



**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL**

18TH OF JULY 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

Please be advised that the next

Ordinary Meeting of Council

is to be held on

Tuesday, 18th July 2017

commencing at **6:30pm**

in the Council Chambers at 73 Austin Street, Cue WA

Rob Madson
Chief Executive Officer
14 July 2017

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SHIRE OF CUE

DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST AND INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

To: Chief Executive Officer

As required by section 5.65(1)(a) or 5.70 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Council’s Code of Conduct, I hereby declare my interest in the following matter/s included on the Agenda paper for the Council meeting to be held on _____
(Date)

Item No.	Subject	Details of Interest	Type of Interest Impartial/Financial	*Extent of Interest

(see below)

* Extent of Interest only has to be declared if the Councillor also requests to remain present at a meeting, preside, or participate in discussions of the decision making process (see item 6 below). Employees must disclose extent of interest if the Council or Committee requires them to.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

NB

1. This notice must be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or at the meeting immediately before the matter in which you have declared an interest is discussed, Section 5.65(1) (a) & (b).
2. It remains Councillors’/Employees’ responsibility to make further declarations to the Council if a matter arises during the course of a meeting and no previous declarations have been made.
3. It is a Councillor’s/Employee’s responsibility to ensure the interest is brought to the attention of the Council/Committee when the Agenda item arises and to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.
4. It remains the Councillor’s responsibility to ensure that he/she does not vote on a matter in which a declaration has been made. The responsibility also includes the recording of particulars in the minutes to ensure they are correct when such minutes are confirmed.
5. It is recommended that when previewing Agenda, Councillors mark Agendas with items on which an interest is to be declared and complete the declaration form at the same time.
6. Councillors may be allowed to remain at meetings at which they have declared an interest and may also be allowed to preside (if applicable) and participate in discussions and the decision making process upon the declared matter subject to strict compliance with the enabling provisions of the Act and appropriately recorded resolutions of the Council. Where Councillors request consideration of such Council approval the affected Councillor must vacate the Council Chambers in the first instance whilst the Council discusses and decides upon the Councillor’s application.

Remember: The responsibility to declare an interest rests with individual Councillors / Employees. If in any doubt seek legal opinion or, to be absolutely sure, make a declaration.

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1. Particulars of declaration given to meeting _____
2. Particulars recorded in the minutes: _____
3. Signed by Chief Executive Officer _____

Local Government Act 1995 - SECT 5.23

Meetings generally open to the public

5.23. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are to be open to members of the public:

- (a) All Council meetings; and
- (b) All meetings of any committee to which a local government power or duty has been delegated.

(2) If a meeting is being held by a Council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1) (b), the Council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following --

- (a) A matter affecting an employee or employees;
- (b) The personal affairs of any person;
- (c) A contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;
- (d) Legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;
- (e) A matter that if disclosed, would reveal:
 - (i) A trade secret;
 - (ii) Information that has a commercial value to a person; or
 - (iii) Information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the trade secret or information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government;
- (f) A matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to:
 - (i) Impair the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law;
 - (ii) Endanger the security of the local government's property; or
 - (iii) Prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety;

(g) Information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23 (1a) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971; and

(h) Such other matters as may be prescribed.

(3) A decision to close a meeting or part of a meeting and the reason for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

CONFIRMED

SHIRE OF CUE

REVOKING OR CHANGING DECISIONS MADE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (**Regulation No.10**)

If a previous Council decision is to be changed then support for a revocation motion must be given by an **Absolute Majority** of Councillors (that is at least 4 Councillors) if a previous attempt to rescind has occurred within the past three months or, if no previous attempt has been made the support must be given by at least **1/3rd** of all Councillors (that is at least 4 Councillors).

Regulation 10(1a) also requires that the support for revocation must be in writing and signed by the required number of Councillors, including the Councillor who intends to move the revocation motion.

Any revocation motion must be carried by the kind of vote that put the motion into place in the first instance (that is, if carried originally by an Absolute Majority or Special Majority vote then the revocation motion must also be carried by that same kind of vote).

If the original motion was carried by a Simple Majority vote then any revocation motion must be carried by an Absolute Majority vote.



To the Presiding Member,

The following Councillors give notice of their support for the bringing forward to the Council meeting to be held on _____ of a motion for revocation of Council resolution number _____ as passed by the Council at its meeting held on _____

Councillor's Names

Councillor's Signature

SHIRE OF CUE
Ordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES

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6:30pm

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Shire President 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.

Please be advised that in accordance with a Department of Local Government recommendation this Meeting is being electronically recorded with my permission.

PRESENT:

Councillor Ross Pigdon, Shire President

Councillor Les Price, Deputy Shire President

Councillor Ian Dennis

Councillor Leonie Fitzpatrick

Councillor Pixie Pigdon

Councillor Fred Spindler

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ron Hogben

STAFF:

Mr Rob Madson, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Richard Towell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Miss Kim Ryan, Records Officer

GALLERY:

Ernie Campbell

Kath Willett

Terry Bloxsome

John Curtin

Jacque Moses

Trevor Brimson

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions on Notice

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20th June 2017 the following questions were asked by Mr Ernie Campbell and taken on notice:

On the 18th April I asked a question why are we putting so much time and money into the Bishop's house when we already have an office for the workshop? Can I have a reply to that question and a breakdown of the cost to date and the completion date please?

Any idea what it is going to cost for the oval fence line and was it budgeted for? Can I have it in writing?

The Chief Executive Officer responded to these questions in correspondence dated 14 July 2017:

Bishop's House

While the works staff do have existing office facilities provided in a transportable building at the depot, the development of the Bishop's House into new office facilities will provide better working conditions for the Manager Works & Services and the Works & Services Support Officer and provide space for staff meetings. The existing facility will then be available for the use of the Mechanic. This project also preserves a heritage-listed building which would otherwise become derelict.

Renovations are practically complete, with the exception of the utility connections, which are waiting on the appropriate authorities. Consideration is also being given to the construction of a low front fence. Expenditure on the Bishop's house to date totals \$133,000 over the last three financial years.

Oval fencing

An amount of \$35,000 was allocated in the 2016/17 annual budget for the fence construction. As this project is not yet complete, a portion of this funding will be carried forward to the 2017/18 annual budget.

Questions asked by the public gallery

1. Ernie Campbell, 17 Darlot Street

Why are rates going up?

The CEO advised that a 2.5% overall increase in rates is proposed and that the State Government decision to remove vehicle licensing concessions accounted for an increase of 1.5% on its own. In general, rates go up every year because costs go up every year.

2. Terry Bloxsome, 65 Stewart Street

Did anyone do a hydraulic flow test on the Oasis?

The President advised that this was an operational matter and to make an appointment with the CEO.

Could we get a cost on the works done at Coodardy?

The CEO advised that he would not be discussing the details of a commercial arrangement.

What progress in the future is going to be made on the sewerage line?

The President advised that there was nothing planned.

Why do we have single men from Geraldton coming here to work?

The President advised that this was an operational matter and to make an appointment with the CEO.

3. Jacquie Moses, Price Street

Would Council be interested in following up the provision of a juvenile detention centre in Cue?

The Shire President advised that the construction of such a facility would be a big process and all the Shire could do would be to investigate if government funding was available.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CR RON HOGBEN	
APPLICANT:	Cr Ron Hogben
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	14 July 2017
Matters for Consideration:	
Request for leave of absence.	
Background:	
During discussions between the Shire President and Cr Ron Hogben, it was noted that Cr Hogben is likely to miss several meetings in order to deal with a personal matter.	
Comments:	
Statutory Environment:	
<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 - SECT 2.25</p> <p>2.25 . Disqualification for failure to attend meetings</p> <p>(1) A council may, by resolution, grant leave of absence, to a member.</p> <p>(2) Leave is not to be granted to a member in respect of more than 6 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council without the approval of the Minister, unless all of the meetings are within a period of 3 months.</p>	

Policy Implications:	
Nil	
Financial Implications:	
Sitting fees will not be payable for the meetings not attended by Cr Hogben.	
Strategic Implications:	
Nil	
Consultation:	
Shire President – Cr Ross Pigdon	
Officer's Recommendation:	
That Cr Hogben be granted leave of absence for the July, August and September ordinary meetings of Council.	
Council Decision:01072017	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<p>MOVED: CR PRICE SECONDED: CR FITZPATRICK</p> <p>That Cr Hogben be granted leave of absence for the July, August and September ordinary meetings of Council.</p> <p>CARRIED: 6/0</p>	

4. PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Decision: 02072017

MOVED: CR DENNIS

SECONDED: CR P PIGDON

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 20th June 2017 are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting with the amendment that the council resolution at item 11.2 be allocated the number 13062017

CARRIED: 6/0

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

Nil

7. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The Shire President advised that a staff matter would be considered later in the meeting that would require the meeting to be closed to the public.

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8.1 ACCOUNTS & STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS	
APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 th July 2017
Matters for Consideration:	
To receive the List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 18 July 2017 as attached – see Appendix 1	
Comments:	
The list of accounts is for the month of June 2017	
Background:	
The local government under its delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from the municipal and trust funds is required to prepare a list of accounts each month showing each account paid and presented 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.	
Statutory Environment:	
Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 13.	
Policy Implications:	
Nil	
Financial Implications:	
Nil	
Strategic Implications:	
Nil	
Consultation:	
Nil	

8.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 th July 2017
<i>Matters for consideration:</i>	
<p>The Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 30 June 2017 including the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Financial Activity • Significant Accounting Policies • Graphical Representation – Source Statement of Financial Activity • Net Current Funding Position • Cash and Investments • Major Variances • Budget Amendments • Receivables • Grants and Contributions • Cash Backed Reserve • Capital Disposals and Acquisitions • Trust Fund <p>see Appendix 2</p>	
<i>Comments:</i>	
The Statement of Financial Activity is for the month of June 2017.	
<i>Background:</i>	
Under the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations 1996), a monthly Statement of Financial Activity must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The statement of financial activity is a complex document but presents a complete overview of the financial position of the local government at the end of each month. The Statement of Financial Activity for each month must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.	
<i>Statutory Environment:</i>	
Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 14.	
<i>Policy Implications:</i>	
Nil	

Financial Implications:	
Nil	
Strategic Implications:	
Nil	
Consultation:	
RSM Bird Cameron Chartered Accountants	
Officer's Recommendation:	
<i>That Council receive the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the period ended 30 June 2017.</i>	
Council Decision:04072017	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<p>MOVED: CR DENNIS SECONDED: CR P PIGDON</p> <p><i>That Council receive the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the period ended 30 June 2017.</i></p> <p>CARRIED: 6/0</p>	

8.3 SETTING OF THE ANNUAL RATE IN THE DOLLAR FOR 2017-2018 FINANCIAL YEAR	
APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 July 2017
<i>Matters for Consideration:</i>	
<p>To consider the submission received from Westgold Resources Limited in relation to the proposed differential rates for the 2017-2018 financial year.</p> <p>And</p> <p>To apply to the Minister for Local Government and Communities for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.</p>	
<i>Background:</i>	
<p>At the Special Meeting held on 13 June 2017, Council approved the advertising of the proposed differential rates for the 2017-2018 financial year as required under section 6.33 of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>Submissions regarding the proposed differential rates and minimum payments closed on 7 July 2017. The Shire of Cue received one submission in respect to the proposed differential rates, being from Westgold Resources Limited and attached at Appendix 3</p>	
<i>Comments:</i>	
<p>Westgold Resources Limited is the owner of its subsidiary company Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd. The submission from Westgold Resources Limited states their objection to the UV mining rate in the dollar being more than twice the UV pastoral rate in the dollar and the Shires intention to increase the UV mining rate in the dollar to \$0.3210. The submission also questions the justification for application of a differential rate in the dollar of \$0.3210 for the GRV mining and transient workforce facilities both of which are currently operated by Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd.</p> <p>Westgold considers that they are being singled out for additional rating and fees. This is not correct as rates are based on land values and differentiated based on service levels, it is not assessed on the value of direct benefit provided nor on who has the capacity to pay. The Shire does not impose rates or fees to make a profit but to recover its costs of operations and provide levels of service that are required and expected by the community for the benefit of the community and public safety.</p> <p>The statement that the increase in rates last year is the reason for reducing titles held is ambiguous. A decision to hold a mining tenement title would surely be based on its estimated ore value over its holding costs.</p>	

The lower use of Shire infrastructure by mining ratepayers is debateable in terms of usage, however the infrastructure needs to be in place and maintained. In regards to roads this includes maintaining roads at a safe standard and level that allows for increased heavy vehicle traffic.

The road network is maintained at levels required for the frequent use of heavy vehicles. Westgold acknowledges and appreciates the state and standard of the roads but fails to acknowledge the costs involved in this. Westgold also fails to acknowledge the lengths that the Shire has gone to in the past to accommodate their needs in regards to road access and maintenance. This includes allowing them to use vehicles on roads closed due to wet weather when they have required it, increasing the costs to council to repair and maintain the roads.

While it is acknowledged that there is a general downturn in the mining industry, there is a noticeable increase in mining activity within the Shire of Cue that has occurred over the past year and will continue into the future. It is therefore necessary for Council to maintain its current level of services and facilities to the community to meet these demands.

The rates proposed for the 2017-2018 financial year provides for a balanced budget with a 2.92% increase over rates raised for the previous year. This is following a nominal increase in rates revenue for the previous financial year.

In relation to the comments made regarding the mining and transient workforce facilities, the Crosslands camp has had its accommodation buildings removed and relocated. This has made a significant reduction to the valuation of the property for rates purposes resulting in a 23% reduction in rates from this category; however the property is still utilised as an extension of the Cue Village for car parking and administration purposes.

The maintenance to the oval reticulation system is ongoing to meet the requirements to take the water from the Cue Village waste water treatment system as well as the additional tip maintenance costs created by the village and mining operations in general. The Shire encourages this to minimise illegal dumping but needs to ensure that it is recovering costs.

The Cue Village facilities were created by the Shire and Silver Lake Resources Limited working together for the mutual benefit of both parties. The intention is to integrate the workforce into the town for the benefit of both the workforce and the community. When the camp is at capacity it more than doubles the population of the town placing extra requirements on the Shire to meet service levels.

The table below shows the comparison of rates raised by neighbouring Shires for the 2016-2017 financial year.

Rates comparison 2016-2017	Shire of Cue	Shire of Yalgoo	Shire of Mt Magnet	Shire of Sandstone	Shire of Meekatharra
Rate Category	Rate in \$	Rate in \$	Rate in \$	Rate in \$	Rate in \$
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	0.1036	0.0745	0.1011	0.0661	0.0863
GRV - COMMERCIAL	0.0886	0.0745	0.1155	0.0661	0.0863
GRV - VACANT LAND	0.1036	0.0745	0.1011	0.0661	0.0863
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	0.3075		0.1847	0.3487	
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	0.3132	0.3743	0.3129	0.2522	0.1904
UV - Exploration/Prospecting	0.3132	0.1988	0.3129	0.2522	0.1904
UV - PASTORAL	0.0822	0.0658	0.0670	0.0571	0.0604
Minimum payment	Minimum \$	Minimum \$	Minimum \$	Minimum \$	Minimum \$
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	440	270	413	200	400
GRV - COMMERCIAL	440	270	472	200	400
GRV - VACANT LAND	440	620	413	200	400
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	440	270	775	200	400
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	440	270	468	315	350
UV - PASTORAL	440	270	413	315	350

In consideration of the new valuations for mining tenements now being available and uploaded into our system for rates modelling. It is proposed that the UV mining tenements and GRV M&T Workforce Facilities categories be adjusted inline accordingly to raise the same amount of revenue from rates as the advertised proposal.

The tables below show the original advertised rates proposal and the expected revenue raised, followed by the adjusted proposal taking into account the revaluation of the UV Mining category.

Proposed rates for 2017-2018					
Rate Category	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rates Levied	% increase
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	0.1062	94	535,752	56,892	2.50%
GRV - COMMERCIAL	0.1062	5	299,208	31,785	19.90%
GRV - VACANT LAND	0.1062	0	-	-	2.50%
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	0.3210	2	246,750	79,214	4.40%
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	0.3210	293	6,335,382	2,033,848	2.50%
UV - PASTORAL	0.0843	14	502,918	42,373	2.50%
Minimum payment	Minimum \$				
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	451	49	116,724	22,099	2.50%
GRV - COMMERCIAL	451	0	-	-	2.50%
GRV - VACANT LAND	451	41	8,528	18,491	2.50%
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	451	0	-	-	2.50%
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	451	127	86,256	57,277	2.50%
UV - PASTORAL	451	4	10,400	1,804	2.50%
Totals		629	8,141,918	2,343,783	
Revenue raised from rates 2016-2017				2,278,224	
Difference				65,559	
				2.88%	

Adjusted Proposed rates for 2017-2018					
Rate Category	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rates Levied	% increase
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	0.1062	90	535,752	56,892	2.50%
GRV - COMMERCIAL	0.1062	5	299,208	31,785	19.90%
GRV - VACANT LAND	0.1062	0	-	-	2.50%
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	0.3160	2	246,750	77,970	2.76%
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	0.3160	296	6,454,718	2,039,610	0.89%
UV - PASTORAL	0.0843	14	502,918	42,373	2.50%
Minimum payment	Minimum \$				
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	451	49	116,724	22,099	2.50%
GRV - COMMERCIAL	451	0	-	-	2.50%
GRV - VACANT LAND	451	41	8,528	18,491	2.50%
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	451	0	-	-	2.50%
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	451	119	83,536	53,669	2.50%
UV - PASTORAL	451	4	10,400	1,804	2.50%
Totals		620	8,258,534	2,344,693	
Revenue raised from rates 2016-2017				2,278,224	
Difference				66,469	
				2.92%	

All totals are shown without discounts or other allowances being taken into consideration. The adjusted rates proposal has decreased the rate in the dollar for the GRV – M&T Workforce Facilities and UV Mining Tenement categories from \$0.3210 to \$0.3160.

If Council decides to modify the proposed rates or minimum payments after considering any submissions it is not necessary to readvertise the rates however the changes will be included in the notes to the adopted annual budget

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Division 6 – Subdivision 2, Categories of Rates and Service Charges.

Policy Implications:

Department of Local Government and Communities, Rating Policy, Differential Rates (s.6.33), March 2016.

Financial Implications:

Council needs to ensure that rate revenue remains at a level where the Shire can continue to maintain its current level of services to ratepayers and the community. The proposed revenue raised from rates will make up the budget deficiency and provide Council with a balanced budget for the 2017-2018 financial year.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023

Consultation:

Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer

Travis Bate – RSM Australia Pty Ltd

**Officer's
Recommendation:****Voting requirement: Simple Majority***That Council*

1. *Acknowledges the receipt of the submission received from Westgold Resources Limited.*
2. *Having considered the submission received, adopts the following rates for the 2017-2018 financial year.*

Rate Category	Minimum Rates \$	Rate in \$ (cents)
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	451.00	0.1062
GRV - COMMERCIAL	451.00	0.1062
GRV - VACANT LAND	451.00	0.1062
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	451.00	0.3160
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	451.00	0.3160
UV - PASTORAL	451.00	0.0843

3. *Make application to the Minister for Local Government and Communities for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.*

Council Decision: 05072017**Voting requirement: Simple Majority****MOVED: CR P PIGDON****SECONDED: DENNIS***That Council*

1. *Acknowledges the receipt of the submission received from Westgold Resources Limited.*
2. *Having considered the submission received, adopts the following rates for the 2017-2018 financial year.*

Rate Category	Minimum Rates \$	Rate in \$ (cents)
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	451.00	0.1062
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GRV - VACANT LAND	451.00	0.1062
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	451.00	0.3160

UV - MINING TENEMENTS	451.00	0.3160
UV - PASTORAL	451.00	0.0843

3. *Make application to the Minister for Local Government and Communities for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.*

CARRIED: 6/0

CONFIRMED

8.4 RECEIVING OF THE DRAFT 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET	
APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	14 July 2017
SIGNATURE	
<i>Matters for Consideration</i>	
To receive the draft Budget for the year ended 30 June 2018 and provide comments and feedback.	
<i>Background:</i>	
The 2017-2018 draft budget has been prepared by Travis Bate from RSM Australia Pty Ltd, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
<i>Comments:</i>	
The draft budget is attached at Appendix 4 . The draft budget is subject to Ministerial approval to impose differential rates and the application process for this will be submitted to the Department for Local Government once Council has set the rate in the dollar for the 2017-2018 financial year.	
<i>Statutory Environment:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Policy Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Financial Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Strategic Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Consultation:</i>	
Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer	
Travis Bate – RSM Australia Pty Ltd	

Officer's Recommendation:	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<i>That Council receive the draft budget for the year ended 30 June 2018</i>	
Council Decision: 06072017	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
MOVED: CR SPINDLER	SECONDED: DENNIS
<i>That Council receive the draft budget for the year ended 30 June 2018</i>	
CARRIED: 6/0	

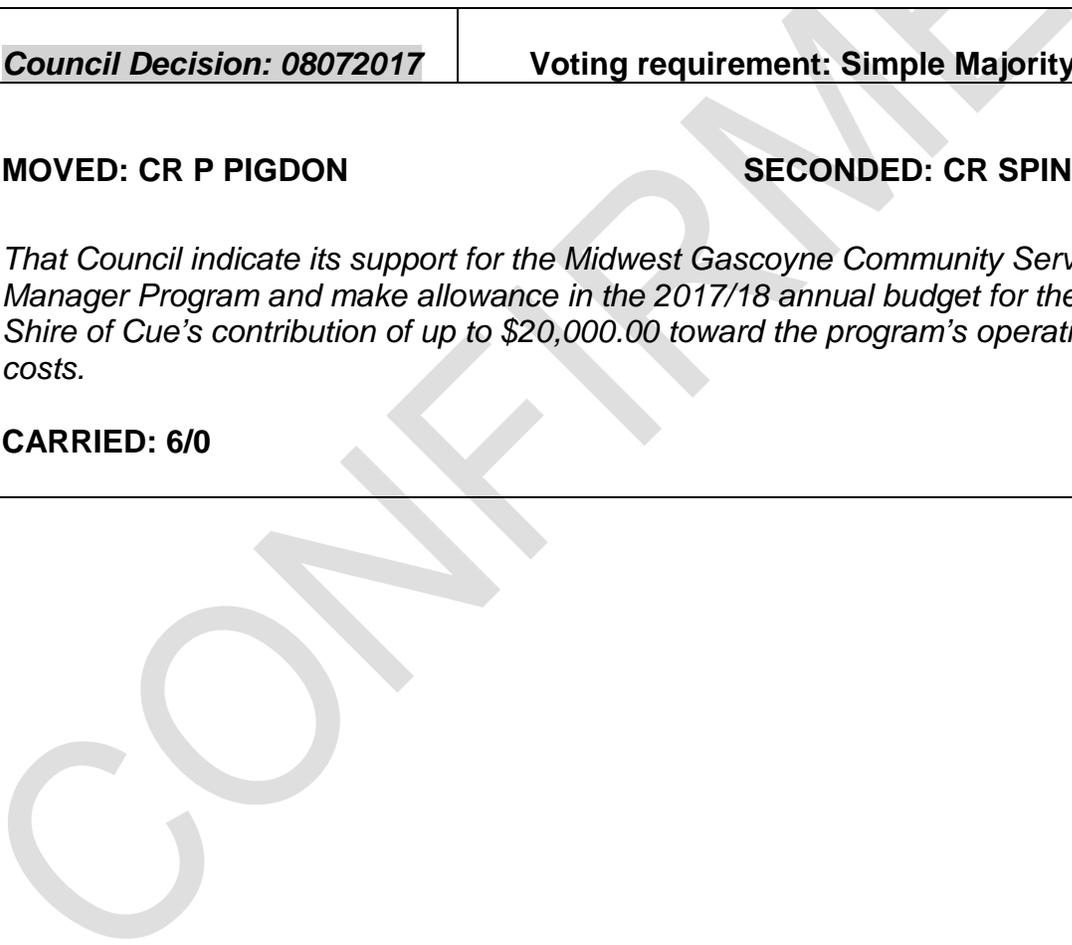
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8.5 STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN	
APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	14 July 2017
<i>Matters for Consideration</i>	
To adopt the Shire of Cue's draft 2017 – 2027 Strategic Community Plan	
<i>Background:</i>	
<p>The Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 were amended in August of 2011 with the inclusion of regulation 19C – Planning for the Future: Strategic Community Plans. This regulation requires Councils to produce and maintain a Strategic Community Plan (SCP) covering a period of not less than ten (10) years. The purpose of the Strategic Community Plan is to set out the visions, aspirations and objectives of the community.</p> <p>SCP's are an integral part of the State Government-initiated integrated planning framework that will also see the development of a corporate business plan and a number of other informing plans and strategies that will underpin Council's annual budget process and future decision-making.</p>	
<i>Comments:</i>	
<p>The Strategic Community Plan has been developed in consultation with the community and reflects the values, goals, aspirations and vision of the broadest community. Elected members, staff and the broader community have been significantly involved in critical stages in the SCP's drafting process.</p> <p>The community was involved in a comprehensive community engagement process to imagine their ideal future for the Shire of Cue.</p> <p>Once adopted, local public notice of adoption of the Strategic Community Plan is required in accordance with the regulations.</p>	
<i>Statutory Environment:</i>	
<p>Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.56 (1&2) Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Section 19C(1)</p>	
<i>Policy Implications:</i>	
As part of the integrated planning framework, the strategic community plan will guide Council's future decision-making.	

Financial Implications:	
The SCP will inform the Corporate Business Plan, Budget and other plans and strategies as part of the integrated planning and reporting framework.	
Strategic Implications:	
Becomes the Communities and the Shire's overarching Strategic Document that drives all other plans.	
Consultation:	
As per those listed in the Community plan that is designated as being Appendix 5 .	
Officer's Recommendation:	Voting requirement: Absolute Majority
<p><i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Adopt the Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027 as provided in Appendix 5.</i> 	
Council Decision:07072017	Voting requirement: Absolute Majority
<p>MOVED: CR DENNIS SECONDED: CR SPINDLER</p> <p><i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Adopt the Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027 as provided in Appendix 5.</i> <p>CARRIED: 6/0</p>	

8.6 SHARED EMPLOYMENT OF MIDWEST GASCOYNE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER	
APPLICANT:	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 July 2017
<i>Matters for Consideration:</i>	
Consideration of support for the Midwest Gascoyne Community Emergency Services Manager Program.	
<i>Background:</i>	
<p>The Department of Fire and Emergency Services run a Community Emergency Services Manager Program in a shared funding arrangement with Local Government to employ Emergency Services Managers whose role it is to assist Shires to meet their emergency services responsibilities and provide emergency risk management services to the community. It is proposed that this program be extended into the Midwest Gascoyne Region.</p> <p>The program proposal is for the employment of two CESM positions. One servicing the Shires of Murchison, Yalgoo, Morawa and Perenjori, and the other servicing the Shires of Wiluna, Meekatharra, Cue, Mount Magnet and Sandstone. The CESM would assist fire brigades to obtain grants for the purchase of facilities, facilitate training, provide assistance with the operation of the Local Emergency Management Committee and the preparation of emergency management plans as well as responding to emergency incidents.</p>	
<i>Comments:</i>	
The Shire has traditionally struggled to meet its obligations under the extensive requirements of a raft of emergency services legislation. This proposal presents a highly cost-effective method of achieving compliance. Full details of the program are still to be finalised, however it would be prudent to make allowance in the coming budget for the Shire's involvement.	
<i>Statutory Environment:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Policy Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Financial Implications:</i>	
Operating costs are to be shared between member Shires. DFES District Officer Emergency Management, John Wheelock, has advised that the program budget has	

been prepared on the basis that each Shire’s contribution would not exceed \$20,000.00.	
Strategic Implications:	
Nil	
Consultation:	
John Wheelock – District Officer Emergency Management Midwest Gascoyne Region	
Officer’s Recommendation:	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<p><i>That Council indicate its support for the Midwest Gascoyne Community Services Manager Program and make allowance in the 2017/18 annual budget for the Shire of Cue’s contribution of up to \$20,000.00 toward the program’s operating costs.</i></p>	
Council Decision: 08072017	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<p>MOVED: CR P PIGDON SECONDED: CR SPINDLER</p> <p><i>That Council indicate its support for the Midwest Gascoyne Community Services Manager Program and make allowance in the 2017/18 annual budget for the Shire of Cue’s contribution of up to \$20,000.00 toward the program’s operating costs.</i></p> <p>CARRIED: 6/0</p>	



8.7 PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR HORTICULTURE & GROWING OF FODDER UNDER IRRIGATION	
APPLICANT:	Department of Lands
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 July 2017
<i>Matters for Consideration:</i>	
Consideration of an invitation from the Department of Lands for Council to comment on a proposal to renew the lease of an area of land for “horticulture & growing of fodder under irrigation”.	
<i>Background:</i>	
The land in question was formerly leased for a ten year period for the same purpose. The Department of Lands are now considering renewing the lease for a further ten year period.	
<i>Comments:</i>	
A map of the proposed lease area is attached at Appendix 6 which indicates a total area of 752.47 hectares.	
<i>Statutory Environment:</i>	
The land in question is zoned rural in the Shire of Cue Local Planning Scheme No 2. The land use of intensive agriculture is noted as a D class use in the zone table, meaning that the use is not permitted unless the local government has exercised its discretion by granting development approval.	
<i>Policy Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Financial Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Strategic Implications:</i>	
Nil	
<i>Consultation:</i>	
Nil	

Officer's Recommendation:	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<p><i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Advise the Department of Lands that it has no objection to Lot 52 on Deposited Plan 211913 being leased for the purposes of horticulture & growing of fodder under irrigation.</i> 2. <i>Advise the Department of Lands that the proposed use of horticulture is restricted by the requirements of the Shire of Cue Local Planning Scheme No 2, and the lessees are required to hold a current planning approval associated with that use.</i> 	
Council Decision: 09072017	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
<p>MOVED: CR SPINDLER SECONDED: CR DENNIS</p> <p><i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Advise the Department of Lands that it has no objection to Lot 52 on Deposited Plan 211913 being leased for the purposes of horticulture & growing of fodder under irrigation.</i> 2. <i>Advise the Department of Lands that the proposed use of horticulture is restricted by the requirements of the Shire of Cue Local Planning Scheme No 2, and the lessees are required to hold a current planning approval associated with that use.</i> <p>CARRIED: 6/0</p>	

8.8 APPLICATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSE LEASE SITUATED ON CUE TOWNSITE	
APPLICANT:	Department of Mines and Petroleum
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Potential proximity interest - The author is an applicant for a prospecting licence over tenement P20/2285 which is near the proposed lease area. The application has not yet been determined and is subject to an objection through the Native Title process.
AUTHOR:	Rob Madson - Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 July 2017
Matters for Consideration:	
A request to impose an endorsement and condition proposed by the Department of Mines and Petroleum on a general purpose lease encroaching on Cue townsite.	
Background:	
<p>The Minister for Mines and Petroleum is obligated to consult with Council before granting permission to mine in a townsite. The Department of Mines and Petroleum has written to Council regarding an application for a general purpose lease on a portion of land on Cue Hill within the Cue townsite, proposing that if Council is in agreement with allowing mining activity in the area that the following endorsement and condition be imposed upon the tenement:</p> <p>Endorsement: <i>The grant of this lease does not include any private land referred to in Section 29(2) of the Mining Act 1978 except that below 30 metres from the natural surface of the land.</i></p> <p>Condition: <i>Access to the surface of land within Cue Townsite for mining purposes being subject to the approval of the local Authority or relevant reserve vestees, and mining activities within the first 100 metres below the surface of the land being limited to such exploration activities as may be approved by the Director, Environment, DMP.</i></p>	
Comments:	
<p>Cue Hill is a significant area within the Cue townsite and is not a suitable location for mining activity of any description. The proposed purpose of the general lease is to accommodate an existing communication facility.</p> <p>A copy of the Tengraph map showing the location of the lease applied for is attached at Appendix 7.</p> <p>Council Policy C.1 (Noted below) will be brought to the attention of the DMP in the response to this application.</p>	
Statutory Environment:	
Sections 23 to 26 of the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> . (As notified in DMP correspondence)	

Policy Implications:	
<p>Policy C.1 – Mining Within The Town Boundary</p> <p>1. Cue Townsite</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Financial Implications:	
Nil	
Strategic Implications:	
Nil	
Consultation:	
Nil	
Officer's Recommendation:	Voting requirement: Simple majority
<p><i>That Council advise the Department of Mines and Petroleum that it is not in agreement with allowing mining activity on general purpose lease G20/23 and does not agree to the inclusion of any endorsement or condition which implies that such activity may be permitted.</i></p>	
Council Decision: 10072017	Voting requirement: Simple majority
<p>MOVED: CR FITZPATRICK SECONDED: CR DENNIS</p> <p><i>That Council advise the Department of Mines and Petroleum that it is not in agreement with allowing mining activity on general purpose lease G20/23 and does not agree to the inclusion of any endorsement or condition which implies that such activity may be permitted.</i></p> <p>CARRIED: 6/0</p>	

9. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil

12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Council Decision: 11072017

MOVED: CR PRICE

SECONDED: CR DENNIS

That the meeting go behind closed doors.

CARRIED: 6/0

The meeting went behind closed doors at 7.32pm

Council Decision: 12072017

MOVED: CR FITZPATRICK

SECONDED: CR P PIGDON

That the meeting come out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED: 6/0

The meeting came out from behind closed doors at 8.05pm

12.1 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Council Decision: 13072017

MOVED: CR FITZPATRICK

SECONDED: CR SPINDLER

That Council accepts and endorses the consultant's report on the CEO's performance review for 2017 and congratulates the CEO on a job well done and encourages him to keep up the good work. Further the Council authorises Mr Fitz Gerald to write to the CEO to confirm the details of the changes the Council has authorised to the remuneration package.

CARRIED: 6/0

13.CLOSURE

The President thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 8:18pm.

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 15 August 2017

Signed:.....

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

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