



COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting of Council

6.00pm, Wednesday 23 June 2021

Council Chambers, 6177 Great Northern Highway, Bindoon



PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Time Permitted

A minimum of 15 minutes is permitted for Public Question Time at Council Meetings. If there are not sufficient questions to fill the allocated time, the Presiding Member will move to the next item. If there are more questions to be considered within 15 minutes, the Presiding Member will determine whether to extend Public Question Time. Each person seeking to ask questions during Public Question Time may address the Council for a maximum of two minutes each.

2. Protocol

No member of the public may interrupt the Council Meeting proceedings or enter into conversation.

Members of the public wishing to participate in Public Question Time at the Council Meeting who wish to submit written questions, are requested to lodge them with the Chief Executive Officer the Tuesday by **5pm on the day before the meeting**

The Presiding Member will control Public Question time and ensure that each person wishing to ask a question is given a fair and equal opportunity to do so. Members of the public wishing to ask a question must state his or her name and address before asking a question. If the question relates to an item of the Agenda, the item number and title should be stated.

3. General Rules

The following general rules apply to Public Question Time:

- Public Questions should only relate to the business of the local government and should not be a personal statement or opinion.
- Only questions relating to matters affecting the local government will be considered at a Council Meeting, and only questions that relate to the purpose of the meeting will be considered at a Special Council Meeting.
- Questions may be taken on notice and responded to after the meeting.
- Questions may not be directed to specific Elected Members or a Shire employee.
- Questions are not to be framed in such a way as to reflect adversely on a particular Elected Member or Shire employee.
- First priority will be given to persons who have submitted their questions in writing.
- Second priority will be given to persons who are asking questions relating to items on the current Council Meeting Agenda.

DEPUTATIONS

1. Time permitted

A minimum of 10 minutes is permitted for Deputations.

2. Protocol

No member of the public may interrupt the Council Meeting proceedings or enter into conversation.

Members of the public making a Deputation at the Council Meeting are requested to lodge them with the Chief Executive Officer the Tuesday by **5pm on the day before the meeting**

The Presiding Member will control Deputation time and ensure that each person wishing to ask a question is given a fair and equal opportunity to do so. Members of the public making a Deputation must state his or her name, company (if applicable) and address before commencing. Members must also state the item number and title on the Agenda.

3. General Rules

The following rules apply when making a Deputation:

- (a) Deputation is not to exceed five persons, only two of whom may address the Council, although others may respond to specific questions from Members.
- (b) Deputations must not exceed 10 minutes without the agreement of the Council.
- (c) Additional members of the deputation may be allowed to speak with the agreement of the Presiding Member.

Council is unlikely to take any action on the matter discussed during the deputation without first considering an officer's report on that subject in a later Council agenda.

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Objective

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PREFACE

When the Chief Executive Officer approves these minutes for distribution they are in essence "Unconfirmed" until the following Ordinary Meeting of Council, where the minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments.

The "Confirmed" minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Member.

Attachments that formed part of the agenda, in addition to those tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council are put together as an addendum to these Minutes.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

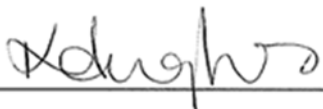
These minutes were approved for distribution on 28 June 2021.



Matthew Gilfellow
Chief Executive Officer

CONFIRMED MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on 21 July 2021.

Signed 

NOTE: the Presiding Member at the meeting at which these minutes are confirmed is the person who signs above.

Disclaimer

The purpose of this Council meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda.

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Good evening Councillors, staff, ladies and gentlemen, we wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Yued people. We would like to pay respect to the Elders of the Nyoongar nation, past and present, who have walked and cared for the land, we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture, and the contributions made to this region.

ITEM 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

ITEM 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Attendance

The following members will be in attendance:

Cr Kylie Hughes	Presiding Member
Cr Carmel Ross	
Cr Peter Osborn	
Cr John Curtis	
Cr Mary Angus	
Cr Rebecca Foulkes-Taylor	
Cr Mark Campbell	

The following staff will be in attendance:

Matthew Gilfellon	Chief Executive Officer
Melinda Prinsloo	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Peter Stuart	Executive Manager Development Services
Jim Garrett	Executive Manager Technical Services
Denaye Kerr	EA to the CEO

Members of the General Public: 1

Media: 0

Apologies

Nil

Approved leave of absence

Nil

ITEM 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Response to previous public questions taken on notice

Nil

Public question time

PQT05 – 06/21 Chris Waldie, Bindoon

Question 1: With regard to the Budget I couldn't find any allocation for Forrest Hills Parade. There has been over the last few years a small amount of that road replaced, however, the current state of the road is quite dangerous with potholes.

Response 1: *The President invited the EMCS to comment.*

The EMCS advised that when creating the Budget staff looked at the roads program and there are more than two sections in that program consisting of Council funded and Grant funded roads and depending on the grants received we allocate roads towards those. There is no work plan in the coming financial year for Forrest Hills Parade, however, it is picked up again in the Long Term Financial Plan.

The Road Maintenance Program is still going ahead and the Shire will still be fixing up roads. The ones that are listed in the Long Term Financial Plan are road programs where the Shire re does a whole road but potholes we will continue to fix throughout the whole period.

The President reiterated that a works order could be created with anything that was thought to be an immediate safety concern and staff would review the matter accordingly.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS

Petitions

Nil

Presentations

Nil

Deputations

Nil

ITEM 6. PURPOSE OF MEETING

SCM01 – 06/21 Adoption of the 2021-22 Annual Budget

File ref	13/02/37
Author	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorised by	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interests that requires disclosure
Voting requirements	Absolute Majority
Attachments	1. 2021-2022 Draft Statutory Budget 2. 2021-2022 Fees and Charges

Executive Summary

Council is requested to adopt the 2021-2022 Draft Budget as presented.

Background

Local Governments must prepare annual budgets in the format prescribed in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

The Shire of Chittering commenced the 2021-2022 budget process in April. The budgeting process and Council engagement were aimed at ensuring complete transparency and knowledge sharing throughout all engagements.

The budget engagement process included six Budget workshops with Council:

- 21 April 2021 – Budget Process overview, approach and roadmap
- 27 April 2021 – Budget Programs and Schedules
- 12 May 2021 – Operational Budget (Statutory- and non-statutory services)
- 19 May 2021 – Non-statutory services, capital projects and projects
- 28 May 2021 – Full budget workshop
- 9 June 2021 – Presentation of the final draft budget (in preparation for adoption meeting on 16 June 2021).

The Shire and Councillors have extensively engaged with the community throughout 2020/2021, which assisted in identifying the priorities for the upcoming financial year.

Overall this budget has been drafted as a zero-based, lean budget with commitment from the Shire management team to further seek areas of reducing costs at every opportunity.

The objective of this budget was to lay a solid foundation for the Long Term Financial success of the Shire, and to focus on what needs to be incorporated now to ensure no above average rate rises occur over the long term. The Shire remains committed to our cause to assist in making it easier for our communities to continue living a safe, healthy lifestyle in our shire.

Consultation/Communication Implications

Local

Budget Forums (Workshops) with Councillors and the Executive Management Team were held. During these sessions Council workshopped the budgets relating to statutory service, non-statutory services, governance & compliance and business services. The Rates setting statement and discretionary spend items and items to be included as part of an additional Local Roads & community Infrastructure Program grant were included in an additional workshop. All schedules have been circulated and updated after each workshop. Councillors have also engaged with the community and

have brought items into the budget that addressed pain points in the community, focusing on all areas within the shire.

State

Nil

Legislative Implications

State

- Local Government Act 1995
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended)

Local

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This agenda item provides for the adoption of the budget and the imposition of rates and fees and charges for the 2021-2022 financial year.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Site Inspection

Not applicable

Triple Bottom Line Assessment

Economic implications

The draft 2021-2022 budget has been developed based on sound financial management and accountability principles and is considered to deliver a sustainable economic outcome for the Council and the community.

Social implications

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

Environmental implications

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

Officer Comment/Details

Budget

The 2021/22 budget includes some major capital projects, which are sure to benefit the majority of the community. New change rooms and a club room will be built in Muchea, which will enable girls' sports to have more appropriate changing facilities, and will enable the multiple clubs who use the facilities to comfortably coexist. It would further ensure that a multi-purpose facility is available for the community to utilise.

The Bindoon Mountain Bike Park's first phase will also be built, which will allow our member of the community to access the grounds for cycling or walking on the various new trails. A kiosk and toilet/change rooms will be built as part of this phase. Facilities such as barbeques and shelters will enable the families to spend a day out there.

The Shire will also commence work on North Road to address the safety concerns of our Wannamal community. This project will run over two years, and will include the widening of the road surface and straightening of problematic areas. These works will be council-funded.

Wandena road will be sealed in the coming year. The area sealed would be from Powderbark road to Great Northern Highway. These works will be council-funded.

The Shire has focused very heavily on keeping rates low in the past, but this has been to the detriment of our scheduled plant renewals. Postponing the renewals resulted in a build-up of plant that needs replacement, which necessitates major investment in plant in the 2021/22 financial year. To assist with funding the plant replacement, funds will be transferred from reserves.

Council has elected to keep the same rate for Councillor Sitting Fees and Allowances, which has applied for the past year.

Given the increase in compulsory Superannuation contributions, and that Council has not approved a CPI-based salary increase for staff in the previous budget, an increase of 2.5% is included in the budget for staff.

Council has elected to leave the Landfill Access/Maintenance Rate unchanged at \$60 this. Commercial fees will continue to be charged for all rubbish deemed to not be domestic waste.

Council continues to allocate funds to reserves to assist in funding the creation of aged care, employee entitlements, specialist consulting services and buildings.

The loans previously approved for the Muchea Clubroom Redevelopment and the Bindoon Mountain Bike Park land purchase are carried forward into this budget a loan will be applied for to fund Phase 1 of the Bindoon Mountain Bike Park. This will be tied to the successful outcome of the current grant application.

Highlights of the budget include

- Schedule 4 - Governance
 - Fair Value Assessment for Land and Buildings
 - Funding for the Reconciliation Action Plan
 - Provision for finalisation of the Bindoon Master Plan
 - Provision for the Plans for Lower Chittering Connectivity Space
- Schedule 5 – Law Order Public Safety
 - Continued focus on Fire, Safety and Animal Control activities
 - Substantial Grant-funded Fire Mitigation works
- Schedule 8 – Education and Welfare
 - Funding for Education Scholarships
 - Funding for Youth Services (Youth Events, Youth Development Program, School Holiday Activities, Youth Sponsorship and Youth Chaplaincy)
 - Funding for Events (Wear Ya Wellies, Taste of Chittering, Shire support for the Volunteer Day/Week Promotions)
 - Funding to support localised Community Events
 - Ongoing provision of community grants and sponsorships for community groups
- Schedule 9 – Housing
 - Scheduled works for senior housing

- Scheduled works for community housing
- Schedule 10 – Community Amenities
 - Continued support of the Chittering Landcare
 - Funds transferred to Waste Management Reserve for tip rehabilitation
- Schedule 11 – Recreation and Culture
 - Wannamal tennis courts resurfacing & fence replacement
 - Muchea Clubroom Redevelopment
 - Plans for Lower Chittering Connectivity Space
 - Mountain Bike Park Stage 1
 - Chittering Community Centre
 - Funding for various Australia Day Events throughout the Shire
 - Continuation of the Community Courtesy Bus Program
- Schedule 12 – Transport
 - Council funded roadworks at:
 - North Road
 - Charolais Trail
 - Sussex Bend
 - Stephens Road
 - Regional Road Group (RRG) works on Muchea East Road and Chittering Road
 - Roads to Recovery works on Chittering Valley Road.
 - Local Roads & Community Infrastructure grant works on Wandena Road and the Binda Place Car Park.
 - Black Spot Roadworks continue on
 - Ridgetop Ramble Road
 - Teatree Road
 - Hibbertia Road
 - Footpath and cycleway works at Clune to Brockman trail and Chittering Walk trail
 - Bridge works on Chittering Road
 - Plant purchases as per the 10-year Plant Replacement Plan
- Schedule 13 – Economic Services
 - Muchea Entry Statement
 - Continued support of the Taste of Chittering Event – Council Contribution
 - Continuation of the Shop Local Campaign
 - Continued support for Tourism and area promotion, as well as Visitor Centre
 - Business development and directory upgrade
- Schedule 14 – Other Property and Services
 - Continue to provide improved customer services and make better use of staff resources
 - Continue upgrade of Council website to provide a platform for interactive customer service

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION 130621

Moved Cr Ross / Seconded Cr Osborn

That Council:

1. Pursuant to the provision of Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts the budget for the Shire of Chittering for the 2021-2022 financial year which includes the following:
 - a. **Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type;**
 - b. **Statement of Comprehensive Income by Program;**

- c. Statement of Cash Flows;
 - d. Rate Setting Statement;
 - e. Notes to and forming part of the Budget;
 - f. Budget Program Schedules;
 - g. Other Supporting Documents and Schedules; and
 - h. Transfers to/from Reserve accounts.
2. Pursuant to Sections 6.32, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995* impose the following:
 - a. Where the General Rate is to apply, for all rateable properties with Gross Rental Valuations a rate in the dollar of 0.106792, with a minimum rate of \$1,050.00 be imposed; and
 - b. Where the General Rate is to apply, for all rateable properties with Unimproved Valuations a rate in the dollar of 0.006647, with a minimum rate of \$1,000.00 be imposed.
 3. Pursuant to Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an interest rate of 5.5% for rates (and charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable.
 4. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an interest rate of 0% where the owner has elected to pay rates and charges through an instalment option and 5.5% upon default.
 5. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, offer the following payment options:
 - a. Option 1
To pay the total of rates and charges included on the rate notice in full by the due date 2 September 2021, which is 35 days after the date of service. Failure to pay will attract penalty charges.
 - b. Option 2
To pay by instalments. Details of these dates and amounts are included on the rate notice. Failure to pay such costs by the due dates will attract penalty charges. This option can only be selected where the first instalment including all arrears (if any) is paid by the due date. Payment dates are 2 September 2021, 4 November 2021, 6 January 2022 and 9 March 2022.
 6. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an instalment charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and charges) through an instalment option of \$10.00 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.
 7. Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, impose a Waste Collection & Disposal Fee in the compulsory areas, as following:
 - a. \$334.00 per annum – for one refuse mobile garbage bin (collected weekly) and one recycling mobile garbage bin (collected fortnightly);
 - b. \$151.00 per annum – for any additional recycling mobile garbage bins (collected fortnightly); and
 - c. \$184.00 per annum – for any additional refuse mobile garbage bins (collected weekly).
 8. Pursuant to Section 66 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, adopts the following waste services rate and minimum payment to fund the operations of the Bindoon and Muchea Landfill Centres:
 - a. GRV base rate \$0.000038;
 - b. UV base rate \$0.000038; and a
 - c. Minimum payment of \$60.00 to apply to both GRV and UV rated land.

9. Adopts as part of the budgetary process, the attached Fees and Charges Schedule.
10. Pursuant to the *Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination dated 6 April 2021*, adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting attendance fees:
 - a. President \$17,822.00; and
 - b. Councillors \$11,510.00.
11. Pursuant to the *Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination dated 6 April 2021*, adopts the following annual allowances under Section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 for elected members:
 - a. Reimbursement of Expenses Allowance \$3,000.00.
12. Pursuant to the *Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination dated 6 April 2021*, adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:
 - a. President \$13,702.00.
13. Pursuant to the *Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination dated 6 April 2021*, adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:
 - a. Deputy President \$3,425.00.
14. In accordance with Regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, and AASB 1031 Materiality, adopts a variance of 10% and a minimum of \$10,000.00 to be used in the statements of financial activity and annual budget review.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6 / 1

TIME 6:17pm

CR CURTIS VOTED AGAINST THIS MOTION

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Curtis / Seconded

That the officer recommendation be amended to change 7a to read \$190 per annum instead of \$334 per annum.

LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Curtis / Seconded

That the officer recommendation be amended to remove the position of a part time communication officer from the 2021-22 Budget.

LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

SCM02 – 06/21 Adoption of the 2021-2031 Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan

File ref	13/02/37
Author	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorised by	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interests that requires disclosure
Voting requirements	Absolute Majority
Attachments	1. 2021-2031 Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan

Executive Summary

Council is requested to adopt the 2021-2031 Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan as presented.

Background

The Corporate Business Plan activates The Strategic Community Plan priorities. It prioritises Councils Informing Strategies including the Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Plan, Asset Management Plan, Sport and Recreation Plan (incorporating the Trails Strategy) and Economic Development Plan (incorporating the Tourism Strategy). The output of the Corporate Business Plan is the Annual Budget, being the financial Representation of “Year 1” of the Corporate Business Plan and a reprioritised/roll forward Corporate Business Plan outlining all of the local government’s operations (including services, assets, Council priorities and projects), with detailed financial estimates, administrative responsibility and linkage to the Strategic Community Plan.

The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a ten year rolling plan that informs the Corporate Business Plan to activate Strategic Community Plan priorities. From these planning processes, Annual Budgets that are aligned with strategic objectives can be developed.

The Corporate Business Plan incorporates the Workforce Management Plan, and Asset Management Plan. It also incorporates the Economic Development Plan and Sport- and Recreations plan. These were informed by the numerous community engagement interactions.

Having a longer term vision of the projected projects and its impact on the budget, allows Council to make informed decisions on major capital investments and its impact on rates.

The Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan has been prepared as part of the Budget Process, and has been presented to Council in detail, including the projected loans and reserves to be incurred during this timeframe.

Overall this Plan has been drafted as a three percent rate base increase (meaning the increase in the number to residents and businesses settling into the Muchea Industrial Park will be incorporated in this growth, therefore the real increase to each rate payer should not exceed three percent).

The objective of this Long Term Financial Plan was to lay a solid foundation for the success of the Shire over an extended period

Consultation/Communication Implications

Local

Budget Forums (Workshops) with Councillors and the Executive Management Team were held. During these sessions Council workshopped the budgets relating to statutory service, non-statutory

services, governance & compliance and business services. The Rates setting statement, Loans Schedule and Reserve Funds Schedule has been discussed and circulated to Council in the interest of full transparency.

State

Nil

Legislative Implications

State

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended)*

Local

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This agenda item guides Council in the longer term financial wellbeing of the Shire, but has no direct financial implications, as each year would be set as part of the Annual Budget Process.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Site Inspection

Not applicable

Triple Bottom Line Assessment

Economic implications

The draft 2021-2031 budget has been developed based on sound financial management and accountability principles and is considered to deliver a sustainable economic outcome for the Council and the community.

Social implications

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

Environmental implications

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

Officer Comment/Details

The best use of a Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is to show the future direction of the Shire, should it keep heading along the same path. It takes a snapshot of a position in time and tries to predict what the next ten years will be, based on the snapshot.

This version of the LTFP goes a little bit further in helping to chart a course from where the Shire currently is, through to a stronger position in ten years' time when major infrastructure will have been replaced, reserves are just starting to replenish, plant and equipment maintained and services are a little better.

The aim was to break away from short-term focus of not investing in plant and infrastructure, which would lead to an inevitable major rate increase or dilapidated infrastructure over time.

It is however a conservative LTFP. Rates have been kept low, rising three percent per year. This increase would include any natural increase of rates so for the individual ratepayer the increases may be lower. Services have not changed a lot and while we are replacing the ageing infrastructure and providing some more localised recreation, there is still a lot of infrastructure not covered.

The plan does take advantage of current low interest rates, which, when applied to the interest rate when the medical centre was built, affords the Shire 30% more principal for the same repayments. That is effectively a 30% discount on building at the current low interest rates.

One of the weaknesses of the plan is that at the end of the ten years there is debt, however for a growing shire this is not unusual, especially considering the poor base from where it starts. This plan is a baseline. There will be many changes over the next ten years in the makeup of the Shire, its ability to afford goods and services and in the infrastructure and service demands of our population. By setting a baseline the basic infrastructure can be provided, but at the same time as changes come in, flexibility can be accommodated.

If the demand for a service, for example environmental sustainability, continues to increase, a conversation with the community about whether they are willing to pay for this could be incorporated in the appropriate year in this plan. If the proceeds from the industrial park are greater than expected then infrastructure renewal could be moved forward or new infrastructure could be added.

Included in the Long Term Financial Plan

Sport and Recreation Plan:

This plan is based on assumptions about what should be in the LTFP from the Sport and Recreation Plan. This is still not final and Council can still have their input, which would be incorporated in the LTFP when needed.

Of the big projects:

- Muchea and the Mountain Bike Park are included in the current budget, though the MB Park does rely on grant funding.
- The replacement of the Lower Chittering Hall with a Multi-Purpose Centre. The design is to start the 2021/22 Financial Year and replacement the following year.
- A new oval in the Shire to take the overflow of the Muchea Oval.
- Towards the end of the plan an investigation into Chinkabee and the Brockman Centre with funds to carry out the proposed plan.
- End of life replacement for all the playgrounds and new Public Open Space in the estates around the Shire.

Economic Development Plan:

The major projects in the Economic Development Plan aim to take advantage of our proximity to Perth and natural assets.

Major projects included:

- The first major project is the Bindoon Mountain Bike Park which is due to commence 2021/2022. This is to be followed with the development of a caravan park at the same site which will cater for visitors, encourage more expenditure in the local economy and also provide commercial income for the Shire.
- Through the course of the 10-year Plan, and based on the success of the Mountain Bike Park, there will be a focus on continuing to increase the amount of trails across the Shire, both for Mountain Bikes and for walking. This includes Djdid-Djidi Ridge, more Mountain Bike trails in Mt Byromanning, Kyotmunga Walk Trail in Lower Chittering and a Long Distance regional trail through the shire. All of these are dependent on feasibility studies and land access.

- Funding has also been included for the construction of a Caravan Park in Lower Chittering that would help to take advantage of the trails in the Shire and provide some focus on the tourism area that has been recognised in the Planning Strategy.

Other than these projects, there is funding for business development and marketing of the region.

Shire Operations:

Throughout the plan there have been small increases in services via additional staff members. This is in line with the workforce plan and would be expected that with a growing population, additional staff are required to meet the increase in needs.

There is also a new service 'Public Health' that is required under State legislation which requires shires to develop a Public Health Plan. Public Health is very different to the Environmental Health Service that the Shire is currently required to provide.

Plant and equipment in the plan is also being renewed in accordance with a ten year plant replacement program, ensuring that plant stays in good condition.

Roads is an area where Shire funding is being kept constant, so increases in roads will require increases in grant funding.

Position at the End of 10 Years:

It is important to think not just what will happen in the next ten years but also what position this leaves the Shire in. With the changes that may happen over the next ten years, this is not currently clear and based on scenarios.

- **Infrastructure** - most of the large community infrastructure will have been replaced with the exception of Wannamal Hall and Bindoon Hall, which will form part of the planning in the future.
- **Parks and Playgrounds** - There will also be a lot of pressure around the size of parks and playgrounds such as Clune Park and potentially John Glenn and Sussex Bend as well. The cost of playgrounds become increasingly expensive and some major capital investments might be needed in the years following this plan.
- **Provision for new services** - There will also be some services that the Shire should be providing that isn't catered for in the plan. Environmental sustainability is one that might become a priority, but there may be others which can't be predicted yet. Potential changes like the WA Wellness Index, which would take the focus away from just dollars to a more holistic community wellbeing, could have a large impact on Local Government. The role of technology has also not been accounted for.
- **Debt** - Though debt has been used to fund the new infrastructure, the Shire would be in a position to start paying down on the debt while replacing smaller infrastructure at the end of this LTFP.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION 140621

Moved Cr Osborn / Seconded Cr Ross

That Council adopts the Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan for the Shire of Chittering as per Attachment.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6 / 1

TIME 6.23PM
CR CURTIS VOTED AGAINST THIS MOTION

ITEM 7. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6.25pm.