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Unconfirmed Minutes

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

20 October 2026

SHIRE OF CUE
Ordinary Meeting of Council
MINUTES

Held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on
Tuesday, 20 October 2026 commencing at 6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The meeting was opened at 06:03 PM

The Presiding Member welcomed those present and read the following disclaimer:

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cue for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this Meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this Meeting.

PRESENT:
President Les Price
Deputy President Ron Hogben
Cr Julie Humphreys
Cr Peter Lacy
Cr Norm Lyon
Cr Jacquie Lacy
Cr Cian Lyon

STAFF:
Chief Executive Officer Richard Towell
Deputy Chief Executive Officer Lisa Keen
Accountant Ahmed Khan
Senior Admin Officer Stephanie Wandek

GALLERY:
5 members of the public

06:05 pm Ahmed Khan entered the chamber.

2 APOLOGIES ON BEHALF OF ABSENT ELECTED MEMBERS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Item 10.7

- **Financial Interest**
  - Cr. Leslie Price has a financial contract in place with Westgold.
  - Cr. Ron Hogben provides contract services to Westgold
  - Cr. Peter Lacy provides contract services to Westgold

- **Indirect Financial Interest**
  - Cr. Norman Lyon is an employee of Westgold

- **Closely Associated Person**
  - Cr. Cian Lyon lives in the same house as his father whom is employed by Westgold
  - Cr. Jaqueline Lacy works for a company owned by her husband, and that company does extensive work for Westgold

Approval has been granted by LGIRS to allow Cr. C. Lyon, Cr. Price and Cr. Hogben to participate in discussions and decision making.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Decision: **01102026**	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED: Cr Cian Lyon	**SECONDED: Cr Julie Humphreys**

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 22 September 2026 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

6 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

8 PETITIONS

Nil.

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Method of Dealing with Agenda Business

As part of the Shire's efforts to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings, tonight's meeting will include the opportunity for matters to be considered by Council en bloc.

Matters not to be included in en bloc decisions are those which require:

- Absolute Majority;
- Matters to be determined behind closed doors;
- Declared interests made in relation to the item; and
- Deputations or Statements made in relation to the item.

Before commencing the process, the Presiding Member provides a brief explanation of the 'en bloc' method of decision making, for the benefit of any members of the public in the gallery.

The following items have been identified to be decided upon by voting en bloc:

- 10.1 Accounts and Statements of Account
- 10.2 Financial Statements

After reading out all reports identified to be decided on by 'en bloc', Elected Members are given the opportunity to have any reports removed that they deem not appropriate to be included in this process.

Once all are agreed, a mover and seconder will propose a motion for the en bloc decision.

"That the recommendations contained in items 10.1 and 10.2 be adopted en bloc".

Cr Jacquie Lacy requested 10.1 be removed for discussion.

REPORTS

10 REPORTS
10.1 ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 6 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To receive the List of Accounts paid for the period 01 September 2026 - 30 September 2026.

Background:

The Local Government, under its delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from municipal and trust funds, is required to prepare a monthly list of accounts showing each account paid and present it to Council at the next Ordinary Council meeting. The list of accounts prepared and presented to Council must form part of the minutes of that meeting.

Comments:

The list of accounts are for the month of September 2026.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 13.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council receive the attached payments for the period 01 September 2026 - 30 September 2026, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority under s5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

SEPTEMBER 2026

Municipal Fund Bank EFTs	EFT00015 - EFT00018	$	540,838.22
Direct Debit Fund Transfer	General	$	44,651.83
Direct Debit Fund Transfer	CEO Credit Card	$	7,179.68
Direct Debit Fund Transfer	Ampol Fuel Card	$	2,654.43
BPAY		$	59,181.48
Payroll		$	247,909.08
Cheques		$	-
Total		$	**902,414.72**

Council Decision: **02102026** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Norm Lyon **SECONDED: Cr Julie Humphreys**

That Council receive the attached payments for the period 01 September 2026 - 30 September 2026, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority under s5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Cheques		$	-
Total		$	**902,414.72**

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 6 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

The attached monthly Financial Report is for the period ending September 2026 and includes the following statements and notes:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Major Variances
- Net Current Funding Position
- Statement of Financial Position
- Cash and Investments
- Trust Fund
- Cash Backed Reserve
- Receivables
- Capital Disposals
- Borrowings
- Capital Acquisitions
- Rate Revenue
- Grants and Contributions

Background:

Under the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, a monthly Financial Report must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within two months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The monthly Financial Report presents an overview of the financial position of the local government at the end of each month. The monthly Financial Report must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.

Comments:

The monthly Financial Report is for the month of September 2026.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 14.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council receive the attached monthly Financial Report, prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, for the period ending September 2026.

Council Decision: **03102026** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Cian Lyon **SECONDED: Cr Jacquie Lacy**

That Council receive the attached monthly Financial Report, prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, for the period ending September 2026.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.3 WAIVER OF RATES - 8 SIMPSON ST CUE

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Ben Andrew

DATE: 12 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To consider granting a waiver of general rates and waste collection charges for a period of two financial years for the property located at 8 Simpson Street, Cue, following the destruction of the residential dwelling by fire.

Background:

On Friday, 9 October 2026, at approximately 5:30pm, a fire broke out at the residential property located at 8 Simpson Street, Cue.

Emergency services attended the property shortly after the fire commenced. However, upon arrival, the dwelling was already fully engulfed in flames and was unable to be saved. Fortunately, the resident was unharmed and nearby properties were protected. The destruction of the dwelling has resulted in the loss of a family home and represents a significant and unexpected hardship for those affected.

Comments:

The loss of a residential dwelling through fire is a devastating event that can create considerable financial and emotional hardship for those affected.

In recognition of these exceptional circumstances, it is proposed that Council provide financial relief through the waiver of general rates applicable to 8 Simpson Street, Cue, for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years, or until a residential dwelling on the property becomes occupied, whichever occurs first.

The proposed waiver would provide the property owner with financial relief during the recovery period and allow time to consider the future of the property without the additional burden of Council rates.

Section 6.47 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides Council with the discretion to waive rates or grant concessions where it considers such action appropriate.

The complete destruction of the dwelling represents exceptional circumstances that

warrant consideration of a rates waiver.

It is proposed that the waiver apply for a maximum of two financial years, concluding on 30 June 2028, or from the date residential occupancy recommences at the property, whichever occurs first. Should the property become occupied during this period, general rates would become payable on a pro-rata basis from the date of occupancy.

The proposed waiver would apply to general rates and waste collection charges only. The Emergency Services Levy and other applicable service charges would remain subject to their respective legislative and administrative requirements.

As rates for the 2027/28 financial year have not yet been imposed, the concession for that year would be incorporated into the annual budget and rates adoption process to give effect to Council's decision.

The proposed concession is considered an appropriate and compassionate response to an exceptional event and demonstrates Council's commitment to supporting members of the local community experiencing significant hardship.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995
6.47. Concessions Subject to the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992, a local government may at the time of imposing a rate or service charge or at a later date resolve to waive* a rate or service charge or resolve to grant other concessions in relation to a rate or service charge. * Absolute majority required.

6.48. Regulation of grant of discounts and concessions Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a local government is not to exercise a power under section 6.46 or 6.47 or regulate the exercise of the power

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996
69A. When concession under Act s. 6.47 can not be granted A local government is not to exercise a power to grant a concession in relation to a rate or service charge under section 6.47 of the Act in circumstances where the concession is based on whether or not, or the extent to which, the land in respect of which the rate or service charge is imposed is occupied by a person who owns the land.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

The proposed waiver will result in a reduction in general rates revenue for the 2026/27 and potentially the 2027/28 financial years.

The total financial impact will depend on whether residential occupancy recommences during the proposed waiver period and any adjustments arising from a revised property valuation.
Provision for the concession will be made in the 2027/28 annual budget should the property remain unoccupied.

Strategic Implications:

The proposed action addresses the following objectives contained in the Shire of Cue's Strategic Community Plan 2023–2038.

Leadership Objective
Outcome 2.2 – Strengthen our communities' position for the future.
Strategy 2.2.2 – Maintain a strong customer focus.
Providing assistance to a community member following the loss of their home is consistent with Council's commitment to supporting the local community.

Consultation:

Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer
Rate Payer 8 Simpson Street Cue

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

1. Approves a 100% waiver of general rates and waste collection charges for the property at 8 Simpson Street, Cue, for a period covering the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years, or until a residential dwelling on the property becomes occupied, whichever occurs first, in recognition of the complete destruction of the residence by fire.
2. Subject to the occupancy condition specified in point 1 waives, pursuant to section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, the applicable general rates for the 2026/27 financial year.
3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to incorporate the concession into the 2027/28 annual rates and budget adoption process, subject to the occupancy condition.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary adjustments to the property's rates account, including calculating rates on a pro-rata basis from the date residential occupancy recommences

Council Decision: **04102026** **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

MOVED: Cr Jacquie Lacy **SECONDED: Cr Ron Hogben**

1. Approves a 100% waiver of general rates and waste collection charges for the property at 8 Simpson Street, Cue, for a period covering the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years, or until a residential dwelling on the property becomes occupied, whichever occurs first, in recognition of the complete destruction of the residence by fire.
2. Subject to the occupancy condition specified in point 1 waives, pursuant to section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, the applicable general rates for the 2026/27 financial year.
3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to incorporate the concession into the 2027/28 annual rates and budget adoption process, subject to the occupancy condition.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary adjustments to the property's rates account, including calculating rates on a pro-rata basis from the date residential occupancy recommences.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.4 DRAFT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE POLICY

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Ben Andrew

DATE: 12 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

For Council to consider adopting the Shire of Cue Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy.

Background:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology is becoming increasingly integrated into everyday business operations, providing opportunities to improve productivity, efficiency and service delivery.

AI applications, including Microsoft Copilot, ChatGPT and other generative AI tools, are increasingly being used to assist with research, correspondence, document preparation, data analysis and administrative functions.

While these technologies offer considerable benefits, their use also presents risks relating to information accuracy, privacy, confidentiality, cybersecurity and records management.

The Shire currently has no specific policy governing the use of Artificial Intelligence in its operations.

A draft Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy has been developed to establish clear expectations for the responsible use of these technologies.

Comments:

The introduction of Artificial Intelligence presents opportunities for the Shire to improve administrative efficiency, reduce repetitive tasks and support staff in the delivery of local government services.

As AI becomes more widely available through existing software and publicly accessible platforms, it is important that the Shire establishes an appropriate governance framework for its use.

The proposed policy supports the responsible adoption of AI technology while

ensuring appropriate safeguards are maintained.

The policy applies to Shire employees, contractors and elected members undertaking Shire business. It establishes principles relating to:

- Appropriate and responsible use of AI technologies.
- Protection of confidential, personal and sensitive information.
- Verification of AI-generated information before use or publication.
- Human oversight and accountability for decisions.
- Compliance with legislative, cybersecurity and recordkeeping obligations.
- Appropriate use of approved enterprise and publicly available AI tools.

The policy recognises that AI can assist with preparing information and undertaking administrative functions but must not replace professional judgement, established approval processes or statutory decision-making responsibilities.

Particular consideration is given to the distinction between enterprise AI systems operating within the Shire's existing information technology environment and publicly accessible AI platforms, where additional controls are required to protect Shire information.

The policy is intended to provide practical guidance without unnecessarily restricting the Shire's ability to adopt emerging technologies that may improve operational efficiency.

As AI technology continues to develop, the policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains appropriate and reflects changes in technology, legislation and operational requirements.

It is recommended that Council adopt the proposed policy to provide a consistent framework for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence across the organisation.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Local Goverment Act 1995
Section 2.7 – Role of council
Section 2.7(2)(b) provides that Council is responsible for determining the local government's policies.

State Records Act 2000
Establishes requirements for the creation, management and retention of government records, including records produced with the assistance of AI technologies.

Freedom of Information Act 1992

Provides for access to documents held by government agencies, including applicable records generated or maintained through AI-assisted processes.

Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024
Establishes a framework for the protection of personal information and responsible information sharing by public entities, subject to the commencement and application of its provisions.

Policy Implications:

Adoption of the proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy will establish a formal framework governing the responsible use of AI by Shire employees, contractors and elected members.

The policy will complement the Shire's existing information technology, cybersecurity, records management and confidentiality requirements.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications associated with the adoption of the proposed policy.

Strategic Implications:

The proposed action addresses the following objectives contained in the Shire of Cue's Strategic Community Plan 2023–2038.

Leadership Objective
Outcome 2.2 – Strengthen our communities' position for the future.
Strategy 2.2.2 – Maintain a strong customer focus.
The adoption of the policy supports improved organisational efficiency, responsible governance and the appropriate use of emerging technologies in delivering services to the community.

Consultation:

Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer
WALGA
LG Professionals WA

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

1. Adopts the Shire of Cue Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy, as presented in the attachment to this report.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and ensure it is communicated to Shire employees, contractors and elected members.

Council Decision: **05102026**	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED: Cr Ron Hogben	**SECONDED: Cr Cian Lyon**

1. Adopts the Shire of Cue Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy, as presented in the attachment to this report.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and ensure it is communicated to Shire employees, contractors and elected members.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.5 DRAFT SMART GLASSES AND RECORDING DEVICES POLICY

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Ben Andrew

DATE: 12 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

For Council to consider the adoption of the Shire of Cue Smart Glasses and Recording Devices Policy

Background:

Advances in wearable technology have resulted in the increased availability of smart glasses, body-worn cameras and other devices capable of recording audio, video and images.

Many of these devices are discreet and may record conversations or activities without the knowledge or consent of those present. Some devices also incorporate artificial intelligence, facial recognition, live streaming and internet connectivity.

Growing concerns regarding privacy, unauthorised recording and the potential misuse of these technologies have resulted in governments and local authorities across Australia introducing or considering restrictions on their use.

In Western Australia, the State Government announced a ban on smart glasses across all public schools on 22 September 2026, effective from 12 October 2026. The restrictions apply to students, staff, parents, carers, visitors and contractors, including at Cue Primary School and school-organised activities.

Other Australian local governments have introduced restrictions on smart glasses in public facilities, including swimming pools, childcare centres and community facilities. The City of Vincent has also commenced a review of privacy safeguards for wearable recording devices in its facilities.

At a national level, the Australian Government is considering restrictions on smart glasses in Commonwealth workplaces, while the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has raised concerns regarding the privacy implications of wearable surveillance technology.

In recognition of these developments and the associated risks to privacy and information security, a draft Smart Glasses and Recording Devices Policy has been developed for the Shire of Cue.

Comments:

The increasing availability of smart glasses and other wearable recording devices presents new challenges for organisations responsible for managing confidential information, public facilities and community services.

Unlike conventional recording equipment, these devices may resemble ordinary eyewear and can capture audio, images and video without an obvious indication that recording is occurring.

The potential for unauthorised recording presents risks to the privacy, safety and confidence of employees, elected members and members of the public.

These risks are particularly relevant to local government operations, where employees and elected members regularly deal with confidential information, personal circumstances, regulatory matters and sensitive discussions.

The Shire also operates community facilities and services, including the Cue Youth Centre, where the protection of children and young people is an important consideration.

Recent government responses demonstrate a growing recognition of these risks. The Western Australian Department of Education has introduced restrictions across all public schools, including Cue Primary School, while other local governments are adopting or investigating similar measures within their own facilities.

Although these measures do not impose a direct requirement on the Shire, they provide relevant examples of the preventative approach being taken by public

authorities.

The proposed policy establishes clear restrictions on the use of smart glasses, wearable cameras and similar recording devices by Shire employees, contractors and elected members while undertaking Shire business or attending Shire workplaces and facilities.

The policy also addresses conventional recording devices, including mobile phones, where recording may be necessary for legitimate operational purposes.

Such recordings must be appropriately authorised and managed in accordance with applicable confidentiality, privacy, information security and recordkeeping requirements.

The policy prohibits unauthorised or covert recording and provides for exceptions where expressly approved by the Chief Executive Officer and permitted by law.

The proposed policy is intended to provide a practical and consistent framework for managing emerging recording technologies without unnecessarily restricting legitimate operational activities.

Adoption of the policy will reinforce the Shire's commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful and secure environment for employees, elected members and the broader community.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 2.7 – Role of Council
Section 2.7(2)(b) provides that Council is responsible for determining the local government's policies.

Surveillance Devices Act 1998
Regulates the use of listening and optical surveillance devices, including the recording of private conversations and activities, and the communication or publication of recordings.

Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024
Establishes a legislative framework governing the collection, use, disclosure, storage and protection of personal information by Western Australian public entities, including local governments.

The Information Privacy Principles, contained in Schedule 1 of the Act, commenced on 1 July 2026 and establish requirements relating to information collection, security, transparency and responsible information handling.

The Act is relevant to the use of smart glasses and other recording technologies where audio, images or video may capture identifiable personal information without appropriate authority.

The notifiable information breach provisions are scheduled to commence on 1 January 2027.

State Records Act 2000
Establishes requirements for the creation, management and retention of government records, including authorised audio and video recordings.

Policy Implications:

Adoption of the proposed Smart Glasses and Recording Devices Policy will establish formal restrictions on the use of wearable recording technology by Shire employees, contractors and elected members.

The policy will complement existing requirements relating to workplace conduct, confidentiality, information security and records management.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

The proposed action addresses the following objectives contained in the Shire of Cue's Strategic Community Plan 2023–2038.

Leadership Objective
Outcome 2.2 – Strengthen our communities' position for the future.
Strategy 2.2.2 – Maintain a strong customer focus.
The adoption of the policy supports responsible governance, the protection of confidential information and the maintenance of a safe and respectful environment for employees, elected members and the community.

Consultation:

Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

1. Adopts the Shire of Cue Smart Glasses and Recording Devices Policy, as presented in the attachment to this report.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and communicate its requirements to Shire employees, contractors and elected members.

Council Decision: **06102026**	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED: Cr Cian Lyon	**SECONDED: Cr Norm Lyon**

1. Adopts the Shire of Cue Smart Glasses and Recording Devices Policy, as presented in the attachment to this report.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and communicate its requirements to Shire employees, contractors and elected members.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.6 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2027

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Ben Andrew

DATE: 13 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

Council is required to adopt and advertise their Council meeting dates and the proposed dates for 2027 are submitted for Council's consideration.

Background:

Nil

Comments:

Council is required under the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* to adopt annual meeting dates and times and advertise them to the community.

Council traditionally meets on the 3rd Tuesday with the December meeting proposed of the 2nd week due to the Christmas period of the month at 6.00pm, therefore the dates proposed for 2027 are:

January	No Meeting
February	Tuesday the 16th
March	Tuesday the 16th
April	Tuesday the 20th
May	Tuesday the 18th
June	Tuesday the 15th
July	Tuesday the 20th
August	Tuesday the 17th
September	Tuesday the 21st WALGA Convention is the week prior
October	Tuesday the 19th
November	Tuesday the 16th
December	Tuesday the 14th 2nd Tuesday proposed to avoid Christmas break

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 5.25

5.25. Regulations about council and committee meetings and committees
(1) Without limiting the generality of section 9.59, regulations may make provision in relation to -
(g) the giving of public notice of the date and agenda for council or committee meetings;

Local Government (Administrations) Act 1996 - Reg 12

12. Publication of meeting details (Act s. 5.25(1)(g))
(2) The CEO must publish on the local government's official website the meeting details for the following meetings before the beginning of the year in which the meetings are to be held -
(a) ordinary council meetings;
(b) committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

Adopt the following meeting dates for 2027 and advertise them in accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:*

January	No Meeting
February	Tuesday the 16th
March	Tuesday the 16th
April	Tuesday the 20th
May	Tuesday the 18th

June	Tuesday the 15th
July	Tuesday the 20th
August	Tuesday the 17th
September	Tuesday the 21st
October	Tuesday the 19th
November	Tuesday the 16th
December	Tuesday the 14th 2nd Tuesday

With all meetings commencing at 6.00 pm in the Shire of Cue Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street, Cue.

Council Decision: **07102026** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Cian Lyon **SECONDED: Cr Jacquie Lacy**

Adopt the following meeting dates for 2027 and advertise them in accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:*

January	No Meeting
February	Tuesday the 16th
March	Tuesday the 16th
April	Tuesday the 20th
May	Tuesday the 18th
June	Tuesday the 15th
July	Tuesday the 20th
August	Tuesday the 17th
September	Tuesday the 21st
October	Tuesday the 19th
November	Tuesday the 16th
December	Tuesday the 14th 2nd Tuesday

With all meetings commencing at 6.00 pm in the Shire of Cue Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street, Cue.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.7 USE OF DAY DAWN TOWNSITE FOR RUN-OF-MINE (ROM) PAD

APPLICANT: Westgold Resources Ltd

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Financial Interest
Cr. Leslie Price has a financial contract in place with Westgold.
Cr. Ron Hogben provides contract services to Westgold
Cr. Peter Lacy provides contract services to Westgold

Indirect Financial Interest
Cr. Norman Lyon is an employee of Westgold

Closely Associated Person
Cr. Cian Lyon lives in the same house as his father whom is employed by Westgold
Cr. Jaqueline Lacy works for a company owned by her husband, and that
company does extensive work for Westgold

AUTHOR: Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 13 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To consider granting conditional approval for Westgold Resources Limited to continue using the existing Great Fingall Run-of-Mine (ROM) Pad within the historic Day Dawn Townsite, subject to conditions relating to the proposed operational boundary, protection of the remaining townsite and the installation of heritage and interpretive signage.

Background:

The historic Day Dawn Townsite represents an important part of the Shire of Cue's mining heritage and the development of the Murchison goldfields.

Established during the gold rush of the late nineteenth century, Day Dawn became a significant settlement associated with the Great Fingall Mine and surrounding mining operations.

Although much of the former township has disappeared, the area retains historical significance through its former street layout, building sites, archaeological remains

and surviving structures, most notably the Great Fingall Mine Office.

The Shire has consistently recognised the importance of preserving the remaining historical features of abandoned townsites while acknowledging the continuing economic contribution of the mining industry.

The Great Fingall ROM Pad area was established when mining commenced at the open pit in 1995. Over time this ore handling area and the waste dump has grown and now encroaches over a significant amount of the Day Dawn town site. The aerial imagery at attachment 1, shows the disturbance area prior to Westgold resuming mining operations in 2015, and shows the bund wall between the open pit and the Day Dawn town site. Subsequent aerial imagery at attachment 2 and 3 shows the disturbance area encroachment onto the Day Dawn Historic Town Site created by Westgold's current operations.

The attached Day Dawn proposal letter, at attachment 4, provided by Westgold shows the original 1995, approved area for a waste dump and ore handling area on page fourteen. The current approval area is shown on page six, however there does not appear to be any approval issued from the Shire of Cue for the extension to the disturbance of the Day Dawn Town Site. A condition imposed on the mining tenement.

Council is being asked to consider continued use of the existing facility rather than the establishment of a new ore handling area.

It is considered reasonable to support the continuation of these established activities, provided that a clearly defined boundary is recognised and appropriate measures are implemented to protect the remainder of the historic townsite.

Comments:

Day Dawn is an important part of the Shire of Cue's mining heritage, having developed as a significant settlement during the Murchison gold rush. Although much of the former township has disappeared, its remaining buildings, street layout and archaeological features are of considerable historical significance.

The Shire recognises the ongoing economic contribution of mining while maintaining its commitment to protecting the remaining historic townsites.

The Great Fingall ROM Pad has operated within an established area for many years. Continued use of the existing facility is considered reasonable, provided appropriate measures are established to prevent further encroachment and preserve the remaining Day Dawn Townsite.

Proposed Boundary and Protection
Attachment 3 identifies a proposed boundary, shown in blue, separating the existing

mining operations from the remaining historic townsite.

It is proposed that Council endorse this boundary as the limit beyond which further mining-related surface encroachment will not be supported by the Shire.

The endorsement would not authorise additional mining activities or expansion of the existing ROM Pad. Any future proposal involving further encroachment would require separate consideration by Council.

To physically delineate and protect the remaining townsite, it is proposed that Westgold construct and maintain an appropriate earthen bund along the mining-operation side of the agreed boundary.

The bund would provide a clearly identifiable separation between mining activities and the remaining townsite, reducing the risk of progressive encroachment by stockpiles, equipment and associated operations.

Its alignment and construction methodology would be agreed with the Shire to avoid unnecessary disturbance to historic features and any applicable road reserves.

Heritage Recognition and Interpretive Signage
The proposal also presents an opportunity to improve recognition of Day Dawn's historical significance.

It is requested that Westgold design, install and maintain appropriate heritage signage recognising the former townsite, its community, significant buildings and contribution to the development of the Murchison goldfields.

Day Dawn also has an important historical connection to the establishment of the Canning Stock Route, with Alfred Canning's expeditions departing the townsite in 1906 and 1908. It is requested Westgold works with the Shire to acknowledge this.

The signage would incorporate appropriate historical information, photographs and maps, with its location and design determined in consultation with the Shire and relevant heritage stakeholders, including Traditional Owners where appropriate.

Implementation
All costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the boundary bund to be met by Westgold.

Westgold would be required to provide an implementation plan outlining the proposed works, responsibilities and completion timeframes, with the agreed arrangements documented in writing.

The proposed conditional approval provides a balanced approach, allowing continued use of established mining infrastructure while protecting the remaining

Day Dawn Townsite and securing lasting recognition of its historical significance.

Any approvals are to be reviewed every 5 years.

Statutory Environment:

Sections 23 to 26 of the Mining Act 1978.

Policy Implications:

C.1 Mining Within the Town Boundary

1. Cue Townsite

1.1 The shire generally opposes the granting of any mining lease or license that may affect;

a) The satisfactory continuation of existing urban uses within and adjacent to the existing townsite; and

b) The planned use of the land in the vicinity of the townsite.

c) The Council may by decision permit limited mining activities within Cue townsite but only under conditions that will be determined at the time by the Council.

1.2 The Council may approve mining activities close to but external from the Cue townsite and such conditional approval may include but will not be limited to landscaping, dust/noise suppression measures, and any other provisions considered by the Council to be necessary to protect and preserve the amenity of the existing nearby uses especially residential uses.

2. Other Town sites

2.1 Other townsites which are now vacant and to which the shire has an interest, are identified as the townsites of Austin, Cuddingwarra, Mainland, Reedy, Tuckanarra, Big Bell, Day Dawn, Pinnacles.

2.2 The shire generally opposes to granting of any mining lease or license that may affect the historic fabric of these townsites.

The Council may, by decision, permit limited mining activities within these townsites but only under conditions that will be determined at the time by the Council.

2.3 Council may allow mining under these townsites only on the proviso that there is no disturbance to the natural surface of the town site by way of waste, rock emplacement or tailings storage facilities.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023-2038
Outcome 4.1 To protect and uphold our natural environment
4.1.3 Sustainable environmental protection

4.1.4 Showcase and protect areas of natural significance
4.1.5 Ensure environmental protection regulations with regards to mining and commercial operations are adhered to

Consultation:

Lisa Keen – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Simon Waters - General Manager, Cue Gold Operations, Westgold Resources Ltd

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council:

1. Grants conditional approval to Westgold Resources Limited (Big Bell Gold Operations) for the continued use of the existing Great Fingall Run-of-Mine (ROM) Pad on mining tenement M21/65 within the historic Day Dawn Townsite, as detailed in Attachment 1, subject to the following conditions:

a. Approval is limited to the continued use of the existing disturbed ROM Pad area for its established operations and does not authorise any expansion into the remaining historic Day Dawn Townsite.
b. Council endorses the proposed boundary identified by the blue line in Attachment 2 as the limit beyond which further mining-related surface encroachment into the remaining historic Day Dawn Townsite will not be approved or supported by the Shire.
c. Endorsement of the proposed boundary does not authorise additional mining activities, clearing or expansion of the existing ROM Pad into previously undisturbed areas.
d. Westgold Resources Limited is to construct and maintain, at its expense, appropriate earthen bunding along the mining-operation side of the proposed boundary identified in Attachment 2, to clearly delineate mining operations from the remaining historic Day Dawn Townsite.
e. The location, design and construction methodology of the earthen bund are to be developed in consultation with and approved by the Chief Executive Officer prior to construction, subject to any necessary statutory and heritage approvals.
f. Westgold Resources Limited is to ensure that its operations and associated works do not damage or disturb historic buildings, archaeological remains or other identified heritage features within the remaining Day Dawn Townsite.
g. Any proposal involving further encroachment into the remaining historic Day Dawn Townsite or a material alteration to the boundary identified in Attachment 2 is to be referred to Council for separate consideration.
h. The local authority approval is to be reviewed by Council every five years to assess the continued protection of the historic townsite and compliance with the conditions of approval.

2. Requires Westgold Resources Limited to provide the Shire, within 90 days of Council's decision, with an implementation plan identifying:

a. The proposed boundary shown in Attachment 2, supported by sufficient survey information to accurately identify the boundary on the ground.
b. The proposed location, design and construction methodology of the earthen bund.
c. A proposed timetable for the completion of the boundary protection works.

3. Requests Westgold Resources Limited to work collaboratively with the Shire of Cue to design, install and maintain appropriate heritage identification and interpretive signage recognising the historic Day Dawn Townsite, including its former community, significant buildings and contribution to the development of the Murchison goldfields.

4. Requests Westgold Resources Limited to enter into a written agreement with the Shire of Cue documenting the boundary protection, implementation, maintenance and funding responsibilities established by Council, together with any agreed heritage interpretation commitments.

5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and finalise implementation arrangements with Westgold Resources Limited consistent with Council's decision, provided that any material variation to the endorsed boundary or conditions is referred to Council for consideration.

6. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration of Council's decision and provide a copy of the endorsed boundary identified in Attachment 2.

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06:46 pm Cr Norm Lyon left the chamber.
06:56 pm Cr Ron Hogben left the chamber.
06:59 pm Cr Ron Hogben re-entered the chamber.
07:33pm Lisa Keen left the chamber
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Council Decision: **08102026** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Ron Hogben **SECONDED: Cr Cian Lyon**

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LOST: 1/3
FOR: Cr Humphreys
AGAINST: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Lyon

10.8 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE - MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Ben Andrew

DATE: 14 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To consider the appointment of a Council representative to the Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC) following a vacancy in the Shire's representation.

Background:

The Murchison Regional Vermin Council is a regional local government established under the Local Government Act 1995, comprising the Shires of Cue, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Yalgoo.

Each participating local government is entitled to appoint two representatives to the MRVC, together with an alternate representative.
The Shire of Cue's current representation is:

- Cr Les Price – Representative
- Vacant – Representative
- Cr Ron Hogben – Alternate Representative

Following the passing of an appointed Councillor, a vacancy has arisen in the Shire's representation on the MRVC.

Comments:

The Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC) Establishment Agreement provides for the appointment of representatives and alternate representatives by participating local governments.

Clause 8.1(b) requires each participating local government to appoint two elected members as representatives to the MRVC.
Clause 8.1(c) provides that a participating local government may appoint another elected member as an alternate for each appointed representative.
Clause 8.1(d) provides that an alternate member may act temporarily in place of an appointed representative who is unable to perform their duties due to illness, temporary absence, conflict of interest or other cause.

These provisions allow an alternate representative to temporarily undertake the duties of an appointed member but do not provide for an alternate to automatically assume a permanent vacancy.

Following the passing of an appointed representative, Council is therefore required to formally appoint a replacement.

Cr Ron Hogben is currently appointed as the Shire's alternate representative and is familiar with the operations and responsibilities of the MRVC.

It is proposed that Council appoint Cr Ron Hogben as a substantive representative for the remainder of the current appointment term, ending October 2027.

This appointment would restore the Shire's two substantive representative positions. Council may subsequently consider appointing a replacement alternate representative.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 3.62 – Constitution and purpose of a regional local government
Provides that a regional local government is governed by a council established under its establishment agreement, consisting of members of the councils of the participating local governments.
Section 3.64 – Establishment agreement, what it must contain
Requires the establishment agreement to provide for the number of representatives appointed by each participating local government and the appointment and tenure of those members.
Murchison Regional Vermin Council Establishment Agreement
Clause 8 – Appointment and tenure of MRVC Council members, including alternate representatives.

Policy Implications:

Shire of Cue Policy F.1 – Council Representatives

F.1.1 All Council representatives wherever possible are to be serving members of the Council.
F.1.2 Upon ceasing to be a member of the Council, the representative is to cease as a member of a Committee unless approved by a resolution of Council.
F.1.3 Upon ceasing to be a member of the Council, the representative is to cease membership of any Regional Council unless approved by a resolution of Council and subject to the Regional Council Constitution.
F.1.4 Council representatives on a committee that is not a Council Committee

represent the shire's positions not the individual Councillor's position.

F.1.5 The Council's current committees are as follows

1. Main Roads Western Australia - Regional Road Group
2. Murchison Regional Vermin Council
3. Murchison Zone of the WALGA – Ward
4. Audit Committee
5. Local Emergency Management Committee
6. Bushfire Advisory Committee
7. Midwest Wheatbelt (Central) Development Assessment Council

F.1.6 Representatives of Committees and Regional Councils are to be reviewed by Council resolution following each Council ordinary election unless a Representative resigns prior to that Election at which time a special appointment may be made by Council resolution.

Council representatives on regional councils are appointed by resolution of Council in accordance with the relevant governing arrangements.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023–2038

Environmental Objective – Outcome 4.1: To protect and uphold our natural environment.
Strategy 4.1.1: Support biosecurity management within our Shire.
Shire of Cue Corporate Business Plan 2026–2030

- Action 1.1.1.3: Development of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council dog fence.
- Action 4.1.1.1: Continued support for the regional vermin proof fence.
- Action 4.1.1.3: Support construction of the Murchison Vermin Cell.

Continued representation on the Murchison Regional Vermin Council directly supports the Shire's strategic commitment to regional vermin fencing, biosecurity management and the protection of pastoral industries.

Consultation:

Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

1. Appoints Deputy Shire President Cr Ron Hogben as a representative of the Shire of Cue on the Murchison Regional Vermin Council for the remainder of the current appointment term, ending 16th October 2027.
2. Appoints Cr Cian Lyon as the alternate for term ending 16th October 2027
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Murchison Regional Vermin Council of the appointment and update the Shire's register of Council representatives accordingly

Council Decision: **0902026** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Julie Humphreys **SECONDED: Cr Ron Hogben**

1. Appoints Deputy Shire President Cr Ron Hogben as a representative of the Shire of Cue on the Murchison Regional Vermin Council for the remainder of the current appointment term, ending 16th October 2027.
2. Appoints Cr Cian Lyon as the alternate for term ending 16th October 2027
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Murchison Regional Vermin Council of the appointment and update the Shire's register of Council representatives accordingly.

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

10.9 PURCHASE OF LOTS 26, 200, 201, DOWLEY STREET AND LOT 25 MARSHALL STREET, CUE

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 16 October 2026

Matters for Consideration:

Approval of a suitable memorandum of understanding to progress the purchase of Lots 26, 200, 201 Dowley Street and Lot 25 Marshall Street, Cue, from the Catholic Diocese of Geraldton.

Background:

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on 17 September 2024, Council resolved the following.

Council Decision: 11092024	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
MOVED: Cr Julie Humphreys	SECONDED: Cr Leonie Fitzpatrick
That Council:	
1. Instruct the CEO to submit an offer of $40,000 to purchase Lots 26, 200, 201, Dowley Street and Lot 25 Marshall Street, Cue, subject to Council approval of a suitable memorandum of understanding for future church services.	
and	
2. Authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the common seal as required to any sale or transfer documents.	
CARRIED: 5/1	
AGAINST: Deputy Shire President Houghton	

The history of the Catholic Church's activities on these lots is not clearly documented. It is understood that the Catholic church was first established in the town in 1893 by an Irish priest Rev Fr James Duff. Lots 26, 200, 201, Dowley Street and Lot 25 Marshall Street have, however, been owned by the Catholic Church since

the establishment of the Cue townsite. At the turn of the 20th Century the lots accommodated various buildings including a church, cathedral, school, presbytery and convent. The first church and presbytery built in 1894 were destroyed by fire in 1903.

The existing St Patrick's Church, located on the southern side of Dowley Street (Lot 22) appears from the street as a run-down structure in need of maintenance. This building was the former convent school, built in place of the original convent school, which was destroyed by a cyclone in January 1911.

Other than the former convent school building now in use as a church, the sites are vacant.

Discussions with the Diocese of Geraldton have confirmed that the lots are surplus to its requirements. The Diocese has confirmed that it would prefer the Shire to acquire these landholdings, as this will ensure the land can continue to provide an ongoing benefit to the local community. The Diocese has also requested that the Shire provide an undertaking by way of memorandum of understanding that the Shire provide a place in Cue for the church to hold services into the future. The proposal with the purchase is to undertake renovations to the existing church and that the church will continue to be used for the foreseeable future.

A memorandum of understanding has been prepared and signed by the Diocese of Geraldton and attached for Council approval.

Comments:

The four lots total some 5,006m2 in area and are all adjoining. The site includes the existing church. Located at the intersection of Marshall Street and Dowley Street, the lots are conveniently located and should be considered of strategic significance to assist with the ongoing viability of the town.

Importantly, the sites may enable the Shire to provide aged housing or other housing options. A preliminary concept sketch has been prepared to demonstrate how the site, for example, could accommodate a 'tiny house' development while keeping the existing church as a central feature. While the concept plan has been prepared to demonstrate a possible outcome for this site, more detailed site planning and analysis would be required.

Finally, the opportunity to infill vacant land in the town will provide the opportunity to improve the visual amenity of a core area of the Cue townsite.

The purchase of these lots would provide the Shire with a strategic landholding in the Cue townsite, which in turn provides a unique opportunity to address longstanding housing issues in the town. The lots have remained vacant for a considerable period of time and the opportunity to provide in-fill development will make significant improvements to both the housing opportunities and amenity of the town.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 9.49A

9.49A Execution of documents

(1) A document is duly executed by a local government if —

(a) the common seal of the local government is affixed to it in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); or

(b) it is signed on behalf of the local government by a person or persons authorised under subsection (4) to do so.

(2) The common seal of a local government is not to be affixed to any document except as authorised by the local government.

(3) The common seal of the local government is to be affixed to a document in the presence of —

(a) the mayor or president; and

(b) the chief executive officer or a senior employee authorised by the chief executive officer, each of whom is to sign the document to attest that the common seal was so affixed.

Policy Implications:

D.8 Purchasing Policy

7.2 Sole Source of Supply (Monopoly Suppliers)

The procurement of goods and/or services available from only one private sector source of supply, (i.e. manufacturer, supplier or agency) is permitted without the need to call competitive quotations provided that there must genuinely be only one source of supply.

Financial Implications:

The 2026 -2027 budget contains an allocation of $400,000 for Pensioner Housing Development. The proposed offer is to purchase Lots 26, 200, 201, Dowley Street and Lot 25 Marshall Street for $10,000 each (totalling $40,000). The Shire will also pay any legal costs associated with the transfer.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023-2038.

Economic Objective

Outcome 1.1 Maximise local economic opportunities to benefit the whole community

1.1.2 Develop main street shopping and commercial precinct by working with property owners to maintain and improve our heritage-listed buildings

Outcome 1.2 Develop strategies to increase number of tourists visiting the Shire

1.2.2 Showcase our heritage and mining attractions

Environmental Objective

Outcome 4.3 Maintain and improve our built environment

4.3.1 Maintain, improve and renew infrastructure

4.3.2 Maintain the integrity of heritage assets

4.3.3 Preserve heritage assets for future generations

Consultation:

Lisa Keen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Catholic Diocese of Geraldton

Eugene Ferraro, Shire Town Planner

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council:

1. Approve the attached memorandum of understanding for future church services.

and

2. Instruct the CEO to finalise the purchase of the Lots 26, 200, 201, Dowley Street and Lot 25 Marshall Street, Cue.

Council Decision: **10102026**	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED: Cr Julie Humphreys	**SECONDED: Cr Peter Lacy**

That Council:

1. Approve the attached memorandum of understanding for future church services.

and

2. Instruct the CEO to finalise the purchase of the Lots 26, 200, 201, Dowley Street and Lot 25 Marshall Street, Cue.

CARRIED: 5/2
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lyon, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: Cr Lacy, Cr Lacy

11 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

12 MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Nil.

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil.

CLOSED COUNCIL

14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Council Decision: **1102026** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Cian Lyon **SECONDED: Cr Jacquie Lacy**

That the item be deferred until the next Ordinary Council Meeting on the 17 November 2026 due to time constraints

CARRIED: 7/0
FOR: President Price, Deputy President Hogben, Cr Humphreys, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon, Cr Lacy, Cr Lyon
AGAINST: None

14.2 THAT THE MEETING BE REOPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CLOSURE

15 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 08:03 PM.

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 17 November 2026.

Signed: .....

Presiding Member at the Meeting at which time the Minutes were confirmed.