

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Agenda

18 July 2024

Shire of Yilgarn NOTICE OF MEETING



Councillors:
Please be advised that the

July 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council

Will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, 18 July 2024 Commencing at **5pm**

COUNCILLORS PLEASE NOTE:

- The Discussion Session will start at 4pm
- The Ordinary Meeting of Council will start at 5pm

Nicholas Warren

Chief Executive Officer

12/07/2024

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

3. ATTENDANCE

Members Cr W Della Bosca

Cr Close

Cr B Bradford Cr G Guerini Cr L Granich Cr Newbury Cr L Rose

Council Officers N Warren Chief Executive Officer

C Watson Executive Manager Corporate Services

G Brigg Executive Manager Infrastructure

F Mudau Finance Manager L Della Bosca Minute Taker

Apologies:

Observers:

Leave of Absence:

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

5.1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Thursday, 20 June 2024- (Minutes Attached)

Recommendation

That the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 20 June 2024 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority



6.2 <u>Great Eastern Country Zone (GECZ), Thursday, 13 June 2024-</u> (Minutes Attached)

Recommendation

That the minutes from the GECZ Meeting held on the 13 June 2024 be received.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

7. PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

Joshua Letcher of Netley Minerals will be in attendance to present to Council regarding their iron ore operations around the Koolyanobbing area..

8. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**



9.1 Officers Report – Chief Executive Officer

9.1.1 Shire of Yilgarn Pre-Qualified Supplier Panel -2024

File Reference 6.9.2
Disclosure of Interest None

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Author Nic Warren-Chief Executive Officer

Attachments Confidential Pre-Qualified Suppliers Assessment Matrix

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of the outcome of the applications that were received from Contractors to form Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers to provide various services throughout the Shire of Yilgarn.

Background

As per the Shire's Purchasing and Tendering Policy 3.4 – Section 3 Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers, it states that the Shire will consider creating a Panel of Pre-qualified Suppliers ("Panel") when a range of similar goods and services are required to be purchased on a continuing and regular basis.

The policy also states that if the Shire decides that a Panel is to be created, it will establish the panel in accordance with the Regulations.

The current panel of Pre-Qualified Suppliers expires in 2024, and as such the process to establish a new Panel has commenced with the inclusion of additional services.

The following trades and services were sought:

- Electrical Services
- Plumbing & Gas Services
- Building Construction Services Registered
- Building Construction Services Non-Registered
- General Building Maintenance Services
- Plant Hire
- Gravel/Aggregate Carting
- Contract Grading
- Concreter
- Earthmoving Services
- Roadside Mulching/Clearing



Comment

Advertisements commenced on 03/05/2024 and were placed on the Shire's website and Facebook page, in the "West Australian" Newspaper and "Crosswords" newsletter inviting Contractors to apply to join Pre-Qualified Supplier Panels, based on a three (3) year Panel period with one (1) year contracts only.

At the close of the statutory advertising period, being Monday 1st July 2024, the attached listings detail the quotations received.

The application document advised the following criteria would be utilised to assess and rate potential suppliers, and that the Shire of Yilgarn intended to appoint at least three (3) suppliers on each Panel with an indicative maximum of six (6) Panel Members. It was indicated that the number of short listed suppliers would be at the discretion of the Shire relevant to the quality of submissions received against the selection criteria, services required and value for money.

Description of Qualitative Criteria	Weighting %
A) Capabilities Outline the key services, skills, personnel and equipment that your company can provide the Shire of Yilgarn. i. Key services and skills ii. Key personnel iii. Relevant equipment	30%
B) Relevant experience in providing this service (include referees) Provide details of previous successful delivery of services, may include: i. Up to a maximum of 5 projects ii. 1 paragraph description outlining scope of work, iii. Cost iv. Timeframe v. Referee - Must include referee details.	30%
C) Local Supplier Outline the primary location of your business i. Shire of Yilgarn (max 25%) ii. Adjoining local government authority (max 15%) iii. Regional WA (max 15%) iv. Perth (max 10%) v. Other (max 5%)	25%
i. Service ii. Personnel iii. Equipment iv. Other Regional Price Preference - 10% - to all suppliers located within the Shire of Yilgarn - 5% - to all suppliers located within the Wheatbelt region - 2.5% - to all suppliers located within the Goldfield region.	15%



The attached assessment matrix details the applicants, their services to be supplied and the weighting applied to each. Commercial pricing values has been rescinded from the public version.

The recommendation indicates the preferred supplier panels to be endorsed by Council.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act (1995) and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Yilgarn Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026 – Civic Leadership Objectives – Dynamic and visionary leadership guiding our community into the future - Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Policy Implications

Shire of Yilgarn Purchasing and Tendering Policy – Policy Number 3.5.

Financial Implications

Provision of costs for the engagement of Contractors is built into the 2021/2022 Budget.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Paying higher than a fair rate for various ongoing plant and services.	Moderate (9)	Pre-Qualified Suppliers Panels (PQSP), identifies fair rates across numerous ongoing plant and services requirements to ensure fair price is obtained
Service Interruption	Interruptions caused by contractors not able to meet the requirements of the Shire.	Moderate (9)	PQSP allows Shire staff to ensure prospective suppliers are able to provide the plant and services required.



Compliance	Non-compliance with Council's Policy, "Finance 3.5 Purchasing Quotes and Tenders"	Moderate (9)	PQSP established in compliance with Policy and Regulations.
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

Risk Matrix							
Conseque	nce	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic	
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5	
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)	
Likely	4	Low (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)	
Possible	3	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)	
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)	
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)	



That Council, in consideration of the applications received from Contractors to form Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for the Shire of Yilgarn for a three (3) year Panel period and based on one (1) year Contracts, the following Panels be formed for the specified works, commencing July 2024:

Electrical Services

- 1. LNB Electrical
- 2. Interlec
- 3. Zecelec Pty Ltd

General Building Maintenance

- 1. Pedrin Building
- 2. Ian Christie
- 3. WA Concerete Pty Ltd

Contract Grading

1. WB Contracting

Earthmoving Services

- 1. WB Contracting
- 2. WA Concrete Pty Ltd

Plant Hire - Dry

- 1. Ian Christie
- 2. Makin Dust Plant Hire
- 3. Brook Hire

Building Construction Services – Non-

Registered

- 1. Pedrin Building
- 2. Ian Christie
- 3. WA Concrete Pty Ltd

Gravel /Aggregate Carting

- 1. Mineral Crushing Services
- 2. WB Contracting

Concreter

- 1. Pedrin Building
- 2. Ian Christie
- 3. WB Contracting
- 4. WA Concrete Pty Ltd

Roadside Mulching/Clearing

- 1. WB Contracting
- 2. Intelife Group
- 3. Indigenous Contracting Western Australia Pty Ltd

<u>Plant Hire – Wet</u>

- 1. Pedrin Building
- 2. Ian Christie
- 3. WB Contracting
- 4. Mineral Crushing Services
- 5. WA Concrete Pty Ltd



9.2 Reporting Officer- Executive Manager Corporate Services

9.2.1 Financial Reports-June 2024

File Reference 8.2.3.2
Disclosure of Interest Nil

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Author Fadzai Mudau- Finance Manager

Attachments Financial Reports

Purpose of Report

To consider the Financial Reports

Background

Enclosed for Council's information are various financial reports that illustrate the progressive position of Council financially on a month-by-month basis.

The following reports are attached and have been prepared as at the 30 June 2024

- Rates Receipt Statement
- Statement of Investments
- Monthly Statement of Financial Activity

Councillors will be aware that it is normal practice for all financial reports to be indicative of Council's current Financial Position as at the end of each month.

Comment

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

34. Financial activity statement required each month (Act s. 6.4)

(1A) In this regulation —

committed assets means revenue unspent but set aside under the annual budget for a specific purpose.



- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail
 - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and
 - (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
 - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
 - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
 - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing
 - (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets; and
 - (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in subregulation (1)(d); and
 - (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.
- (3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown
 - (a) according to nature and type classification; or
 - (b) by program; or
 - (c) by business unit.
- (4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in subregulation (2), are to be
 - (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
- (5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

Strategic Implications

Nil



Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Monthly snapshot of Councils financial position	Moderate (6)	Ongoing review of Councils operations
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996	Moderate (6)	Adherence to statutory requirements
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

Risk Matrix							
Conseque	nce	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic	
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5	
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)	
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Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)	
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)	



That Council endorse the various Financial Reports as presented for the period ending 30 June 2024.



9.2 Reporting Officer- Executive Manager Corporate Services

9.2.2 Accounts for Payment – June 2024

File Reference 8.2.1.2
Disclosure of Interest Nil

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Author Wes Furney-Finance Officer

Attachments Accounts for Payment

Purpose of Report

To consider the Accounts Paid under delegated authority.

Background

- Municipal Fund Cheques 41278 to 41283 totalling \$40,721.00
- Municipal Fund EFT 15351 to 15449 totalling \$1,293,072.91
- Municipal Fund Cheques 2397 to 2414 totalling \$343,259.60
- Municipal Fund Direct Debit Numbers:
 - 18891.1 to 18891.14 totalling \$24,946.33
 - 18922.1 to 18922.14 totalling \$24,988.19
 - 18950.1 to 18950.14 totalling \$21,841.27

The above are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.

Comment

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

5.42. Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO

- (1) A local government may delegate* to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under—
 - (a) this Act other than those referred to in section 5.43; or
 - (b) the *Planning and Development Act 2005* section 214(2), (3) or (5).

^{*} Absolute majority required.



(2) A delegation under this section is to be in writing and may be general or as otherwise provided in the instrument of delegation.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

12. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund, restrictions on making

- (1) A payment may only be made from the municipal fund or the trust fund
 - (a) if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from those funds by the CEO; or
 - (b) otherwise, if the payment is authorised in advance by a resolution of the council.
- (2) The council must not authorise a payment from those funds until a list prepared under regulation 13(2) containing details of the accounts to be paid has been presented to the council.

13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared
 - (a) the payee's name; and
 - (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing
 - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- (3) A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be
 - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.



Strategic Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Council Policy 3.11 – Timely Payment of Suppliers

Financial Implications

Drawdown of Bank funds

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Transactions require two senior managers to approve.	Moderate (8)	Transactions require two senior managers to sign cheques or approve bank transfers.
Financial Impact	Reduction in available cash.	Moderate (5)	Nil
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996	Moderate (6)	Adherence to statutory requirements
Reputational	Non or late payment of outstanding invoices and/or commitments	Moderate (9)	Adherence to Timely Payment of Suppliers Policy
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil



Risk Matrix							
Conseque	nce	Insignificant	Minor Moderate		Major	Catastrophic	
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9.2 Reporting Officer– Executive Manager Corporate Services

9.2.3 2024/2025 Budget Adoption

File Reference 8.2.5.3
Disclosure of Interest Nil

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority

Author Cameron Watson-Executive Manager Corporate Services

Attachments Attachment – 2024/2025 Statutory Budget

Purpose of Report

To consider and adopt the Municipal Fund Budget for the 2024 / 2025 financial year together with supporting schedules, including imposition of rates and minimum payments, adoption of fees and charges, setting of elected members fees for the year and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

Background

The 2024 / 2025 operating budget has been compiled based on the principles contained in the Strategic Community Plan and Plan for the Future. The 2024 / 2025 budget has been prepared in accordance with the presentations made to councillors at the budget workshop held on the 3rd of July 2024.

The rating structure proposed for the 2024 / 2025 financial year is based on a 2.5% increase in the Rate raised from those imposed in the previous year. The 2024 rate year is a GRV revaluation year and as such the resulting valuation changes will need to be considered when setting a RID that will provide the required 2.5% rate increase. The GRV valuations varied significantly with changes from -4.09% for GRV Mine Sites to +30.69% for GRV Residential / Industrial assessments.

UV valuations are provided annually with the 2024 rate year having material valuation increases of:

UV Rural – 10.88% UV Mining – 9.95%

The advertising period for the receival of submissions closed on the 23rd of May and resulted in no submissions being received.

Comment

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



• The Schedule of Fees & Charges.

There have been no changes to the Fees & Charges that Council considered in May.

• General Rates and Minimums

The general value of rates raised are included in the table below, the general minimums will remain the same:

			Rates Raised	Rates Raised	\$	%
	Rate in t	he Dollar	2024/25	2023/24	Increase/	Increase/
Land Category	2024/25	2023/24	\$	\$	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
<u>General Rate</u>						
GRV - Residential / Industrial	9.0430	11.6294	393,970	384,363	9,607	2.50%
GRV - Commercial	7.6405	8.1865	82,147	77,843	4,304	5.53%
GRV - Minesites	15.2268	16.3728	77,611	86,055	(8,444)	(9.81%)
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	15.2268	16.3728	122,371	133,638	(11,267)	(8.43%)
UV - Rural	1.1556	1.2500	1,987,298	1,938,772	48,526	2.50%
UV - Mining Tenements	15.2168	14.9184	1,818,484	1,647,776	170,708	10.36%
<u>Minimum General Rate</u>						
GRV - Residential / Industrial	\$600	\$600	84,000	82,800	1,200	
GRV - Commercial	\$450	\$450	10,800	3,600	7,200	
GRV - Minesites	\$450	\$450	450	1,350	(900)	
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	\$450	\$450	800	900	(100)	
UV - Rural	\$450	\$450	20,700	20,250	450	
UV - Mining Tenements	\$450	\$450	119,700	122,850	(3,150)	

There was a general revaluation carried out to both UV and GRV rated assessments effective 1st July 2024. This revaluation resulted in the following:

COMPARATIVE VALUATIONS Valuations as at 1st July of the given year.								
		2023/24			23/24 2024/2025			
	Rateable	Minimum	Total	Rateable	Minimum	Total	Change	Change
	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation	Valuation	\$	%
Non-Rateable	-	-	312,352	-	-	1,307,477	995,125	318.59%
GRV - Mine Sites	529,565	2,408	531,973	509,700	500	510,200	(21,773)	(4.09%)
GRV - Single persons Quarters	816,219	1,075	817,294	803,655	1,075	804,730	(12,564)	(1.54%)
GRV - Residential / Industrial	3,305,096	243,353	3,548,449	4,356,632	280,760	4,637,392	1,088,943	30.69%
GRV - Commercial	974,765	21,561	996,326	1,075,158	72,252	1,147,410	151,084	15.16%
UV - Rural	155,053,117	446,045	155,499,162	171,971,117	440,000	172,411,117	16,911,955	10.88%
UV - Mining	10,816,836	382,996	11,199,832	11,950,502	363,785	12,314,287	1,114,455	9.95%



Sewerage Rate in the Dollar and household rubbish collection charges will remain unchanged from those imposed in 2023/2024.

• Major Income and Expenditure

Capital expenditure totalling \$9.430M is budgeted, being made up of:

Land & Building	gs		\$6,360,921
Furniture & Equ	\$65,000		
Plant & Equipm	ent		\$2,215,000
Infrastructure	-	Roads & Footpaths	\$5,803,353
	-	Parks & Ovals	\$30,000
	-	Sewerage	\$43,000
	-	Aerodromes	\$20,000

Non-Operating grant income includes:

Roads to Recovery	\$1,178,691
Regional Road Group	\$1,116,533
Secondary Freight Network	\$127,355
Main Roads WA Direct Grant	\$561,067
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure	\$1,136,311

Operating grant income includes:

Federal Equalisation Grant	\$526,462	(Est)
Federal Untied Roads Grant	\$179,759	(Est)

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that not later than the 31st August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, (Absolute Majority required) in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the following 30 June.

Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. *The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The 2024 / 2025 budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.

Strategic Implications

The draft 2024 / 2025 budget has been developed based on the existing Plan for the Future and strategic planning documents adopted by council.



Policy Implications

The budget is based on the principles contained in the Plan for the Future and the Corporate Business Plan.

Financial Implications

Forms the basis for Income and Expenditure for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Service delivery benefits the residents of the district.	Moderate (6)	Community Strategic Planning process.
Financial Impact	Funding deficit leads to cuts in service level provision.	Moderate (9)	Maintain adequate reserve funds for high-risk services such as sewers and waste disposal sites.
Service Interruption	Variable from minor inconvenience to significant health issue.	High (12)	For high-risk services such as sewerage and transport infrastructure, continue to maintain to a suitable standard.
Compliance	Local Government Act 1995 and applicable Regulations	Low (1)	Nil
Reputational	Service delivery not meeting community expectations.	Moderate (9)	Ensure services are adequately resourced.
Property	Various significant community buildings identified.	Moderate (6)	Ensure buildings are adequately maintained and resourced.
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil.



	Risk Matrix					
Conseque	nce	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)

GENERAL & MINIMUM RATES, INSTALMENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Resolution 7 below, council pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose the following differential general rates in the dollar and minimum payments on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values

General Rate

GRV - Residential / Industrial	9.0430
GRV- Commercial	7.6405
GRV- Minesites	15.2268
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	15.2268
UV - Rural	1.1556
UV - Mining Tenements	15.2168

Minimum Payments

GRV - Residential / Industrial	\$600	
GRV- Commercial	\$450	
GRV- Minesites	\$450	
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	\$450	
UV - Rural	\$450	
UV - Mining Tenements	\$450	



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

Single Full Payment:-

• Full payment due date 16th September 2024

Payment by Two Instalments:-

- First instalment due date 16th September 2024
- Second instalment due date 3rd February 2025

Payment by Four Instalments:-

- First instalment due date 16th September 2024
- Second instalment due date 25th November 2024
- Third instalment due date 3rd February 2025
- Fourth instalment due date 14th April 2025
- 3. Pursuant to Section 6.46 of the Local Government Act 1995, council offers a discount of 5% to ratepayers who have paid their rates in full, including arrears, waste and service charges, within 35 days of the issue date of the rate notice.
- 4. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$10 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.
- 5. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 4.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.
- 6. Pursuant to section 6.51(1) & section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 11% for all overdue rates (and service charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges.

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required



Cross Town-site.

SEWERAGE RATES & CHARGES

That Council impose the following Sewerage Rates and Charges under s41 of the Health Act 1911, on a per annum basis to cover the cost of the service in Southern Cross and Marvel Loch:

- Southern Cross Sewerage Scheme Charge (Residential/Industrial):
 7.3 cents in the dollar on GRV (Residential and Industrial) properties within the Southern
 - Minimum Charge per vacant land \$210.00
 - Minimum Charge per residential property \$276.00
 - Non-Rated Class 1st Fixture \$176.00
 - Non-Rated Class Additional Fixtures \$89.00
 - Non-Rated Class 2 and 3 Fixture \$937.00
- Southern Cross Sewerage Scheme Charge (Commercial):
 0 cents in the dollar on GRV (Commercial) properties within the Southern Cross Town-site.
 - Minimum Charge per commercial property \$583.00
- 3. Marvel Loch Sewerage Scheme Charge (Commercial/SPQ):
 12.0 cents in the dollar on GRV (Commercial/SPQ) properties within the Marvel Loch
 Town-site.
 - Minimum Charge per property \$300.00
 - Non-Rated Class 1st Fixture \$138.00
 - Non-Rated Class Additional Fixtures \$62.00
- 4. Marvel Loch Sewerage Scheme Charge (Residential):6.4 cents in the dollar on GRV (Residential) properties within the Marvel Loch Townsite.
 - Minimum Charge per property \$300.00

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required



Recommendation 3

SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE - RATES AND CHARGES

That Council impose the following Sanitation Rates and Charges on a per annum basis:

- Domestic Collection per bin, per service \$340.00
- Commercial Collection per bin, per service \$364.00
- Non-Rateable Collection per bin, per service \$561.00

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 4

ELECTED MEMBERS' FEES AND ALLOWANCES FOR 2024 / 2025

- 1. Pursuant to section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 34 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following sitting fees for individual meeting attendance:
 - Shire President \$600 per Council meeting attended
 - Councillors \$400 per Council meeting attended
 - Shire President, Councillors, and Independent Committee Member appointed by Council to the audit committee and CEO selection committee \$200 per Committee Meeting attended
- 2. Pursuant to section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 34A and 34AA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual allowances for elected members:

• Travel Allowance

Engine Displacement (in cubic centimetres)				
Over 1600cc 1600cc and				
Area & Details	ea & Details Over 2600cc to 2600cc			
	Cents per Kilometre			
Rest of State	99.01 70.87 58.37			

• ICT Allowance Annual allowance for hardware upgrades and data usage - \$1,180 per Councillor per annum



- 3. Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 33 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:
 - Shire President \$12,000
- 4. Pursuant to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 33A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition of the annual meeting allowance:
 - Deputy Shire President \$3,000

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 5

INTEREST ON MONEY OWING OTHER THAN RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

- 1. Pursuant to section 6.13 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 19A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 11% for any amounts (other than rates and service charges) owing.
- 2. Pursuant to section 6.13 (6) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 19B of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest free period of 60 days on any amounts (other than rates and service charges) owing.

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 6

MATERIAL VARIANCE REPORTING FOR 2024 / 2025

In accordance with regulation 34 (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2024 / 2025 for reporting material variances shall be +/- 10% or \$30,000, whichever is the greater.

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required



OTHER STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

That Council confirms it is satisfied the services and facilities it provides: -

- 1. Integrate and co-ordinate, so far as practicable, with any provided by the Commonwealth, the State or any other public body;
- 2. Do not duplicate, to an extent that the Local Government considers inappropriate, services or facilities provided by the Commonwealth, the State or any other body or person, whether public or private and; and
- 3. Are managed efficiently and effectively.

In accordance with Section 3.18 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 8

MUNICIPAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2024 / 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, the council adopt the Municipal Fund Budget for the Shire of Yilgarn for the 2024 / 2025 financial year which includes the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Rate Setting Statement
- Notes to and forming part of the Budget
- Budget Program Schedules
- Transfers to / from Reserve Accounts

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority Required



9.2 Reporting Officer- Executive Manager Corporate Services

9.2.4 Changing Methods of Valuation of Land-Parker Range

File Reference 8.1.1.10
Disclosure of Interest Nil

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Author Glenn Bone – Consultant

Attachments Attachment 1 – Parker Range Village – Technical

Description

Purpose of Report

To recommend the submission of an application to the Minister for Local Government to change the basis of rating to the Parker Range mine site accommodation village used by Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd and situated on tenement M 77/791-I.

Background

In the past Council has agreed to the principle of 'spot rating' to the accommodation villages at the Koolyanobbing and Marvel Lock mine sites.

At its meeting held on 16 May 2024 (Minute 66/2024), Council commenced the process for a Change of Method of Valuation and accordingly resolved:

'That Council commence formalities for changing the method of valuation for the accommodation village and associated infrastructure situated on tenement M 77/791-I (MRL – Parker Range).'

Comment

As a compliance requirement to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Rating Policy – Valuation of Land – Mining, following the Ordinary Council Meeting decision on 16 May 2024, a letter explaining the Council's proposal was forwarded on 17 May 2024 to Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd as the tenement holder.

The policy stipulates that the holder is to be given at least 28 days to make submissions to the local government on the proposal. The closure time for submissions was set at 4.30pm on Friday 21 June 2024.

No submission was received.



Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.28 – Stipulates that the Minister for Local Government is responsible for determining the method of valuation to be used by a local government as the basis for a rate.

In determining the method of valuation, the Minister is to have regard to the general principle that the basis for a rate is to be:

- Where the land is used predominately for rural purposes, the UV of the land; and
- Where the land is used predominately for non-rural purposes, the GRV of the land.

Section 6.31 – Enables a local government to phase-in valuations in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 6.1.

Schedule 6.1(2) – Deals with phasing-in valuations where a determination is made by the Minister under section 6.28 to change the method of valuing land from UV to GRV. A local government may phase-in the impact (cost) of the change over a three-year period.

Strategic Implications

The change in method of valuation for the new mining village will enable the Shire to maintain consistency in its rating approach of similar ventures.

Policy Implications

Council has no policies in respect to this matter.

Minister for Local Government – Valuation of Land - Mining

Financial Implications

The principal details relevant to the change of method of valuation for tenement M 77/791-I are set out below:

Proposed Change of Method of Valuing Land:

Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd

Property Details:

Assessment A40791 Mining Lease M 77/791-I

Name Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd – Parker Range

Location Marvel Loch



Improvements:

Accommodation Village Accommodates up to 99 persons

Valuation System

Currently UV rating for M 77/791-I \$17,866 (A40791)

2023/24 rates for the whole of the mining lease

Proposed GRV (notional) – village \$350,000

Notional 2023/24 rates \$57,305

(Without phase-in)

Estimated Effective Date 1 October 2024 (pro-rata for 2024/25)

Similar Properties

Currently there are two other mining operations in the Shire that are subject to 'spot' GRV rating.

Phase-in Consideration

Any proposal for a change of method of valuation should also include consideration as to whether there should be a phase-in of the intended change. As mentioned elsewhere, Schedule 6.1 enables a local government to phase-in the impact of the change over a period of three years.

In practical terms, such a move would ameliorate the financial impact on the Parker Range operation quite considerably. Instead of being faced with the total impact immediately, the extra cost would be borne progressively by one third in Year 1, two thirds in Year 2 and finally, the full amount in Year 3. This would result in the operators saving approximately one year's impact of the new rating impost over the triennium.

From the Shire's point of view, the cost (reduced income) of a phase-in for the Parker Range accommodation village based on 2024/25 notional Year 1 full rating, would be more than \$57,000 over the triennium.

A further dissuasion to the use of the phase-in approach also arises due to the 12 month embargo on capital improvements, as entrenched in the Government's policy. Consequently, to allow a further concession on potential rating income would further add to the issue of equity being applied accros-the-board.

For the reasons stated above, it is considered the phase-in approach should not be used on this occasion.



Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Time delay in applying GRV rating.	Possible (6)	Stick to the rules
Service	Progress delay in the	Possible (6)	Effective pursuit of
Interruption	change of method of valuation.		the Departmental Guidelines.
Compliance	Legislative and policy	Unlikely (2)	Rigorously comply with legislative requirements and the Departmental Guidelines.
Reputational	Shire entity	Unlikely (2)	Pursuing consistency to ensure all mining village operators are rated in a like manner to those who have been previously GRV rated.
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

Risk Matrix						
Consequence	e	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)



That in accordance with the provisions of section 6.28 of the Local Government Act 1995, an application to the Minister for Local Government to change the basis of rating from Unimproved Values to Gross Rental Values, for the following mining operation:

- Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd
- Parker Range Mining Village tenement M 77/791-I (Assessment A40791)

Technical Description:

All that portion of land being part of Lot 1006 as shown on DP 191208.

Starting from a point at coordinate 739815.0 metres East, 6512280.0 metres North (MGA2020 Zone 50) and extending easterly 89 degrees, 49 minutes, 32.1 seconds, 220.939 metres; thence southerly 173 degrees, 27 minutes, 35.8 seconds, 113.628 metres; thence southerly 180 degrees, 59 minutes, 52.4 seconds, 222.817 metres; thence westerly 270 degrees, 0 minutes, 0.0 seconds, 230.0 metres; thence northerly 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 0.0 seconds, 335.0 metres to the starting point.

Approximate Area: 7.73 hectares



9.2 Reporting Officer– Executive Manager Corporate Services

9.2.5 Changing Methods of Valuation of Land-Mt Holland

File Reference 8.1.1.10
Disclosure of Interest Nil

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Author Glenn Bone – Consultant

Attachments Attachment 1 – Mt Holland Village – Technical

Description

Purpose of Report

To recommend the submission of an application to the Minister for Local Government to change the basis of rating to the Mt Holland mine site accommodation village used by Covalent Lithium and situated on tenement M 77/1066.

Background

In the past Council has agreed to the principle of 'spot rating' to the accommodation villages at the Koolyanobbing and Marvel Lock mine sites.

At its meeting held on 16 May 2024 (Minute 65/2024), Council commenced the process for a Change of Method of Valuation and accordingly resolved:

'That Council commence formalities for changing the method of valuation for the accommodation village and associated infrastructure situated on tenement M 77/1066 (Covalent Lithium – Mt Holland).'

Comment

As a compliance requirement to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Rating Policy – Valuation of Land – Mining, following the Ordinary Council Meeting decision on 16 May 2024, letters explaining the Council's proposal were forwarded on 17 May 2024 to the Joint Venturers:

- Montague Resources Australia Pty Ltd (50/100)
- SQM Australia Pty Ltd (50/100)

The policy stipulates that the holder is to be given at least 28 days to make submissions to the local government on the proposal. The closure time for submissions was set at 4.30pm on Friday 21 June 2024 (35 days).



On 12 June 2024, Covalent Lithium wrote to the Shire and requested an extension of time for the making of submissions until 30 September 2024. The company also sought a meeting with Shire representatives to discuss the matter.

After a few delays, a video conference was finally set up for 12 July 2024 between Nic Warren, Cameron Watson and Covalent Lithium's Peter Firth. The outcome was that Covalent indicated that they have no objection to the proposed rating change, however they were uncomfortable with the notional GRV valuation. Covalent were again informed that an objection dealing with the valuation needs to be lodged with Landgate and that this is a separate matter to any submission regarding the change from UV to GRV rating.

Consequently, Covalent is now satisfied that the Shire can proceed with the application to the Minister and therefore no extension of the submission period is required.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.28 – Stipulates that the Minister for Local Government is responsible for determining the method of valuation to be used by a local government as the basis for a rate.

In determining the method of valuation, the Minister is to have regard to the general principle that the basis for a rate is to be:

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Schedule 6.1(2) – Deals with phasing-in valuations where a determination is made by the Minister under section 6.28 to change the method of valuing land from UV to GRV. A local government may phase-in the impact (cost) of the change over a three-year period.

Strategic Implications

The change in method of valuation for the new mining village will enable the Shire to maintain consistency in its rating approach of similar ventures.

Policy Implications

Council has no policies in respect to this matter.

Minister for Local Government – Valuation of Land - Mining



Financial Implications

The principal details relevant to the change of method of valuation for tenement M 77/1066 are set out below:

Proposed Change of Method of Valuing Land:

• Montague Resources Australia Pty Ltd (50/100)

• SQM Australia Pty Ltd (50/100)

Property Details:

Assessment A41066 Mining Lease M 77/1066

Name Covalent Lithium – Mt Holland

Location Marvel Loch

Improvements:

Accommodation Village Accommodates up to 550 persons

Valuation System

Currently UV rating for M 77/1066 \$17,902 (A41066)

2023/24 rates for the whole of the mining lease

Proposed GRV (notional) – village \$2,100,000

Notional 2023/24 rates \$343,828

(Without phase-in)

Estimated Effective Date 1 October 2024 (pro-rata for 2024/25)

Similar Properties

Currently there are two other mining operations in the Shire that are subject to 'spot' GRV rating.

Phase-in Consideration

Any proposal for a change of method of valuation should also include consideration as to whether there should be a phase-in of the intended change. As mentioned elsewhere, Schedule 6.1 enables a local government to phase-in the impact of the change over a period of three years.

In practical terms, such a move would ameliorate the financial impact on the Parker Range operation quite considerably. Instead of being faced with the total impact immediately, the extra cost would be borne progressively by one third in Year 1, two thirds in Year 2 and finally,



the full amount in Year 3. This would result in the operators saving approximately one year's impact of the new rating impost over the triennium.

From the Shire's point of view, the cost (reduced income) of a phase-in for the Mt Holland accommodation village based on 2024/25 notional Year 1 full rating, would be more than \$340,000 over the triennium.

A further dissuasion to the use of the phase-in approach also arises due to the 12 month embargo on capital improvements, as entrenched in the Government's policy. Consequently, to allow a further concession on potential rating income would further add to the issue of equity being applied accros-the-board.

Once again and for the reasons stated above, it is considered the phase-in approach should not be used on this occasion.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Time delay in applying GRV rating.	Possible (6)	Stick to the rules
Service Interruption	Progress delay in the change of method of valuation.	Possible (6)	Effective pursuit of the Departmental Guidelines.
Compliance	Legislative and policy	Unlikely (2)	Rigorously comply with legislative requirements and the Departmental Guidelines.
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Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil



Risk Matrix						
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Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)

That in accordance with the provisions of section 6.28 of the Local Government Act 1995, an application to the Minister for Local Government to change the basis of rating from Unimproved Values to Gross Rental Values, for the following mining operation:

- Covalent Lithium Pty Ltd
- Mt Holland Mining Village tenement M 77/1066 (Assessment A41066)

Technical Description:

All that portion of land being part of an Unallocated Crown Land (UCL).

Starting from a point at coordinate 761770.0 metres East, 6443175.0 metres North (MGA2020 Zone 50) and extending easterly 90 degrees, 0 minutes, 0.0 seconds, 480.0 metres; thence southerly 180 degrees, 0 minutes, 0.0 seconds, 415.0 metres; thence westerly 270 degrees, 0 minutes, 0.0 seconds, 480.0 metres; thence northerly 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 0.0 seconds, 415.0 metres to the starting point.

Approximate Area: 19.92 hectares



10 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 11 MOTIONS FOR WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
- 12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING



13 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13.1 Officers Report – Chief Executive Officer

13.1.1 Memorandum of Understanding – Southern Cross Wind Pty Ltd – Southern Cross Aerodrome

File Reference 2.4.1.1
Disclosure of Interest None

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Author Nic Warren – Chief Executive Officer

Attachments Draft MOU

Letter of Advice – Civic Legal Make Good Information

Purpose of Report

For Council to endorse a memorandum of understanding between the Shire of Yilgarn and Southern Cross Wind Pty Ltd in relation to works to be undertaken at the Southern Cross Aerodrome as a result of impacts relating to their proposed wind farm development.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Memorandum of Understanding with Southern Cross Wind Pty Ltd, being a wholly owned subsidiary of Fortescue Ltd, regarding the installation of Instrument Flight Procedures at the Southern Cross Aerodrome, as presented.
- 2. Endorse the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer executing the Memorandum of Understanding with Southern Cross Wind Pty Ltd, and applying the Shire of Yilgarn common seal.
- 3. Note and agree that the decision to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding does not provide any indication of Council's decision in relation to Development applications relating to the wind farm development, the subject of the Memorandum of Understanding.

14 CLOSURE