the Recreation Zone. Any future development will need to be assessed in accordance with the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme* and the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.
- Dorset Council Policy No. 31 - Code for Tenders and Contracts.

## Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023–2032), Imperative 4

## Risk Management

The purpose of the feasibility assessment is to inform Council on the viability of an indoor pool, from both an economic and social consideration. The primary benefit of an indoor pool would be year-round access to a swimming pool particularly during winter months. Council must consider the benefits against the financial implications of such a facility, balancing community expectations with available resources to provide desired community facilities. The feasibility assessment will position Council to make an informed decision as to any next steps with this project.

## Financial and Asset Management Implications

This report does not seek any further funding towards the project. A project on Council's priority project list, the feasibility assessment has now progressed to the concept phase and is outlined in Council's 2026/27 Annual Plan. \$40,000 was allocated in the 2025/26 budget, which will be carried forward to 2026/27 to deliver this project.

## Community Considerations

Community considerations for this feasibility assessment include financial social and sustainability factors, a benefit cost ratio, assessment of current and future need and opportunities for year-round program expansion. It is important that the feasibility assessment is both realistic and reflective of community needs.

## Consultation

The community through various mechanisms have voiced a desire for indoor aquatics in Scottsdale.

To date, no formal consultation has been undertaken with the Dorset community. The feasibility study will provide information and data to help inform a direction of Council which, contingent on the outcome, would include future community consultation phases.

# ITEMS FOR NOTING

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## Item 121/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

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### 2 June 2026 | Briefing Workshop

- 2026 Annual Review | Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032
- Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan
- Draft 2026/27 Budget Estimates
  - Long Term Financial Plan
  - Operating Budget Estimates
  - Fees and Charges
  - Capital Works Program
  - Community Budget Submissions
  - Event Funding Program
  - Rates and Charges
- External Presentation: Blue Derby Foundation
- Draft North East Marketing Plan and Implementation Plan
- Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study – Draft Request for Quote
- Councillor Reports / Presentations
- Briefing Reports
  - Correspondence
  - Delegation Register review
  - NTDC Quarterly Update Report
  - Bridport Seaside Caravan Park Policy Review Update
  - AGM Motion Update

## Item 122/2026 Elected Member Communications

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### Mayor Calendar | 14 May – 17 June 2026

#### May 2026

- 18 May Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 19 Stakeholder meeting regarding Child and Family Learning Centre, Scottsdale
- 21 Councillor Budget Infrastructure Tour with all Councillors and Executive Leadership Team, municipal tour
- 22 Event Funding Panel assessment meeting, Council Chambers
- 22 Meeting with Tomahawk Community Group, Scottsdale
- 22 National Volunteer Week community morning tea, Mechanics Hall, Scottsdale
- 25 Meeting with Ochre Health directors, Scottsdale
- 28 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 29 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation members strategy workshop with General Manager, Launceston

## June 2026

- 11 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 11 Blue Derby Foundation Annual General Meeting with General Manager, Derby Hall
- 12 Lions Club of Scottsdale changeover dinner, Scottsdale
- 15 Meeting with ratepayer, Scottsdale
- 15 Branhholm Progress Association meeting, Branhholm Hall
- 17 Rotary Club of Scottsdale changeover dinner, Scottsdale

### Item 123/2026 Management Team Briefing Report

#### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

#### Recommendation

That Council:

1. note the adjustments to the 2025/26 Capital Budget;
2. note the update on the review of the Delegations Register; and
3. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

#### BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS REPORT: Local Government Act 1993 – Section 82(7)

#### Capital Budget

| Project                                    | Original Budget  | Adjustment | Revised Budget   | Reason for budget adjustment                               |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bridge 1589 Sledge Track                   | 145,000          | 36,000     | 181,000          | Supply constraints and additional engineering requirements |
| <sup>6</sup> Bridge 1572 Haas Rd - Upgrade | 286,000          | (36,000)   | 250,000          |                                                            |
| 13 T Excavator                             | 255,000          | 16,000     | 271,000          | Increased plant price and lower trade in value received    |
| 3D Topcon GPS                              | 22,000           | (16,000)   | 6,000            |                                                            |
| Ferny Hill Landslip Repair                 | 401,000          | 27,720     | 428,720          | Increase in contractor costs                               |
| Resheeting – Bridport Back Rd              | 166,000          | (27,720)   | 138,280          |                                                            |
| <b>Total Capital Budget</b>                | <b>1,275,000</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>1,275,000</b> |                                                            |

<sup>6</sup> This project was subject to an additional budget variation, reinstating the \$36,000 previously reduced under the General Manager's discretion. Please see the February 2026 Council Meeting Agenda (Item 34/2026) for further information.

### COMMUNITY UPDATE: Delegation Register Review

The Local Government Association of Tasmania engages Simmons Wolfhagen to provide legal advice and maintain a master delegation register. This register is made available to all Tasmanian councils and serves as a guide for recommended delegations of council powers to general managers and staff. It is continuously updated to ensure councils can adjust their delegations in line with legislative changes.

Simmons Wolfhagen completed its latest review, current to 8 January 2026, with correspondence provided to councils on 29 April 2026, circulated to Councillors for information at the 2 June Briefing Workshop.

No significant legislative changes were identified during this review. However, Simmons Wolfhagen took the opportunity to improve the format and usability of the register. Council has adopted these layout changes, which are administrative in nature and do not result in any material changes to existing delegations to the General Manager or specific roles.

The updated Delegation Register is available on Council's website [here](#).

### APPROVED APPLICATIONS | May 2026

|                 | Approved<br>May<br>2026 | Approved<br>2026 YTD | Approved<br>2025 YTD |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Planning</b> | 4                       | 40                   | 40                   |
| <b>Building</b> | 4                       | 29                   | 25                   |
| <b>Plumbing</b> | 3                       | 15                   | 13                   |

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in May 2026.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | May 2026

|                                 | Requests Received<br>May 2026 | Comparison<br>May 2025 | FYTD Received<br>2025/26 | Comparison<br>FYTD Received<br>2024/25 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Feedback and Queries            | 1                             | 3                      | 4                        | 25                                     |
| Repair Bin                      | 3                             | 4                      | 42                       | 54                                     |
| Replace Bin                     | -                             | 5                      | 46                       | 46                                     |
| Request a New Service           | 2                             | 7                      | 26                       | 45                                     |
| Remove Additional Bin           | -                             | -                      | 14                       | 13                                     |
| Request an Additional Bin       | 4                             | 3                      | 23                       | 41                                     |
| Request an Upsize/Downsize      | 3                             | 4                      | 36                       | 44                                     |
| Request to Opt Out (of Service) | -                             | -                      | 3                        | 3                                      |
| <b>Total Requests</b>           | <b>13</b>                     | <b>22</b>              | <b>194</b>               | <b>271</b>                             |

## CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | May 2026

|                                   | Requests Received<br>May 2026 | Comparison<br>Requests<br>May 2025 | Received<br>2026 | Comparison<br>2025 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Animal                            | 2                             | 2                                  | 26               | 8                  |
| Bike Trails                       | -                             | -                                  | -                | -                  |
| Bridges                           | -                             | -                                  | 1                | -                  |
| Caravan Parks                     | 1                             | 1                                  | 5                | 4                  |
| Cemeteries                        | -                             | -                                  | 1                | 1                  |
| Community Awards                  | -                             | -                                  | 1                | -                  |
| Community Development General     | -                             | -                                  | -                | -                  |
| Corporate Services General        | -                             | -                                  | 1                | 7                  |
| Council Elections                 | -                             | -                                  | 3                | 1                  |
| Customer Service                  | -                             | -                                  | 5                | 4                  |
| Emergency Services Enquiries      | -                             | -                                  | -                | 1                  |
| Environmental Management & Health | 1                             | -                                  | 17               | 11                 |
| Footpath Enquiries                | 2                             | -                                  | 20               | -                  |
| Government Relations              | -                             | -                                  | -                | -                  |
| Licencing                         | -                             | -                                  | -                | 1                  |
| Parks and Reserves                | 2                             | 4                                  | 13               | 16                 |
| Planning & Building               | -                             | -                                  | 1                | -                  |
| Playground Maintenance            | -                             | -                                  | 3                | -                  |
| Public Health                     | -                             | -                                  | -                | 2                  |
| Public Online Enquiries           | -                             | 1                                  | -                | 2                  |
| Public Amenities                  | 3                             | 2                                  | 11               | 8                  |
| Public Halls Buildings            | 3                             | 2                                  | 15               | 3                  |
| Recreation Grounds                | -                             | 5                                  | 17               | 9                  |
| Roads                             | 12                            | 13                                 | 98               | 96                 |
| Swimming Pools                    | -                             | -                                  | -                | 5                  |
| Waste Management                  | -                             | 3                                  | 4                | 7                  |
| <b>Total Requests</b>             | <b>26</b>                     | <b>33</b>                          | <b>242</b>       | <b>186</b>         |

A detailed copy of the 2026 Customer Service Requests is included in the [attachments](#).

## MAJOR COUNCIL PROJECTS

Up to date information on major projects including upgrades to parks, facilities and recreation, transport and drainage, water and sewerage infrastructure across the Dorset municipality can be found [here](#) on our website.

## 2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
|  | Complete 2025/26                   |
|  | Completed in May 2026              |
|  | Carried Forward Projects – 2026/27 |
|  | Projects Withdrawn                 |

| PROJECT                                                                                               | STATUS          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BRIDGES</b>                                                                                        |                 |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – repairs to piers (addition allocation, storm recovery)          | Completed       |
| Bridge 1604 Panama Forest Road, Golconda – timber deck renewal                                        | Completed       |
| Bridge 1589 Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – timber superstructure renewal (beams & deck)              | Completed       |
| Bridge 1556 New River Road, Ringarooma – timber deck renewal                                          | Completed       |
| Bridge 1594 Greeta Road, Nabowla – timber superstructure renewal (beams and deck)                     | Carried Forward |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – slab repairs                                                    | Carried Forward |
| Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)              | Commenced       |
| Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation) | Commenced       |
| <b>STORMWATER</b>                                                                                     |                 |
| 61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits                                                  | Completed       |
| 3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment                        | Completed       |
| Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain                                                                  | Completed       |
| 9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network                                            | Commenced       |
| 21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network                                         | Completed       |
| 52 Scott Street, Branhholm – design and install new network                                           | Commenced       |
| 3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network                                          | Commenced       |
| <b>ROADS – RESHEETING</b>                                                                             |                 |
| Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse                                                                       | Completed       |
| Cape Portland Road, Gladstone                                                                         | Completed       |
| Bridport Back Road, Nabowla                                                                           | Completed       |
| Nourses Road, Bridport                                                                                | Completed       |
| Unwins Road, Springfield                                                                              | Completed       |
| McDonalds Avenue, Ringarooma                                                                          | Completed       |
| Dead Horse Hill Road, Ringarooma                                                                      | Completed       |
| Pera Flats Road, Ringarooma                                                                           | Completed       |
| Swanee Road, Winnaleah                                                                                | Completed       |
| Ferny Hill Road, Bridport                                                                             | Completed       |
| Bridport – urban resheeting (various locations)                                                       | Completed       |



| PROJECT                                                                | STATUS                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ROADS – RESEALS</b>                                                 |                        |
| George Street, Scottsdale – highway access                             | Carried Forward        |
| Maurice Street, Legerwood                                              | Carried Forward        |
| Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale                                            | Carried Forward        |
| Beattie Street, Scottsdale                                             | Carried Forward        |
| Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access                           | Carried Forward        |
| Christopher Street, Scottsdale                                         | Carried Forward        |
| Mary Street, Scottsdale                                                | Carried Forward        |
| Alice Street, Scottsdale                                               | Carried Forward        |
| East Maurice Road, Ringarooma                                          | Completed              |
| Oakdene Road, Jetsonville                                              | Carried Forward        |
| Barnbogle Road, Bridport                                               | Carried Forward        |
| Barnett Road, Ringarooma                                               | Completed              |
| Ruby Flats Road, Branxholm                                             | Completed              |
| Derby Back Road, Derby                                                 | Completed              |
| Sykes Road, Springfield                                                | Completed              |
| Arnold Place, Scottsdale                                               | Completed              |
| Charles Street, Pioneer – additional reseal                            | Completed              |
| <b>ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS</b>                                          |                        |
| Willis Road, Lietinna – hotmix overlay intersection with Golconda Road | Completed              |
| Koomeela Road, West Scottsdale – culvert repairs                       | Completed              |
| Banca Road, Winnaleah – pavement repair and hotmix surface             | Completed              |
| Golconda Road, Nabowla – 3.4km safety upgrades and pavement renewal    | Commenced              |
| Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage)             | Completed              |
| Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design                              | Design                 |
| Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal                            | Carried Forward        |
| Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal                   | Completed              |
| Austins Road and Tasman Highway, Scottsdale – junction upgrade         | Completed              |
| Northeast Lane, Scottsdale – design                                    | Completed              |
| Union Street, Scottsdale – kerb and stormwater upgrade (stage 1)       | Completed              |
| Pioneer township – footpath                                            | Completed              |
| Golconda Road, Golconda – freight and safety improvement strategy      | Withdrawn <sup>7</sup> |
| Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey                               | Commenced              |

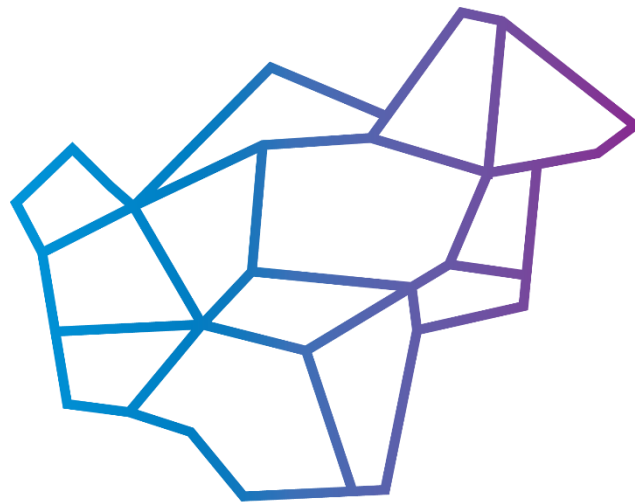
<sup>7</sup> The withdrawal of the Golconda Road Freight and Safety Improvements Strategy reflects a change in regional infrastructure priorities, with the City of Launceston advising that investment in the Lilydale–Golconda Road corridor has been deprioritised under its renewed strategic planning framework.

| PROJECT                                                                                         | STATUS          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BUILDINGS</b>                                                                                |                 |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – camp kitchen renewal (replace beams)                            | Completed       |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical switchboard renewal and underground cables (stage 1) | Carried Forward |
| Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades            | Completed       |
| Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows                                           | Completed       |
| Derby, Branhholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades                      | Commenced       |
| Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal                                                                   | Commenced       |
| Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement                                                    | Completed       |
| Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)                                               | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal                                           | Completed       |
| Branhholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)                                     | Completed       |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities upgrade (shower cubicle storage / shelving)           |                 |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – cabin upgrades / outdoor area improvements                      |                 |
| Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Reuse Centre shop extension                                 | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump                                                   | Completed       |
| Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras                                                          | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale Depot – relocation of storage sheds (additional allocation)                          | Completed       |
| Nugget Sellars Pavilion (Scottsdale Recreation Ground) – heat pump                              | Completed       |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access through Council network                               | Carried Forward |
| <b>LAND IMPROVEMENTS</b>                                                                        |                 |
| Blue Derby – network signage                                                                    | Commenced       |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement                          | Completed       |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps               | Carried Forward |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts                               | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve                               | Completed       |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement                                | Carried Forward |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace umbrella covers                                             | Completed       |
| Derby Park – Ringarooma Road erosion repairs                                                    | Completed       |
| Pine Plantation, Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting (additional allocation)               | Completed       |
| Blue Derby – Black Stump car turning area redevelopment                                         | Commenced       |
| Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion                                                 | Commenced       |
| Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)                               | Carried Forward |
| Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment                                               | Commenced       |
| Blue Derby – memorial lookout                                                                   | Commenced       |
| Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall                                              | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning                                                    |                 |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study                                      |                 |

| PROJECT                                                                        | STATUS          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS</b>                                                  |                 |
| <u><b>Bridges</b></u>                                                          |                 |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)  | Completed       |
| Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete        | Commenced       |
| <u><b>Roads</b></u>                                                            |                 |
| South Street, Bridport – replace kerb                                          | Completed       |
| King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing                                  | Withdrawn       |
| George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing                                | Withdrawn       |
| Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath                                   | Carried Forward |
| <u><b>Buildings</b></u>                                                        |                 |
| Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby           |                 |
| Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration                              |                 |
| Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed                                      | Commenced       |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach | Planning        |
| Branhholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed                             | Completed       |
| Branhholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed                              | Completed       |
| Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed                             | Commenced       |
| Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed                              | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed                            | Commenced       |
| <u><b>Land Improvements</b></u>                                                |                 |
| Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements                             | Carried Forward |
| Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs                                | Carried Forward |
| Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)              | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)               | Commenced       |
| Scottsdale community bike track                                                |                 |
| Gladstone community park                                                       |                 |
| Waste Transfer Station signage                                                 | Carried Forward |
| CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light                                            | Completed       |

## CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed:



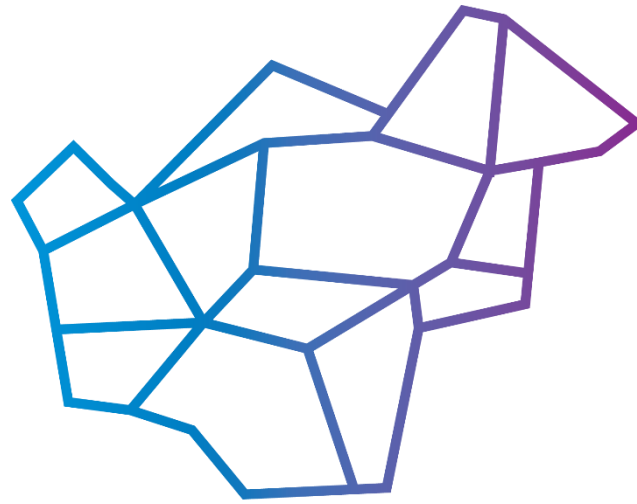
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# Ordinary Council Meeting

## Agenda Attachments

Monday, 22 June 2026

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# Ordinary Minutes

## Council Meeting

Monday, 18 May 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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## Ordinary Meeting of Council

|                                                                                       |           |
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| <b>CLOSED SESSION</b>                                                                 | <b>3</b>  |
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## Council Meeting - Minutes

### Monday, 18 May 2026

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**Meeting Opened:** 5:00 pm

**Present:** Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, Kahlia Simmons, Jan Hughes, Mervyn Chilcott, Vincent Teichmann, Anthony Richards

General Manager: John Marik, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

**Apologies:** Councillor Nick Bicanic

## CLOSED SESSION

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### Item 87/2026 'Closed Session': Council

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#### Purpose

The General Manager advised that in his opinion, the agenda items listed below are prescribed items in accordance with Regulation 17(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (e.g. confidential matters), and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

#### DECISION

**MOVED:** Cr Simmons | **SECONDED:** Cr Hughes

That Council resolve, by absolute majority, that the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 88 to 92 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

**Time Meeting Closed:** 5:00 pm

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

| Item                                                                         | Purpose                                                                                                                             | Regulation Ref <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 88/2026   Declaration of Interests                                           | Interests to be declared relating to items listed for discussion within Closed Session                                              | -                           |
| 89/2026   Purchase – Replacement Road Maintenance Truck                      | Endorse the purchase of this plant from the preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee           | 17(2)(e)                    |
| 90/2026   Contract 2025/26-06 – Bridge Upgrades   Haas Road and Jensens Road | Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee          | 17(2)(e)                    |
| 91/2026   Release of Public Information                                      | Consider whether any discussion, decision, report or document relating to any Closed Session items should be released to the public | 17((7) & (8)                |
| 92/2026   Completion of Closed Session                                       | Move to Open Council and adjourn the Meeting                                                                                        | -                           |

<sup>1</sup> Regulation 17:

| Reg.     | Confidential Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17(2)(a) | personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17(2)(b) | industrial relations matters                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17(2)(c) | information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business                                                           |
| 17(2)(d) | commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret |
| 17(2)(e) | contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal                                                                                                                                             |
| 17(2)(f) | the security of (i) the council, councillors and council staff; or (ii) the property of the council                                                                                                                                                        |
| 17(2)(g) | proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17(2)(h) | information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature; or (ii) provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential                                                                                                               |
| 17(2)(i) | requests by councillors for leave of absence                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17(2)(j) | notifications by councillors of leave of absence for parental leave                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 17(2)(k) | matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council                                                                                                                         |
| 17(2)(l) | the personal hardship of any person who is resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area                                                                                                                                                  |



# RESUMPTION | OPEN SESSION

Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

## Council Meetings Procedures

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Visitors are reminded that Council Meetings are a place of work for Council Officers and Councillors.

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities as an employer and as host of this important public forum, by ensuring that all present meet expectations of mutually respectful and orderly conduct. It is a condition of entry to the Council Chambers that you cooperate with any directions or requests from the Chairperson or Council Officers.

The Chairperson is responsible for maintaining order at Council Meetings. The General Manager is responsible for health, wellbeing and safety of all present. The Chairperson or General Manager may require a person to leave the Council's premises following any behaviour that falls short of these expectations.

Language and conduct at a Meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person in attendance or listening to the recording, is not acceptable. It is an offence to hinder or disrupt a Council Meeting.

**Present:** Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, Kahlia Simmons, Jan Hughes, Mervyn Chilcott, Vincent Teichmann, Anthony Richards

General Manager: John Marik, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

**Apologies:** Councillor Nick Bicanic

## Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Scottsdale is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

## PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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### Item 93/2026 Declaration of Interest

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In accordance with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

#### INTEREST DECLARED

Nil

### Item 94/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 20 April 2026

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Ref: DOC/26/4880

*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.*

#### DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Item 95/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

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#### DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 18 May 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Item 96/2026 Public Question Time

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<sup>2</sup>Members of the Public can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Public Question Time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Any person asking a question is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement and have minimal pre-ambles. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Members of the public must provide any question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

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<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Regulations 33, 36 & 37 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

The following questions were received without notice:

**Lawrence Archer, Bridport**

1. *In the first 9 months of this financial year the aquatic centre has recorded a net deficit of \$557,000 and the Derby mountain bike trails has recorded a net deficit of \$578,000 for a total deficit of \$1.135 million in 9 months of operation. Does Council consider this level of loss sustainable in the long term?*

**Response from Mayor Beattie:**

Regarding the cost of Blue Derby, I think that the economic data that was provided through the recently completed review facilitated by the Tas Mountain Bike Network (don't quote me on their name) showed that Blue Derby as a mountain bike destination is well and truly worth the investment, and as Council we see the value in that.

Regarding the swimming pool, all pools cost a significant amount of money, and we as Council feel that if there's a way that we can reduce the burden on ratepayers with the pool, then we would go down that road. A pool is an important part of the cultural environment that we're trying to create in Dorset, but I think it is, once again, a sound investment and long-term losses are sustainable.

2. *Does the \$578,000 deficit of the Blue Derby trails include the \$120,000 +/- that Council provides to the Blue Derby Foundation?*

**Response from Finance Manager:**

That \$125,000 payment was a one-off payment in their first year of operation to help them get started. So that isn't included in this financial year.

3. *The Bridport Caravan Park has achieved a surplus of \$321,000 for the first 9 months of this financial year. What is the surplus / deficit for Council's other caravan parks at Scottsdale, Branhholm and Derby?*

**TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Item 97/2026

Public Address of Meeting

<sup>3</sup>Members of the public can make a statement at a Council Meeting; it is not question or discussion time with Councillors. Prior to making a statement, the person is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Members of the public wishing to address Council at a Meeting shall indicate their intent and subject matter in writing by 10am on the Friday prior to the Meeting.

A person seeking to make a statement may speak for a period up to 3 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson to a maximum of 5 minutes.

All proposed statements are to be provided in writing prior to the Meeting to allow for circulation and inclusion in the minutes of the Meeting.

Scott Timmins (representing Branhholm Events Committee)

**Subject of address:** Community support from the Council and Councillors for community groups.

*\*\*This request to address the Meeting was withdrawn on 17 May 2026.*

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Regulations 46 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

<sup>4</sup>Councillors can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Councillor question time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement, have minimal pre-ambles, not offer an argument or opinion, draw conclusions, or make any accusations. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Councillors must provide question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions were **taken on notice** at the 20 April Council Meeting:

#### **Councillor Chilcott:**

*The army is selling the property in Scottsdale and moving out by the suggested November. Could the Council apply to keep the guns from the front of the facility in Scottsdale and have them placed in the reserve surrounding the war memorial to complement the military museum which is stated to be one of the best in the state?*

#### **Update from Director – Community and Development Services:**

Council Officers are currently liaising with relevant agencies.

#### **Councillor McLennan:**

*Can the Council commence works at Croquet Lawn Beach as this is separate to the work that MAST are undertaking and access to the beach is currently unsafe? I am aware that it was going to be done in conjunction with the pier but as it is Council responsibility shouldn't we be looking at it now.*

#### **Response from Director – Infrastructure:**

This matter will be discussed at an upcoming Workshop.

#### **Councillor Teichmann:**

- Have Council found out what happened with the audio-video recording of last month's meeting, what investigations did Council conduct and did Council seek the assistance of an external IT expert to either determine the cause of the problem or try to assist with the recovery of the minutes/recording?<sup>5</sup>*

#### **Response from Director – Corporate Services:**

In the afternoon prior to the 23 March 2026 Council Meeting, the hardware used to record Council meetings experienced a critical failure. The system had been operating as expected prior to that.

Officers consulted Council's external IT support and implemented a temporary solution, which successfully recorded the closed session.

Following the conclusion of the open session, it was identified that while a recording file had been created, it did not contain any audio or video. Attempts to recover the recording

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with Regulations 33, 34 & 35 and Council's Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

<sup>5</sup> This question has been revised to reflect the version recorded in the 20 April Minutes, rather than what was included in the circulated agenda paper, which contained an administrative error.

were unsuccessful. Subsequent advice from Council's external IT support confirmed that the data was not recoverable due to a configuration issue within the recording software.

Council's external IT support attended the Chambers on Wednesday, and the hardware has since been replaced and tested.

2. *Regarding the potential to install a micro-irrigation system along some of the trails in Derby, the answer that was previously given was that it wasn't viable; I'm just wondering what investigations Council undertook to ascertain that it wasn't viable, given that Derby actually has a 20 ML water right with TasWater, who are holding it for Derby, from the Cascade Dam.*

**Response from Director – Infrastructure:**

Council have liaised with subject matter experts, and it is not financially viable.

The following question was received without notice:

**Councillor Teichmann**

*Why is it not allowed for people to make their own recordings of Council meetings, providing obviously that it's an open session? Is this not an open forum, and what possible reason could there be to prevent people from recording the meeting, given that it's being recorded by Council and given that if people had been able to record it we might have had a back-up copy available to at least meet the legislated requirements under the Local Government Act, to record Council meetings, which we've failed to do, because of that provision, potentially, that prevents people from recording it, which I don't actually understand the need or the reason for?*

**Response from Executive Assistant:**

The reason for this is that Council must retain control over recordings in case any defamatory, legally incorrect or otherwise inappropriate content is captured. This allows Council to redact that material and include a notation in accordance with the Meeting Regulations. If another person makes a recording, Council has no control over how that recording is used or distributed elsewhere.

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**Item 99/2026                      Requests for Leave of Absence**

Nil

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**Item 100/2026                      Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave**

Nil

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**Item 101/2026                      Councillor Motions with Notice**

Nil

## ITEMS FOR DECISION

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Item 102/2026      Quarterly Financial Report to 31 March 2026 and Budget Variation  
 Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders  
 Ref: DOC/26/6321

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### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026 and vary the 2025/26 Budget Estimates.

### DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council:

1. receive and note the quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026;
2. by absolute majority, pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approve a variation to the 2025/26 budget estimate to:
  - a. increase Operating Grants and Contributions by \$301,000 to \$4.79 million.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ITEMS FOR NOTING

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Item 103/2026      Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

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5 May 2026 | Briefing Workshop

12 May 2026 | Minister for Local Government Visit to Dorset

Item 104/2026      Elected Member Communications

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Mayor Calendar | 16 April – 13 May 2026

### APRIL

- 16 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 17 Councillor planning session – April Council Meeting, with Councillors Hughes, McLennan, Teichmann and Richards, Council Chambers
- 20 Citizenship Ceremony with Councillors Powell, Hughes, Simmons and Richards, Nugget Sellars Pavillion, Scottsdale
- 20 April Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 23 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers

- 25 Gladstone ANZAC Day dawn service, Gladstone Hall
- 25 Scottsdale ANZAC Day morning service, Scottsdale RSL Club
- 25 Councillor Simmons Ringarooma ANZAC Day morning service, Ringarooma Hall
- 25 Councillor McLennan Bridport ANZAC Day morning service, Bridport Hall
- 25 Councillor Powell Springfield ANZAC Day afternoon service, St Pauls Church
- 30 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 30 Regional Development Australia Dorset Visit Luncheon with General Manager, Little Rivers, Scottsdale

## MAY

- 5 May Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
- 6 Meeting with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation with General Manager to discuss City to the Sea North East Trail Network Master Plan, Council Chambers
- 12 Meeting with Minister for Local Government with General Manager and Councillors Powell, McLennan, Chilcott, Richards and Teichmann, Council Chambers

### Item 105/2026 Management Team Briefing Report

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#### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

#### DECISION

**MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott**

**That Council:**

1. note the unconfirmed Dorset Audit Panel minutes, dated 28 April 2026;
2. note the community update on the Pioneer Dam dewatering and decommissioning; and
3. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Audit Panel Meeting Minutes

On 28 April 2026, the Audit Panel held their meeting for the March quarter, with the meeting being the first for newly appointed independent member and Chair, Jan Lynch, along with Ian Wright.

The following items were discussed

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
2. Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes | 11 November 2025
3. Outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel meetings
4. Financial Audit Strategy – year ended 30 June 2026
5. Board of Inquiry Update

6. Quarterly Financial Results to 31 December 2025
7. 2025/26 Annual Plan Update | March Quarterly Report
8. IT Strategy Update
9. 2026/27 Budget Estimates Overview
10. Other Business / Update on Significant Events

Specifics relating to the Board of Inquiry have been redacted in the unconfirmed minutes due to confidentiality requirements.

The unconfirmed minutes can be viewed in the [attachments](#).

#### COMMUNITY UPDATE: Pioneer Dam Dewatering and Decommissioning Update

On 11 May 2026, Council in conjunction with the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group stakeholders received the following update from the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service on the Pioneer Dam.

*The Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) wish to advise that procurement of contractors to support dewatering and decommissioning of Pioneer Dam was completed in April. The civil contractor is Shaw Contracting (AUST) Pty Ltd. Entura (Hydro-Electric Corporation) is providing engineering, environmental and superintendent services to support the project.*

*Contractors have been present at the site in recent weeks as engineering and environmental assessments were undertaken. Shaw Contracting will mobilise to site tomorrow (12 May 2026) to commence site preparation for dewatering of the dam. Once commenced, it is expected that dewatering and decommissioning works will take approximately 6 weeks to complete.*

*Access to the site during dewatering and decommissioning will remain restricted. At completion of decommissioning, public use of Pioneer Lake will reopen.*

*The Pioneer Dam Safety Emergency Plan has been reviewed and updated by Entura prior to commencement of works. A copy of the updated plan will be forwarded to plan holders separately.*

*Any enquiries about the work can be addressed to Property Services - [propertyservices@parks.tas.gov.au](mailto:propertyservices@parks.tas.gov.au).*

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | April 2026

|                                 | Requests Received<br>April 2026 | Comparison<br>April 2025 | FYTD Received<br>2025/26 | Comparison<br>FYTD Received<br>2024/25 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Feedback and Queries            | -                               | 2                        | 3                        | 22                                     |
| Repair Bin                      | 7                               | 3                        | 39                       | 50                                     |
| Replace Bin                     | 2                               | 5                        | 46                       | 41                                     |
| Request a New Service           | 3                               | 3                        | 24                       | 38                                     |
| Remove Additional Bin           | -                               | 3                        | 14                       | 13                                     |
| Request an Additional Bin       | 1                               | 4                        | 19                       | 38                                     |
| Request an Upsize/Downsize      | 4                               | -                        | 33                       | 40                                     |
| Request to Opt Out (of Service) | -                               | 1                        | 3                        | 3                                      |
| <b>Total Requests</b>           | <b>17</b>                       | <b>21</b>                | <b>181</b>               | <b>245</b>                             |



APPROVED APPLICATIONS | April 2026

|                 | April<br>2026 | Approved<br>2026 YTD | Approved<br>2025 YTD |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Planning</b> | 5             | 32                   | 33                   |
| <b>Building</b> | 7             | 25                   | 20                   |
| <b>Plumbing</b> | 4             | 12                   | 10                   |

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in April 2026.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | April 2026

|                                   | Requests Received<br>April 2026 | Comparison<br>Requests<br>April 2025 | Received<br>2026 | Comparison<br>2025 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Animal                            | 8                               | 1                                    | 24               | 6                  |
| Bike Trails                       | -                               | -                                    | -                | -                  |
| Bridges                           | -                               | -                                    | 1                | -                  |
| Caravan Parks                     | -                               | -                                    | 4                | 3                  |
| Cemeteries                        | -                               | -                                    | 1                | 1                  |
| Community Awards                  | -                               | -                                    | 1                | -                  |
| Community Development General     | -                               | -                                    | -                | -                  |
| Corporate Services General        | -                               | 4                                    | 1                | 7                  |
| Council Elections                 | -                               | -                                    | 3                | 1                  |
| Customer Service                  | 1                               | -                                    | 5                | 4                  |
| Emergency Services Enquiries      | -                               | -                                    | -                | 1                  |
| Environmental Management & Health | 3                               | 6                                    | 16               | 11                 |
| Footpath Enquiries                | 3                               | -                                    | 18               | -                  |
| Government Relations              | -                               | -                                    | -                | -                  |
| Licencing                         | -                               | -                                    | -                | 1                  |
| Parks and Reserves                | 4                               | 4                                    | 11               | 12                 |
| Planning & Building               | -                               | -                                    | 1                | -                  |
| Playground Maintenance            | -                               | -                                    | 3                | -                  |
| Public Health                     | -                               | 1                                    | -                | 2                  |
| Public Online Enquiries           | -                               | -                                    | -                | 1                  |
| Public Amenities                  | -                               | 3                                    | 8                | 6                  |
| Public Halls Buildings            | 7                               | -                                    | 12               | 1                  |
| Recreation Grounds                | 4                               | 2                                    | 17               | 4                  |
| Roads                             | 13                              | 18                                   | 86               | 83                 |
| Swimming Pools                    | -                               | -                                    | -                | 5                  |
| Waste Management                  | 1                               | 1                                    | 4                | 4                  |
| <b>Total Requests</b>             | <b>44</b>                       | <b>40</b>                            | <b>216</b>       | <b>153</b>         |

A detailed copy of the Customer Service Requests is included in the attachments.

## 2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
|  | Complete 2025/26                   |
|  | Completed in April 2026            |
|  | Carried Forward Projects – 2026/27 |
|  | Projects Withdrawn                 |

| PROJECT                                                                                               | STATUS                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>BRIDGES</b>                                                                                        |                        |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – repairs to piers (addition allocation, storm recovery)          | Completed              |
| Bridge 1604 Panama Forest Road, Golconda – timber deck renewal                                        | Completed              |
| Bridge 1589 Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – timber superstructure renewal (beams & deck)              | Completed              |
| Bridge 1556 New River Road, Ringarooma – timber deck renewal                                          | Completed              |
| Bridge 1594 Greeta Road, Nabowla – timber superstructure renewal (beams and deck)                     | Carried Forward        |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – slab repairs                                                    |                        |
| Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)              | Tender Recommended     |
| Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation) | Tender Recommended     |
| <b>STORMWATER</b>                                                                                     |                        |
| 61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits                                                  |                        |
| 3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment                        | Investigation complete |
| Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain                                                                  | Completed              |
| 9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network                                            | Commenced              |
| 21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network                                         | Completed              |
| 52 Scott Street, Branhholm – design and install new network                                           | Commenced              |
| 3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network                                          | Commenced              |
| <b>ROADS – RESHEETING</b>                                                                             |                        |
| Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse                                                                       | Completed              |
| Cape Portland Road, Gladstone                                                                         | Completed              |
| Bridport Back Road, Nabowla                                                                           | Completed              |
| Nourses Road, Bridport                                                                                | Completed              |
| Unwins Road, Springfield                                                                              | Completed              |
| McDonalds Avenue, Ringarooma                                                                          | Completed              |
| Dead Horse Hill Road, Ringarooma                                                                      | Completed              |
| Pera Flats Road, Ringarooma                                                                           | Completed              |
| Swanee Road, Winnaleah                                                                                | Completed              |
| Ferny Hill Road, Bridport                                                                             | Completed              |
| Bridport – urban resheeting (various locations)                                                       | Completed              |

| PROJECT                                                                | STATUS          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>ROADS – RESEALS</b>                                                 |                 |
| George Street, Scottsdale – highway access                             | Carried Forward |
| Maurice Street, Legerwood                                              | Carried Forward |
| Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale                                            | Carried Forward |
| Beattie Street, Scottsdale                                             | Carried Forward |
| Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access                           | Carried Forward |
| Christopher Street, Scottsdale                                         | Carried Forward |
| Mary Street, Scottsdale                                                | Carried Forward |
| Alice Street, Scottsdale                                               | Carried Forward |
| East Maurice Road, Ringarooma                                          | Completed       |
| Oakdene Road, Jetsonville                                              | Carried Forward |
| Barnbogle Road, Bridport                                               | Carried Forward |
| Barnett Road, Ringarooma                                               | Completed       |
| Ruby Flats Road, Branxholm                                             | Completed       |
| Derby Back Road, Derby                                                 | Completed       |
| Sykes Road, Springfield                                                | Completed       |
| Arnold Place, Scottsdale                                               | Completed       |
| Charles Street, Pioneer – additional reseal                            | Completed       |
| <b>ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS</b>                                          |                 |
| Willis Road, Lietinna – hotmix overlay intersection with Golconda Road | Completed       |
| Koomeela Road, West Scottsdale – culvert repairs                       | Completed       |
| Banca Road, Winnaleah – pavement repair and hotmix surface             | Completed       |
| Golconda Road, Nabowla – 3.4km safety upgrades and pavement renewal    | Commenced       |
| Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage)             | Commenced       |
| Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design                              | Design          |
| Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal                            | Commenced       |
| Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal                   | Design          |
| Austins Road and Tasman Highway, Scottsdale – junction upgrade         | Completed       |
| Northeast Lane, Scottsdale – design                                    | Completed       |
| Union Street, Scottsdale – kerb and stormwater upgrade (stage 1)       | Completed       |
| Pioneer township – footpath                                            | Completed       |
| Golconda Road, Golconda – freight and safety improvement strategy      | Commenced       |
| Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey                               | Commenced       |

| PROJECT                                                                                         | STATUS           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>BUILDINGS</b>                                                                                |                  |
| <b>Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – camp kitchen renewal (replace beams)</b>                     | <b>Completed</b> |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical switchboard renewal and underground cables (stage 1) | Scheduled        |
| <b>Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades</b>     | <b>Completed</b> |
| <b>Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows</b>                                    | <b>Completed</b> |
| Derby, Branhholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades                      | Commenced        |
| Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal                                                                   | Planning         |
| <b>Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement</b>                                             | <b>Completed</b> |
| Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)                                               | Planning         |
| <b>Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal</b>                                    | <b>Completed</b> |
| <b>Branholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)</b>                               | <b>Completed</b> |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities upgrade (shower cubicle storage / shelving)           |                  |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – cabin upgrades / outdoor area improvements                      |                  |
| Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Reuse Centre shop extension                                 | Planning         |
| <b>Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump</b>                                            | <b>Completed</b> |
| Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras                                                          | Planning         |
| <b>Scottsdale Depot – relocation of storage sheds (additional allocation)</b>                   | <b>Completed</b> |
| <b>Nugget Sellars Pavilion (Scottsdale Recreation Ground) – heat pump</b>                       | <b>Completed</b> |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access through Council network                               | Scheduled        |
| <b>LAND IMPROVEMENTS</b>                                                                        |                  |
| Blue Derby – network signage                                                                    | Commenced        |
| <b>Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement</b>                   | <b>Completed</b> |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps               | Planning         |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts                               | Commenced        |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve                               | Ordered          |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement                                | Planning         |
| <b>Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace umbrella covers</b>                                      | <b>Completed</b> |
| <b>Derby Park – Ringarooma Road erosion repairs</b>                                             | <b>Completed</b> |
| <b>Pine Plantation, Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting (additional allocation)</b>        | <b>Completed</b> |
| Blue Derby – Black Stump car turning area redevelopment                                         | Planning         |
| Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion                                                 | Planning         |
| Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)                               | Design           |
| Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment                                               | Commenced        |
| Blue Derby – memorial lookout                                                                   | Commenced        |
| Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall                                              | Commenced        |
| Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning                                                    |                  |
| Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study                                      |                  |

| PROJECT                                                                        | STATUS                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS</b>                                                  |                       |
| <u><b>Bridges</b></u>                                                          |                       |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)  | Tender Awarded        |
| Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete        | Tender Recommendation |
| <u><b>Roads</b></u>                                                            |                       |
| South Street, Bridport – replace kerb                                          | Completed             |
| King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing                                  | Withdrawn             |
| George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing                                | Withdrawn             |
| Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath                                   | Carried Forward       |
| <u><b>Buildings</b></u>                                                        |                       |
| Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby           |                       |
| Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration                              |                       |
| Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed                                      | Commenced             |
| Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach | Planning              |
| Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed                             | Commenced             |
| Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed                              | Commenced             |
| Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed                             | Commenced             |
| Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed                              | Commenced             |
| Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed                            | Commenced             |
| <u><b>Land Improvements</b></u>                                                |                       |
| Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements                             | Investigations        |
| Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs                                | Planning              |
| Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)              | Planning              |
| Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)               | Planning              |
| Scottsdale community bike track                                                |                       |
| Gladstone community park                                                       |                       |
| Waste Transfer Station signage                                                 | Commenced             |
| CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light                                            | Completed             |

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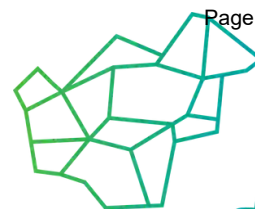
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# Strategic Plan

## 2023 - 2032

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*Barnbougle Golf Course, Bridport*  
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*Bridestowe Lavender Farm, Nabowla*

*Briseis Mine Hole, Derby*  
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## Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the palawa community as the first inhabitants of the nation and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise them as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where we live, learn and work.

**Front Page:** Mount Stronach 'View of Dorset'



# Mayor's Welcome

On behalf of Dorset Council, I am pleased to present the 2026 update of our 2023 – 2032 Strategic Plan. This plan reflects a shared vision for the future of our community, developed through close collaboration between Councillors, Council Officers, community members, and relevant authorities.

In accordance with Section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to maintain a Strategic Plan covering a period of at least 10 years and to review it every four years. Recognising the pace of change in today's environment, Council has committed to undertaking annual reviews to ensure our priorities remain relevant and to identify new opportunities aligned with our long-term vision.



Mayor: Rhys Beattie

This Strategic Plan is built around four key strategic pillars that guide Council's work and decision-making:

- Livable Communities
- Economic Development
- Leadership and Governance
- Environmental Footprint

Together, these pillars shape our priorities and the actions we will take to create a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable region. The Strategic Plan clearly outlines what Council will deliver over the 2023 – 2032 period and why these initiatives are important for our municipality, providing a strong and transparent direction for the years ahead.

As we move forward, Council remains committed to delivering meaningful outcomes and working in partnership with our community to ensure Dorset continues to be a place we are proud to call home.

We invite you to join us on this journey.

# General Manager's Message



General Manager: John Marik

## **Dorset – Future Ready: Strategic Planning for an inclusive, thriving and connected community**

In June 2025, Dorset Council launched Dorset – Future Ready, a region-wide strategic planning initiative that will guide how the municipality grows and thrives through to 2032 and beyond. This project is central to delivering Council's Strategic Plan, which is built around four pillars: improving liveability, driving economic growth, enhancing service delivery, and reducing environmental impact.

### **Planning to Live, Work and Play**

Dorset – Future Ready focuses on creating a vision and master plan for the key growth towns of Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby, and community action plans for the remainder of the municipal towns. It aims to revitalise the region by delivering a series of interconnected projects, including:

- Town master planning; Housing and land supply needs; Economic and tourism development; Municipal infrastructure and community facility reviews; and Leveraging municipal strengths, including current industries, history and the natural environment.
- Community Action Plans will be developed with community and provide Council with an understanding of the needs of each community, as well as how community and Council can work together to achieve them.

Community feedback has made it clear: Dorset lacks enough residential and industrial land. To respond, Council has prioritised structure planning in Scottsdale and Derby, with Bridport to follow. Key projects include the Austins Road, Scottsdale residential subdivision and the Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale industrial precinct. These initiatives aim to ease housing pressure, support local industry and attract new investment.

### **Supporting a Growing, Changing Community**

Dorset's population is ageing, with the median age projected to increase to 55 by 2053<sup>1</sup>. To sustain vibrant communities, Dorset - Future Ready also focuses on:

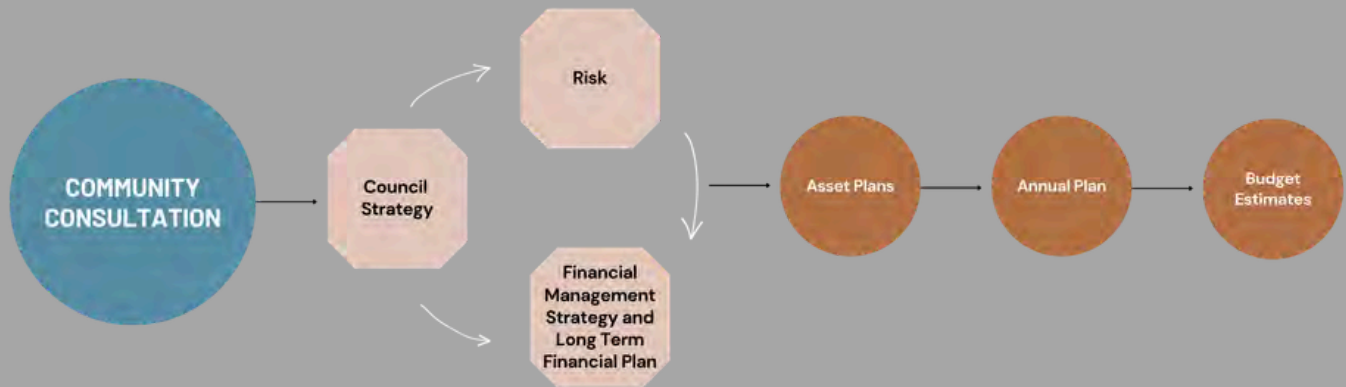
- First and foremost, looking after, and leveraging the strengths of current residents; Advocating for aged care options; Retaining and attracting young families; and Driving population growth to support local services and businesses.

### **Conclusion: A Strategic Pathway to a Stronger Dorset**

Dorset – Future Ready is not just a planning project—it's a long-term commitment to strengthening the liveability, economy and sustainability of the Dorset region. Through strategic visioning, coordinated investment, and strong partnerships, Council will ensure Dorset remains the most desirable place to live in Tasmania.

<sup>1</sup>Source: Department of State Growth | Population Projections Dashboard

# Strategic Framework



The Dorset Council Strategic Framework starts with understanding the needs of the Dorset community. The elected members of Council represent the community and make decisions on the allocation of Council resources to best meet those community needs.

Council's Strategic Plan is an important document which identifies the future direction of Council to meet community needs. The comprehensive review of Council's Strategic Plan is the start of a new cycle that will result in a review and update of all other plans, including Council's Risk Management Framework and the Financial Management Strategy. The Strategic Plan is in no way sequentially numbered in the order of priority, it is numbered so it can be easily identifiable and tracked within Council's Annual Plan. Council's Strategic Plan is a high level document highlighting what the Council wants to achieve, and why that is important. Council's Annual Plan and implementation plans will then delve into how some of the activities will be achieved, which will include deeper reviews and for relevant activities, further community consultation and feedback.

Council's Risk Management Framework identifies, assesses, and prioritises risks and assists Council to make decisions on how those risks are best mitigated. The Financial Management Strategy is the process of analysing and managing financial resources effectively and efficiently to meet Council's objectives as per the Strategic Plan. Both risk management and financial management help inform strategic planning by providing data on the current state of Council and the potential financial impacts of different strategies.

# Snapshot of Dorset

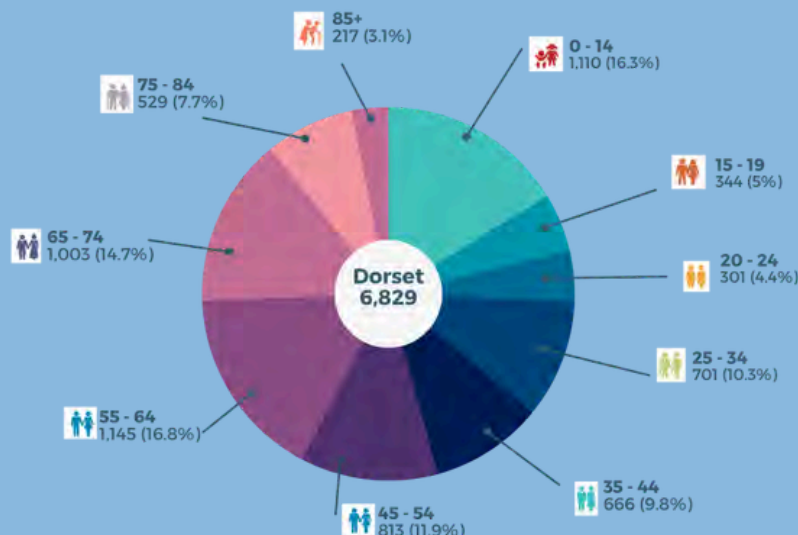
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The Dorset municipality is located in North East Tasmania, with a total land area of 3,231 square kilometres. The main township is Scottsdale with a number of settlements including Bridport, Branxholm, Derby, Gladstone, Herrick, Legerwood, Moorina, Musselroe Bay, Nabowla, Pioneer, Ringarooma, South Mount Cameron, Springfield, Tomahawk and Winnaleah.



In the 2021 Census based on the Dorset Local Government area:

- the population was 6,829 people, with 49.5% being male and 50.5% being female;
- the median age of the population of Dorset was 48 compared to 42 years across Tasmania;
- single (or lone) person households have increased from 795 (29.5%) in 2011 to 874 (31.6%) in 2021;
- unoccupied private dwellings have stayed relatively unchanged, increasing from 945 (25.9%) in 2011, to 947 (25.5%) in 2021; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 4.1% of the population.



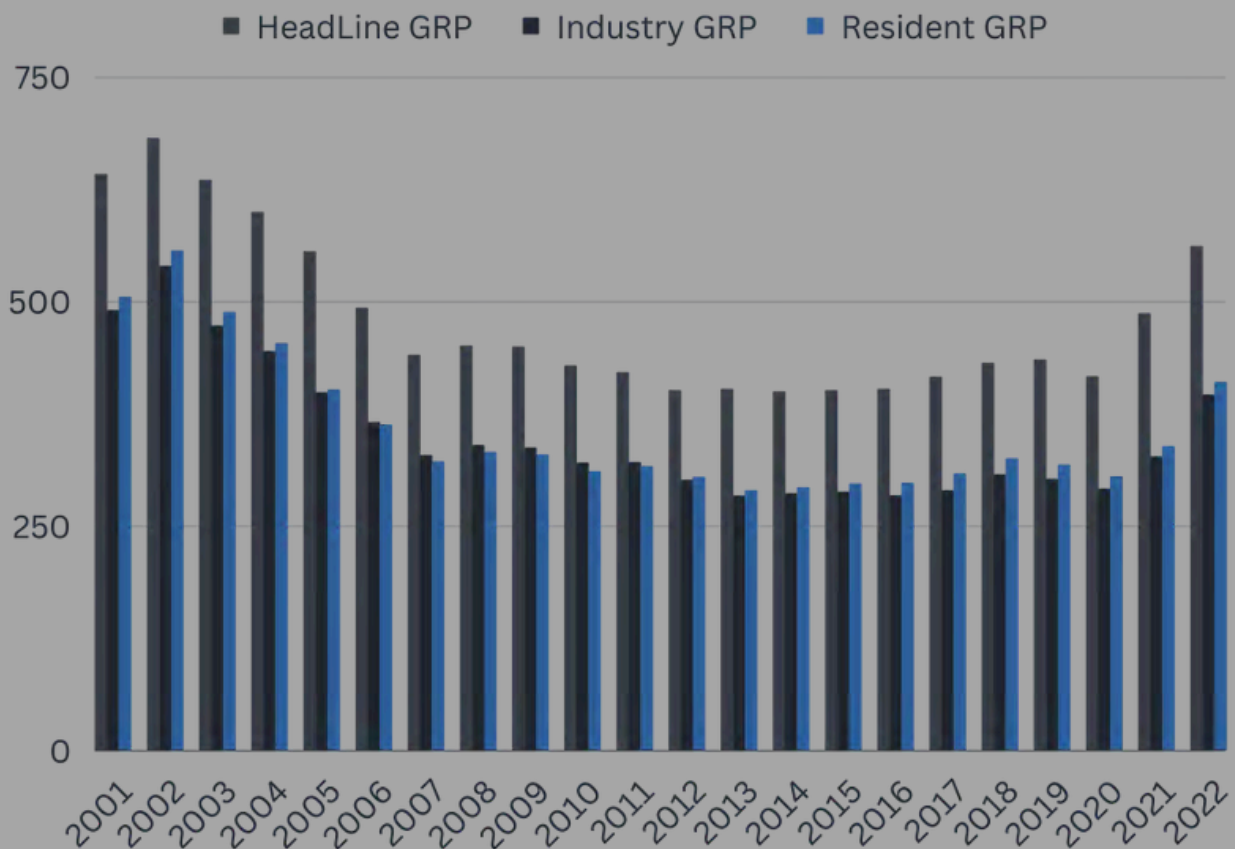
# Industry Analysis

The Dorset municipality contributed a gross regional product (which measures the final market value of all goods and services produced in the region) of \$0.56 billion in 2021/22. The 2021/22 financial year grew 15.4% on the prior financial year.

Local sales account for 49.3% of the economic output of the Dorset municipality. While 42.2% are domestic exports and 8.5% are international exports.

The Dorset municipality gross regional product resulted in Dorset employees contributing 1.5% of Tasmania's economic value. Dorset employees accounted for 1.1% of Tasmania's employment. This clearly identifies that Dorset was contributing well and truly above its employment levels towards the gross state product (which measures the sum of value added from all industries within the state).

## GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT DORSET COUNCIL AREA



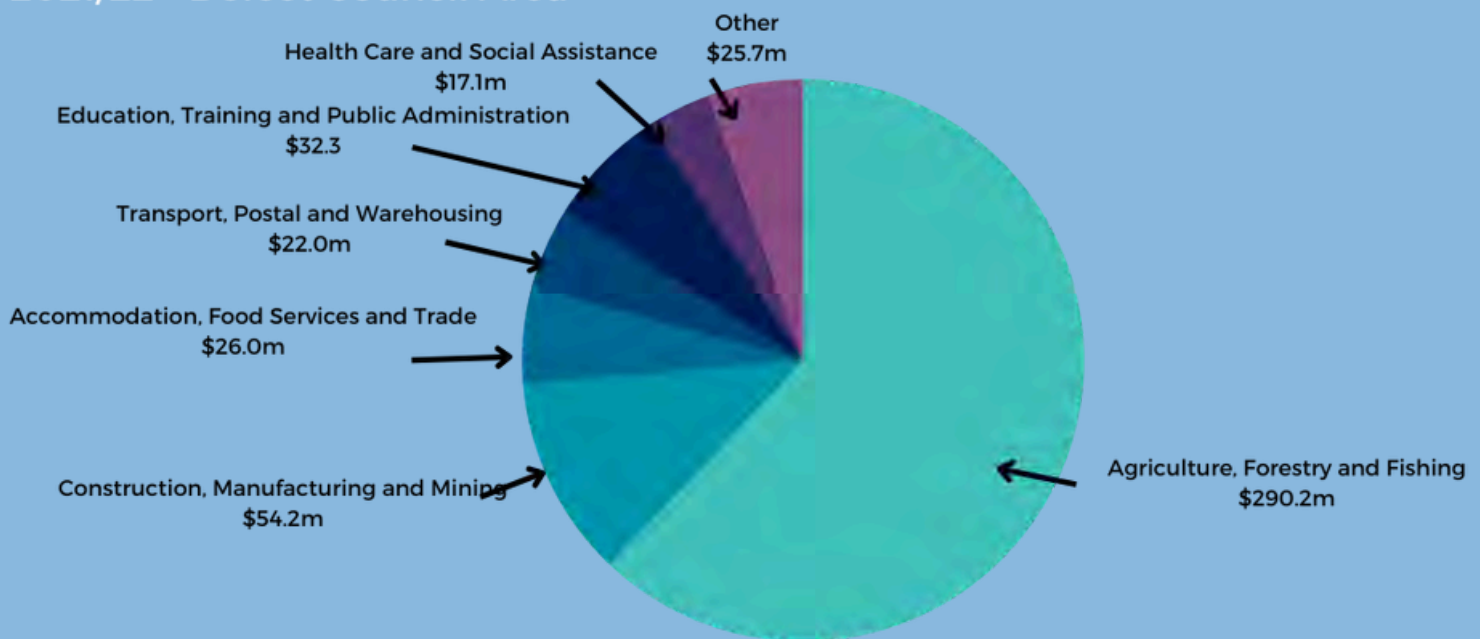
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Within the Dorset municipality agriculture, forestry and fishing are the most productive industries, generating \$290 million in 2021/22, up 40.1% since the previous year which was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Agriculture equates to \$245 million (84.7% of the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector), forestry and logging: \$21.2 million (7.3%), agriculture, forestry and fishing support services: \$16.0 million (5.5%) and fishing, hunting and trapping: \$6.4 million (2.2%).

Construction, manufacturing and mining generated \$54.2 million in 2021/22.

In recent years, the tourism industry has grown substantially and is shown below as part of the accommodation, food services and trade section, along with a portion sitting within the other section. The National Institute of Economic and Industry Research has reported that in 2021/22, the value of tourism to the Dorset municipality was \$38.97 million in output and sales and \$18.55 million in value added.

## Value Added by Industry Sector 2021/22 - Dorset Council Area



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*Carisbrook Lane, Legerwood*  
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## OUR VISION

*An inclusive, thriving and connected community.*

## OUR VALUES

### **Leadership**

We lead by example through our behaviours and approach to work. We are a proactive advocate for the community, and engage with the community in determining and driving a vision for Dorset.

### **Creative Thinking**

We foster a solution-driven environment that embraces innovation and inspires fresh approaches in adapting to, and creating, change.

### **Customer Service**

We meet our service standards in a professional and responsive manner.

### **Engagement**

We communicate openly and encourage the active participation of the community.

### **Respect**

We engage in open dialogue whilst accepting there will be differences of opinion.

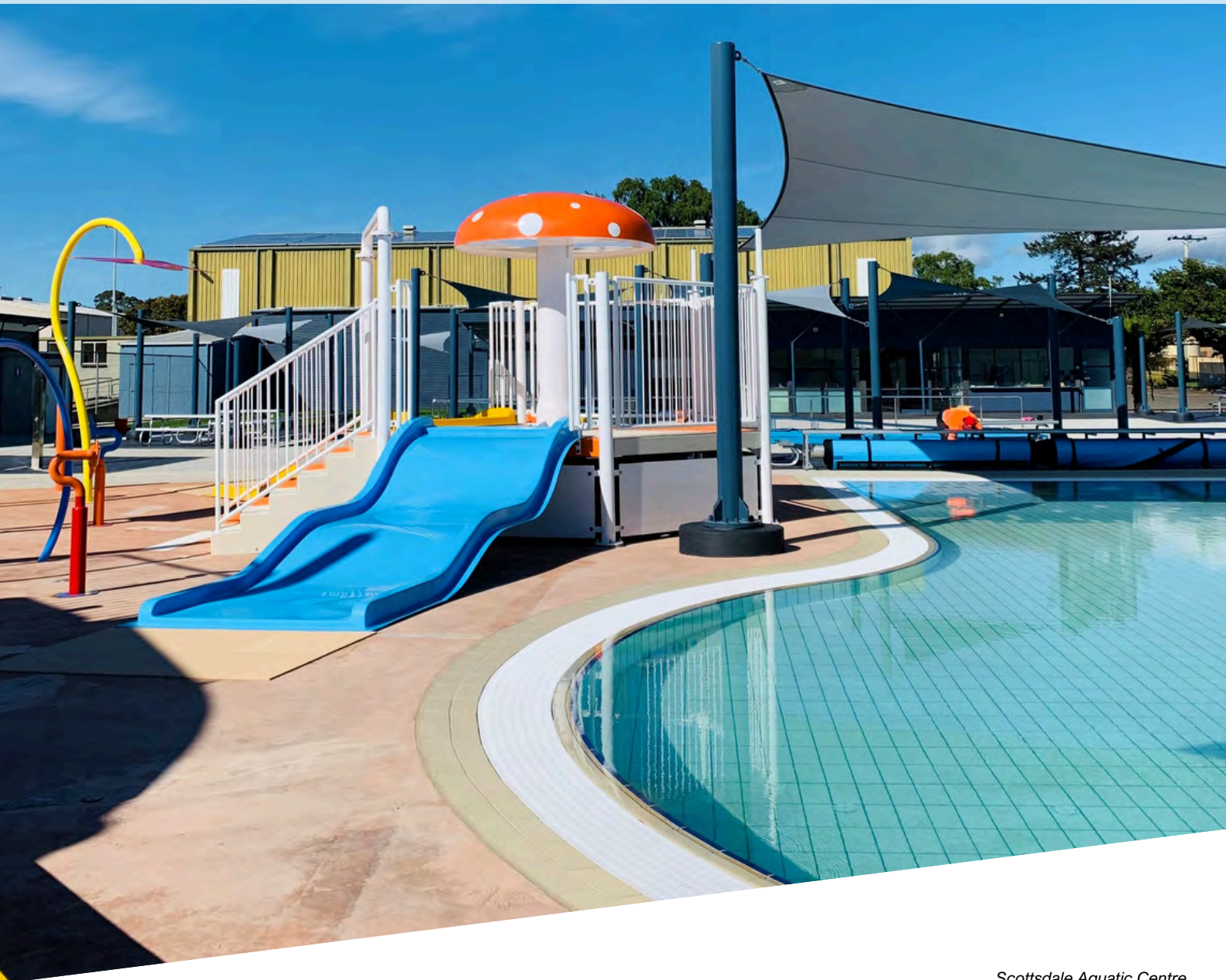
### **Financially Responsible**

We deliver services to the community in a sustainable and strategic cost effective way.



# Liveable Community

**Objective:** *To continually improve the liveability of the community and to respond to community challenges and changing demographics*



Scottsdale Aquatic Centre

## **Strategy**

Council will maintain and invest in community infrastructure and empower community groups through provision of funding and support of initiatives.

## **Why**

Councils interact with the community on a daily basis and therefore have the ability to advocate for or provide practical assistance that results in positive health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.

## **Strategic Imperatives**

### **1. Council recognises the importance and will continue to work with and support our ageing communities.**

- 1.1 Review retirement opportunities (e.g. Northbourne Park Association and Seaview Village) and assist, where possible, with development, growth and sustainability.

### **2. Council will work with third party providers to increase the voice of young people in the community**

- 2.1 Actively engage, and partly fund, along with the Tasmanian Community Fund, the Bright Dorset Youth Program through Dorset Community House during 2022 – .
- 2.2 Work with schools and Dorset Community House to create employment pathways e.g. employment expo, employment academy and school partnerships.

### **3. Council will support events and festivals in conjunction with a regional marketing strategy for a vibrant community**

- 3.1 Review and possibly expand grant and sponsorship programs, e.g. signature events in the municipality.

### **4. Council will support the community by ensuring facilities are provided and maintained for recreational and community use**

- 4.1 Review all Council owned assets.
- 4.2 Review pricing structures of all Council owned assets including life-cycle costs.

### **5. Council will establish closer relationships with local business / industry to work together for the betterment of the region**

- 5.1 Review current communication channels and look at ways to engage.
- 5.2 Establishing a culture of engagement and participation with Council.

### **6. Council to advocate for health and wellbeing for all members of the community**

- 6.1 Council will determine priorities for advocacy.





# Economic Development

**Objective:** *To stimulate economic growth through sustainable and visionary projects, with a view to increasing prosperity, population and investment.*



*Agricultural Crops, Scottsdale*

To embrace innovation and encourage new industries and businesses whilst supporting traditional industry to proactively drive the prosperity of the municipality.

**Why**

To generate employment and to diversify the local economy to create more opportunities for new and existing residents.

**Strategic Imperatives****7. Increase Dorset's population to attain scale in services and in Council's rates / grant base**

- 7.1 Sideling redevelopment to improve access to Dorset for the community and lower costs for commercial operators.
- 7.2 Dorset - Future Ready: a holistic strategic planning project whereby Council will consult and engage with the community to determine a vision for each town and its surrounds. Key focus areas may include:
  - housing and accommodation needs
  - natural environment recognition and protection
  - recognition of heritage and history
  - economic growth needs
  - master planning and / or community planning which may include recreational, open space, settlement growth, and infrastructure planning
- 7.3 The development of a municipal prospectus to attract and incentivise investment and new business ventures to capitalise on regional strengths which include agriculture, forestry and tourism.
- 7.4 Engage with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation to develop a responsive regional settlement plan, population strategy and marketing plan aimed to attract and retain young families and entrepreneurs into the community.

**8. Work with the tourism industry to create a municipal marketing strategy and plan to drive visitation**

- 8.1 Partner with external providers with the appropriate skill-sets to create a municipal marketing strategy and plan focused on increasing tourism to the region.
- 8.2 Successfully deliver the City to the Sea project to leverage new markets and increase visitation to the region.
- 8.3 Develop a tourism friendly infrastructure plan to enhance positive visitor experiences by ensuring infrastructure is upgraded, renewed and maintained.

**9. Facilitate and advocate for projects that enable economic growth across the municipality**

- 9.1 Policies will be reviewed to ensure they are investment friendly.
- 9.2 Create strategic partnerships with other organisations and Councils for the benefits of the northern / north east regions.
- 9.3 Establish a Projects of Significance report to ascertain grant funding / advocacy / election promises priorities.
- 9.4 Transition Blue Derby mountain bike operations away from Council to the Blue Derby Foundation in a staged approach.





# Leadership and Governance

**Objective:** *To create value and improve service delivery for the community through effective leadership and governance.*

*Council Chambers, Scottsdale*

To clearly prioritise projects and initiatives that improve infrastructure and service delivery to the community.

**Why**

To provide value for money to the community by delivering on priority projects and initiatives.

**Strategic Imperatives****10. Council's Strategic Plan is filtered through all Council's plans and budgets**

- 10.1 Annual Plans, Budget Estimates and Council Policies reflect Council strategy.
- 10.2 Council reviews the risk management frameworks and resets risk tolerance and risk appetite levels.
- 10.3 Review, adopt and implement all infrastructure asset management plans, including life-cycle costings.
- 10.4 Rates, fees and charges will reflect value for money for the community.

**11. Council strives to be a desirable place to work**

- 11.1 Develop a positive and safe workplace culture where employees feel valued for their contribution.
- 11.2 Review training, development and succession planning to build and retain employee capability.
- 11.3 Review reward, recognition, health and wellbeing programs.
- 11.4 Develop a Council scholarship, apprenticeship and traineeship program to retain local talent e.g. employment academy, employment expo, school partnerships

**12. Cooperation and engagement with external reviews relating to Council activities**

- 12.1 Conduct performance audits on key operational areas.
- 12.2 Engagement with the Future of Local Government Review and Targeted Priority Reform Program.

**13. Improve Council efficiency and effectiveness**

- 13.1 Review Council operations and implement continuous improvement and innovation.
- 13.2 Demonstrate sound governance that builds a foundation of trust within the community and for prospective investors.
- 13.3 Review Council's cost structures including procurement practices to ensure value is being attained in all parts of Council, whilst offering incentives to local businesses.
- 13.4 Review and improve customer service delivery to key stakeholders.
- 13.5 Review of Council's project management capability, capacity and project delivery and implement change, as required.



# Environmental Footprint

**Objective:** *To proactively engage in strategies that result in sustainable natural resource management for Dorset.*



Waratah's  
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## Strategy

Investigate options to reduce Council's environmental footprint, minimise waste to landfill and support renewable energy opportunities for the region.

## Why

While Council is at the coal face of Government and provides service delivery as opposed to setting policy, Council can make an environmental difference and set a positive example by reducing its environmental footprint in light of challenges posed by climate change.

## Strategic Imperatives

### **14. Council will maximise efforts to reduce waste going to landfill and maximise the reuse of items and increase recycling within the municipality**

- 14.1 Active participation with Circular North and other Councils to look at regional solutions to attain scale and effectiveness
- 14.2 Deliver a Waste Strategy in relation to recycling (Reth!nk Waste Tasmania), organics and green waste.
- 14.3 Reduce the use of single use plastics.
- 14.4 Maximise container refund scheme opportunities.

### **15. Council will support renewable energy opportunities**

- 15.1 Support and advocate for renewable energy projects such as wind farms.

### **16. Council will initiate projects to reduce environmental footprint**

- 16.1 Council will consider, where appropriate, new affordable technologies including:
  - 16.1.1 Council's fleet;
  - 16.1.2 Solar; and
  - 16.1.3 Energy efficient infrastructure such as lights, light globes, fuel efficient or electric powered mowers, chainsaws, brush-cutters or non-fossil fuel powered plant and equipment.
- 16.2 Audit of maintenance program e.g. waste truck routes, grading, slashing programs to ensure operations are as effective and efficient as possible, along with investigation of chemical usage.
- 16.3 Involvement with the Northern Councils Climate Change project including carbon assessments, climate change risk assessments, and climate dashboard.

### **17. Council will review vegetation and weed management plans**

- 17.1 Review, adopt and implement weed management strategy and planning.
- 17.2 Review, adopt and implement vegetation management plans.



# Thanks

We would like to thank all members of the community who provided their thoughts and feedback. Your input has been invaluable in the development of the Plan and ensuring the Plan aligns with the sentiment of the community.

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| V2      | DOC/24/7083 | 24/06/2024    | John Marik | <b>Annual Review</b> - inclusion of words 'Engage with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation to develop a responsive regional settlement plan, population strategy' and 'and retain' included in imperative 7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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## Dorset Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032

Reviewed during May 2026

| Summary                 |                    |                |                   |                 |
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| Strategic Items         | Total Action Items | Items Complete | Items In Progress | Not Yet Started |
| Strategic Imperative 1  | 1                  |                | 1                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 2  | 2                  |                | 2                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 3  | 1                  | 1              |                   |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 4  | 2                  |                | 2                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 5  | 2                  | 2              |                   |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 6  | 1                  | 1              |                   |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 7  | 4                  |                | 2                 | 2               |
| Strategic Imperative 8  | 3                  |                | 3                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 9  | 4                  | 4              |                   |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 10 | 4                  | 4              |                   |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 11 | 4                  |                | 2                 | 2               |
| Strategic Imperative 12 | 2                  | 1              |                   | 1               |
| Strategic Imperative 13 | 5                  | 2              | 3                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 14 | 4                  | 2              | 1                 | 1               |
| Strategic Imperative 15 | 1                  |                | 1                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 16 | 3                  |                | 3                 |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 17 | 2                  | 2              |                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>45</b>          | <b>19</b>      | <b>20</b>         | <b>6</b>        |
| <b>% of total items</b> |                    | <b>42%</b>     | <b>44%</b>        | <b>13%</b>      |

Green

Project timeline and budget on target

Orange

Project timeline extension up to 12 months and / or budget over run by 10-20%

Red

Project timeline extension &gt; 12 months and / or budget over run &gt; 20%

| Project Status          |                    |            |            |           |                 |
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| Strategic Items         | Total Action Items | Green      | Orange     | Red       | Not Yet Started |
| Strategic Imperative 1  | 1                  |            |            | 1         |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 2  | 2                  | 2          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 3  | 1                  | 1          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 4  | 2                  | 2          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 5  | 2                  | 2          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 6  | 1                  | 1          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 7  | 4                  | 2          |            |           | 2               |
| Strategic Imperative 8  | 3                  | 1          | 1          | 1         |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 9  | 4                  | 4          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 10 | 4                  | 4          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 11 | 4                  |            | 2          |           | 2               |
| Strategic Imperative 12 | 2                  | 1          |            |           | 1               |
| Strategic Imperative 13 | 5                  | 5          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 14 | 4                  | 2          | 1          |           | 1               |
| Strategic Imperative 15 | 1                  |            | 1          |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 16 | 3                  | 3          |            |           |                 |
| Strategic Imperative 17 | 2                  | 2          |            |           |                 |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>45</b>          | <b>32</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>6</b>        |
| <b>% of total items</b> |                    | <b>71%</b> | <b>11%</b> | <b>4%</b> | <b>13%</b>      |

**Strategic Imperative 1:**

*Council recognises the importance and will continue to work with and support our ageing communities*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |      |           |         |         |       |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date | Item Name | Details | Adopted | Notes |

| Council Strategic Plan Update |         |                              |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                | Timing  | Activity Details             | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1.1                           | 2023/24 | Council under-writing Aminya | 90%    | As at May 2026, the transfer of Council's title is settled with Council as vendor. From Council's perspective as mortgagee, Celebrate Healthcare (May Shaw) is attending to stamping. This is envisaged to take 1-2 months to be assessed. Once stamp duty has been assessed, Council's solicitors will be able to lodge the transfer and mortgage with the Land Titles Office for registration. |

**Strategic Imperative 2:**

*Council will work with third party providers to increase the voice of young people in the community*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                          |                                                                    |                                |                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                | Details                                                            | Adopted                        | Notes                            |
| 2.1 & 2.2                                          | 19/01/2026 | Review of Policy No. 27 - Youth   Endorsement for Community Consultation | Present reviewed Policy for endorsement for community consultation | 19 January 2026 - Item 14/2026 | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17 |
| 2.1 & 2.2                                          | 20/04/2026 | Review Update   Policy No. 27 - Youth                                    | Adopted reviewed Policy                                            | 20 April 2026 - Item 83/2026   | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17 |

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| Imperative Ref                | Timing          | Activity Details                                                           | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2.1                           | 2022-2025       | Bright Dorset Youth Program                                                | 75%    | Council provides \$20,000 funding per annum to the Bright Dorset Youth Program along with the General Manager being on the project advisory committee. The Bright Dorset Program has now been extended to 30 June 2027. |
| 2.2                           | 2023/24 onwards | Assisting with the creation of Council, and community, employment pathways | 50%    | Director Corporate Services on the Dorset Employment Connect advisory committee, involvement with Dorset Employment Connect employment expo.                                                                            |

**Imperative 3:**

*Council will support and deliver events and festivals in conjunction with a regional marketing strategy for a vibrant community*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                     |                                                                           |                            |       |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                           | Details                                                                   | Adopted                    | Notes |
| 3 & 3.1                                            | 23/06/2025 | Event Funding Panel Recommendations | Approved funding of applications received under the Event Funding Program | 23 June 2025 Item 111/2025 |       |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                                                 | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                           |
| 3.1                           | 2023/24 onwards | Review and possible expansion of grants and sponsorship programs | 100%   | A new Events Policy has been developed and implemented. Any expansion of funding will be determined by the Council as part of budget estimates. |



**Imperative 4:**

*Council will support the community by ensuring facilities are provided and maintained for recreational and community use*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                            |                                                                                                 |                                  |       |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                  | Details                                                                                         | Adopted                          | Notes |
| 4                                                  | 16/02/2026 | 2025/26 Capital Budget Variation and Adjustment - West Maurice Road Bridge | Amend capital budget to enable urgent bridge works + exemption from usual procurement processes | 16 February 2026<br>Item 34/2026 |       |
| 4                                                  | 16/02/2026 | Endorsement of Council Submission   20-Year Preventive Health Strategy     | Endorse submission                                                                              | 16 February 2026<br>Item 36/2026 |       |
| 4                                                  | 23/03/2026 | Contract 2025/26-08: Ferny Hill Road Realignment                           | Award tender to preferred tenderer and approve budget variation                                 | 23 March 2026 -<br>Item 46/2026  |       |
| 4                                                  | 18/05/2026 | Purchase   Replacement Road Maintenance Truck                              | Award tender to preferred tenderer                                                              | 18 May 2026 -<br>Item 89/2026    |       |
| 4                                                  | 18/05/2026 | Contract 2025/26-06: Bridge Upgrades   Haas Road and Jensens Road          | Award tender to preferred tenderer                                                              | 18 May 2026 -<br>Item 90/2026    |       |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                                                                 | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4.1                           | 2026/27         | Review all Council owned assets                                                  | 10%    | Total cost of ownership reviews for Council owned assets commenced in 2024/25, however it has been determined to undertake a strategic review of community facilities, services and assets as part of the 2026/27 Annual Plan. CCTV project with LGAT was completed in 2025/26. |
| 4.2                           | 2023/24 onwards | Review pricing structures of all Council owned assets, including lifecycle costs | 10%    | Fees and charges have been reviewed with Councillors in readiness for the 2026/27 budget estimates. A Strategic review of community facilities, along with a review of Council's Financial Management Strategy will be undertaken in 2026/27.                                   |

**Imperative 5:**

*Council will establish closer relationships with local business / industry to work together for the betterment of the region*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                          |                                                                    |                                   |                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                | Details                                                            | Adopted                           | Notes                            |
| 5.1 & 5.2                                          | 19/01/2026 | Review of Policy No. 27 - Youth   Endorsement for Community Consultation | Present reviewed Policy for endorsement for community consultation | 19 January 2026 -<br>Item 14/2026 | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17 |
| 5.1 & 5.2                                          | 20/04/2026 | Review Update   Policy No. 27 - Youth                                    | Adopted reviewed Policy                                            | 20 April 2026 - Item 83/2026      | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17 |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                        | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5.1                           | 2023/24 onwards | Review Council's communication channels | 100%   | Greater involvement with key local bodies, North East Tasmania Chamber, Bridport Innovations, Bridport Coastal Working Group, Blue Derby Foundation, Gladstone Future-Links, local Lions and Rotary Clubs shared across Councillors and Senior Council staff. Expanded familiarisation programs including site visits of local industry and businesses. An updated Youth Policy was adopted 20 April 2026. Council has expanded its reporting on Major Projects - see Council's website / Building & Development / Major Projects. |
| 5.2                           | 2023/24 onwards | Establishing a culture of engagement    | 100%   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Imperative 6:**

*Council to advocate for health and wellbeing for all members of the community*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                          |                                                                    |                                 |                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                | Details                                                            | Adopted                         | Notes                            |
| 6                                                  | 20/10/2025 | Priority Projects Plan 2025+                                             | Endorse new Priority Projects Plan                                 | 20 October 2025 - Item 194/2025 | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 5 |
| 6.1                                                | 19/01/2026 | Review of Policy No. 27 - Youth   Endorsement for Community Consultation | Present reviewed Policy for endorsement for community consultation | 19 January 2026 - Item 14/2026  | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17 |
| 6                                                  | 16/02/2026 | Endorsement of Council Submission   20-Year Preventive Health Strategy   | Endorse submission                                                 | 16 February 2026 Item 36/2026   |                                  |
| 6.1                                                | 20/04/2026 | Review Update   Policy No. 27 - Youth                                    | Adopted reviewed Policy                                            | 20 April 2026 - Item 83/2026    | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17 |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                               | Status | Notes                                                                     |
| 6.1                           | 2023/24 onwards | Council will determine priorities for advocacy | 100%   | During 2025/26 Council's Priority Projects Plan was reviewed and updated. |

**Imperative 7:**

*Increase Dorset's population to attain scale in services and in Council's rates / grant base*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                                   |                                                                                          |                                 |                                               |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                         | Details                                                                                  | Adopted                         | Notes                                         |
| 7.1                                                | 21/07/2025 | Council Support of the Tasman Highway 'Sideling' Project                          | Resolve to support and advocate for B Double Sideling Upgrades                           | 21 July 2025 - Item 135/2025    | Priority Projects Plan (2023-2025) Activity 1 |
| 7.2                                                | 21/07/2025 | Dorset - Tourism Destination Support                                              | Review comprehensive list of tourism attractions, working group and advocate for project | 21 July 2025 - Item 139/2025    |                                               |
| 7.1 & 7.2                                          | 20/10/2025 | Priority Projects Plan 2025+                                                      | Endorse new Priority Projects Plan                                                       | 20 October 2025 - Item 194/2025 | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 5              |
| 7.4                                                | 19/01/2026 | Northern Tasmania Development Corporation - Membership Review and Progress Update | Endorse new 3 year membership agreement for 2026 - 2029                                  | 19 January 2026 - Item 13/2026  |                                               |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                                                  | Status      | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7.1                           | 2023/24 onwards | Sideling Redevelopment                                            | 50%         | Council have been advocating for the Sideling upgrade to include the new alignment (as per Council's original business case) to divert via Corkery's Road along with heavy vehicles bypassing Derby via Derby Back Road. Department of State Growth will reinstate consultation mid 2026 calendar year. |
| 7.2                           | 2023/24 onwards | Dorset - Future Ready (Town master planning & community planning) | 10%         | Town Master Planning and Community Planning scoping has commenced. Projects to kick off in 2026/27.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7.3                           | N/A             | Municipal prospectus                                              | Not Started | This project is sequenced to start after NTRLUS finalisation, scheme amendments to unlock further land in Dorset, and master / community planning.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7.4                           | N/A             | Develop a marketing plan to attract and retain young families     | Not Started | This project would start after structure planning / NTRLUS development is completed for the municipality and appropriate land supply is released.                                                                                                                                                       |



**Imperative 8:**

Work with the tourism industry to create a municipal marketing strategy and plan to drive visitation

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                       |                                 |                                                                                   |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                     | Details                                                                                                                               | Adopted                         | Notes                                                                             |
| 8.2                                                | 23/06/2025 | North East Rail Trail - Stage 3 (Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls)                | Resolve to continue support of project subject to City of Launceston partnership and to seek further funding                          | 23/06/2025<br>Item 105/2025     | Annual Plan 2024/25 - Activity 23   Priority Projects Plan 2023-2025 - Activity 8 |
| 8.2                                                | 20/10/2025 | Priority Projects Plan 2025+                                                  | Endorse new Priority Projects Plan                                                                                                    | 20 October 2025 - Item 194/2025 | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 5                                                  |
| 8.2                                                | 20/04/2026 | Priority Projects Plan 2025+   North East Rail Trail - Stage 3 Project Update | Approved future direction of the North East Rail Trail and its role within a broader regional 'City to the Sea' trail network concept | 20 April 2026 - Item 81/2026    |                                                                                   |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                                                                 | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8.1                           | 2023/24 onwards | Partner with external providers to create a municipal tourism marketing strategy | 80%    | Visit Northern Tasmania and Council have a draft rationalised and prioritised action plan. These will be taken back to the original tourism working group for feedback, along with feedback on the NE Strategy and Plan in the June 2026 quarter depending on working group availability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8.2                           | 2023/24 onwards | Successfully deliver the Rail Trail                                              | 10%    | A business case for the Rail Trail is completed. Dorset Council are working with the City of Launceston on a possible Memorandum of Understanding. Council officers presented the Rail Trail project to Councillors in a June 2025 special workshop and put the project to vote in the June 2025 Council meeting. In the 20 April 2026 Council Meeting the Rail Trail has been absorbed into a broader regional "City to the Sea" trail network concept. The General Manager will table this concept to the NTDC at an up-coming strategic planning day. |
| 8.3                           | 2023/24 onwards | Develop a tourism friendly infrastructure plan                                   | 15%    | Visit Northern Tas and Council have developed a North East Marketing Strategy in draft. Council's role in tourism is in the supply side (infrastructure) and priorities will be determined as part of the North East Marketing Action Plan, along with Council's Priority Projects Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Imperative 9:**

*Facilitate and advocate for projects that enable economic growth across the municipality*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                   |                                   |                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                         | Details                                                                                                           | Adopted                           | Notes                            |
| 9.3                                                | 23/06/2025 | Priority Projects Plan 2023-2025   June Update                                    | Note progress report and accept recommended changes to the Plan                                                   | 23 June 2025 Item 107/2025        | Annual Plan 2024/25 - Activity 4 |
| 9.2                                                | 23/06/2025 | Visit Northern Tasmania Funding Agreement                                         | enter into funding agreement for period 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2028 and authorise the GM to sign                   | 23 June 2025 Item 109/2025        |                                  |
| 9                                                  | 21/07/2025 | Dorset - Tourism Destination Support                                              | Review comprehensive list of tourism attractions, working group and advocate for project of regional significance | 21 July 2025 - Item 139/2025      |                                  |
| 9.3                                                | 15/09/2025 | External Grant Funding Update                                                     | Update on external grant funding received by Council                                                              | 15 September 2025 - Item 175/2025 |                                  |
| 9.3                                                | 20/10/2025 | Priority Projects Plan 2025+                                                      | Endorse new Priority Projects Plan                                                                                | 20 October 2025 - Item 194/2025   | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 5 |
| 9.2                                                | 17/11/2025 | Letter of Support   TasWater Price and Service Plan 5                             | Formal letter of support for TasWater                                                                             | 17 November 2025 - Item 221/2025  |                                  |
| 9.2                                                | 15/12/2025 | The Value of Blue Derby to the Tasmanian Economy                                  | Table consultant prepared Report                                                                                  | 15 December 2025 - Item 238/2025  |                                  |
| 9.2 & 9.3                                          | 19/01/2026 | Northern Tasmania Development Corporation - Membership Review and Progress Update | Endorse new 3 year membership agreement for 2026 - 2029                                                           | 19 January 2026 - Item 13/2026    |                                  |
| 9.4                                                | 23/03/2026 | Blue Derby Foundation   Memorandum of Understanding Half-Yearly Update            | Half-yearly update on governance                                                                                  | 23 March 2026 - Item 58/2026      | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 6 |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date         | Activity Details                                                                               | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9.1                           | 2023/24 and onwards | Policies were reviewed to ensure they are investment friendly                                  | 100%   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9.2                           | 2023/24 and onwards | Create strategic partnerships with other organisation's and Councils for the benefit of Dorset | 100%   | Council has closely worked with surrounding councils, Visit Northern Tasmania, Northern Tasmania Development Corporation, RDA to maximise funding opportunities and the review project synergies. NTDC advocated for 3 key regionally significant projects during the March 2024 State election and Federal election in May 2025 - namely Golconda Road, Blue Derby Master Planning and the Rail Trail. NTDC membership allowed Council to leverage the Sporting Precincts Study which has delivered \$499k in grant funding to date. Council have attained an election commitment for \$250,000 for Derby Master Planning. |
| 9.3                           | 2023/24 onwards     | Creation of a Projects of Significance Report                                                  | 100%   | Priority Projects Plan was reviewed and updated in 2025/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9.4                           | 2023/25             | Transition Blue Derby mountain bike operations away from Council to the Blue Derby Foundation  | 100%   | Transition is complete.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Imperative 10:**

Council's Strategic Plan is filtered through all Council's plans and budgets

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                   |                                          |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                             | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Adopted                           | Notes                                    |
| 10.1 & 10.4                                        | 23/06/2025 | 2025/26 Annual Plan, 2026-2035 Long Term Financial Plan, and 2025/26 Budget Estimates | Adopted the 2025/26 Annual Plan, 2026-2035 LTFF, 2025/26 Budget Estimates, delegated the General Manager to adjust the budget by \$50,000, adopted 2025/26 Fees & Charges, revised Rates Policy and rates resolution | 23 June 2025<br>Item 108/2025     | Annual Plan 2024/25 - Activity 2         |
| 10.3                                               | 23/06/2025 | Roads Asset Management Plan 2025 and Review of Policy No. 33 - Asset Management       | Adopted Roads AMP 2025 and the revised Asset Management Policy                                                                                                                                                       | 23 June 2025<br>Item 110/2025     | Annual Plan 2024/25 - Activity 24 and 27 |
| 10.1                                               | 21/07/2025 | Draft Policy No.67 - Dispute Resolution (Elected Members)                             | Adopted new Policy relating to Councillor Code of Conduct                                                                                                                                                            | 21 July 2025<br>Item 136/2025     | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 11        |
| 10.1                                               | 21/07/2025 | Review of Policy No.41 - Council Meeting Procedures                                   | Adopt reviewed Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                | 21 July 2025<br>Item 137/2025     | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 10        |
| 10.1                                               | 15/09/2025 | External Grant Funding Update                                                         | Update on external grant funding received by Council                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 September 2025 - Item 175/2025 |                                          |
| 10.1                                               | 20/10/2025 | Audit Panel Charter and Code of Conduct                                               | Adopt revised Audit Panel Charter and a new Code of Conduct                                                                                                                                                          | 20 October 2025<br>Item 195/2025  | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 24        |
| 10.1                                               | 17/11/2025 | Presentation of Audited 2024/25 Financial Report                                      | Receive and note audited financials                                                                                                                                                                                  | 17 November 2025 - Item 217/2025  | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 3         |
| 10.1                                               | 17/11/2025 | 2025/26 Financial Report   Period Ended 30 September 2025 and Budget Variation        | Receive and note quarterly financials and approve three budget variations                                                                                                                                            | 17 November 2025 - Item 218/2025  | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 3         |
| 10.3 & 10.4                                        | 17/11/2025 | Letter of Support   TasWater Price and Service Plan 5                                 | Formal letter of support for TasWater                                                                                                                                                                                | 17 November 2025 - Item 221/2025  |                                          |
| 10.3                                               | 15/12/2025 | Annual General Meeting Motion   Dorset Street Upgrade Assessment Strategy             | Consider motion passed at 2025 AGM                                                                                                                                                                                   | 15 December 2025 Item 235/2025    |                                          |
| 10.3                                               | 15/12/2025 | Buildings Asset Management Plan 2025                                                  | Adopt reviewed 2025 Buildings Asset Management Plan                                                                                                                                                                  | 15 December 2025 Item 236/2025    | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 28        |
| 10.3                                               | 15/12/2025 | Land Improvements Asset Management Plan 2025                                          | Adopt new 2025 Land Improvements Asset Management Plan                                                                                                                                                               | 15 December 2025 Item 237/2025    | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 27        |
| 10.1                                               | 15/12/2025 | Review of Policy No. 2 - Councillor Expenses                                          | Adopt revised Councillor Expenses Policy                                                                                                                                                                             | 15 December 2025 Item 239/2025    | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 18        |
| 10.1                                               | 16/02/2026 | Quarterly Financial Report   Period Ended 31 December 2025                            | Receive and note quarterly financials                                                                                                                                                                                | 16 February 2026 Item 33/2026     |                                          |
| 10.3                                               | 16/02/2026 | 2025/26 Capital Budget Variation and Adjustment - West Maurice Road Bridge            | Amend capital budget to enable urgent bridge works + exemption from usual procurement processes                                                                                                                      | 16 February 2026 Item 34/2026     |                                          |
| 10.1                                               | 16/02/2026 | Policy Reviews - No. 17 - Council Credit Cards and No. 52 - Related Party Disclosure  | Adopt revised policies                                                                                                                                                                                               | 16 February 2026 Item 35/2026     | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 19 and 22 |
| 10.1 & 10.3                                        | 16/02/2026 | Scottsdale Pedestrian Crossings                                                       | Options on investigations and recommendation not to progress                                                                                                                                                         | 16 February 2026 Item 38/2026     |                                          |
| 10.1                                               | 23/03/2026 | New Policy No. 70 - Local Government Election Caretaker Period                        | Adopt new policy                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 23 March 2026 - Item 62/2026      |                                          |
| 10.1                                               | 23/03/2026 | Review of Policy No. 50 - Gifts and Benefits                                          | Adopt revised Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 23 March 2026 - Item 65/2026      | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 21        |
| 10.1                                               | 20/04/2026 | Review Update   Policy No. 27 - Youth                                                 | Adopted reviewed Policy                                                                                                                                                                                              | 20 April 2026 - Item 83/2026      | 2025/26 Annual Plan, Activity 17         |

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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date         | Activity Details                                                       | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                  |
| 10.1                          | 2023/24 and onwards | All Council plans to reflect the Council strategic plan                | 100%   | Council's Annual Plan, Budget Estimates, all Council workshop and meeting agenda items reference Council's over-arching Strategic Plan |
| 10.2                          | 2023/24 onwards     | Risk Management Framework and Policy review                            | 100%   | Council's Leadership Team undertake periodic reviews of risk management framework and risk register each financial year.               |
| 10.3                          | 2023/24 onwards     | Council to keep up-to-date with Asset Management Plans                 | 100%   | Council's asset management plans are reviewed and updated within legislated timeframes.                                                |
| 10.4                          | 2023/24 onwards     | Rates, fees and charges will reflect value for money for the community | 100%   | All rates, fees and charges have been reviewed for the 2026/27 financial year.                                                         |

**Imperative 10 (cont.):**

*Council's Strategic Plan is filtered through all Council's plans and budgets*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                   |                                                                    |                             |                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                         | Details                                                            | Adopted                     | Notes                            |
| 10.3                                               | 18/05/2026 | Contract 2025/26-06: Bridge Upgrades   Haas Road and Jensens Road | Award tender to preferred tenderer                                 | 18 May 2026 - Item 90/2026  |                                  |
| 10.1                                               | 18/05/2026 | Quarterly Financial Report to 31 March 2026 and Budget Variation  | Receive and note quarterly financials and approve budget variation | 18 May 2026 - Item 102/2026 | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 3 |

**Imperative 11:**

*Council strives to be a desirable place to work*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |      |           |         |         |       |
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| Council Strategic Plan Update |             |                                                                       |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date | Activity Details                                                      | Status      | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11.1                          | 2026/27     | Develop a positive and safe workplace culture                         | 25%         | Council is experiencing capacity constraints across the organisation. Council will look to recruit a full-time HR professional, along with a fixed term HR professional, to collectively aid recruitment, develop HR strategies, focus on WHS improvements and to update council HR policies. |
| 11.2                          | 2026/27     | Review training, development and succession planning                  | 25%         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 11.3                          | 2026/27     | Review reward, recognition, health and well-being programs            | Not Started | This is linked to the over-arching HR Strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11.4                          | 2026/27     | Develop a Council scholarship, apprenticeship and traineeship program | Not Started | This is linked to the over-arching HR Strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Imperative 12:**

*Cooperation and engagement with external reviews relating to Council activities*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                             |                                                                                                                            |                                 |       |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                   | Details                                                                                                                    | Adopted                         | Notes |
| 12.2                                               | 20/10/2025 | Submission on Reforms to Councillors Numbers and Allowances | Council submission / feedback on Office of Local Government Discussion Paper: Reforms to Councillor Numbers and Allowances | 20 October 2025 - Item 192/2025 |       |

| Council Strategic Plan Update |             |                                                       |             |                                                    |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date | Activity Details                                      | Status      | Notes                                              |
| 12.1                          | 2026/27     | Conduct performance audits on key operational areas   | Not Started | Council's Audit Panel will determine audit plan.   |
| 12.2                          | 2023/24     | Engagement with the Future of Local Government Review | 100%        | Council has submitted at all stages of the review. |

**Imperative 13:**

Improve Council efficiency and effectiveness

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                  |                                   |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                                                                        | Details                                                                                                                    | Adopted                          | Notes                             |
| 13.2                                               | 18/08/2025 | Council Delegation Register Review                                                               | Review, amend and adopt Master Delegations                                                                                 | 18/08/2025 Item 159/2025         |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 20/10/2025 | Audit Panel Charter and Code of Conduct                                                          | Adopt revised Audit Panel Charter and a new Code of Conduct                                                                | 20 October 2025 - Item 195/2025  | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 24 |
| 13.2                                               | 20/10/2025 | Rd1 - 2025/26 Small Grants Application Assessments                                               | Endorse recommendations from the Panel for Round 1 Small Grants                                                            | 20 October 2025 - Item 196/2025  |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 20/10/2025 | Rd1 - 2025/26 Matching Grants Application Assessments                                            | Endorse recommendations from the Panel for Round 1 Matching Grants                                                         | 20 October 2025 - Item 197/2025  |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 20/10/2025 | Rd1 - 2025/26 Discretionary Grants Application Assessments                                       | Endorse recommendations from the Panel for Round 1 Discretionary Grants                                                    | 20 October 2025 - Item 198/2025  |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 20/10/2025 | Contract 2025/26-05 - Construction of Pier Support and Sheet Piling - Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road | Award contract to preferred tenderer as recommended by the Assessment Committee                                            | 20 October 2025 - Item 204/2025  | Closed Session Item               |
| 13.2                                               | 17/11/2025 | Appointment of Councillor Committee Representatives                                              | Appoint Councillor representatives to fill vacancies on various committees                                                 | 17 November 2025 - Item 220/2025 |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 15/12/2025 | Planning Application - Construction New Jetty, Bridport                                          | Approval of planning application to construct a new public jetty / pier at Bridport                                        | 15 December 2025 Item 234/2025   |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 15/12/2025 | Review of Policy No. 2 - Councillor Expenses                                                     | Adopt revised Councillor Expenses Policy                                                                                   | 15 December 2025 Item 239/2025   | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 18 |
| 13.2 & 13.4                                        | 15/12/2025 | Schedule of Council Meeting Dates 2026                                                           | Adopt schedule of dates for 2026                                                                                           | 15 December 2025 Item 240/2025   |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 19/01/2026 | Planning Application - 3 Lot Subdivision, Scottsdale                                             | Approval of planning application to subdivide 1 lot into 3 at Scottsdale                                                   | 19 January 2026 Item 10/2026     |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 16/02/2026 | Planning Application - Demolition, New Dwelling, Bridport                                        | Approval of planning application to demolish and build a new dwelling at Bridport                                          | 16 February 2026 Item 32/2026    |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 23/03/2026 | Dorset Board of Inquiry: Submission on Costs                                                     | Consider proposed submission to Minister on Dorset Board of Inquiry Costs                                                  | 23 March 2026 - Item 45/2026     | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 8  |
| 13.1 & 13.2                                        | 23/03/2026 | New Policy No. 70 - Local Government Election Caretaker Period                                   | Adopt new policy                                                                                                           | 23 March 2026 - Item 62/2026     |                                   |
| 13 & 13.2                                          | 23/03/2026 | Round 2   2025/26 Small Grants Application Assessments                                           | Award grant money to recommended applicant                                                                                 | 23 March 2026 - Item 63/2026     |                                   |
| 13 & 13.2                                          | 23/03/2026 | Round 2   2025/26 Matching Grants Application Assessments                                        | Award grant money to recommended applicant                                                                                 | 23 March 2026 - Item 64/2026     |                                   |
| 13.2                                               | 23/03/2026 | Selection of Audit Panel Members                                                                 | Appoint Chairperson and Independent Member to Panel for 2-year term                                                        | 23 March 2026 - Item 66/2026     | Annual Plan 2025/26 - Activity 24 |
| 13.2                                               | 20/04/2026 | Planning Application - Visitor Accommodation (4 Units), Derby                                    | Approval of visitor accommodation - 4 units (change of use from a single dwelling to two holiday units and two new cabins) | 20 April 2026 - Item 80/2026     |                                   |

| Council Strategic Plan Update |             |                                                                                                                   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date | Activity Details                                                                                                  | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13.1                          | 2024/25     | Review Council operations and implement continuous improvement and innovation                                     | 100%   | Council operations have been reviewed in light of the required delivery of the strategic plan and incorporated into budget estimate discussions for 2025/26                                                                                                      |
| 13.2                          | 2024/25     | Demonstrate sound governance that builds a foundation of trust within the community and for prospective investors | 50%    | Community consultation has been increased including community budget submissions, Audit Panel minutes have been included in Council meeting agenda reports, Council's Risk Framework and Policy has been reviewed and updated.                                   |
| 13.3                          | 2024/25     | Review Council's cost structure, including procurement practices                                                  | 50%    | Policy 31 - Code for Tenders & Contracts was reviewed and adopted in August 2023. Council have been working with LGAT on attaining value from the Local Government procurement portal. Council are reviewing infrastructure, particularly roads for the 2025/26. |
| 13.4                          | 2023/24     | Review and improve customer service delivery to key stakeholders                                                  | 50%    | Community consultation has been increased including budget submissions via Council's website. All key plans are going to the community for consultation and feedback.                                                                                            |
| 13.5                          | 2025/26     | Review Council's project management capability, capacity and project delivery                                     | 100%   | New Project Management Framework developed and actioned by Director - Community & Development                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Imperative 14:**

*Council will maximise efforts to reduce waste going to landfill and maximise the reuse of items and increase recycling within the municipality*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |            |                                          |                                                                                                                 |                                    |       |
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| Imperative Ref                                     | Date       | Item Name                                | Details                                                                                                         | Adopted                            | Notes |
| 14                                                 | 15/09/2025 | Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) | Commitment to progress implementation of FOGO kerbside service in Scottsdale and Bridport, targeting 2027/28 FY | 15 September 2025<br>Item 174/2025 |       |

| Council Strategic Plan Update |                 |                                                                                   |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date     | Activity Details                                                                  | Status      | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14.1                          | 2024 onwards    | Active participation with the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Project (NTWMP) | 100%        | The NTWMP is now rebranded to Circular North. Council's General Manager is Chair of the Circular North Steering Committee (all 8 Northern Council General Managers make up the Steering Committee) and Jeff Holmes Waste Management Coordinator is on the Circular North Technical Committee (this Committee has the key operational employees working together on regional waste solutions). Circular North have developed a regional waste strategy which will be utilised by Council to inform Council's waste strategy. |
| 14.2                          | 2024/25 onwards | Waste strategy delivery                                                           | 25%         | Circular North has developed a 5 year regional waste strategy. On completion of this strategy Council will leverage off this work and deliver a municipal specific strategy. Council have developed a green waste strategy to take effect from 1 July 2024. FOGO and Green waste strategy will be delivered via Circular North.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14.3                          | 2024 onwards    | Reduce the use of single use plastics                                             | Not Started | Dependent on the waste strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14.4                          | 2024 onwards    | Maximise the container refund scheme                                              | 100%        | Recycle Rewards has been implemented                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Imperative 15:**

*Council will support renewable energy opportunities*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |      |           |         |         |       |
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| Council Strategic Plan Update |              |                                                                       |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date  | Activity Details                                                      | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 15.1                          | 2024 onwards | Support and advocate for renewable energy projects such as wind farms | 25%    | Council adopted the ACEN Farm project to be assessed as a major project. Council has been in discussions with various renewable energy projects providers including ACEN Wind, VENA Energy and TasRex Pty Ltd. This industry is a key economic development opportunity for the region and Dorset municipality in particular. |

**Imperative 16:**

*Council will initiate projects to reduce environmental footprint*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |      |           |         |         |       |
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| Council Strategic Plan Update |             |                                                                                      |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date | Activity Details                                                                     | Status | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 16.1                          | 2023-25     | Council will consider new technologies for Council's fleet, solar, energy efficiency | 25%    | General Manager is Deputy Chair of the Northern Tasmanian Alliance for Resilient Councils (NTARC) due to the synergies between this program and Circular North due to waste management being a large part of Council's overall carbon footprint. NTARC have undertaken a carbon footprint analysis of council's operations for Council with Council devising carbon reduction projects. Climate change risks have been ascertained with potential strategies to mitigate risks in progress with NTARC support. |
| 16.2                          | 2023-25     | Audit of maintenance program                                                         | 10%    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 16.3                          | 2023-25     | Involvement with Northern Councils Climate Change Program                            | 50%    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Imperative 17:**

*Council will review vegetation and weed management plans*

| Item Adopted by Council relating to Strategic Plan |      |           |         |         |       |
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| Council Strategic Plan Update |             |                                                                   |        |                             |
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| Imperative Ref                | Year / Date | Activity Details                                                  | Status | Notes                       |
| 17.1                          | 2024/25     | Review, adopt and implement weed management strategy and planning | 100%   | Project has been completed. |
| 17.2                          | 2024/25     | Review, adopt and implement vegetation management plans           | 100%   |                             |



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# 2026/27 Annual Plan

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## Introduction

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Councils are required each financial year, under Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to prepare an Annual Plan.

The Act provides general guidelines to produce the Annual Plan in that it should:

- Be consistent with the Strategic Plan
- Include a statement of the way the Council is to meet the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan
- Include a summary of the estimates adopted under Section 82; and
- Include a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the Council's public health goals and objectives

The benefits of the Annual Plan are that it:

- Aids and supports the budget process
- Provides an analysis of financial resource allocation
- Gives a statement of the strategies to be implemented throughout the year to address strategic planning objectives
- Provides a list of operational targets to be achieved

A copy of the Annual Plan is provided to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health. A copy is also available at the Dorset Council office for inspection by the public.

## Document Linkages

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The Annual Plan is directly linked to the current Dorset Council Strategic Plan and the current Dorset Council Financial Management Strategy and Long-Term Financial Plan.

The focus of the Strategic Plan is on the overall strategic objectives of Council, over a ten-year period, while the Annual Plan lists the actions Council is committed to undertaking this year to meet the commitments in the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is goal based and documents Council's mission, vision, governance structures, principles, strategies and benefits of attaining strategies.

The Dorset Council 2026/27 Annual Plan identifies key actions that will be reported on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

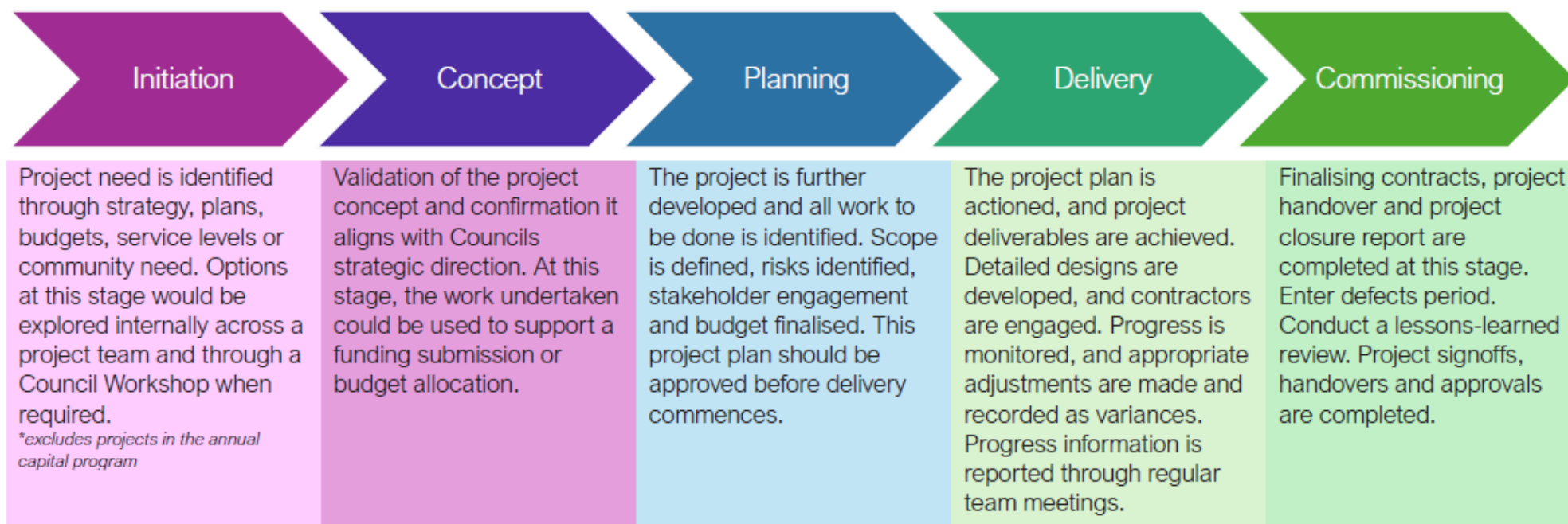
## How to Read the Annual Plan

The Annual Plan outlines Council's high-level actions for the year and is directly linked to Department Plans that identify tasks associated with meeting the Actions outlined in the Annual Plan and strategies identified in the Strategic Plan.

One of the measures of a successful project is project alignment, meaning a project that is planned and executed fits with the larger strategic goals of an organisation.

Dorset Council is committed to effective project management for the benefit of the community and to support this has introduced the five stages of the project lifecycle - initiation, concept, planning, delivery and commissioning - to enhance project delivery at Dorset Council.

### Project Management Lifecycle



## Annual Budget Process

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- Provides the annual blueprint for budget fiscal management of the Council.
- Allows for annual review of allocation priorities and links with the Annual Plan.
- Incorporates both capital and operating expenditure programs.

## Financial Management Strategy and Long-Term Financial Plan

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- Sets out the broad financial objectives of the Council over a 10-year period.
- Classifies major financial categories and departmental projects and activities in accordance with Strategic Plan.

## Reporting Process

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- Quarterly Annual and Financial Reports detail the status of the Action Plan items.

## 2026/27 Action Plan

The following pages of the Annual Plan provide details on additional goals, outcomes and objectives that the Council is seeking to undertake and complete as activities in addition to its annual business.

| Activity | Focus Area                           | Strategic Reference | Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Phase      | Responsible Team                        | Indicative Quarter | Progress and Status <sup>1</sup> |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1        | Dorset Strategic Plan 2023-2032      | 13.1                | Review 10-Year Strategic Plan and initiate four-year Term Plan development                                                                                                                                                                      | Initiation | Governance                              | March 2027         |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | Strategic Plan progress report and status update                                                                                                                                                                                                | Delivery   |                                         |                    |                                  |
| 2        | Dorset: Future Ready                 | 8.2                 | <u>Scottsdale Future Ready</u> : Scottsdale Masterplan including Scottsdale Recreation Ground                                                                                                                                                   | Initiation | Community & Development Services (C&DS) | December 2026      |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | <u>City to Sea</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concept plans for the Railway Station and Precinct</li> <li>Initiate discussion with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation to undertake concept master planning</li> </ul> | Concept    |                                         | December 2026      |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | Austins Road Residential and Light Industrial Scheme Amendment                                                                                                                                                                                  | Delivery   |                                         | June 2027          |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | Feasibility study for Indoor Pool at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre                                                                                                                                                                              | Concept    |                                         | December 2026      |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | Rail Trail progress report to Council                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Delivery   |                                         | Quarterly          |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | <u>Bridport Future Ready</u> : Bridport Structure Plan                                                                                                                                                                                          | Initiation |                                         | June 2027          |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | <u>Derby Future Ready</u> : Derby Masterplan                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Delivery   |                                         | June 2027          |                                  |
|          |                                      |                     | <u>Community Action Plan</u> for Pioneer: prepare scope for Request for Quote                                                                                                                                                                   | Delivery   |                                         | June 2027          |                                  |
| 3        | Municipal Tourism Marketing Strategy | 8.1                 | Finalisation of Strategy and Action Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Delivery   | Governance                              | September 2026     |                                  |

<sup>1</sup> ● the project is on target for delivery by the end of the financial year

● the project likely to be partially delivered (75% or more delivered) by the end of the financial year, or is forecast to be 10% over budget, or both

● less than 75% of the project will be delivered, or the project is forecast to be 20% over budget, or both

| Activity | Focus Area                                       | Strategic Reference | Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables                                                                                           | Phase    | Responsible Team                      | Indicative Quarter | Progress and Status <sup>1</sup> |
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| 4        | Project Update                                   | 9.3                 | Quarterly project update                                                                                                       | Delivery | C&DS                                  | Quarterly          |                                  |
|          |                                                  |                     | Half-Yearly Priority Projects Plan review and update                                                                           | Delivery |                                       | June 2027          |                                  |
| 5        | Local Government Elections & Reform              | 12.2                | 2026 Local Government election                                                                                                 | Delivery | Governance                            | December 2026      |                                  |
|          |                                                  |                     | Councillor induction / learning and development (due within 12 months of election)                                             | Delivery | Governance                            | June 2027          |                                  |
|          |                                                  |                     | <u>Program of works for Local Government Reform:</u><br>Local Government Charter (due by end of 2026)                          | Delivery | Governance                            | December 2026      |                                  |
|          |                                                  |                     | Health & Wellbeing in Council Strategic Plans (due within 12 months of election / align with Activity 1)                       | Planning | C&DS                                  | March 2027         |                                  |
|          |                                                  |                     | Internal Audit Planning phase (activates Nov 2027)                                                                             | Planning | Corporate Services                    | June 2027          |                                  |
| 6        | Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Project | 14.2                | FOGO northern Tasmanian councils feasibility review lead by Circular North                                                     | Concept  | Infrastructure                        | June 2027          |                                  |
| 7        | Council Owned Asset Review                       | 4.1, 4.2            | Comprehensive review of service levels, future demand, lifecycle management plan and risk management plan for Council's assets | Planning | Corporate Services and Infrastructure | June 2027          |                                  |
| 8        | Financial Management Strategy                    | 10.1, 10.4          | Review and update Council's Financial Management Strategy                                                                      | Delivery | Corporate Services                    | March 2027         |                                  |
| 9        | Asset Management Strategy                        | 10.3                | Review and update Council's Asset Management Strategy                                                                          | Delivery | Corporate Services                    | June 2027          |                                  |
| 10       | Human Resources (HR)                             | 11                  | Develop an organisational HR Strategy & Roadmap                                                                                | Planning | Corporate Services                    | June 2027          |                                  |
| 11       | Information Technology (IT)                      | 13.1                | Develop an organisational IT Strategy & Roadmap                                                                                | Planning | Corporate Services                    | June 2027          |                                  |
| 12       | Work Health and Safety (WHS)                     | 11.1                | Implement an improved organisation-wide WHS management system                                                                  | Planning | Corporate Services                    | June 2027          |                                  |

| Activity | Focus Area                       | Strategic Reference | Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables                                                    | Phase      | Responsible Team                    | Indicative Quarter | Progress and Status <sup>1</sup> |
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| 13       | Bridge Asset Management Plan     | 10.3                | Review and update Council's Bridge Asset Management Plan                                | Delivery   | Corporate Services / Infrastructure | December 2026      |                                  |
| 14       | Stormwater Asset Management Plan | 10.3                | Review and update Council's Stormwater Asset Management Plan                            | Planning   | Corporate Services / Infrastructure | June 2027          |                                  |
| 15       | Port Hills Scheme Amendment      | 8.2                 | Scheme Amendment to update the Port Hill Specific Area Plan                             | Initiation | C&DS                                | June 2027          |                                  |
| 16       | Policy Reviews <sup>2</sup>      | 10.1                | Policy No. 37 – Dog Management                                                          | Delivery   | C&DS                                | September 2026     |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy No. 59 – Stock Underpasses – Council Roads                                       | Planning   | Infrastructure                      |                    |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy No. 53 – Emergency Relief                                                        | Delivery   | Governance                          |                    |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | NEW Policy - Project Framework                                                          | Delivery   | C&DS                                | December 2026      |                                  |
|          |                                  | 5.1, 10.1, 13.4     | Policy No. 18 – Customer Service Charter                                                | Delivery   | Corporate Services                  | March 2027         |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy No. 69 – Managing Conflicts of Interests – Council Related Planning Applications | Delivery   | C&DS                                |                    |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy No. 40 – Road                                                                    | Planning   | Infrastructure                      | June 2027          |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy No. 47 – Community Grants                                                        | Delivery   | C&DS                                |                    |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy No. 62 – CCTV and Remote Cameras                                                 | Planning   | Infrastructure                      |                    |                                  |
|          |                                  | 10.1                | Policy. No 9 – Risk Management                                                          | Delivery   | Corporate Services                  |                    |                                  |

2026/27 Budget Information (to be included once approved)

<sup>2</sup> Note: Policy No. 70 – Local Government Election Caretaker Period will likely be from 1 September to 30 October 2026, with no major policy decisions able to be made.

## Public Health Goals and Objectives

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Enhancing the quality of life of the Dorset Community is one of the Council's key roles. The facilitation and provision of quality services promotes health and well-being, education and learning.

The Community and Development Services team is responsible for ensuring Council meets its health and environmental obligations under the *Public Health Act 1997*, the *Food Act 2003*, the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*, the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Building Act 2016*.

The key objectives of the department are:

- Regulate a range of activities in accordance with the legislative requirements, including Food Businesses, Public Health Risk Activities (e.g. body piercing), Places of Assembly, Regulated Systems (e.g. cooling towers), Private Drinking Water Suppliers and Commercial Water Carriers.
- Provide educational material and training on health-related topics
- Monitor recreational water quality in swimming pools, spas and popular beaches
- Investigate incidents of notifiable disease
- Provide Immunisation Services and deliver an approved program in high schools
- Provide Waste Management Services including sharps disposal
- Assess on-site wastewater management system designs and regulate the installation of those systems
- Undertake nuisance abatement and incident investigation
- Investigate various public and environmental health incidents and nuisances

Council acknowledges the contribution the community makes in ensuring quality public health services are provided for Dorset residents.



| <b>Dorset Council</b>                                                      | <b>2026</b>     | <b>2027</b>        | <b>2028</b>        | <b>2029</b>        | <b>2030</b>        | <b>2031</b>        | <b>2032</b>        | <b>2033</b>        | <b>2034</b>        | <b>2035</b>        | <b>2036</b>         |
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| <b>Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)</b>                                     | <b>Year 0</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>Year Ending 30 June:</b>                                                | <b>Forecast</b> | <b>Year 1 Plan</b> | <b>Year 2 Plan</b> | <b>Year 3 Plan</b> | <b>Year 4 Plan</b> | <b>Year 5 Plan</b> | <b>Year 6 Plan</b> | <b>Year 7 Plan</b> | <b>Year 8 Plan</b> | <b>Year 9 Plan</b> | <b>Year 10 Plan</b> |
|                                                                            | <b>\$'000</b>   | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>      | <b>\$'000</b>       |
| Underlying Surplus / Deficit                                               | (632)           | (2,125)            | (936)              | (362)              | 117                | 1,048              | 1,416              | 1,733              | 2,068              | 2,419              | 2,791               |
| ADD: Depreciation                                                          | 6,215           | 6,400              | 6,585              | 6,782              | 6,985              | 7,194              | 7,409              | 7,631              | 7,859              | 8,094              | 8,336               |
| Proceeds from sale of plant, equip.t, M/V                                  | -               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| Proceeds from sale of land and buildings                                   | -               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| Repayment of Loan - May Shaw                                               | -               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| <b>Operational Cash Generated</b>                                          | <b>5,583</b>    | <b>4,275</b>       | <b>5,649</b>       | <b>6,421</b>       | <b>7,102</b>       | <b>8,242</b>       | <b>8,826</b>       | <b>9,364</b>       | <b>9,927</b>       | <b>10,514</b>      | <b>11,127</b>       |
| <b>Non-Operating Cash Flows</b>                                            |                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| Board of Inquiry Costs                                                     | -               | -                  | (178)              | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| Accounts Payable / Accounts Receivable Timing                              | -               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| Land sales                                                                 | -               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| May Shaw Loan Receivable \$500k Principle + Interest                       |                 | 500                |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| LGLP Loan Repayments Principle                                             | (322)           | (328)              | (334)              | (340)              | (347)              | (38)               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme Entitlements                                  | 93              | 93                 | 93                 | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| <b>Total Non-Operating Cash Outgoings</b>                                  | <b>(229)</b>    | <b>265</b>         | <b>(419)</b>       | <b>(340)</b>       | <b>(347)</b>       | <b>(38)</b>        | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>            |
| <b>Capital Expenditure on Infrastructure</b>                               |                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| <u>Renewals / Replacements</u>                                             |                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| - Roads & Footpaths                                                        | (4,060)         | (4,479)            | (3,212)            | (3,308)            | (3,407)            | (3,509)            | (3,615)            | (3,723)            | (3,835)            | (3,950)            | (4,068)             |
| - Bridges                                                                  | (611)           | (132)              | (129)              | (286)              | (67)               | (95)               | (521)              | (466)              | (393)              | (309)              | (318)               |
| - Stormwater                                                               | -               | (42)               | (35)               | (36)               | (37)               | (38)               | (39)               | (41)               | (42)               | (43)               | (44)                |
| - Buildings                                                                | (169)           | (1,079)            | (630)              | (460)              | (474)              | (488)              | (503)              | (518)              | (533)              | (549)              | (566)               |
| - Other (land, plant, equipment, IT, furniture/fitting, BD, SAC, BSCP)     | (1,234)         | (2,578)            | (2,102)            | (1,532)            | (1,300)            | (1,214)            | (1,494)            | (2,128)            | (1,441)            | (1,320)            | (2,353)             |
| Total Capital Spend on Renewal of Assets                                   | (6,074)         | (8,310)            | (6,108)            | (5,622)            | (5,286)            | (5,345)            | (6,172)            | (6,875)            | (6,244)            | (6,171)            | (7,349)             |
| <u>New / Upgrade</u>                                                       |                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| - Roads & Footpaths                                                        | (454)           | (189)              | (107)              | (110)              | (114)              | (117)              | (121)              | (124)              | (128)              | (132)              | (136)               |
| - Bridges                                                                  | (169)           | (1,707)            | (162)              | (358)              | (84)               | (119)              | (653)              | (584)              | (492)              | (378)              | (389)               |
| - Stormwater                                                               | (242)           | (297)              | (198)              | (204)              | (210)              | (216)              | (223)              | (229)              | (236)              | (243)              | (251)               |
| - Buildings                                                                | (252)           | (483)              | (42)               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| - Other (land, equipment, IT, furniture/fittings)                          | (434)           | (1,327)            | (52)               | (27)               | (27)               | (28)               | (29)               | (30)               | (31)               | (32)               | (33)                |
| Total Capital Spend on New / Upgraded Assets                               | (1,551)         | (4,003)            | (561)              | (698)              | (435)              | (481)              | (1,025)            | (967)              | (887)              | (784)              | (808)               |
| Labour overheads (ex direct allocation)                                    | (1,388)         | (1,714)            | (1,783)            | (1,836)            | (1,891)            | (1,948)            | (2,006)            | (2,066)            | (2,128)            | (2,192)            | (2,258)             |
| Total Capital Spend on Infrastructure Assets                               | (9,013)         | (14,027)           | (8,451)            | (8,156)            | (7,612)            | (7,773)            | (9,203)            | (9,909)            | (9,260)            | (9,148)            | (10,415)            |
| Capital Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets                     | 3,178           | 3,899              | 1,790              | 1,790              | 1,790              | 1,790              | 1,790              | 1,790              | 1,790              | 2,100              | 2,100               |
| <b>Total Council Spend on Infrastructure Assets</b>                        | <b>(5,835)</b>  | <b>(10,128)</b>    | <b>(6,661)</b>     | <b>(6,366)</b>     | <b>(5,822)</b>     | <b>(5,983)</b>     | <b>(7,413)</b>     | <b>(8,119)</b>     | <b>(7,470)</b>     | <b>(7,048)</b>     | <b>(8,315)</b>      |
| <b>Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; TDs - Opening Balance</b>                  | <b>8,585</b>    | <b>8,104</b>       | <b>2,516</b>       | <b>1,085</b>       | <b>800</b>         | <b>1,733</b>       | <b>3,954</b>       | <b>5,366</b>       | <b>6,611</b>       | <b>9,068</b>       | <b>12,534</b>       |
| Operational Cash Generated                                                 | 5,583           | 4,275              | 5,649              | 6,421              | 7,102              | 8,242              | 8,826              | 9,364              | 9,927              | 10,514             | 11,127              |
| Non-operating cashflows                                                    | (229)           | 265                | (419)              | (340)              | (347)              | (38)               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                   |
| Capital Expenditure Cash Movement                                          | (5,835)         | (10,128)           | (6,661)            | (6,366)            | (5,822)            | (5,983)            | (7,413)            | (8,119)            | (7,470)            | (7,048)            | (8,315)             |
| <b>Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; TDs - Closing balance</b>                  | <b>8,104</b>    | <b>2,516</b>       | <b>1,085</b>       | <b>800</b>         | <b>1,733</b>       | <b>3,954</b>       | <b>5,366</b>       | <b>6,611</b>       | <b>9,068</b>       | <b>12,534</b>      | <b>15,347</b>       |
| <b>Present Value of Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; TDs - Closing balance</b> | <b>8,104</b>    | <b>2,443</b>       | <b>1,023</b>       | <b>732</b>         | <b>1,540</b>       | <b>3,411</b>       | <b>4,494</b>       | <b>5,376</b>       | <b>7,159</b>       | <b>9,606</b>       | <b>11,762</b>       |
| <b>Council Loans Balance</b>                                               | <b>1,387</b>    | <b>1,059</b>       | <b>725</b>         | <b>385</b>         | <b>38</b>          | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>            |
| <b>May Shaw Back to Back Loans Balance</b>                                 | <b>1,312</b>    | <b>1,203</b>       | <b>954</b>         | <b>699</b>         | <b>438</b>         | <b>280</b>         | <b>229</b>         | <b>176</b>         | <b>120</b>         | <b>62</b>          | <b>-</b>            |

| Dorset Council Management Indicators as at 30 June:                                           |                    | 2026               | 2027        | 2028        | 2029        | 2030        | 2031        | 2032        | 2033        | 2034        | 2035        | 2036            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                                                                                               | Target             | Year 0<br>Forecast | Year 1 Plan | Year 2 Plan | Year 3 Plan | Year 4 Plan | Year 5 Plan | Year 6 Plan | Year 7 Plan | Year 8 Plan | Year 9 Plan | Year 10<br>Plan |
| <b>Financial Aims &amp; Targets per Local Government (Management) Order (S.R.2014, No.36)</b> |                    |                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 |
| Net financial liabilities                                                                     | Zero               | 3,143              | (2,321)     | (3,155)     | (2,831)     | (1,383)     | 937         | 2,416       | 3,731       | 6,262       | 9,807       | 12,639          |
| Net financial liabilities ratio                                                               | Between (50%) to 0 | 16.7%              | -11.4%      | -15.3%      | -13.0%      | -6.0%       | 3.9%        | 9.7%        | 14.4%       | 23.3%       | 35.1%       | 43.6%           |
| Statutory underlying surplus / (deficit)                                                      | > 0                | (632)              | (2,125)     | (936)       | (362)       | 117         | 1,048       | 1,416       | 1,733       | 2,068       | 2,419       | 2,791           |
| Statutory underlying surplus / (deficit) ratio                                                | > 0                | -3.4%              | -10.4%      | -4.5%       | -1.7%       | 0.5%        | 4.3%        | 5.7%        | 6.7%        | 7.7%        | 8.7%        | 9.6%            |
| Asset renewal funding ratio                                                                   | 100%               | 100%               | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 200%            |
| Asset sustainability ratio                                                                    | 100%               | 111%               | 146%        | 109%        | 99%         | 92%         | 91%         | 100%        | 106%        | 96%         | 92%         | 104%            |
| Asset consumption ratio                                                                       | At least 60%       | 82%                | 81%         | 80%         | 78%         | 77%         | 76%         | 74%         | 73%         | 72%         | 70%         | 69%             |
| <b>Financial Aims &amp; Targets - Dorset Council Specific</b>                                 |                    |                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 |
| Operational cash flow coverage of capital spend                                               | > 0                | (252)              | (5,853)     | (1,012)     | 55          | 1,280       | 2,258       | 1,413       | 1,245       | 2,457       | 3,466       | 2,812           |
| Working capital ratio (current ratio)                                                         | 150% or greater    | 341%               | 168%        | 123%        | 114%        | 157%        | 237%        | 285%        | 327%        | 411%        | 529%        | 635%            |
| Cash holdings - year end                                                                      | Year end > \$3m    | 8,104              | 2,516       | 1,085       | 800         | 1,733       | 3,954       | 5,366       | 6,611       | 9,068       | 12,534      | 15,347          |
| Net of borrowings cash position - year 10 of LTFP                                             | > \$3m             | N/A                | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | 15,347          |

|                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|
| Target met                                   |
| Target almost met / within acceptable levels |
| Target not met / unacceptable levels         |

\* The asset sustainability ratio calculates the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of our existing asset base and is calculated by measuring capital expenditure on asset renewals, relative to depreciation expense. Although the target is unmet throughout the life of the plan, Council are comfortable with this result as the operating cash generated is covering all known capital expenditure for asset renewals across the 10-year plan. Council is also a long life asset manager, with asset with useful lives of up to 200 years, and as such it important to look further than 10 years when determining actual results.



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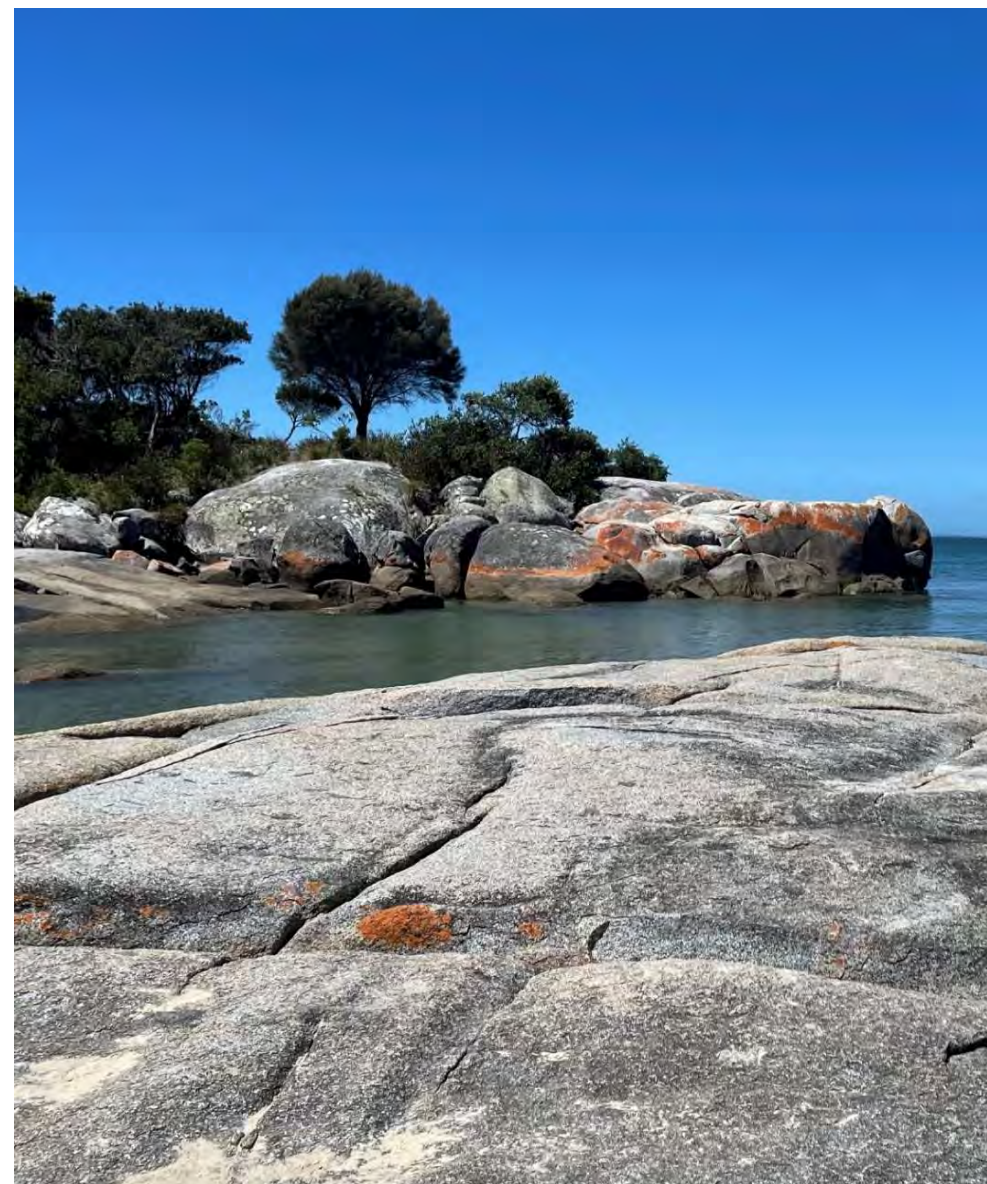
## 2026/27 Budget Estimates





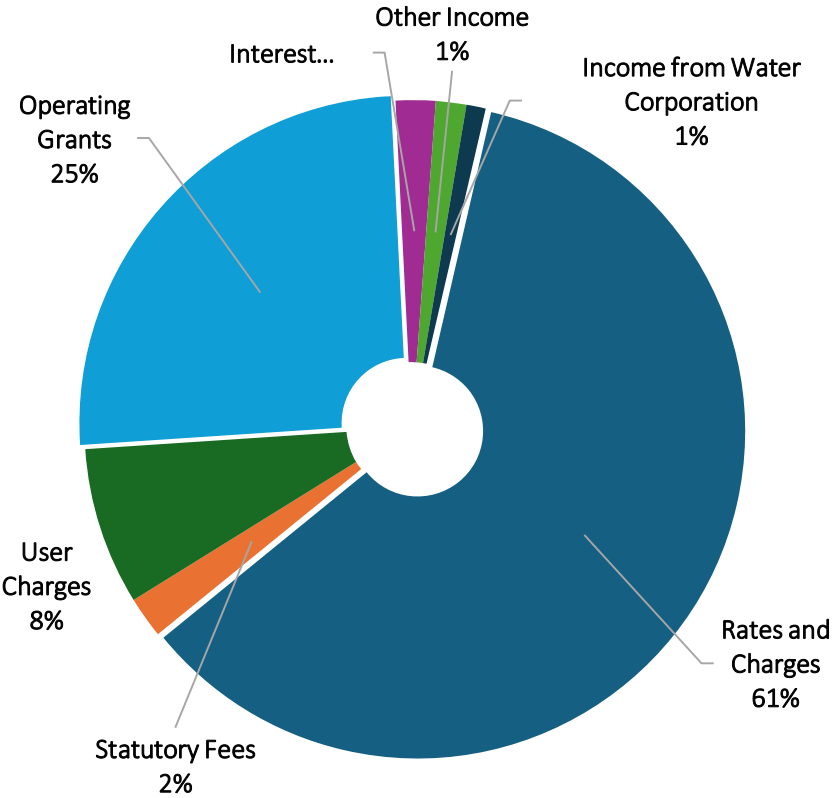
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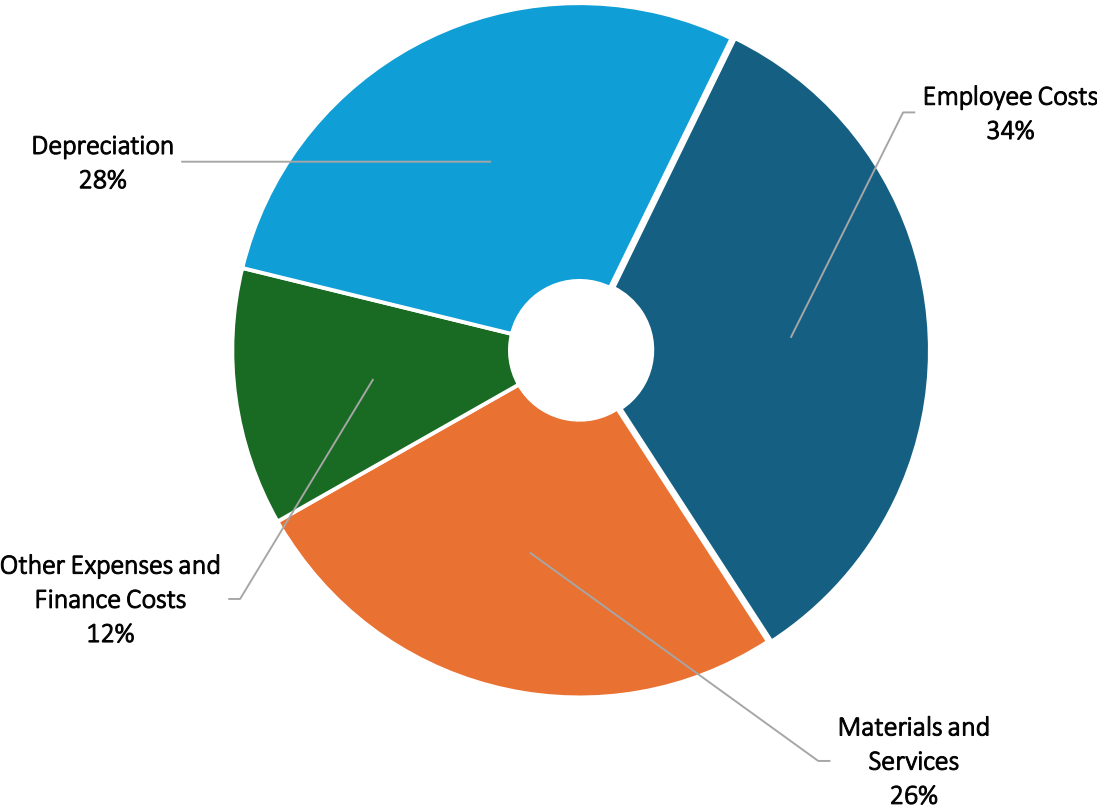


# Summary of Budget Estimates

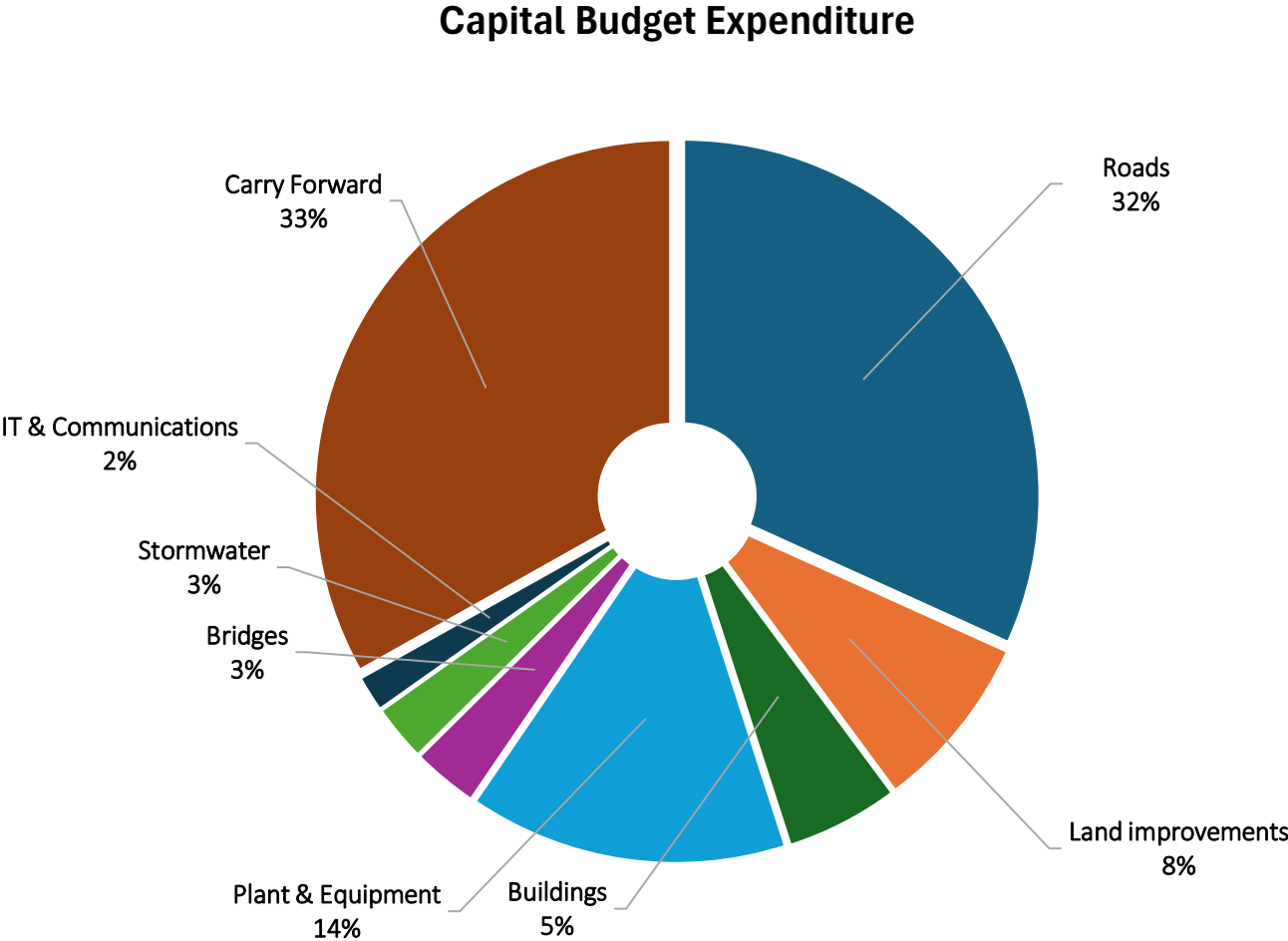
Our Budgeted Income



Our Budgeted Expenditure



Summary of Budget Estimates



## Underlying Surplus Calculation

|                                                | Note | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | 2025/26<br>Forecast<br>Actuals<br>\$'000 | 2025/26<br>Revised<br>Budget<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Operating Income</b>                  |      | <b>20,407</b>               | <b>18,807</b>                            | <b>18,477</b>                          |
| Expenses (excl depreciation)                   |      | 16,132                      | 13,219                                   | 13,672                                 |
| Depreciation                                   |      | 6,400                       | 6,215                                    | 6,183                                  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                          |      | <b>22,532</b>               | <b>19,434</b>                            | <b>19,855</b>                          |
| <b>Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)</b>            |      | <b>(2,125)</b>              | <b>(627)</b>                             | <b>(1,378)</b>                         |
| Underlying Surplus as a % of Underlying Income |      | (10.4%)                     | (3.3%)                                   | (7.5%)                                 |

Council's operating budget for the 2026/27 financial year estimates an underlying deficit of \$2.1 million. This represents an increase of approximately \$1.5 million compared with the underlying deficit forecast for the 2025/26 financial year and an increase of \$0.7 million on revised budget estimates for the 2025/26.

When adjusted for one-off items, the underlying deficit is reduced to \$1.3 million. This represents a 7.1% improvement on the revised 2025/26 budgeted deficit and reflects continued progress in strengthening Council underlying operating position while maintaining current service levels. One-off items for the 2026/27 financial year include:

### Income

- Additional Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax Grant - \$301,000
- Derby Master Plan Funding - \$250,000
- Insurance reimbursement (Springfield Recreation Ground)- \$57,000

### Expenses

- Master planning activities for Scottsdale and Derby - \$408,000
- Rail Trail maintenance - \$300,000
- Priority maintenance of assets and other incidentals - \$216,500
- Potential Board of Inquiry costs - \$178,000
- Fixed-term employment positions - \$141,000
- Consultancy - Council owned asset review - \$80,000
- 2026 Local Government Elections and new Councillor incidentals - \$64,000
- Scottsdale Aquatic Centre feasibility study - \$40,000
- Scottsdale Railway Station concept plan - \$40,000



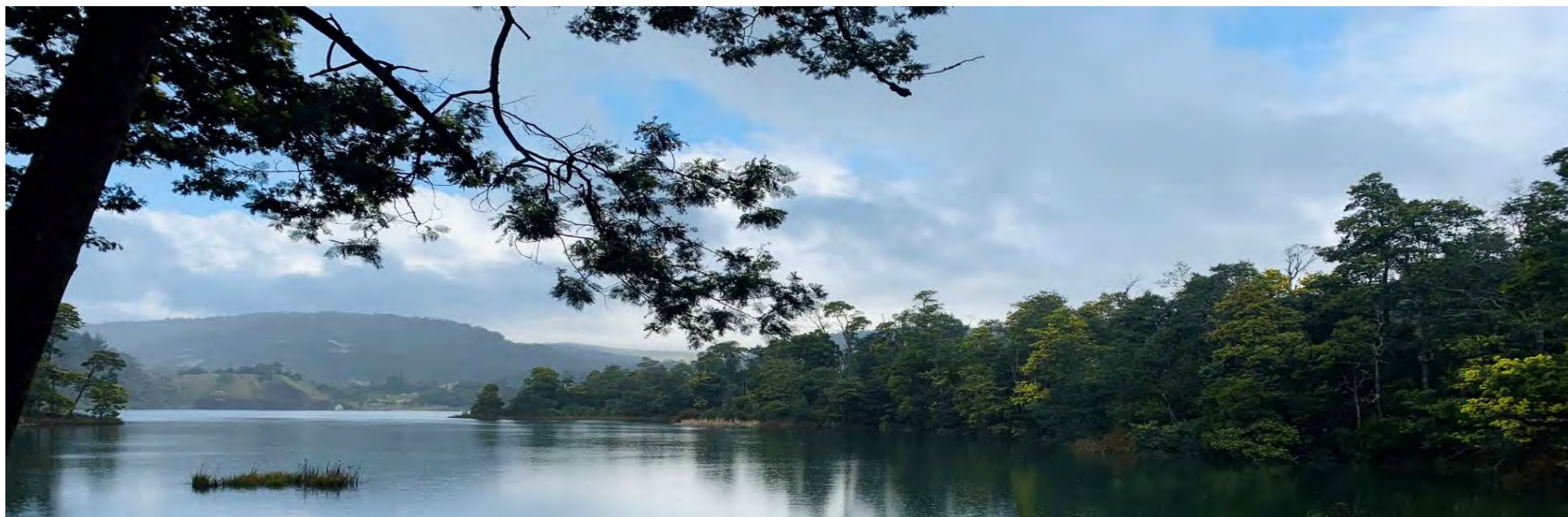
## Underlying Surplus Calculation (cont.)

The expected cash to be generated from the 2026/27 operational budget is \$4.3 million, compared with \$5.6 million forecast for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cash generated from operating activities is a key indicator for Council, as it represents the cash available from day-to-day operations to fund future capital and infrastructure works within the municipality.

The estimated \$4.3 million to be generated in the 2026/27 financial year is less than the \$7.0 million (net of external funding) required for Council's proposed capital renewal program, however, this has been accounted for in Council's Long-Term Financial plan and it is expected that operating cash flows will sufficiently cover the required capital renewal spend in future years.

An additional \$2.3 million in capital grant funding will further assist Council to complete the proposed \$13.1 million Capital Works Program in 2026/27.



## Analysis of Budget Estimates

The key drivers for 2026/27 budget estimates are:

### *Income*

Rates and charges have increased by \$1.1 million compared with forecast actuals for 2025/26. This increase is primarily attributable to a 6.5% increase to Council's general rate revenue base, together with additional income expected from organic growth. Further increases arise from changes to the minimum general rate, the introduction of a varied minimum general rate charge for vacant land properties and higher rates revenue from properties used for wind farm and forestry purposes.

Operating grants and contributions have increased by \$0.4 million on forecast actuals for 2025/26 as a result of the receipt of one-off funding for the Derby Master Plan and the Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax grant.

Statutory fees have increased by \$0.1 million on forecast actuals for 2025/26 following a detailed review of the 2026/27 fee structure. These changes are intended to ensure the costs of service delivery are recovered and services remain accessible and affordable.

Income from Water Corporation has decreased by \$0.1 million on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year, following advice received from TasWater that dividend distributions are anticipated to be lower in 2026/27.

Council's fees and charges are set in accordance with section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 and have increased, on average, by 5.1%.

### *Expenditure*

Materials and services have increased by \$1.4 million on forecast actuals for 2025/26 as a result of one-off expenditure required to commence initiatives under the Dorset Future Ready program, and additional maintenance works required on the North East Rail Trail and other Council assets during the 2026/27 financial year.

Employee Costs have increased by \$1.2 million on forecast actuals for 2025/26 due to the addition of new positions to address increased service expectations and legislative requirements, the expected increase to wages as per Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, an increase in workers compensation insurance and annualising any new or reclassified roles that were recruited during the 2025/26 financial year.

Other expenses have increased by \$0.3 million on forecast actuals for 2025/26 predominantly as a result of the inclusion of potential Board of Inquiry costs and increased expenditure required for the 2026 Local Government elections.

## Statement of Profit and Loss

|                                                | Notes | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | 2025/26<br>Forecast<br>Actuals<br>\$'000 | Actual<br>Variance<br>% Movement | 2025/26<br>Revised<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>Variance<br>% Movement |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Operating Income</b>                        |       |                             |                                          |                                  |                                        |                                  |
| Rates and Charges                              | 1     | 12,351                      | 11,265                                   | 9.6%                             | 11,157                                 | 10.7%                            |
| Statutory Fees                                 | 2     | 418                         | 333                                      | 25.5%                            | 304                                    | 37.5%                            |
| User Charges                                   | 3     | 1,584                       | 1,477                                    | 7.2%                             | 1,457                                  | 8.7%                             |
| Grants and Contributions                       | 4     | 5,155                       | 4,804                                    | 7.3%                             | 4,791                                  | 7.6%                             |
| Interest                                       | 5     | 400                         | 388                                      | 3.1%                             | 280                                    | 42.9%                            |
| Other Income                                   | 6     | 305                         | 288                                      | 5.9%                             | 236                                    | 29.2%                            |
| Income from Water Corporation                  | 7     | 194                         | 252                                      | (23.0%)                          | 252                                    | (23.0%)                          |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b>                  |       | <b>20,407</b>               | <b>18,807</b>                            | <b>8.5%</b>                      | <b>18,477</b>                          | <b>10.4%</b>                     |
| <b>Capital Income</b>                          |       |                             |                                          |                                  |                                        |                                  |
| Capital Grants                                 | 4     | 2,283                       | 2,053                                    | 11.2%                            | 3,816                                  | (40.2%)                          |
| <b>Total Capital Income</b>                    |       | <b>2,283</b>                | <b>2,053</b>                             | <b>11.2%</b>                     | <b>3,816</b>                           | <b>(40.2%)</b>                   |
| <b>Total income from continuing operations</b> |       | <b>22,690</b>               | <b>20,860</b>                            | <b>8.8%</b>                      | <b>22,293</b>                          | <b>1.8%</b>                      |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                |       |                             |                                          |                                  |                                        |                                  |
| Employee costs                                 | 8     | 7,579                       | 6,382                                    | 18.8%                            | 6,747                                  | 12.3%                            |
| Materials and services                         | 9     | 5,842                       | 4,451                                    | 31.3%                            | 4,539                                  | 28.7%                            |
| Finance costs                                  | 10    | 89                          | 74                                       | 20.3%                            | 98                                     | (9.2%)                           |
| Other expenses                                 | 11    | 2,622                       | 2,312                                    | 13.4%                            | 2,288                                  | 14.6%                            |
| Depreciation                                   | 12    | 6,400                       | 6,215                                    | 3.0%                             | 6,183                                  | 3.5%                             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                          |       | <b>22,532</b>               | <b>19,434</b>                            | <b>15.9%</b>                     | <b>19,855</b>                          | <b>13.5%</b>                     |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>                       |       | <b>158</b>                  | <b>1,426</b>                             | <b>(88.9%)</b>                   | <b>2,438</b>                           | <b>(93.5%)</b>                   |
| less: Capital Grants                           | 4     | (2,283)                     | (2,053)                                  | (11.2%)                          | (3,816)                                | (40.2%)                          |
| <b>Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)</b>            |       | <b>(2,125)</b>              | <b>(627)</b>                             | <b>238.8%</b>                    | <b>(1,378)</b>                         | <b>54.2%</b>                     |

## Notes | Income

### NOTE 1 | Rates and Charges

|                                | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | 2025/26<br>Forecast<br>Actuals<br>\$'000 | Variance<br>% Movement | 2025/26<br>Revised<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>Variance<br>% Movement |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General rate                   | 9,508                       | 8,651                                    | 9.9%                   | 8,544                                  | 11.3%                            |
| Waste management               | 2,373                       | 2,170                                    | 9.4%                   | 2,172                                  | 9.3%                             |
| Fire service levy              | 470                         | 444                                      | 5.9%                   | 441                                    | 6.6%                             |
| <b>Total Rates and Charges</b> | <b>12,351</b>               | <b>11,265</b>                            | <b>9.6%</b>            | <b>11,157</b>                          | <b>10.7%</b>                     |

Rates and charges are expected to increase by \$1.1 million, representing a 9.6% increase on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a 10.7% increase on 2025/26 budget estimates.

Council has considered the following factors when determining the increase in rates and charges:

- Council's Strategic Plan, Financial Management Strategy & Long Term Financial Plan;
- Asset Management Plans and Council's capital renewals program;
- Estimates of recurrent grant funding, such as the Financial Assistance Grants program; and
- National CPI (year-to-date March Quarter: 4.6%, Hobart CPI (year-to-date March quarter: 5.1%) and the LGAT Council Cost Index 2025/26 (3.6%).

#### **General rate**

Income received from general rates is expected to increase by \$857,000, representing an overall increase of 9.9% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and an increase of 11.3% on 2025/26 budget estimates. This increase comprises:

- a 6.5% increase to Council's forecast general rate revenue for 2026/27;
- a 0.2% increase through organic growth achieved through supplementary valuations;
- a 1.1% increase from the maximum increase cap lifting to 30%;
- a 0.5% increase from the introduction of a minimum general rate for vacant land; and
- a 1.6% increase from the change in varied general rate for forestry and wind farm properties;

**NOTE 1 | Rates and Charges (cont.)*****Waste management***

Income received from waste management is expected to increase by \$203,000 representing an increase of 9.4% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a 9.3% increase on 2025/26 budget estimates. To maintain affordable gate fees at waste transfer stations within the municipality, Council currently recovers the cost of the State Government's Landfill Levy through the Waste Management Charge. The levy is scheduled to increase from \$45.84 per tonne in 2025/26 to \$70.56 per tonne in 2026/27. As a result, a higher increase in the Waste Management Charge is required to recover the additional levy costs.

***Fire Service Levy***

The Fire Service Contribution is set by the State Fire Commission. For the 2026/27 financial year, the minimum charge determined by the State Fire Commission is \$52.00 (2025/26 FY: \$50.00). The total income to be collected on behalf of the State Government is approximately \$470,000.

**NOTE 2 | Statutory Fees**

|                               | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Land information certificates | 96                                   | 90                                                 | 6.7%                           | 71                                               | 35.2%                                     |
| Town planning fees            | 161                                  | 114                                                | 41.2%                          | 99                                               | 62.6%                                     |
| Animal control                | 38                                   | 36                                                 | 5.6%                           | 35                                               | 8.6%                                      |
| Building services             | 98                                   | 91                                                 | 7.7%                           | 96                                               | 2.1%                                      |
| Regulatory services           | 25                                   | 2                                                  | 1150.0%                        | 3                                                | 733.3%                                    |
| <b>Total Statutory Fees</b>   | <b>418</b>                           | <b>333</b>                                         | <b>25.5%</b>                   | <b>304</b>                                       | <b>37.5%</b>                              |

Statutory fees relate to the delivery of planning and regulatory services within Council, including town planning and building fees, land information certificate searches, dog registrations, food licences and permits. Income from statutory fees for the 2026/27 financial year is expected to increase by \$85,000, representing an increase of 25.5% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and 37.5% on the 2025/26 budget estimates.

While most statutory fees are proposed to increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fees associated with town planning and regulatory services have increased by a greater amount following a comprehensive review of the 2026/27 fee structure. These changes are intended to improve cost recovery while ensuring Dorset residents continue to receive services without undue financial burden. Several new fees have been introduced, and some previously discontinued fees have been reinstated for the 2026/27 financial year. Demand for planning and regulatory services is expected to remain consistent with current service levels during the 2026/27 financial year.

**NOTE 3 | User Charges**

|                           | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Caravan and camping fees  | 1,296                                | 1,208                                              | 7.3%                           | 1,178                                            | 10.0%                                     |
| Rental and lease income   | 84                                   | 77                                                 | 9.1%                           | 82                                               | 2.4%                                      |
| Cemetery fees             | 49                                   | 46                                                 | 6.5%                           | 46                                               | 6.5%                                      |
| Waste disposal fees       | 96                                   | 90                                                 | 6.7%                           | 94                                               | 2.1%                                      |
| Swimming pools            | 59                                   | 56                                                 | 5.4%                           | 57                                               | 3.5%                                      |
| <b>Total User Charges</b> | <b>1,584</b>                         | <b>1,477</b>                                       | <b>7.2%</b>                    | <b>1,457</b>                                     | <b>8.7%</b>                               |

User charges relate primarily to the recovery of service delivery costs through fees charged for council services. These services include cemetery fees, hall hire, caravan parks and waste transfer station access within the municipality. Fees and charges are set annually in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Income from user charges is expected to increase by \$107,000 in the 2026/27 financial year. This represents an increase of 7.2% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and an increase of 8.7% on 2025/26 budget estimates.

***Caravan and camping fees***

Income from caravan and camping fees is expected to increase by \$88,000 compared with forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and by \$118,000 compared with 2025/26 budget estimates.

This increase is primarily driven by revised budget estimates for caravan and camping fees at the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park, reflecting proposed fee increases and anticipated occupancy levels for the 2026/27 financial year. A budget allocation of \$5,650 has also been included for camping fees at Branxholm Centenary Park.

In addition, \$43,000 has been budgeted for camping fees collected at Derby, which will be remitted to the Blue Derby Foundation (BDF), net of any costs incurred by Council throughout the year. A corresponding expense has been included within other expenses.



**NOTE 4 | Grants and Contributions**

|                                       | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Federally funded                      | 6,460                                | 6,210                                              | 4.0%                           | 7,525                                            | (14.2%)                                   |
| State funded                          | 841                                  | 479                                                | 75.6%                          | 926                                              | (9.2%)                                    |
| Other                                 | 34                                   | 21                                                 | 61.9%                          | -                                                | 100.0%                                    |
| Contributions                         | 103                                  | 147                                                | (29.9%)                        | 156                                              | (34.0%)                                   |
| <b>Total Grants and Contributions</b> | <b>7,438</b>                         | <b>6,857</b>                                       | <b>8.5%</b>                    | <b>8,607</b>                                     | <b>(13.6%)</b>                            |

Council expects income received from grants and contributions to increase by \$581,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, representing an increase of 8.5% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a decrease of 13.6% on 2025/26 budget estimates. Expected grants and contributions for the 2026/27 financial year comprise \$5.2 million in operating grants and \$2.3 million in capital grants.

Government grants include all funding received from the Australian and Tasmanian Governments to support Council services and specific capital projects. Capital grants are budgeted based on the expected percentage of project completion during the financial year. For example, if a project is expected to be 80% complete by 30 June, 80% of the associated grant funding is included in the budget estimates.

**NOTE 4 | Grants and Contributions (cont.)**

|                                                  | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>Operating grants and contributions</i></b> |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                  |                                           |
| Financial Assistance Grants - General            | 1,591                                | 1,552                                              | 2.5%                           | 1,552                                            | 2.5%                                      |
| Financial Assistance Grants - Road & Bridge      | 2,800                                | 2,662                                              | 5.2%                           | 2,662                                            | 5.2%                                      |
| Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax*                         | 441                                  | 441                                                | 0.0%                           | 441                                              | 0.0%                                      |
| Derby Master Plan                                | 250                                  | -                                                  | 100.0%                         | -                                                | 100.0%                                    |
| MTB Trails - Break O'Day Council                 | 31                                   | 30                                                 | 3.3%                           | 30                                               | 3.3%                                      |
| MTB Trails - Blue Derby Foundation               | 28                                   | 93                                                 | (69.9%)                        | 93                                               | (69.9%)                                   |
| MTB Trails - Other                               | 10                                   | 10                                                 | 0.0%                           | 10                                               | 0.0%                                      |
| Other operating grants                           | -                                    | 11                                                 | (100.0%)                       | -                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| Donations received                               | 4                                    | 4                                                  | 0.0%                           | 3                                                | 33.3%                                     |
| <b>Total Operating Grants and Contributions</b>  | <b>5,155</b>                         | <b>4,804</b>                                       | <b>7.3%</b>                    | <b>4,791</b>                                     | <b>7.6%</b>                               |

Operating grants are expected to increase by \$351,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, representing an increase of 7.3% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and an increase of 7.6% on 2025/26 budget estimates.

\*The Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax grant allocation is expected to remain at the increased level of \$441,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, compared with the historical allocation of approximately \$142,000. While this increased funding has been incorporated into the budget estimates, it is considered a one-off increase is not expected to continue beyond 2026/27.

**NOTE 4 | Grants and Contributions (cont.)**

|                                                | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>Capital grants and contributions</i></b> |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                  |                                           |
| Dorset Netball Facility Upgrades               | 492                                  | 5                                                  | 9740.0%                        | 250                                              | 96.8%                                     |
| Dorset Playground Upgrades                     | 113                                  | 4                                                  | 2725.0%                        | -                                                | 100.0%                                    |
| Rail Trail Project                             | -                                    | 73                                                 | (100.0%)                       | -                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| Old Waterhouse Road safety improvements        | -                                    | 3                                                  | (100.0%)                       | -                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| Dorset Resource Recovery Project               | -                                    | 33                                                 | (100.0%)                       | -                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| Railway Precinct Upgrade                       | 37                                   | -                                                  | 100.0%                         | -                                                | 100.0%                                    |
| Golconda Road - Stage 7 & 8                    | -                                    | 667                                                | (100.0%)                       | 1,860                                            | (100.0%)                                  |
| Golconda Road - Safety Improvements            | 132                                  | 46                                                 | 187.0%                         | 184                                              | (28.3%)                                   |
| Bridge 1572 Haas Road                          | 306                                  | -                                                  | 100.0%                         | -                                                | 100.0%                                    |
| Tasmanian Relief and Recovery Funding          | -                                    | -                                                  | 0.0%                           | 300                                              | (100.0%)                                  |
| Tip Shop Extension - Scottsdale                | 34                                   | -                                                  | 100.0%                         | -                                                | 100.0%                                    |
| Roads to Recovery                              | 1,139                                | 1,202                                              | (5.2%)                         | 1,202                                            | (5.2%)                                    |
| Capital contributions                          | 30                                   | 20                                                 | 50.0%                          | 20                                               | 50.0%                                     |
| <b>Total Capital Grants and Contributions</b>  | <b>2,283</b>                         | <b>2,053</b>                                       | <b>11.2%</b>                   | <b>3,816</b>                                     | <b>(40.2%)</b>                            |

Capital grants are expected to increase by \$230,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, representing an increase of 11.2% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a decrease of 40.2% on 2025/26 budget estimates.

**NOTE 5 | Interest**

|                       | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Interest income       | 370                                  | 359                                                | 3.1%                           | 250                                              | 48.0%                                     |
| Interest on rates     | 30                                   | 29                                                 | 3.4%                           | 30                                               | 0.0%                                      |
| <b>Total Interest</b> | <b>400</b>                           | <b>388</b>                                         | <b>3.1%</b>                    | <b>280</b>                                       | <b>42.9%</b>                              |

Interest income is expected to increase by \$12,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, which represents an increase of 3.1% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and an increase of 42.9% on 2025/26 budget estimates.

**NOTE 6 | Other Income**

|                           | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Reimbursements            | 132                                  | 95                                                 | 38.9%                          | 83                                               | 59.0%                                     |
| Private works             | 10                                   | 28                                                 | (64.3%)                        | 10                                               | 0.0%                                      |
| Tourism income            | 8                                    | 7                                                  | 14.3%                          | 13                                               | (38.5%)                                   |
| Sundry income             | 155                                  | 158                                                | (1.9%)                         | 130                                              | 19.2%                                     |
| <b>Total Other Income</b> | <b>305</b>                           | <b>288</b>                                         | <b>5.9%</b>                    | <b>236</b>                                       | <b>29.2%</b>                              |

Other income is received from a variety of sources including retail sales at the Scottsdale Visitor Information Centre and Aquatic Centre, reimbursements from external parties and income from the sale of scrap metal collected at waste transfer stations within the municipality.

Other income is expected to increase by \$17,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, which represents an increase of 5.9% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and an increase of 29.2% on 2025/26 budget estimates.

**NOTE 7 | Income from Water Corporation**

|                                            | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Dividends                                  | 194                                  | 252                                                | (23.0%)                        | 252                                              | (23.0%)                                   |
| <b>Total Income from Water Corporation</b> | <b>194</b>                           | <b>252</b>                                         | <b>(23.0%)</b>                 | <b>252</b>                                       | <b>(23.0%)</b>                            |

TasWater are expected to pay ordinary dividends during the 2026/27 financial year, subject to its underlying financial performance.

Based on advice received from TasWater, dividends of \$194,000 are expected to be received during 2026/27. Council's ownership share at 30 June 2027 is forecast to be 0.97%. This represents a decrease of 23.0% compared with both forecast actuals and the budget allocation for the 2025/26 financial year.

## Notes | Expenses

### NOTE 8 | Employee Costs

|                             | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | 2025/26<br>Forecast<br>Actuals<br>\$'000 | Variance<br>% Movement | 2025/26<br>Revised<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>Variance<br>% Movement |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wages and salaries          | 8,065                       | 6,617                                    | 21.9%                  | 7,077                                  | 14.0%                            |
| Superannuation              | 954                         | 762                                      | 25.2%                  | 833                                    | 14.5%                            |
| Payroll tax                 | 407                         | 345                                      | 18.0%                  | 354                                    | 15.0%                            |
| Workers compensation        | 223                         | 200                                      | 11.5%                  | 212                                    | 5.2%                             |
| Fringe benefits tax         | 60                          | 60                                       | 0.0%                   | 50                                     | 20.0%                            |
| Less amounts capitalised    | (2,130)                     | (1,602)                                  | 33.0%                  | (1,779)                                | 19.7%                            |
| <b>Total Employee Costs</b> | <b>7,579</b>                | <b>6,382</b>                             | <b>18.8%</b>           | <b>6,747</b>                           | <b>12.3%</b>                     |

Employee costs are expected to increase by \$1,197,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, representing an increase of 18.8% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a 12.3% increase on 2025/26 budget estimates. The key drivers of this increase include:

- a 4.0% increase to wages in accordance with Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement;
- the addition of new positions to address increasing service expectations, expanded legislative compliance requirements, enhanced community engagement activities, and succession planning initiatives aimed at supporting workforce continuity and organisational capability. Fixed-term resourcing has also been included within Information Technology (IT), Human Resources (HR), and Work Health and Safety (WHS) to support modernisation and improvement of Council's systems, processes and organisational practices;
- annualisation of new or reclassified roles recruited during the 2025/26 financial year; and
- an 11.5% increase in workers' compensation insurance premiums.

Budget savings were achieved during the 2025/26 financial year due to a number of long-standing vacancies across Council. Funding for these positions has been included in the 2026/27 budget estimates, with recruitment activities expected to continue throughout the year to fill the vacant roles.

**NOTE 9 | Materials and Services**

|                                    | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Materials                          | 799                                  | 725                                                | 10.2%                          | 603                                              | 32.5%                                     |
| Utilities                          | 605                                  | 555                                                | 9.0%                           | 567                                              | 6.7%                                      |
| Plant, machinery and equipment     | 595                                  | 537                                                | 10.8%                          | 524                                              | 13.5%                                     |
| Office administration              | 49                                   | 42                                                 | 16.7%                          | 72                                               | (31.9%)                                   |
| Contracts                          | 2,612                                | 1,972                                              | 32.5%                          | 2,208                                            | 18.3%                                     |
| Professional services              | 850                                  | 298                                                | 185.2%                         | 260                                              | 226.9%                                    |
| Management contracts               | 332                                  | 322                                                | 3.1%                           | 305                                              | 8.9%                                      |
| <b>Total Material and Services</b> | <b>5,842</b>                         | <b>4,451</b>                                       | <b>31.3%</b>                   | <b>4,539</b>                                     | <b>28.7%</b>                              |

Materials and services are expected to increase by \$1.4 million in the 2026/27 financial year, representing an increase of 31.3% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a 28.7% increase on 2025/26 budget estimates.

This increase is largely attributable to the following budget allocations included for the 2026/27 financial year:

- \$481,000 to commence the Dorset - Future Ready initiative, including master planning for the Scottsdale and Derby townships, completion of the Ringarooma Road Specific Area Plan, a feasibility study for the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre and concept planning for the Scottsdale Railway Station precinct;
- \$300,000 for additional maintenance works on the North East Rail Trail, including the Scottsdale to Wyena section;
- \$165,000 for additional maintenance works at the Derby Schoolhouse Museum, Scottsdale Visitor Information Centre, Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station and recreation grounds at Springfield and Scottsdale; and
- \$80,000 for consultancy services to assist with Council's asset review, including an assessment of asset utilisation and whole-of-life costs to determine the most sustainable approach to managing Council's growing asset base.



**NOTE 10 | Finance Costs**

|                                       | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Interest payments - Bank Loans        | 65                                   | 51                                                 | 27.5%                          | 75                                               | (13.3%)                                   |
| Interest payments - Finance Leases    | 18                                   | 17                                                 | 5.9%                           | 17                                               | 5.9%                                      |
| Unwinding of Discounts for provisions | 6                                    | 6                                                  | 0.0%                           | 6                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| <b>Total Finance Costs</b>            | <b>89</b>                            | <b>74</b>                                          | <b>20.3%</b>                   | <b>98</b>                                        | <b>(9.2%)</b>                             |

Finance costs are expected to increase by \$15,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, driven by additional borrowings expected to be drawn down, the inclusion of interest payments related to the Bridport Foreshore lease agreement and the unwinding of discounts for other provisions. This represents an increase of 20.3% on forecast actuals and a decrease of 9.2% on the budget estimates for the 2025/26 financial year.

**NOTE 11 | Other Expenses**

|                                  | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| State levies, licences and taxes | 712                                  | 637                                                | 11.8%                          | 724                                              | (1.7%)                                    |
| Insurance                        | 245                                  | 246                                                | (0.4%)                         | 248                                              | (1.2%)                                    |
| Councillor allowances            | 195                                  | 199                                                | (2.0%)                         | 208                                              | (6.3%)                                    |
| Commissions                      | 9                                    | 8                                                  | 12.5%                          | 9                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| IT maintenance                   | 222                                  | 327                                                | (32.1%)                        | 191                                              | 16.2%                                     |
| Communications                   | 49                                   | 43                                                 | 14.0%                          | 56                                               | (12.5%)                                   |
| Subscriptions and memberships    | 157                                  | 158                                                | (0.6%)                         | 146                                              | 7.5%                                      |
| Professional development         | 111                                  | 43                                                 | 158.1%                         | 92                                               | 20.7%                                     |
| Cost of goods sold               | 46                                   | 47                                                 | (2.1%)                         | 45                                               | 2.2%                                      |
| Election expenses                | 68                                   | 11                                                 | 518.2%                         | 10                                               | 580.0%                                    |
| Community grants and donations   | 198                                  | 144                                                | 37.5%                          | 194                                              | 2.1%                                      |
| Advertising                      | 55                                   | 43                                                 | 27.9%                          | 51                                               | 7.8%                                      |
| Marketing                        | 3                                    | 2                                                  | 50.0%                          | 3                                                | 0.0%                                      |
| External audit fees              | 56                                   | 49                                                 | 14.3%                          | 54                                               | 3.7%                                      |
| Internal audit fees              | 20                                   | -                                                  | 100.0%                         | 20                                               | 0.0%                                      |
| Bank fees and charges            | 46                                   | 41                                                 | 12.2%                          | 37                                               | 24.3%                                     |
| Postage                          | 34                                   | 27                                                 | 25.9%                          | 28                                               | 21.4%                                     |
| Lease payments                   | 14                                   | 12                                                 | 16.7%                          | 6                                                | 133.3%                                    |
| Other sundry expenses            | 382                                  | 275                                                | 38.9%                          | 166                                              | 130.1%                                    |
| <b>Total Other Expenses</b>      | <b>2,622</b>                         | <b>2,312</b>                                       | <b>13.4%</b>                   | <b>2,288</b>                                     | <b>14.6%</b>                              |

## **NOTE 11 | Other Expenses (cont.)**

Other expenses are expected to increase by \$310,000 in the 2026/27 financial year, predominantly as a result of increased expenditure on other sundry expenses, professional development and training, and election-related costs. This represents an increase of 13.4% on forecast actuals and 14.6% on the 2025/26 budget estimates.

### ***Other sundry expenses***

The budget allocation of \$382,000 for other sundry expenses comprises:

- potential Board of Inquiry costs;
- freight and delivery charges;
- the forwarding of income received from Derby camping facilities (net of associated fees) to the Blue Derby Foundation; and
- miscellaneous operating expenses including parking, website hosting, meeting costs, catering and other administrative costs.

### ***Community grants and donations***

Each year Council provides funding and resources to support educational development and community-led projects, programs or events that contribute to the wellbeing of residents across the Dorset municipality.

The following community funding has been included in the 2026/27 budget estimates:

### **Scholarships**

Scholarships for Dorset residents enrolled in all levels of education, including:

- a university scholarship awarded to one recipient each year, valued at \$3,000 per annum for up to three years;
- an agribusiness scholarship valued at \$2,500;
- an apprenticeship/traineeship scholarship valued at \$1,000; and
- a high school scholarship for up to five recipients, valued at \$500 each.

### **Community Grants**

\$55,000 for Council's Community Grants Program, including matching funding, small grants, and discretionary grants. Up to \$25,000 of this funding is supported by proceeds from the Re-Use Centre at the Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station.

## **NOTE 11 | Other Expenses (cont.)**

### **Other Community Contributions**

- Mayor discretionary fund - \$10,000
- Dorset Bright Futures Program contribution - \$15,000.
- Additional youth program funding - \$10,000.

### **Event Sponsorships**

Funding has been allocated to support a range of community events, including:

- Spud Fest - \$10,000;
- Scallop Fiesta - \$6,000;
- Scottsdale Show - \$5,000;
- Mannalargenna Day Festival - \$5,000;
- DerbyFest - \$5,000;
- North East Arts and Crafts Festival - \$3,000;
- Rail Trail Run and Ride - \$2,300;
- Dorset People and Business Awards - \$2,000;
- Bridport Triathlon - \$2,000;
- Dorset Seniors Week - \$2,000;
- Jolly Lette Memorial Endurance Ride - \$750;
- Australia Day Golf Event - \$500;

### **Other Contributions**

- \$10,000 contribution to each of the Winnaleah and Ringarooma swimming pools to assist with annual running costs; and
- \$16,000 contribution to State Emergency Service (SES) operations within the municipality, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

**NOTE 12 | Depreciation**

|                                  | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Forecast<br/>Actuals<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Revised<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Variance<br/>% Movement</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Roads                            | 3,421                                | 3,321                                              | 3.0%                           | 3,320                                            | 3.0%                                      |
| Bridges                          | 667                                  | 647                                                | 3.1%                           | 625                                              | 6.7%                                      |
| Plant, machinery and equipment   | 836                                  | 751                                                | 11.3%                          | 750                                              | 11.5%                                     |
| Buildings                        | 534                                  | 509                                                | 4.9%                           | 509                                              | 4.9%                                      |
| Stormwater                       | 343                                  | 334                                                | 2.7%                           | 333                                              | 3.0%                                      |
| Land improvements                | 435                                  | 473                                                | (8.0%)                         | 472                                              | (7.8%)                                    |
| Computer and technology          | 130                                  | 144                                                | (9.7%)                         | 139                                              | (6.5%)                                    |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | 12                                   | 14                                                 | (14.3%)                        | 13                                               | (7.7%)                                    |
| Right of Use Assets              | 22                                   | 22                                                 | 0.0%                           | 22                                               | 0.0%                                      |
| <b>Total Depreciation</b>        | <b>6,400</b>                         | <b>6,215</b>                                       | <b>3.0%</b>                    | <b>6,183</b>                                     | <b>3.5%</b>                               |

Council's depreciation expense is expected to increase by \$185,000 in the 2026/27 financial year. This represents an increase of 3.0% on forecast actuals for the 2025/26 financial year and a 3.5% increase on the 2025/26 budget estimates.

This increase is primarily driven by the revaluation and indexation of council's asset base in the 2025/26 financial year, which has increased asset replacement values and the associated depreciation expense. Additional depreciation has also been recognised for new and renewed assets delivered through the 2025/26 capital works program.

## Borrowings

Council proposes to carry forward \$0.5 million of new borrowings into the 2026/27 financial year. These borrowings were originally budgeted for drawdown in 2025/26; however, the timing has been revised, and the funds are now expected to be drawn down during 2026/27.

The table below details Council's original loan amounts. However, as at 30 June 2026 and due to scheduled loan repayments, the balance is expected to total \$2.3 million.

|                               | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Budget<br/>\$'000</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Local Government Loan Program | 3,200                                | 3,200                                |
| Other borrowings              | 2,500                                | 2,500                                |
| <b>Total Borrowings</b>       | <b>5,700</b>                         | <b>5,700</b>                         |

## Calculation of Rates and Charges

### Rating Structure

Council has a rating structure consisting of three components. This structure complies with the Act and comprises:

1. **General Rate** - calculated as a rate in the dollar on the Assessed Annual Value (AAV) of the rateable property, with a minimum amount payable;
2. **Waste Management and Waste Collection** - service charges in respect of prescribed services where provided; and
3. **Fire Levy** - calculated as a rate in the dollar on the AAV to recover amounts payable for the fire levy, with a minimum amount payable. The fire levy is recovered on behalf of the State Government.

#### General Rate

The general rate revenue base will increase by 6.5% which is higher than the 4.75% increase originally committed to in Council's 2026-2035 Long Term Financial Plan.

The general rate cents in the dollar on the AAV will be 5.6250 for the 2026/27 financial year (2025/26: 5.2990 cents in the dollar).

The maximum rate increase cap for the general rate will increase to 30% for all properties to continue the phased introduction of the impacts of the 2024 municipal valuation.

A varied general rate minimum charge will now apply to vacant land and will be charged at \$700.00 per property.

Council will maintain the varied general rate for properties used for short-term accommodation (STA) of 11.25 cents in the dollar on the AAV for the 2026/27 financial year (2025/26: 10.598 cents in the dollar) as the valuations for STA continue to generally be lower than comparable commercial properties.

#### Waste Management

The standard waste management charge (per property) will increase by \$27.00 to \$196.00 for the 2026/27 financial year (2025/26: \$169.00).

#### Fire Service Levy

The fire service levy minimum charge (per property) will increase by \$2.00 to \$52.00 for the 2026/27 financial year (2025/26: \$50.00).

|                                                                                                          | 2026/27 | 2025/26 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Rates and Charges Schedule                                                                               | \$      | \$      |
| <b>General Rate</b>                                                                                      |         |         |
| General rate cents in the dollar of AAV                                                                  | 5.625   | 5.299   |
| General Rate Minimum Charge                                                                              | 579.00  | 543.00  |
| Varied General Rate Minimum Charge - Vacant Land                                                         | 700.00  | -       |
| Varied General Rate (cents in the dollar on AAV)<br>Properties used for Short Stay Visitor Accommodation | 11.25   | 10.598  |
| Varied General Rate (cents in the dollar on AAV)<br>Properties used for Primary Production - Forestry    | 9.664   | 7.745   |
| Varied General Rate (cents in the dollar on AAV)<br>Wind Farm                                            | 8.521   | 7.785   |
| <b>Waste Management</b>                                                                                  |         |         |
| Standard Waste Management Charge (per property)                                                          | 196.00  | 169.00  |
| Kerbside Garbage Collection                                                                              |         |         |
| Small (80 Litre) MGB                                                                                     | 160.00  | 150.00  |
| Medium (120 Litre) MGB                                                                                   | 188.00  | 176.00  |
| Large (240 Litre) MGB                                                                                    | 367.00  | 344.00  |
| Kerbside Recycling Service                                                                               | 178.00  | 167.00  |
| <b>Fire Service Levy</b>                                                                                 |         |         |
| Scottsdale and Bridport Volunteer Brigade Districts                                                      | 0.2835  | 0.2586  |
| General Land District                                                                                    | 0.2849  | 0.2706  |
| Fire Service Levy Minimum Charge                                                                         | 52.00   | 50.00   |

#### Instalment Payments of Rates and Charges

Payments can be made via four instalments in 2026/27. Daily interest will be charged on any outstanding amounts.

The following table indicates the instalment dates for the 2026/27 financial year.

|              | Due Date          | Interest Applied |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Instalment 1 | 30 September 2026 | 15 October 2026  |
| Instalment 2 | 30 November 2026  | 15 December 2026 |
| Instalment 3 | 31 January 2027   | 15 February 2027 |
| Instalment 4 | 31 March 2027     | 15 April 2027    |



# Dorset Council

## 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Budget





## 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Budget | Summary

A Capital Works Program totalling \$13.1 million is recommended. The 2025/26 capital budget was \$13.0 million (including budget variations); however, \$4.3 million of this budget is expected to be carried forward into the 2026/27 financial year.

### Total Capital Expenditure Budget

|                        | Renewal<br>\$'000 | New &<br>Upgrade<br>\$'000 | Overhead<br>Wages<br>Allocation<br>\$'000 | Total<br>Budget<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bridges                | 20                | 325                        | 52                                        | 397                       |
| Roads                  | 3,614             | -                          | 543                                       | 4,157                     |
| Stormwater             | 42                | 255                        | 45                                        | 342                       |
| Buildings              | 394               | 195                        | 88                                        | 677                       |
| Land Improvements      | 549               | 368                        | 143                                       | 1,060                     |
| Plant and Equipment    | 1,640             | 13                         | 249                                       | 1,902                     |
| IT and Communications  | 134               | 56                         | 29                                        | 219                       |
| Carry Forward Projects | 1,820             | 1,952                      | 565                                       | 4,337                     |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>8,213</b>      | <b>3,164</b>               | <b>1,714</b>                              | <b>13,091</b>             |

### Funding the Budget

|                        | Total<br>Budget<br>\$'000 | External<br>Funding<br>\$'000 | Council<br>Funding<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bridges                | 397                       | -                             | 397                          |
| Roads                  | 4,157                     | 15                            | 4,142                        |
| Stormwater             | 342                       | -                             | 342                          |
| Buildings              | 677                       | -                             | 677                          |
| Land Improvements      | 1,060                     | 100                           | 960                          |
| Plant and Equipment    | 1,902                     | 347                           | 1,555                        |
| IT and Communications  | 219                       | -                             | 219                          |
| Carry Forward Projects | 4,337                     | 1,499                         | 2,838                        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>13,091</b>             | <b>1,961</b>                  | <b>11,130</b>                |

Further capital projects approved subject to the receipt of external funding total \$1.3 million. Of this amount, \$1.1 million is expected to be received via external grant funding, with \$0.2 million funded by Council.

### Capital Expenditure approved subject to funding

|                     | Total Budget<br>\$'000 | External<br>Funding<br>\$'000 | Council<br>Funding<br>\$'000 |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Plant and Equipment | 18                     | 9                             | 9                            |
| Bridges             | 620                    | 496                           | 124                          |
| Buildings           | 536                    | 518                           | 18                           |
| Land Improvements   | 165                    | 120                           | 45                           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>1,339</b>           | <b>1,143</b>                  | <b>196</b>                   |

If all external funding is received the Capital Works Program will total \$14.4 million for the 2026/27 financial year, of which Council will fund a total of \$11.3 million.

## 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Budget | Highlights

### **Roads**

Council's total capital expenditure for roads amounts to \$4,157,000.

Key projects include:

- annual resheeting and reseal program;
- Golconda Road pavement renewal (segments 2 & 3); and
- Main Street, Bridport pavement & kerb renewal .

### **Plant and Equipment**

Council's total capital expenditure for plant and equipment amounts to \$1,902,000. Major purchases include:

- garbage truck replacement;
- backhoe replacement (construction); and
- two 6.5 Tonne Tipper Truck replacements.

### **Land Improvements**

Council's total capital expenditure for land improvements amounts to \$1,060,000. Key projects include:

- Bridport Hall - hotmix car park;
- Tomahawk Reserve - playground replacement;
- Scottsdale Stadium/Aquatic Centre - hotmix car park; and
- Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station - new weighbridge.

### **Buildings**

Council's total capital expenditure for buildings amounts to \$677,000. Key projects include:

- Council Chambers - roof repairs/replacement (upper and lower levels);
- Council Chambers - upper-level office redesign and renovations;
- CCTV camera upgrades; and
- Branhholm Hall - planning & design for male toilet renewal.

### **Bridges and Stormwater**

Council's total capital expenditure for bridges and stormwater amounts to \$739,000. Key projects include:

- upgrade of Bridge 1550 Barnbogle Rd (Tuckers Creek), North Scottsdale;
- upgrade of Bridge 1570 Burrow's Road (Tuckers Creek), North Scottsdale; and
- Union St, Scottsdale - stormwater and kerb upgrade.

### **IT and Communications**

Council's total capital expenditure for IT and communications amounts to \$219,000. Key projects and purchases include:

- annual hardware and software renewal program;
- WHS software; and
- Starlink installation at Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station.

### **Carry forward projects:**

Council's total carry forward amounts to \$4,337,000. Key projects to be completed include:

- Purchase Flocon Truck (road maintenance);
- Upgrade to Bridge 1569 Jensens Rd, North Scottsdale;
- Upgrade to Bridge 1572 Haas Rd, Legerwood; and
- Completion of playground upgrades at the Lions Adventure Playground, Bridport and the Scottsdale Children's Reserve.

## Summary of Submissions

### Community Budget Submissions - 2026/27 Budget

| Asset                                  | Details                                                                                                                                                                 | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Bridport Playground Area</b>        | Create a larger playground to cater for a wider range of ages and abilities. Fenced. Development of a pump track where old skate park is.                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some minor works being undertaken at Bridport Playground in 2025/26 (pathway realignments).</li> <li>2. Options for old skate park area would be considered through Master Planning.</li> <li>3. Playground upgrades to be identified through future town master plans or community action plans.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Scottsdale Recreation Ground</b>    | More security cameras across the recreation grounds.                                                                                                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are 10 existing cameras at the Scottsdale Recreation Ground precinct, plus a further 8 in the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre precinct.</li> <li>2. Council's CCTV and Remote Camera Policy 62 guides that Council will approve the purchase, installation and use of surveillance cameras based on officer recommendations outlining the need and feedback from relevant stakeholders. Other CCTV installations are proposed in the 2026/27 budget and are considered higher priority at this time.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Scottsdale Recreation Ground</b>    | Remove the remaining metal poles located in the stable area of the Scottsdale Recreation Grounds, which is currently used to host the monthly Dorset Community Markets. | Submission to be considered as part of Scottsdale Recreation Ground Master Planning in 2026/27.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Ten Mile Track</b>                  | To seal the road with hotmix outside 848 Ten Mile Track.                                                                                                                | Dorset's last Road Asset Management Plan review was adopted in June 2025. Road renewals and upgrades are based on extensive condition assessments conducted internally and periodically by an external consultant, so any community requests should be considered in line with other road priorities rather than in isolation. Submission deferred to next Road Asset Management Plan review.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Bridport - Lower Charles Street</b> | Curb and guttering and footpath construction.                                                                                                                           | Dorset's last Road Asset Management Plan review was adopted in June 2025. Road renewals and upgrades are based on extensive condition assessments conducted internally and periodically by an external consultant, so any community requests should be considered in line with other road priorities rather than in isolation. Submission deferred to next Road Asset Management Plan review.                                                                                                                                                             |

## Summary of Submissions

### Community Budget Submissions - 2026/27 Budget

| Asset                                        | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>All rural roads in Dorset</b>             | For Council to look at the material currently being used on gravel roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Council uses internal officer expertise to inform the materials used for roads, with external expertise utilised where necessary. Council's Infrastructure team keep up to date with industry standard and innovation, and routinely test new materials.                                                            |
| <b>Bridport Channel</b>                      | Convert the old skate park area into boat and trailer parking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | To be considered through future Bridport Master Planning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>All Dirt Roads in Dorset</b>              | Increase the budget allowance for the improvement of all our dirt roads. Including a review & correction of the crowning & road camber that can decrease the corrugation & improve drainage particularly on the corners.                                                                                 | Road renewals and upgrades are based on extensive condition assessments conducted internally and periodically by an external consultant, so any community requests should be considered in line with other road priorities rather than in isolation. Submission deferred to next Road Asset Management Plan review. |
| <b>Renison Street, Derby</b>                 | Gravel section of Renison Street Derby needs sealing, there are 5 people pay rates on this part of the street.                                                                                                                                                                                           | The authority for this portion of road is DNERT, not Council, Council has recently adopted a 12 month moratorium on land acquisition and accordingly, this request is not recommended to progress further.                                                                                                          |
| <b>King Street Footpath</b>                  | Provision of rubbish bin outside The House Paddock.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Two existing town waste bins within proximity to the store, not recommended for funding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Nil</b>                                   | An arborist to be employed to properly trim and maintain the trees in the main streets of Scottsdale and Bridport                                                                                                                                                                                        | Council maintains a vast network of trees and foliage and does take advice from an arborist as required.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Scottsdale Visitor Information Centre</b> | Visitor centre maps need updating as they're inaccurate and out of date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Proposed for funding in 2026/27 budget estimates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Nil</b>                                   | Change the methodology used to calculate rates so that each property pays a level commensurate with the services the property consumes, plus a fixed charge for community assets.                                                                                                                        | Per Section 90(3) of the Local Government Act, a general rate is to be based on the land value, capital value or assessed annual value of the land as per Section 86A(1)(b) of the Act, the value of rateable land is an indicator of the capacity of the ratepayer in respect of that land to pay rates.           |
| <b>Flag Poles – King Street</b>              | Investigate and install permanent and rotating promotional flags within the Scottsdale township. flags could display Dorset Council branding or messaging such as "It's in the making" or a "Welcome to Scottsdale" message, while the rotating flag could be used to promote upcoming community events. | Proposed for investigation 2026/27, small capital allocation included in 2026/27 budget estimates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## Summary of Submissions

### Community Budget Submissions - 2026/27 Budget

| Asset                          | Details                                                                                                                                                    | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Bridport Foreshore</b>      | Proposed installation of a restored Huon Pine Boat (40 foot) at Craskey's Jetty and Slip Way (on Main Street opposite Elizabeth Street).                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission to be considered during development of Bridport Master Plan and/or Bridport Community Action Plan.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Main Street, Derby</b>      | Request for \$6,500 funding + in-kind installation support for the design, production and implementation of new visitor signage on Main Street, Derby      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission to be considered during Derby Master Planning.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Ringarooma Tennis Court</b> | Submission for Council to consider taking a role in the care and preservation of a recently commissioned mural on the wall of the Ringarooma Tennis Court. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mural is located on private land.</li> <li>Given Council's upcoming asset review, financial management strategy review, current 12 month moratorium on new land acquisition and upcoming community action plans, it is not recommended that Council take a role in caring for and preserving the mural as it is not the owner of the asset and is not in a position to reasonably acquire the asset.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Bridport Hall</b>           | Installation of hanging rails around the perimeter of the Bridport Hall for use as part of a new event.                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal would be more appropriately considered through a formal funding pathway such as Council's Community Grants Program, allowing assessment alongside other community priorities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



## Policy No. 42 – Rates & Charges

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### OBJECTIVE

This policy defines Council's commitment to levying rates and charges in a fair and equitable manner and provides the community and ratepayers with the underlying principles that Council uses in determining rates and charges.

### POLICY

#### STRATEGIC FOCUS

Council ensures it only raises the income it needs to adequately fulfil its role and responsibilities, while also ensuring a balance between the service levels Council provides and the needs and expectations of the community. When setting the rates and charges for the upcoming financial year, Council considers the:

- Strategic Plan;
- Long Term Financial Plan;
- *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*;
- Current Annual Plan and Budget;
- Local Government Association of Tasmania Cost Index increases;
- Consumer Price Index increases;
- Current economic climate;
- Changing demands on Local Government;
- Increased service levels requested by the community;
- Future liabilities (e.g. tip site rehabilitation);
- Specific issues faced by the community, including the need to maintain, replace and renew infrastructure; and
- Likely impacts on the community.

#### RATING PRINCIPLES

When setting the rates and charges for each year, Council give consideration to the following principles per section 86A of the Act:



- Rates constitute taxation for the purposes of local government, rather than a fee for service; and
- The value of rateable land is an indicator of the capacity of the ratepayer in respect of that land to pay rates.

Rates are administered by each Council in line with the Act, which allows some flexibility for each Council to make decisions that suit its local community.

## RATES AND CHARGES

### Valuations

Generally the Valuer-General provides a Fresh Valuation (i.e. a full municipality-wide revaluation) to Council every six (6) years, with adjustment factors for various classes of property in the municipal area being provided every two (2) years. As per section 90(3) of the Act, Council are mandatorily required to use one of the following valuations to determine the General Rate:

- **Capital Value (CV)** - the total market value of the land plus buildings and other improvements.
- **Land Value (LV)** - the market value of the land only.
- **Assessed Annual Value (AAV)** - the AAV represents an independent assessment of the rental value of a property or a 4 percent minimum of the CV, whichever is the greater.

Council determine the General Rate based on the AAV per rateable property, as it is Council's position that the AAV provides the fairest and most equitable method for levying rates.

### Supplementary Valuations

In certain circumstances, valuations must be determined between Fresh Valuations. These are known as supplementary valuations and are required whenever a major change occurs to some aspect of a property. Some circumstances which may trigger a supplementary valuation are:

- Construction of a new building/s on the land;
- Extension to or renovation of existing building/s;
- Subdivision or consolidation of the land;
- Demolition of a building/s on the land;
- Other improvements to the land such as outbuildings etc.;
- Change in the land's usage;
- Realignment of the property boundary; or
- The property becomes rateable.

When any of the above circumstances arise, a supplementary valuation will be undertaken by the Valuer General, generally upon request by the Council following the lodgement of development applications. When providing a supplementary valuation, the Valuer-General determines what the valuation would have been if the change to the property that triggered the supplementary valuation (e.g. construction of a new building) was in place at the time of the most recent Fresh Valuation.

Where the Valuer General has undertaken a supplementary valuation, the ratepayer will be issued with a supplementary rates notice by Council. The notice will show the new adjusted valuations for the

property and will include any adjustments to the rates and charges for the current financial year based on the supplementary valuation.

## General Rate

### General Rate

Council determines a General Rate on an annual basis which is to apply to all rateable properties in the municipal area. The General Rate is calculated as a cents in the dollar on the AAV.

### Minimum General Rate

In accordance with section 90(4) of the Act, Council applies a minimum General Rate which is a mechanism to ensure that properties with a lower AAV pay not less than the minimum amount prescribed by Council each rating year. A minimum General Rate cannot apply to more than 35% of rateable properties which attract a non-varied General Rate

The primary reason for Council applying a minimum General Rate is to ensure that all rateable properties make an appropriate contribution to the cost of administering Council activities and maintaining the services and infrastructure that supports each property in the Dorset municipality.

[Council currently varies the minimum general rate for properties used or predominantly used for vacant land to support its strategic objectives under Dorset: Future Ready to plan for housing and settlement growth and unlock vacant land for development.](#)

### General Rate Variation

During annual budget estimate and rating strategy deliberations, Council evaluates whether it is necessary to implement any variation of the General Rate using the prescribed variation factors available per section 107 of the Act.

Council currently varies the General Rate in accordance with section 107 of the Act for:

- **Properties used or predominantly used for Short Term Accommodation (STA)** - The AAV for a property used for STA is typically comparable to those used for general residential or long term rental purposes. However, Council's position is that a property used for STA has significantly greater potential to generate income and therefore those properties used for STA should pay rates that are more akin to a commercial property.
- **Properties used or predominantly used for Primary Production – Forestry purposes** – During the 2024 Fresh Valuation, the overall valuation for properties used for Primary Production – Forestry purposes decreased. Despite the decreased valuation, it is Council's position that the industry's earning capacity [has not changed and the industry places sustained demand on Council's infrastructure and services and that the rates contribution from the industry should align with that demand.](#) ~~and impacts on Council's infrastructure remains unchanged and therefore their contribution to the municipality's overall rates burden should be maintained.~~
- **Properties used for utility services where the locality is 2205 Cape Portland Road, Cape Portland** - During the 2024 Fresh Valuation, the valuation for the Wind Farm located at Cape Portland decreased. Despite the decreased valuation, it is Council's position that the industry's earning capacity [has not changed and the industry places sustained demand on Council's infrastructure and services and that the rates contribution from the industry should align with that demand.](#) ~~and impacts on Council's infrastructure remains unchanged and therefore their contribution to the municipality's overall rates burden should be maintained.~~

Per section 109 of the Act, a ratepayer may object to a variation in a rate based on a particular use of land. Any objection to a variation must be submitted per the requirements of section 109 of the Act. The General Manager, or their delegate, is authorised to make a decision on behalf of Council in accordance with sections 109(4) and (5) of the Act in respect of any objection.

Where a ratepayer objects to a variation in a rate outside the prescribed period described in section 109 of the Act, the request for rate relief will be considered in accordance with the Remission of Rates section in this policy.

#### Capping of Rates Increases

During annual budget estimate and rating strategy deliberations, Council evaluates whether it is necessary to set a maximum percentage increase in any or all the rates payable on any rateable land in the area, and whether that maximum percentage increase will vary in accordance with any of the factors specified in section 107 of the Act.

Council currently sets a maximum percentage increase in the General Rate at ~~30~~15% for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed. ~~and varies the maximum percentage increase in the General Rate to 20% for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed and used for primary production – forestry purposes.~~

Council also sets conditions that are to apply for a ratepayer to qualify for the maximum percentage increase, namely that to qualify for the maximum percentage increase the land must not have been subject to a supplementary valuation issued by the Valuer General during the financial year immediately prior, except where:

- The supplementary valuation did not result in a changed valuation;
- The supplementary valuation became effective from 1 July in the financial year immediately prior to the relevant rating year; or
- The supplementary valuation was the result of a change of use or minor development which did not materially impact the valuation.

The General Manager or their delegate may provide a remission pursuant to section 129 of the Act to implement the conditions or to implement capping of rates increases if necessary.

#### **Fire Levy**

The fire levy is collected on behalf of the State Fire Commission in line with the Fire Services Act 1979. The total collectable amount, minimum charge and all increases associated with the fire levy are determined by the State Fire Commission, independently of Council.

#### **Service Charges**

Service charges are established in accordance with section 94 of the Act. Council determine charges annually for the following services:

##### Waste Management

The waste management charge is applied to all properties for the provision of waste management infrastructure (waste transfer stations) and disposal operations.

Waste Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB)

Charges are applied to all properties that receive a kerbside collection service based on the size and number of waste MGB/s allocated to the property. See Kerbside Collection Zone and Route Opt-In for further information.

Recycling MGB

A charge is applied to all properties that receive a recycling collection service based on the number of recycling MGB/s allocated to the property. See Kerbside Collection Zone and Route Opt-In for further information.

**PAYMENT OF RATES****Payment Dates**

Rates are due and payable in full by 30 September annually. However, ratepayers can elect to pay their rates in four equal instalments on 30 September, 30 November, 31 January and 31 March annually. If a ratepayer has not paid their rates in full by 30 September, Council automatically determines that the ratepayer has elected to pay by instalment.

In accordance with section 124(5) of the Act, Council may require the ratepayer to pay the full amount owing for the financial year if the ratepayer fails to pay an instalment within twenty one (21) days of the date it falls due.

**Application of Money**

Pursuant to section 131 of the Act, Council will apply any amount received or recovered in respect of rates as follows:

- (a) Firstly – in payment of any costs awarded to or recoverable by the Council in any Court proceedings undertaken by the Council for the recovery of the rates;
- (b) Secondly – in discharging any liability for interest;
- (c) Thirdly – in payment of any penalty;
- (d) Fourthly – in discharging liabilities for rates in the order in which those liabilities arose.

**Payment Arrangements**

Ratepayers who are facing financial hardship or other extraordinary circumstances that prevent them from meeting their rate obligations by the due date are encouraged to contact Council to discuss entering a payment arrangement.

When administering a payment arrangement, officers will work with ratepayers to develop satisfactory payment conditions that are suitable for the ratepayer's individual circumstances. If a payment arrangement spans across a period longer than 24 months it must be authorised by the General Manager or their delegate.

Provided that payment arrangements are satisfactorily maintained as per the agreement between the ratepayer and Council, all interest applied in that financial year will be remitted.

## **Late Payment of Rates**

Daily interest will apply to any amount that remains outstanding 14 days from the due date. The interest rate will be determined using the prescribed percentage formula as per section 128(2) of the Act.

## **Recovery of Rates**

### External Collection Agency

Pursuant to section 133(2) of the Act, Council will give the ratepayer notice in writing of any intention to recover debts through an external agency such as Tasmanian Collection Service (TCS). Council may commence recovery action without further warning 14 days after the notice in writing has been issued.

Council will not pursue recovery action if the ratepayer enters and maintains a satisfactory payment arrangement.

### Rent in Satisfaction of Unpaid Rates

Pursuant to section 135 of the Act, Council (by notice in writing) may require a tenant to pay rent or any other consideration relating to the property directly to Council in satisfaction of unpaid rates assessed against the property.

Section 136 of the Act provides tenants with an indemnity against repercussions (e.g. eviction) by providing the tenant with the ability to recover the amount paid to Council from the ratepayer who is liable to pay, or to offset the amount paid to Council against a liability under the tenant's lease or licence.

## **Sale of Land**

Pursuant to section 119 of the Act, unpaid rates and charges are a debt that is secured (similarly to a mortgage) against the property and therefore any debt must be paid when the property is sold.

If a ratepayer has rates and charges outstanding for a period of three (3) years or more and does not hold and maintain a satisfactory payment arrangement, Council may seek to sell the property to recover the outstanding rates as per section 137 of the Act.

Upon the sale of a property pursuant to section 137 of the Act, Council will recover outstanding rates, the cost of the sale and any other costs incurred to Council (e.g. advertising fees, legal fees) in accordance with section 139 of the Act.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND KERBSIDE COLLECTION**

### **Kerbside Collection Zone**

Developed properties within the localities of Bridport, Scottsdale, Nabowla, Ringarooma, Legerwood, Branhholm, Winnaleah, Derby, Pioneer, Herrick, Gladstone and Tomahawk that are zoned as:

- General Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Rural Living
- Urban Mixed Use
- Village
- Local Business

- General Business; or
- Particular Purpose

will be provided with a mandatory waste and recycling kerbside collection service. The General Manager may not require that a developed property in the kerbside collection zone has a mandatory waste and recycling kerbside collection service if:

- Collection is impractical due to limited presentation space at kerbside;
- There is no access to the service (i.e. Council cannot collect the MGB); or
- The ratepayer is a not-for-profit organisation.

### **Route Opt-In**

Ratepayers outside the kerbside collection zone may be eligible to opt-in to the waste and recycling kerbside collection service if their property has direct road frontage along the designated collection route.

### **Vacant Lots**

Owners of vacant lots that are within the kerbside collection zone can apply to receive kerbside collection. If approved, the owner will be required to sign a waiver that occupancy of the property has not been granted due to having MGBs. All other standard conditions as set out in this policy will apply to the service.

### **Waste MGBs and Recycling MGBs**

A standard 120L waste MGB and a 240L recycling MGB is provided to all properties that receive a collection service. Ratepayers can request a waste MGB upsize (240L) or downsize (80L) however each property in the kerbside collection zone must have a minimum of one (1) waste MGB and one (1) recycling MGB.

Ratepayers can request additional MGBs, replacement MGBs or replacement parts for an MGB at any time. Due to the associated financial impact, Council will only proceed with a variation if authorisation is received from the ratepayer. Ratepayers can cancel additional MGBs if their circumstances change or the additional MGBs are no longer required. No refund will be issued for cancelled MGBs.

A service fee will be determined annually via Council's fees and charges schedule and will apply to each MGB variation unless it is determined that the replacement or replacement part is due to age or the fault of Council. If a ratepayer is seeking a new MGB due to damage caused by Council, the damage must be reported within 5 business days.

All waste MGBs and recycling MGBs remain the property of Council. They are specifically allocated to each property and are not transferable between properties.

## **REMISSION OF RATES**

### **Exemption from Rates**

All properties that fall within the definition set out in section 87 of the Act will be exempt from the General Rate and any other rate or charge referred to in section 87 of the Act.

Section 87 (d) of the Act provides an exemption of the General Rate for land or part of land owned and occupied exclusively for charitable purposes.

The charitable exemption set out in section 87 (d) of the Act will apply where both requirements are met:

- (a) The land is owned exclusively for charitable purposes; and
- (b) The land is occupied exclusively for charitable purposes

It is not essential that the same entity is the owner and occupier, providing that both the owner and occupier satisfy the requirement of owning or occupying the property exclusively for charitable purposes.

### **Discretionary Remissions**

Ratepayers who are not eligible for an exemption under section 87 (d) of the Act may apply to Council for a discretionary remission as per section 129 of the Act.

Where a ratepayer seeks a discretionary remission, they must make written application and produce sufficient evidence of their eligibility for a remission in relation to this policy.

When a property is deemed eligible in accordance with the following criteria, a discretionary remission of the General Rate and Waste Management charge only will apply.

Properties which receive a discretionary remission will continue to be liable for the Fire Levy and any applicable service charges (including MGBs).

All applications for a discretionary remission will be considered by the General Manager in accordance with the delegated authority granted by Council.

#### Properties Leased by Charitable Organisations

A discretionary remission will be considered where a charitable organisation leases a property from a non-charitable owner and is contractually liable for the payment of rates. Upon application, the leaseholder must provide evidence of their liability for the rates and that the property is used solely for charitable purposes.

#### Cemeteries

A discretionary remission will be considered for cemeteries that are open for public use, or have previously been open for public use.

#### Not-for-Profit Organisations

A discretionary remission will be considered for not-for-profit organisations. Upon application, the organisation must provide evidence of their not-for-profit status and their benefit to the community.

### **Varied General Rate Remission**

Where a ratepayer submits an objection to a Varied General Rate after the 21 day period prescribed in section 109 of the Act, the General Manager will consider the objection as a request for a remission.

The General Manager may provide a remission if:

- the objection would be considered valid had it been received within the prescribed period; or



- the use of the property changes over the course of the rating year.

The General Manager may provide a remission which reduces the Varied General Rate to an amount not less than the amount the ratepayer would be liable to pay ordinarily if the General Rate wasn't varied.

### Interest Remission

A remission of interest charges may be granted:

- (a) Where it is deemed that the interest charge occurred due to a fault of Council;
- (b) Where the ratepayer has an excellent payment history and has a reasonable explanation for a late payment;
- (c) Where the cost outweighs the benefit to pursue the interest charge with the ratepayer;
- (d) Due to genuine financial hardship;
- (e) If a payment arrangement is entered and maintained.

### Pensioner Rebates

Under the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991*, holders of the following cards may receive an annual rebate of rates and charges in relation to their principle place of residence:

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC);
- Health Care Card (HCC); or
- Department of Veteran Affairs Card (DVA)

### Conservation Covenants

Council applies a rebate scheme for land that has been covenanted for conservation in perpetuity under either the Private Forest Reserves Program, the Protected Areas on Private Land Program and Part 5 Agreements under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

The rate rebate is set at \$5.00 per hectare per annum for covenanted land with a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$500.00 per property. Where applicable, the rebate will not reduce the rate payable to less than the minimum general rate per property plus fire levy.

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The additional waste management charges created by any new residential or industrial lots will be waived while vacant, in the name of the registered subdivider and available for sale with a registered real estate agent for:

- One year for residential subdivisions creating less than five lots;
- Three years for subdivisions creating five or more additional lots; and
- Waiving rates for a further period will be considered upon application if the new lots remain unsold, vacant and in the registered subdivider's name.

## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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| Version Description | Doc Ref         | Date Reviewed | Reviewed By    | Comments                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| V1                  | 12/6728         | 25 June 2012  | Guy Jetson     |                                                                                                                                     |
| V2                  | 13/7763         | 24 June 2013  | Guy Jetson     |                                                                                                                                     |
| V3                  | 15/5390         | 29 June 2015  | Guy Jetson     |                                                                                                                                     |
| V4                  | 15/5390         | 26 June 2017  | Guy Jetson     | No changes.                                                                                                                         |
| V5                  | DOC/19/3481     | 15 April 2019 | Lauren Tolputt | Full review when kerbside collection services brought in-house.                                                                     |
| V6                  | DOC/20/5063     | 29 June 2020  | Lauren Tolputt | Updated to accommodate further details around hardship due to COVID-19.                                                             |
| V7                  | DOC/21/5798     | 28 June 2021  | Lauren Tolputt | Information added regarding recovery of rates and application of money from sale.                                                   |
| V8                  | DOC/21/5798[v2] | 26 June 2023  | Lauren Tolputt | Reviewed due to introduction of new varied rate per S86B(4) of the Act.                                                             |
| V9                  | DOC/21/5798[v3] | 20 May 2024   | Lauren Tolputt | Reviewed due to completion of Fresh Valuation for Dorset, updated varied general rate principles and updated remissions guidelines. |
| V10                 | DOC/1/5798[v4]  | 23 June 2025  | Lauren Tolputt | Updated to include rate capping principles.                                                                                         |



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## 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule





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|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------|
| <b>CORPORATE SERVICES FEES</b>                  |                          |                |        |
| <b>Photocopying</b>                             |                          |                |        |
| A4 Page - Black & White or Colour               | per page                 | 1.20           | Yes    |
| A3 Page, Black & White or Colour                | per page                 | 1.30           | Yes    |
| DIY with own paper provided                     | per page                 | 1.10           | Yes    |
| <b>Search of Public Information</b>             |                          |                |        |
| Information Searches                            | per hour or part thereof | 70.00          | Yes    |
| <b>Council Documents</b>                        |                          |                |        |
| Council Agenda and Minutes                      | each                     | Free of Charge |        |
| Annual Report                                   | each                     | 9.80           | Yes    |
| Reprint of Rate Notice (electronic or hardcopy) | each                     | 6.60           | Yes    |
| <b>Dishonour Fees</b>                           |                          |                |        |
| Fee for Dishonoured Cheque/Direct Debit         | each                     | 15.00          | No     |
| <b>Local Government Certificates</b>            |                          |                |        |
| S.132 Certificates                              | each                     | 58.80          | Exempt |
| S.337 Certificates                              | each                     | 259.70         | Exempt |
| <b>Local Government Code of Conduct - S.28V</b> |                          |                |        |
| Code of Conduct complaint                       | each                     | 98.00          | Exempt |
| Dispute Lodgement Fee (Policy 67)               | each                     | 49.00          | Exempt |
| <b>Right to Information Requests</b>            |                          |                |        |
| Right to Information Application Fee            | per request              | 49.00          | Exempt |

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| <b>CEMETERY FEES</b>                                                                                                                  |                 |               |     |
| <b>Monumental &amp; Lawn Cemeteries</b>                                                                                               |                 |               |     |
| Right of Burial Fee                                                                                                                   | each            | 475.00        | No  |
| Single Depth Burial*                                                                                                                  | each            | 1,140.00      | Yes |
| Double Depth Burial (First Interment)*                                                                                                | each            | 1,335.00      | Yes |
| Double Depth Burial (Second Interment)*                                                                                               | each            | 1,140.00      | Yes |
| Oversized Coffin / Casket                                                                                                             | additional      | 110.00        | Yes |
| Child Burial / Interring Ashes (stillborn - 1 years)                                                                                  | each            | -             |     |
| Child Burial (1 - 15 years)*                                                                                                          | each            | 180.00        | Yes |
| Weekends & Public Holidays                                                                                                            | additional      | 645.00        | Yes |
| Late Burial (any burial after 2.00pm)                                                                                                 | additional      | 230.00        | Yes |
| Exhumation of Body (additional burial charges apply)                                                                                  | each            | 2,455.00      | Yes |
| Replacement of Lawn Plinth & Plaque                                                                                                   | each            | 420.00        | Yes |
| Replacement of Wall Plaque                                                                                                            | each            | 305.00        | Yes |
| Interring Ashes in Grave                                                                                                              | each            | 435.00        | Yes |
| Application for Monumental Works                                                                                                      | per application | 195.00        | Yes |
| <b>Memorial Walls (fees not payable on reservations paid for prior to 1/08/2003)</b>                                                  |                 |               |     |
| Right of Burial Fee                                                                                                                   | each            | 205.00        | No  |
| Placement of Ashes and/or Plaque                                                                                                      | each            | 245.00        | Yes |
| <b>Ellesmere Rose Garden (fees not payable on reservations paid for prior to 1/08/2003)</b>                                           |                 |               |     |
| Right of Burial Fee                                                                                                                   | each            | 240.00        | No  |
| Placement of Ashes and/or Plaque                                                                                                      | each            | 560.00        | Yes |
| <i>*Interments will be charged a right of burial fee (either prepaid or at the time of interment) plus a burial or placement fee.</i> |                 |               |     |
| <i>**Any other miscellaneous works charged on an hourly basis at full cost recovery.</i>                                              |                 |               |     |

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| <b>PUBLIC HALLS &amp; RECREATION FACILITY FEES</b>                                                                                                                                |                                |     |
| <b>General Charges</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                |     |
| Portable Stage (25 modules; 2m x 1m each module); 10% discount for 2-12 modules, 15% discount for 13-25 modules                                                                   | \$85 per module / weekend hire | Yes |
| Portable Stage Bond; 10% discount for hire of 2-12 modules, 15% discount for hire of 13-25 modules                                                                                | \$100 per module               | No  |
| Public Liability Charge (Casual Hirers) - Non Alcoholic Event                                                                                                                     | 34.00                          | Yes |
| Public Liability Charge (Casual Hirers) - Alcoholic Event                                                                                                                         | 68.00                          | Yes |
| Bond - Non Alcoholic Event*                                                                                                                                                       | 162.50                         | No  |
| Bond - Alcoholic Event*                                                                                                                                                           | 325.00                         | No  |
| Bond - Equipment Hire*                                                                                                                                                            | 215.00                         | No  |
| Lost Key Replacement                                                                                                                                                              | 64.00                          | Yes |
| Callout fee for unscheduled attendance by a council officer - minimum rate (1 hour)**                                                                                             | 386.00                         | Yes |
| - Plus additional charge per hour there after                                                                                                                                     | 55.00                          | Yes |
| *Bond or part thereof will be forfeited if facilities or assets are not returned in the agreed condition .                                                                        |                                |     |
| ** Includes attendance for additional cleaning if facilities are not left in the agreed condition.                                                                                |                                |     |
| <b>All Halls including Branxholm, Bridport, Derby, Gladstone, Legerwood, North Scottsdale, Pioneer, Ringarooma, Springfield and Winnaleah</b>                                     |                                |     |
| Per Hour                                                                                                                                                                          | 24.00                          | Yes |
| Per Day                                                                                                                                                                           | 140.00                         | Yes |
| <b>All Recreation Grounds, Parks and Reserves</b>                                                                                                                                 |                                |     |
| Per Hour                                                                                                                                                                          | 24.00                          | Yes |
| Per Day                                                                                                                                                                           | 140.00                         | Yes |
| <b>Scottsdale Sports Stadium, Scottsdale Nugget Sellars Pavilion, Scottsdale Council Chamber, Office Daily Hire, Winnaleah Function Room &amp; Other Miscellaneous Asset Hire</b> |                                |     |
| Per Hour                                                                                                                                                                          | 34.00                          | Yes |
| Per Day                                                                                                                                                                           | 270.00                         | Yes |
| <b>Bridport Multi-Function Centre</b>                                                                                                                                             |                                |     |
| Per Hour                                                                                                                                                                          | 40.00                          | Yes |
| Per Day                                                                                                                                                                           | 330.00                         | Yes |

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| <b>SWIMMING POOL FEES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |     |
| <b>General Charges</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |               |     |
| Lane hire per hour (during public opening times only, max 2 lanes)                                                                                                                                             | 22.00         | Yes |
| <b>Learn to Swim and Fitness Programs</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |               |     |
| Learn to Swim (LTS) (Adult/Child) per class (min of 4 per class)                                                                                                                                               | 25.00         | Yes |
| Private Learn to Swim Session (LTS) (Adult/Child) 30 minutes                                                                                                                                                   | 65.00         | Yes |
| Swimming Squad Session with Coach (Adult) per 1 hour session (min of 8 per session)                                                                                                                            | 10.00         | Yes |
| Aqua Fitness Classes (Adult/Child) per class (min of 8 per class)                                                                                                                                              | 20.00         | Yes |
| Aqua Fitness Classes (Adult/Child) per class (min of 8 per class) - Concession                                                                                                                                 | 15.00         | Yes |
| Aqua Fitness Classes (Adult/Child) 10 class ticket (prepaid)                                                                                                                                                   | 155.00        | Yes |
| Aqua Fitness Classes (Adult/Child) 10 class ticket (prepaid) - Concession                                                                                                                                      | 125.00        | Yes |
| <b>Pool Hire</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |     |
| Pool Hire per hour/per lifeguard for Schools within the Dorset municipality*                                                                                                                                   | 70.00         | Yes |
| Pool Hire per hour/per lifeguard for Schools outside the Dorset municipality*                                                                                                                                  | 80.00         | Yes |
| Pool Hire per hour for private bookings outside of normal opening hours**                                                                                                                                      | 100.00        | Yes |
| - Plus additional lifeguard per 50 attendees                                                                                                                                                                   | 80.00         | Yes |
| Kiosk - average margin                                                                                                                                                                                         | 65%           | Yes |
| <b>Equipment Hire</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |     |
| Marquee Hire                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 60.00         | Yes |
| Trestle Table                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 25.00         | Yes |
| *A minimum of 1 lifeguard is required for every 50 students. Use of the slide will require an additional lifeguard. Opening of the kiosk will require an additional pool attendant, provided at no extra cost. |               |     |
| **Option to open the slide requires an additional lifeguard.                                                                                                                                                   |               |     |



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| <b>CARAVAN PARK AND CAMPING GROUND FEES</b>                                                                                                                |               |     |
| <b>Derby Park</b>                                                                                                                                          |               |     |
| Camping Per Site/Per Night (maximum stay 14 nights)                                                                                                        | 27.00         | Yes |
| <b>Derby Car Park and Amenities Area</b>                                                                                                                   |               |     |
| Camping Per Site/Per Night (maximum stay 14 nights)                                                                                                        | 27.00         | Yes |
| <b>Branxholm Caravan Park</b>                                                                                                                              |               |     |
| Camping Per Site/Per Night (maximum stay 14 nights)                                                                                                        | 27.00         | Yes |
| <b>Camping Shower Charges</b>                                                                                                                              |               |     |
| Northeast Park, Branxholm Park, Derby Camping grounds & Bridport Seaside Caravan Park public access showers                                                | 6.00          | Yes |
| <b>BRIDPORT SEASIDE CARAVAN PARK</b>                                                                                                                       |               |     |
| <b>Standard Sites*</b>                                                                                                                                     |               |     |
| Peak Season (1 Nov to End of Easter):                                                                                                                      |               |     |
| Powered Site per night (family of 4, infants under 3 free)                                                                                                 | 61.00         | Yes |
| Unpowered Site per night (family of 4, infants under 3 free)                                                                                               | 48.00         | Yes |
| Cabin per night (2 people / \$20 per extra adult / \$10 per extra child)                                                                                   | 240.00        | Yes |
| Extra Adult (18 and over, maximum of 4 adults per site)                                                                                                    | 15.00         | Yes |
| Extra Child (under 18 years of age, infants under 3 free)                                                                                                  | 8.00          | Yes |
| Off Peak Season (End of Easter - 31 Oct):                                                                                                                  |               |     |
| Powered Site per night (family of 4, infants under 3 free)                                                                                                 | 56.00         | Yes |
| Unpowered Site per night (family of 4, infants under 3 free)                                                                                               | 43.00         | Yes |
| Cabin per night (2 people / \$20 per extra adult / \$10 per extra child)                                                                                   | 215.00        | Yes |
| Extra Adult (18 and over, maximum of 4 adults per site)                                                                                                    | 15.00         | Yes |
| Extra Child (under 18 years of age, infants under 3 free)                                                                                                  | 8.00          | Yes |
| <b>Annual Sites</b>                                                                                                                                        |               |     |
| Upfront annual payment                                                                                                                                     | 5,192.00      | Yes |
| Quarterly payment instalment                                                                                                                               | 1,298.00      | Yes |
| Monthly payment instalment                                                                                                                                 | 434.00        | Yes |
| Waitlist Administration Fee ( <i>incurred annually</i> )                                                                                                   | 71.00         | Yes |
| Late Payment Fee ( <i>applies to any payment that remains outstanding after 14 days</i> )                                                                  | 30.00         | Yes |
| Direct Debit Dishonour Fee                                                                                                                                 | 15.00         | No  |
| <i>*These are the base prices however specials will be advertised throughout the year, refer to the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park website for details.</i> |               |     |

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| <b>WASTE DISPOSAL FEES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |     |
| <b>General Refuse</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |     |
| Garbage Bag                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3.00          | Yes |
| 120lt Wheelie Bin / Container                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 9.00          | Yes |
| 240lt Wheelie Bin / Container                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11.00         | Yes |
| Car Boot/Station Wagon (up to 0.5 m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20.00         | Yes |
| Ute/6*4 Trailer (up to 1m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 35.00         | Yes |
| Tandem Axle Trailer (up to 2m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 50.00         | Yes |
| Compacted Refuse (per m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 120.00        | Yes |
| Bulk Trade Waste (per tonne, conditions apply)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 200.00        | Yes |
| <b>Timber</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |     |
| Timber (treated) m <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 36.00         | Yes |
| Timber (untreated) m <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 11.00         | Yes |
| <b>Tyres</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |     |
| Car / Motorbike tyre (each)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15.00         | Yes |
| Light truck / 4WD tyre (each)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 25.00         | Yes |
| Large truck tyre (each)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 50.00         | Yes |
| Rim removal per tyre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 12.00         | Yes |
| <b>Green Waste</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |     |
| Car Boot/Station Wagon (up to 0.5m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8.00          | Yes |
| Ute/6*4 Trailer (up to 1m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 15.00         | Yes |
| Tandem Axle Trailer (up to 2m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 30.00         | Yes |
| Truck (up to 3m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 50.00         | Yes |
| <b>Inert Landfill*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |     |
| Car Boot (up to 0.5m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 50.00         | Yes |
| Ute / 6*4 Trailer (up to 1m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 120.00        | Yes |
| Tandem Axle Trailer (up to 2m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 180.00        | Yes |
| <i>*Inert landfill waste refers to material that is not chemically or biologically reactive and does not readily decompose. Examples include sand, concrete, bricks, and certain demolition materials.</i>                                                                                                                          |               |     |
| <b>Other Waste</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |     |
| Waste Oil (per litre)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2.00          | Yes |
| White Goods (each)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18.00         | Yes |
| Mattress - Spring Type (each)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 36.00         | Yes |
| <b>Recyclable Materials accepted at WTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               |     |
| <b>Separated</b> Paper, Paperboard, Plastics,(1,2,3,4,5,7), Cardboard, Oil, Aluminium Cans, Steel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -             |     |
| <b>Mixed</b> Paper, Paperboard, Plastics,(1,2,3,4,5,7), Cardboard, Aluminium Cans, Steel Cans                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -             |     |
| Polystyrene Packing Material, Gas Cylinders (degassed), Triple Rinsed Chemical Containers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -             |     |
| <b>Service Charges</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |     |
| Service Fee (including modifications to domestic bins)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 34.00         | Yes |
| Green Waste Mulch (per front loader bucket, approx. 0.5m <sup>3</sup> ) - subject to availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6.00          | Yes |
| <i>Please note Waste Transfer Stations within the Dorset municipality have limited capacity to receive commercial waste. Commercial operators will be charged in accordance with the applicable gate fees; however, Council reserves the right to refuse loads where the volume exceeds the available capacity at any facility.</i> |               |     |

|                                                                                    | 2026/27<br>\$                         | GST |
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| <b>HEALTH FEES</b>                                                                 |                                       |     |
| <b>Food Act</b>                                                                    |                                       |     |
| <b>Food Business Registration</b>                                                  |                                       |     |
| New Annual Registration* - P1 or P2 Risk Classification                            | 330.00                                | No  |
| New Annual Registration* - P3 Risk Classification                                  | 250.00                                | No  |
| Renewal of Existing Annual Registration* - P1 or P2 Risk Classification            | 280.00                                | No  |
| Renewal of Existing Annual Registration* - P3 Risk Classification                  | 200.00                                | No  |
| Part New Registration Fee (January - June)                                         | 50% of applicable new<br>registration | No  |
| Temporary Food Business Registration (Single Event) - Permanent resident of Dorset | 50.00                                 | No  |
| Charitable or not for profit organisations food registration or renewal            | -                                     | -   |
| <i>*No registration fees for charitable or not for profit organisations</i>        |                                       |     |
| <b>Other</b>                                                                       |                                       |     |
| On Street Dining Application Fee                                                   | 115.00                                | No  |
| Food Business Inspection                                                           | 100.00                                | No  |
| Water quality sampling (by request) per hour plus analysis costs                   | 150.00                                | No  |
| <b>Annual Mobile Food Vendor Permit</b>                                            |                                       |     |
| Non-permanent Resident of Dorset municipality*                                     | 1,020.00                              | No  |
| Permanent Resident of Dorset municipality*                                         | 255.00                                | No  |
| <i>*No registration fees for charitable or not for profit organisations</i>        |                                       |     |
| <b>Public Health Act</b>                                                           |                                       |     |
| Place of Assembly (mass event) Licence                                             | 195.00                                | No  |
| Public Health Risk Activity - Premises Registration                                | 195.00                                | No  |
| Public Health Risk Activity - Operator Licence                                     | 195.00                                | No  |
| Regulated System Registration                                                      |                                       |     |
| - one system on premises                                                           | 150.00                                | No  |
| - additional systems (each)                                                        | 60.00                                 | No  |
| Private Drinking Water Supplier Registration                                       | 60.00                                 | No  |
| Water Carrier Registration                                                         | 60.00                                 | No  |
| <b>Search of Public Information</b>                                                |                                       |     |
| Document and Information Searches                                                  | Per hour or part thereof<br>70.00     | Yes |

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| <b>BUILDING &amp; PLUMBING FEES</b>                                                       |                                        |     |
| <b>Building Permit Authority</b>                                                          |                                        |     |
| Category 1 – Low Risk Works                                                               | -                                      | No  |
| Category 2 - Low Risk Works                                                               | 100.00                                 | No  |
| Category 3 - Notifiable Works                                                             | 232.00                                 | No  |
| Category 4 – Permit Works                                                                 | 311.00                                 | No  |
| <b>Amendments and Retrospective Works</b>                                                 |                                        |     |
| Plan Amendments and Extensions of Time                                                    | 111.00                                 | Yes |
| Retrospective Works                                                                       | Double the relevant application fee(s) |     |
| <b>Other Building Fees</b>                                                                |                                        |     |
| State Government - Building Administration Fee (for all works of <b>\$20,000</b> or more) | 0.1% of the value                      |     |
| State Government - TBCITB Training Levy (for all works of <b>\$20,000</b> or more)        | 0.2% of the value                      |     |
| Building Certificates                                                                     | 295.00                                 | No  |
| EHO assessment of plans for food premises (Form 49)                                       | 137.00                                 | No  |
| EHO occupancy permit for food premises (Form 50)                                          | 137.00                                 | No  |
| <b>Plumbing Surveyor Assessment &amp; Inspections</b>                                     |                                        |     |
| Category 1 - Low Risk Works                                                               | -                                      | Yes |
| Category 2 - Low Risk Works                                                               | 100.00                                 | Yes |
| Category 3 - Notifiable Works (Certificate of Likely Compliance and Administration)       | 345.00                                 | Yes |
| Category 4 - Low Risk Works (application for plumbing permit):                            |                                        |     |
| Plumbing permit including assessment and inspection                                       | 358.00                                 | Yes |
| Plumbing permit plus onsite wastewater management system assessment                       | 705.00                                 | Yes |
| <b>Other Plumbing Surveyor Fees</b>                                                       |                                        |     |
| Amendments to original plans, and all other works (hourly rate)                           | 179.00                                 | Yes |
| Additional plumbing surveyor inspections                                                  | 179.00                                 | Yes |
| Assessment of illegal plumbing work                                                       | Double the relevant application fee(s) | Yes |
| <b>Search of Public Information</b>                                                       |                                        |     |
| Document and Information Searches                                                         | Per hour or part thereof 70.00         | Yes |

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| <b>PLANNING SERVICES FEES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                |     |
| <b>Pre-Lodgement Planning Review</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                |     |
| Review of proposal prior to lodgement of planning application                                                                                                                                                            | -                                                              |     |
| <b>No Permit Required Application</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                |     |
| Assessment to determine "No Permit Required" status                                                                                                                                                                      | 150.00                                                         | No  |
| <b>Permitted Application (excluding Subdivisions)</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                |     |
| Permitted Application Assessment Fee                                                                                                                                                                                     | 300.00                                                         | No  |
| <b>Discretionary Application</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                |     |
| Class 7 - 10 Buildings                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 800.00                                                         | No  |
| Applications for use and/or development valued at \$500,000 or less                                                                                                                                                      | 1,113.00                                                       | No  |
| Applications for use and/or development over of \$500,000                                                                                                                                                                | \$1,113.00 plus 0.2% of<br>value over \$500,000                | No  |
| Visitor Accommodation where section 11A of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2024 apply                                                                                                                    | 250.00                                                         | No  |
| <b>Subdivision Application (including boundary adjustments and consolidations)</b>                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |     |
| Permitted Application                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 300.00                                                         | No  |
| - Plus additional charge per lot created                                                                                                                                                                                 | 150.00                                                         |     |
| Discretionary Application                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1,113.00                                                       | No  |
| - Plus additional charge per lot created                                                                                                                                                                                 | 150.00                                                         | No  |
| Examination and sealing of Final Plan of Survey                                                                                                                                                                          | 552.00                                                         | No  |
| Public Open Space Contribution                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5% of the unimproved<br>land value of new lots                 | No  |
| <b>Amendment to Planning Permit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                |     |
| Permitted Use and/or Development                                                                                                                                                                                         | 153.00                                                         | No  |
| Discretionary Use and/or Development                                                                                                                                                                                     | 358.00                                                         | No  |
| <b>Other Planning Applications</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |     |
| Request for Amendment of LPS (Section 37) inclusive of application fee, advertising, Tasmanian Planning Commission fees, and administration costs                                                                        | 4,693.00                                                       | No  |
| Combined Permit and Amendment Application (Section 40T) inclusive of application fee, advertising, Tasmanian Planning Commission fees, and administration costs.<br><u>Excludes the Request for Amendment of LPS fee</u> | 0.2% of estimated cost<br>of total works capped<br>at \$35,000 | No  |
| Application for Permit Extension                                                                                                                                                                                         | 179.00                                                         | No  |
| Refunds                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 50% of application fee<br>paid                                 | No  |
| Assessment of retrospective planning application                                                                                                                                                                         | Double the relevant<br>application fee(s)                      | No  |
| <b>Miscellaneous Applications</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                |     |
| Strata Application                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 379.00                                                         | No  |
| - Plus additional charge per lot created                                                                                                                                                                                 | 150.00                                                         | No  |
| Staged Development Scheme or Community Development Scheme Application                                                                                                                                                    | 1,041.00                                                       | No  |
| - Plus additional charge per lot created                                                                                                                                                                                 | 150.00                                                         | No  |
| Application to amend Strata Plan                                                                                                                                                                                         | 142.00                                                         | No  |
| - Plus additional charge per lot created by amendment                                                                                                                                                                    | 150.00                                                         | No  |
| Application to amend Staged Development Scheme or Community Development Scheme                                                                                                                                           | 332.00                                                         | No  |
| Application to amend Sealed Plan                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,041.00                                                       | No  |
| Adhesion Order Application                                                                                                                                                                                               | 621.00                                                         | No  |
| <b>Search of Public Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                |     |
| Document and Information Searches                                                                                                                                                                                        | Per hour or part thereof<br>70.00                              | Yes |

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| <b>ENGINEERING FEES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                   |     |
| <b>Examination and approval of plans and specifications including inspection of works for:</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                   |     |
| <u>Roadworks</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |     |
| up to 50 linear metres                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 130.00                            | Yes |
| for every 100 linear metres (or part thereof in excess of 50m)                                                                                                                                                                               | 105.00                            | Yes |
| <u>Drainage Works</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |     |
| up to 50 linear metres                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 105.00                            | Yes |
| for every 100 linear metres (or part thereof in excess of 50m)                                                                                                                                                                               | 105.00                            | Yes |
| <u>Faulty Works Inspection Fee</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |     |
| <i>Where in the opinion of the Municipal Engineer substandard or faulty work requires additional inspections to be made, the Corporation may require an additional fee to be paid to the Corporation for each such additional inspection</i> | 175.00                            | Yes |
| <b>Application for Works in a Road Reservation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |     |
| Crossovers, stormwater, footpaths, kerb and channel and underground power connections                                                                                                                                                        | 95.00                             | Yes |
| <b>PRIVATE WORKS FEES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |     |
| Rate to be added to internal rates for any labour, material, plant, equipment, services and third party costs (inclusive of on-costs, where relevant) required to perform the private works                                                  | 15%                               | Yes |
| <b>Search of Public Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                   |     |
| Document and Information Searches                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Per hour or part thereof<br>70.00 | Yes |

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| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL FEES</b>                                                        |                          |     |
| <b>Dog Registration Fees</b>                                                      |                          |     |
| Lifetime Registration Fees                                                        |                          |     |
| Non-Desexed Dog                                                                   | 180.00                   | No  |
| Desexed, Working, Purebred or Greyhound Dog                                       | 105.00                   | No  |
| Concession Cardholder Owned Dog                                                   | 70.00                    | No  |
| Guide Dog                                                                         | -                        |     |
| Guard Dog                                                                         | 545.00                   | No  |
| Annual Registration Fee                                                           |                          |     |
| Declared Dangerous Dog - Annual                                                   | 570.00                   | No  |
| <b>Kennel Licence Fees</b>                                                        |                          |     |
| New Kennel Licence (3 to 5 Dogs)                                                  | 130.00                   | No  |
| New Kennel Licence (more than 5 dogs)                                             | 160.00                   | No  |
| Renewal of Existing Dog Licence                                                   | 50.00                    | No  |
| <b>General Dog Fees</b>                                                           |                          |     |
| Pound Charge – Daily                                                              | 45.00                    | No  |
| Fee to make a Nuisance complaint                                                  | 50.00                    | No  |
| Replacement Registration Tag                                                      | 10.00                    | No  |
| First Seizure and Impounding of any Dog                                           | 85.00                    | No  |
| Subsequent Seizures and Impounding of any Dog (per seizure)                       | 245.00                   | No  |
| Dog Delivery Charge (Returned to Owner)                                           | 115.00                   | Yes |
| <b>Cat Management</b>                                                             |                          |     |
| Relocation Device (Trap) Hire Bond (refundable if returned in good working order) | 95.00                    | No  |
| <b>Search of Public Information</b>                                               |                          |     |
| Document and Information Searches                                                 | 70.00                    | Yes |
|                                                                                   | Per hour or part thereof |     |



# DORSET COUNCIL – Planning Approvals

## May 2026

|               |                                                     |                                                   |                                                                                          |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUB-2025/1348 | Michell Hodgetts Surveyors<br>4 Neville DR BRIDPORT | Lodged 06/10/2025<br>Value of Works - \$0         | Subdivision of 1 lot into 2 lots<br>Determined APPD on 18/05/2026                        |
| DEV-2025/116  | Mr N J Whelan<br>328 Cuckoo RD CUCKOO               | Lodged 03/12/2025<br>Value of Works - \$300,000   | Multiple Dwellings for Agricultural Use<br>Determined APPD on 01/05/2026                 |
| DEV-2025/123  | Jaws Architects<br>41 Mary ST SCOTTSDALE            | Lodged 22/12/2025<br>Value of Works - \$5,720,000 | Educational and Occasional Care: Childcare Centre<br>Determined APPD on 29/05/2026       |
| DEV-2026/19   | Woodbury Co Pty Ltd<br>146 Westwood ST BRIDPORT     | Lodged 20/02/2026<br>Value of Works - \$850,000   | Construction of a dwelling<br>Determined APPD on 15/05/2026                              |
| SUB-2026/1353 | Michell Hodgetts Surveyors<br>31 Holmes CT BRIDPORT | Lodged 05/03/2026                                 | Residential - 2 lot Subdivision<br>Determined APPD on 15/05/2026                         |
| DEV-2026/28   | Dorset Council<br>750 Bridport RD JETSONVILLE       | Lodged 25/03/2026<br>Value of Works - \$40,000    | Waste Station Extension<br>Determined APPD on 01/05/2026                                 |
| DEV-2026/31   | Plans to Build<br>113 Westwood ST BRIDPORT          | Lodged 30/03/2026<br>Value of Works - \$1,100,000 | Construction of a new single dwelling<br>Determined APPD on 26/05/2026                   |
| DEV-2026/33   | Mrs J V Bilowol<br>35 Winnaleah RD WINNALEAH        | Lodged 31/03/2026                                 | Visitor Accommodation - change of use to a holiday unit<br>Determined APPD on 05/05/2026 |

## DORSET COUNCIL – Building Approvals

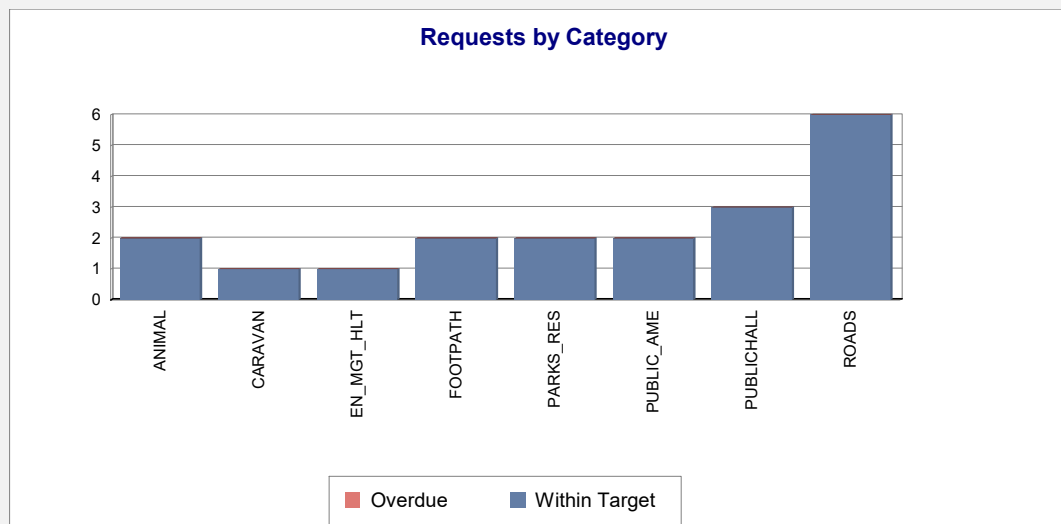
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| BLD-2026/25 | Ms D M Venn<br>44 Walter ST BRIDPORT                | Lodged 06/05/2026<br>Value of Works - \$50,000  | New Dwelling & Deck (Retrospective)<br>Determined APPR on 12/05/2026 |
| OTH-2026/26 | Mr L Adams<br>79 Main ST DERBY                      | Lodged 12/05/2026<br>Value of Works - \$850,000 | New Bike Hire Shop<br>Determined APPR on 12/05/2026                  |
| OTH-2026/39 | Bison Constructions<br>189 Toronna RD WINNALEAH     | Lodged 28/05/2026<br>Value of Works - \$194,000 | New Farm Shed<br>Determined APPR on 28/05/2026                       |
| OTH-2026/40 | Bison Constructions<br>60 West Tomahawk RD TOMAHAWK | Lodged 28/05/2026<br>Value of Works - \$120,000 | New Outbuilding (Yard Cover)<br>Determined APPR on 28/05/2026        |

## DORSET COUNCIL – Plumbing Approvals

### May 2026

|             |                        |                            |                                     |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SP-2026/25  | Ms D M Venn            | Lodged 06/05/2026          | New Dwelling & Deck (Retrospective) |
|             | 44 Walter ST BRIDPORT  | Value of Works - \$50,000  | Determined APPR on 12/05/2026       |
| SP-2026/26  | Mr L Adams             | Lodged 12/05/2026          | New Bike Hire Shop                  |
|             | 79 Main ST DERBY       | Value of Works - \$850,000 | Determined APPR on 12/05/2026       |
| OTH-2026/34 | Design to Live         | Lodged 28/05/2026          | Demolition of Ex. Dwelling & Shed   |
|             | 91 Bentley ST BRIDPORT | Value of Works - \$15,000  | Determined APPR on 28/05/2026       |



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| Major / Minor Category                              | New      | Closed   | Within Tgt | %           | Overdue  | %         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Animals</b>                                      | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Animal Enquiry                                      | 1        | 1        | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Animal Welfare                                      | 1        | 1        | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Caravan Parks</b>                                | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Caravan Park Maintenance                   | 1        | 1        | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Environmental Management and Health</b>          | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Environmental Management & Health General Enquiries | 1        | 1        | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Footpath Enquiries</b>                           | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Scottsdale Footpath Maintenance                     | 2        | 2        | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |

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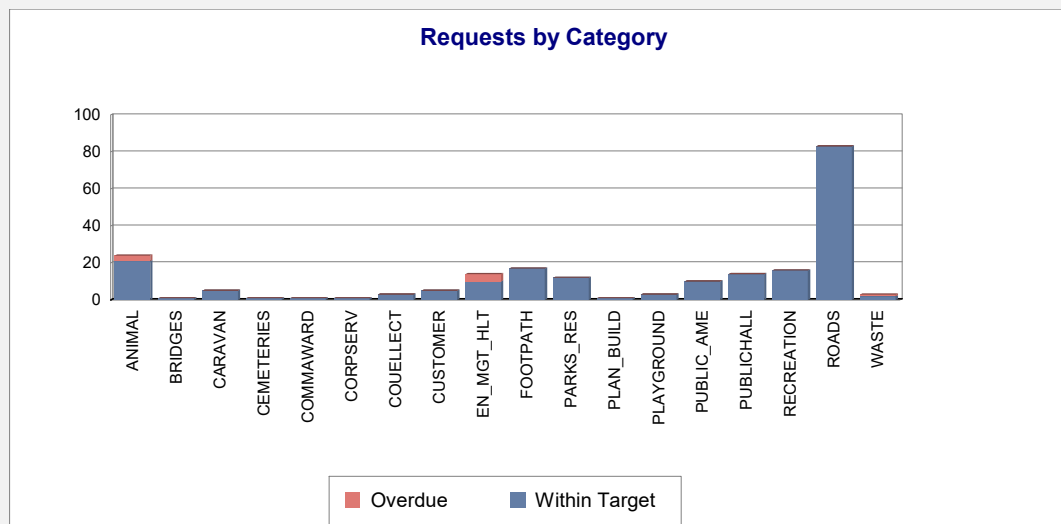
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| Major / Minor Category                           | New       | Closed    | Within Tgt | %           | Overdue  | %         |
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| <b>Parks &amp; Reserves</b>                      | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Scottsdale Parks and Reserves Maintenance        | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Urban Parks and Reserves Maintenance             | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Public Amenities</b>                          | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>67%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Scottsdale Public Amenities Maintenance          | 3         | 2         | 2          | 67%         | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Public Halls Buildings</b>                    | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Council Office Maintenance                       | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Urban Public Hall Maintenance                    | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Roads</b>                                     | <b>12</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>50%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Roads - Stormwater Maintenance          | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Bridport Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance | 1         | 0         | 0          | 0%          | 0        | 0%        |
| Rural Roads - Maintenance                        | 4         | 3         | 3          | 75%         | 0        | 0%        |
| Rural Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance    | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Scottsdale Roads - Maintenance                   | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Scottsdale Roads - Stormwater Maintenance        | 4         | 0         | 0          | 0%          | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                               | <b>26</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>19</b>  | <b>73%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |



## Customer Request Summary by Category

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| Major / Minor Category             | New       | Closed    | Within Tgt | %           | Overdue  | %          |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| <b>Animals</b>                     | <b>26</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>81%</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>12%</b> |
| Animal Enquiry                     | 11        | 11        | 10         | 91%         | 1        | 9%         |
| Dog Attack                         | 2         | 2         | 1          | 50%         | 1        | 50%        |
| Barking Dog                        | 9         | 8         | 8          | 89%         | 0        | 0%         |
| Dog Enquiry                        | 3         | 2         | 1          | 33%         | 1        | 33%        |
| Animal Welfare                     | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Bridges</b>                     | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Bridge Enquiries                   | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Caravan Parks</b>               | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Branhholm Caravan Park Maintenance | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |

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| <b>Caravan Parks</b>                                | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Bridport Caravan Park Maintenance                   | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Northeast Caravan Park Maintenance                  | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Cemeteries</b>                                   | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Ellesmere Cemetery Maintenance                      | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Community Awards</b>                             | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Communtiy Awards - Enquiries                        | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Corporate Services General</b>                   | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Rates Enquiries                                     | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Council Elections</b>                            | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Council Elections Enquiries                         | 3         | 3         | 3          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Customer Service</b>                             | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Customer Service General Enquiries                  | 5         | 5         | 5          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Environmental Management and Health</b>          | <b>17</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>10</b>  | <b>59%</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>24%</b> |
| Fire Hazards                                        | 9         | 6         | 5          | 56%         | 1        | 11%        |
| Environmental Management & Health General Enquiries | 3         | 3         | 2          | 67%         | 1        | 33%        |
| Noise Pollution                                     | 5         | 5         | 3          | 60%         | 2        | 40%        |
| <b>Footpath Enquiries</b>                           | <b>20</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>85%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Bridport Footpath Maintenance                       | 3         | 1         | 1          | 33%         | 0        | 0%         |
| Scottsdale Footpath Maintenance                     | 8         | 7         | 7          | 88%         | 0        | 0%         |
| Urban Footpath Maintenance                          | 9         | 9         | 9          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Parks &amp; Reserves</b>                         | <b>13</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>12</b>  | <b>92%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Bridport Parks and Reserves Maintenance             | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%         |



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| <b>Parks &amp; Reserves</b>                      | <b>13</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>12</b>  | <b>92%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Scottsdale Parks and Reserves Maintenance        | 5         | 4         | 4          | 80%         | 0        | 0%        |
| Urban Parks and Reserves Maintenance             | 6         | 6         | 6          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Planning &amp; Building Services</b>          | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Planning Enquiries                               | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Playground Maintenance</b>                    | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Playground Maintenance                  | 1         | 1         | 1          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Scottsdale Playground Maintenance                | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Public Amenities</b>                          | <b>11</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>10</b>  | <b>91%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Public Amenities Maintenance            | 3         | 3         | 3          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Scottsdale Public Amenities Maintenance          | 8         | 7         | 7          | 88%         | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Public Halls Buildings</b>                    | <b>15</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>14</b>  | <b>93%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Public Hall Maintenance                 | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Council Office Maintenance                       | 8         | 7         | 7          | 88%         | 0        | 0%        |
| Urban Public Hall Maintenance                    | 5         | 5         | 5          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Recreation Grounds</b>                        | <b>17</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>16</b>  | <b>94%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Recreation Ground Maintenance           | 4         | 4         | 4          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Scottsdale Recreation Ground Maintenance         | 10        | 9         | 9          | 90%         | 0        | 0%        |
| Urban Recreation Ground Maintenance              | 3         | 3         | 3          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| <b>Roads</b>                                     | <b>98</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>83</b>  | <b>85%</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |
| Bridport Roads - Maintenance                     | 3         | 3         | 3          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Bridport Roads - Spray and Pest Control          | 2         | 2         | 2          | 100%        | 0        | 0%        |
| Bridport Roads - Stormwater Maintenance          | 2         | 1         | 1          | 50%         | 0        | 0%        |
| Bridport Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance | 4         | 3         | 3          | 75%         | 0        | 0%        |

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| <b>Roads</b>                                       | <b>98</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>85%</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b>  |
| Rural Roads - Maintenance                          | 37         | 34         | 34         | 92%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Rural Roads - Signage & Guide Post Maintenance     | 5          | 4          | 4          | 80%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Rural Roads - Spraying and Pest Control            | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0%         | 0        | 0%         |
| Rural Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance      | 6          | 5          | 5          | 83%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Rural Roads - Mowing and Slashing                  | 13         | 12         | 12         | 92%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Scottsdale Roads - Mowing and Slashing             | 1          | 1          | 1          | 100%       | 0        | 0%         |
| Scottsdale Roads - Maintenance                     | 6          | 5          | 5          | 83%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Scottsdale Roads - Stormwater Maintenance          | 6          | 2          | 2          | 33%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Scottsdale Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance | 6          | 6          | 6          | 100%       | 0        | 0%         |
| Urban Roads - Maintenance                          | 2          | 2          | 2          | 100%       | 0        | 0%         |
| Urban Roads - Speed Limit Enquiries                | 3          | 2          | 2          | 67%        | 0        | 0%         |
| Urban Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance      | 1          | 1          | 1          | 100%       | 0        | 0%         |
| <b>Waste Management</b>                            | <b>4</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>50%</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>25%</b> |
| Waste Collection Issues                            | 1          | 1          | 1          | 100%       | 0        | 0%         |
| Waste Management Enquiries                         | 3          | 2          | 1          | 33%        | 1        | 33%        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>242</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>206</b> | <b>85%</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>3%</b>  |