



# AGENDA

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

To be held Swan Hill Town Hall,  
Council Chambers, McCallum Street  
Swan Hill  
Commencing at 1:30 PM

**COUNCIL:**

Cr LT McPhee – Mayor

Cr JN Katis

Cr CM Adamson

Cr GW Norton

Cr GI Cruickshank

Cr JA Kiley

Cr JB Crowe

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**SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- **Open**
- **Acknowledgement to Country**
- **Prayer**
- **Apologies**
- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

## **SECTION B – REPORTS**

### **B.16.40 2016/17 DRAFT BUDGET**

**Responsible Officer:** Director Corporate Services  
**File Number:** S15-06-03  
**Attachments:** 1 Draft 2016/17 Annual Budget

**Declarations of Interest:** Officer  
David Lenton - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

#### **Summary**

Councillors and officers have been working on a draft 2016/17 Budget for a number of months. The draft 2016/17 Budget is now ready to be prepared and advertised by Council.

#### **Discussion**

The Local Government Act requires Council to prepare the Budget, invite submissions, and then formally adopt the Budget after considering any submissions. The submission period under the Act is a minimum of 28 days.

Council's process to adopt the Budget will be as follows:

6 May 2016 Budget advertised.

14 June 2016 Receive, hear and consider submissions or amend and adopt the budget if no submissions are received at a Special Council meeting held at 2pm.

21 June 2016 Amend or adopt the Budget at a Special Meeting held at 2pm if submissions were received.

These meetings will be conducted at the Swan Hill Town Hall, Council Chambers, McCallum Street, Swan Hill.

Once adopted the Budget will establish the financial parameters and targets for the organisation and enable rate notices to be issued.

#### **Consultation**

The recommendations will enable the draft 2016/17 Budget to be advertised for comment and formal submissions can then be received.

Council will hold public information sessions in Robinvale on 9 May 2016 in the Robinvale Resource Centre and in Swan Hill on 16 May 2016 in the Swan Hill Town Hall, café area. Both meetings will commence at 5.30pm.

### **Financial Implications**

The 2016/17 Budget will establish the financial parameters within which Council intends to deliver its works and services during 2016/17.

### **Social Implications**

The services to be funded in the draft Budget will have a positive outcome for the community in all areas of the Council Plan.

### **Economic Implications**

As above

### **Environmental Implications**

As above

### **Risk Management Implications**

The Budget enables the financial performance of Council to be better managed and therefore reduce financial risks to Council.

### **Council Plan Strategy Addressed**

***Governance and Leadership*** - Effective and efficient utilisation of resources.

### **Options**

Council may either resolve to prepare the budget in its current form or make further amendments.

### **Recommendations**

**That Council advertise the draft 2016/17 Budget and call for submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.**

## **Attachment**

- Draft 2016/17 Annual Budget