

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SUBMISSIONS & FINANCIAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ERNEST BROCK ROOM - ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 5 AUGUST 2020 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 9.00AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr T D Golder chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr G B McMullen, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M C Edwards, Cr J L Guthrie, Cr J M Hancock, Cr W L Ladbrook, Cr C J O'Neil, Cr W M Taylor, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano and Minutes Officer – Brittany Lafrenais in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate & Community Services – Sharon Frank, Deputy Director / Strategic Road Management – Cameron Hoffmann, Program Funding & Budget Coordinator – Cindy Irwin, Manager Water, Sewerage & Gas – Graham Sweetlove, Manager, Planning & Building Development – Danielle Pearn, Manager, Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures) – Tanya Mansfield.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.14am.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr O'Neil

Item	Subject Heading
C.3	Rating scenarios

Cr O'Neil advised:

I, Cr Cameron O'Neil, declare that I have a 'Perceived Conflict of Interest' as defined by the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 175D & E for agenda item C.3, with the subject heading – Rating Scenarios. The conflict has arisen because I am chair of the Country Universities Centre Maranoa and we have received correspondence that Santos and Origin have approved foundation sponsorship of the new centre.

I have determined this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council area by participating in the discussion and voting on the matter.

However, I acknowledge that the remaining Councillors must now determine pursuant to section 175E(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*:

- (a) Whether I have a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether:
 - I. I must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
 - II. I may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.



Resolution No. BUD/08,2020/01

Moved Cr Hancock

Seconded Cr Taylor

I move that Cr O'Neil has a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in the matter and notwithstanding the conflict, Cr O'Neil may participate in the matter, discuss and vote upon it.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr O'Neil did not vote on this motion as he was the declaring Councillor under consideration in this matter.

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolved to close the meeting to discuss items it has deemed to be of a confidential nature and specifically pertaining to the following sections:

- (d) rating concessions;
- (c) the local government budget;
- (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage;

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/02

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

I move that we go into closed [close the meeting to the public] (9.16am).

CARRIED 9/0

After Cr O'Neil also advised the Councillors that he would have to leave the meeting at about 11.45am and would be out until about 1.30pm so in the event that the meeting was still going at 1.30pm, he would phone in.

The Mayor asked if Cr O'Neil would be phoning in instead of us phoning him, and Cr O'Neil advised that he would phone in.

Cr Guthrie left the meeting at 9.56am and returned at 9.58am.

Cr Ladbrook left the meeting at 10.01am and returned at 10.03am.

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 10.03am and returned at 10.08am.

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 10.09am and returned at 10.18am.

Cr Taylor left the meeting at 10.26am and returned at 10.29am.

Mayor Golder left the meeting at 10.26am and returned at 10.29am.

Cr Birkett left the meeting at 10.26am and returned at 10.28am.

Cr Hancock left the meeting at 10.26am and returned at 10.29am.

Cr Edwards left the meeting at 10.26am and returned at 10.29am.



Cr Ladbrook left the meeting at 10.27am and returned at 10.29am.

Cr McMullen left the meeting at 10.27am and returned at 10.29am.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING

FOR A SHORT MORNING TEA AT 10.37AM, FOR 15 MINUTES.

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 10.58AM

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/03

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Birkett

That the Committee open the meeting to the public. [11.03am].

CARRIED 9/0

The Mayor stated that Item LC.2 would be broken up into separate items.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CONTINUED.

Cr Hancock

Item	Subject Heading
LC.2 (line 49)	Draft Revised 2020-21 Operational (Business as
	usual) Budget compared against specific rate
	modelling scenarios.

Cr Hancock advised:

I, Cr Johanne Hancock, declare that I have a 'Material Personal Interest' as defined by the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 175B for agenda item LC.2, with the subject heading, *Draft Revised 2020-21 Operational (Business as usual) Budget compared against specific rate modelling scenario*. The particulars of the interest are on line 49 only so I'm just requesting that we split the draft project proposals 2020-21 to allow me to be involved in the discussion and vote on all except line 49 in this instance for this MPI. The name of the person or entity who stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss (either directly or indirectly) depending on the outcome of the consideration of the matter at the meeting is Peter and Karen Hancock. The nature of my relationship to the person or entity is they are business partners and describe how the person or other entity stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss (either directly or indirectly) depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter is by the project proposed on their road that their property resides on.

The Mayor then stated that we could make that LC.2(A) - Line 49.

The Mayor then asked Cr Hancock if she had any other conflicts, and Cr Hancock stated that she had to finish her previous Material Personal Interest Declaration.

Cr Hancock continued:

In accordance with Section 175C (2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, I will leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on with LC.2(A) - Line 49.



Cr Hancock

Item	Subject Heading
LC.2 (line 68)	Draft Revised 2020-21 Operational (Business as
	usual) Budget compared against specific rate
	modelling scenarios.

Cr Hancock advised:

I, Cr Johanne Hancock, declare that I have a 'Perceived Conflict of Interest' as defined by the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 175D & E for the agenda item LC.2, with the subject heading, *Draft Revised 2020-21 Operational (Business as usual) Budget compared against specific rate modelling scenarios* – Line 68. The personal interest arises because of my relationship with the Surat Post and News Pty Ltd. The nature of my relationship with this entity is my husband Graham Hancock and my parents Paul and Rachel Parravicini are business partners and the nature of the other person's interests in the matter is Surat Post and News is their business.

On line 68, the reason I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance is that it is, the project that is being put forward, is/was on the same road as the Surat Post and News, it is nowhere near in the vicinity of the Surat Post and News.

So I have determined this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council area by participating in the discussion and voting on the matter.

However, I acknowledge that the remaining Councillors must now determine pursuant to section 175E(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*:

- (a) Whether I have a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether:
 - I. I must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
 - II. I may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/04

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

I move that Cr Johanne Hancock has a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in the matter and notwithstanding the conflict, Cr Hancock may participate in the matter, discuss and vote upon it.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr Hancock did not vote on this motion as she was the declaring Councillor under consideration in this matter.

Cr Ladbrook

Item	Subject Heading
LC.2 – line 121 and	Draft revised 2020-21 Operational (Business as
139	usual) Budget compared against specific rate
	modelling scenarios.



I, Councillor Ladbrook, declare that I have a 'Material Interest' as defined by the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 175B for agenda item LC.2, the *Draft revised 2020-21 Operational (Business as usual) Budget compared against specific rate modelling scenarios* - The Roma Turf Club on lines 121 and 139. In accordance with Section 175C (2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, I will leave the room while this matter is being discussed and voted on.

The Mayor confirmed that LC.2(A) will be for item line 49 when we decide it, LC.2(B) will be for lines 121 and 139 and LC.2(C) will be for the rest of the items in the draft projects proposal in the 2020/21 (excluding carry overs for 2019/20).

The Chief Executive Officer sought clarification on the split items, with LC.2(A) for line 49 and LC.2(B) for lines 121 and 139. The Chief Executive Officer asked about line 68 that Cr Hancock had declared in her conflicts of interest.

The Mayor then asked what the lines were that Cr Ladbrook declared. The Chief Executive Officer sought clarification about Cr Hancock's second declaration.

The Mayor advised that it was a perceived conflict of interest and Cr Hancock added that the Council voted that she was able to participate in the matter.

The Mayor then confirmed that LC.2(A) will be for lines 49 when we decide it, LC.2(B) will be for lines 121 and 139 and LC.2(C) will be for the rest of the projects.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/05

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That the Committee close the meeting to the public. [11.16am]

CARRIED 9/0

Cr Hancock, having previously foreshadowed a 'Material Personal Interest' in Item LC.2(A), for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 11.38am, taking no part in discussion on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Hancock returned to the meeting at 11.44am.

Cr Ladbrook, having previously foreshadowed a 'Material Personal Interest' in Item LC.2(B), for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 11.38am, taking no part in discussion on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Ladbrook returned to the meeting at 11.44am.

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 11.38am and returned via telephone from 11.40am until 12.15pm.

Cr Ladbrook left the meeting at 12.34pm and returned at 12.35pm.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR A LUNCH AT 1.26PM.

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERSCOUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 2.30PM



Cr Birkett left the meeting at 1.17pm and returned at 1.18pm.

Cr O'Neil returned to the meeting via telephone from 2.30pm, and remained for the rest of the meeting.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/06

Moved Cr McMullen Seconded Cr Hancock

That the Committee open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED 9/0

Item Number: C.1 File Number: D20/74434

SUBJECT HEADING: DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES (COVID-19

STIMULUS) CONCESSIONS POLICY

Officer's Title: Manager - Planning & Building Development

Executive Summary:

The Development Infrastructure Charges (COVID-19 Stimulus) Concessions Policy provides a framework for granting concessions on infrastructure charges. The policy is intended to give effect to a short-term measure to boost economic growth in the Maranoa Region as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/07

Moved Cr Birkett Seconded Cr Guthrie

That the draft *Development Infrastructure Charges (COVID-19 Stimulus) Concessions Policy* and amendments be included for consideration in the next revision of the draft 2020/21 budget documents.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer | Manager - Planning & Building Development

Item Number: C.2 File Number: D20/74455

SUBJECT HEADING: RATES AND CHARGES REBATE AND CONCESSIONS

POLICY - INCORPORATING WATER CONCESSIONS

FOR SPORTING GROUPS

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report was to consider information on water consumption from the last 2 years for the eligible sporting groups.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/08

Moved Cr McMullen Seconded Cr Ladbrook

That the Committee:



- 1. Receive and note the information.
- 2. Include an additional category for sports clubs community organisations, on privately owned land for assessment 14029425 with a water usage concession capped at 30,000KL per annum.

			Proposed	I Rate of Concessi	on
Organisation/ Facility Type	Criteria	Concession Class	General	Water Access Charge	Water Usage
Sports Club - Community Organisation	Facilities owned/controlled/ operated by community	С	100%	50% concession on Water Access Charge, with the charge	Concession capped at 30,000KL
Assessment 14029425	organisations and used primarily for sporting purposes.			payable to be set at a maximum amount equivalent to a 25mm Water	

3. Recommend that the draft Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy inform the next stage of the 2020/21 budget preparations.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Director - Corporate & Community Services

Item Number: C.3 File Number: D20/74456

SUBJECT HEADING: RATING SCENARIOS

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report was to consider the information received on the rating scenarios.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/09

Moved Cr Golder Seconded Cr Hancock

That the Committee receive and note the information.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Director - Corporate & Community Services



Item Number: LC.1 File Number: D20/74650

SUBJECT HEADING: RATING SCENARIO

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting on 29 July 2020, the Committee considered information comparing actual general rates increases since 2008/09 with general rates indexed based on CPI since 2008/09.

It also provided a range of scenarios for the committee to again consider which would proceed for the next draft of the 2020/21 budget.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/10

Moved Cr Golder

That this matter lay on the table until later in the meeting.

[Cr Golder amended the wording following discussion about the sequencing of items].

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Director - Corporate & Community Services

Item Number: LC.2 File Number: D20/74231

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SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT REVISED 2020-21 OPERATIONAL (BUSINESS AS

USUAL) BUDGET COMPARED AGAINST SPECIFIC RATE

MODELLING SCENARIOS

Officer's Title: Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

This reports presented the revenue generated from the various scenarios compared against the revised business as usual operating expenses and draft revised project proposals for consideration in the next draft 2020-21 budget.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/11

Moved Cr Golder

That we lay this on the table until later in the meeting.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Director - Corporate & Community Services



Item Number: LC.3 File Number: D20/75094

SUBJECT HEADING: LEASE AGREEMENT - GREAT ARTESIAN SPA

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Officer's Title: Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

The Management Agreement for the Great Artesian Spa will expire on 4 October 2020.

Booringa Action Group Inc., contract management for the Great Artesian Spa, have forwarded a formal written request for an extension of their agreement for an additional three (3) year term and a review of the management fee paid by Council to the organisation.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/12

Moved Cr Birkett Seconded Cr Guthrie

That the Committee include additional funds in the next draft of the 2020/21 budget.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings &
	Structures) / Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Item Number: LC.4 File Number: D20/74476

SUBJECT HEADING: GAS TARIFFS AND INCENTIVES

Officer's Title: Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Submissions & Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting on 29 July 2020 the committee resolved to:

- Investigate the projected revenue lost in reducing the Industrial gas tariff (over 15,000MJ's) to \$0.015.
- Recommend that a report be brought back to the next Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting to consider the change in gas tariff and draft policy.

This report provided the information requested.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/13

Moved Cr Golder Seconded Cr Ladbrook

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the report.
- 2. Recommend the industrial gas tariff (over 15,000MJ) at \$0.015 (1.5 cents) be included in the next draft of the 2020/21 budget.
- 3. Recommend the next draft of the 2020/21 budget to reflect the subsidisation.



4. Request for a report to be brought back to an upcoming Council meeting to receive further information around options available to deliver this incentive.

CARRIED 9/0

STATEMENT OF REASONS

As the resolution is against the Officer's recommendation, Mayor Golder and other Councillors provided the below statement of reason stating:

To create current and future economic development for the region, by reducing the industrial gas tariff to enhance new and existing local businesses.

Responsible Officer	Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas / Program
	Funding & Budget Coordinator

Item Number: LC.5 File Number: D20/69428

SUBJECT HEADING: MT HUTTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE - PINAROO ROMA

INC. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL

ASSISTANCE

Officer's Title: Manager - Economic & Community Development

Executive Summary:

Council received a formal request from Pinaroo Roma Inc. for additional financial assistance for a period of 12 months, to assist with the running of the Mt Hutton Retirement Village located at Injune.

At the General Meeting held on 14 March 2018 Council granted financial assistance to Pinaroo, resolution GM/03.2018/38. The assistance was made up of two yearly payments of \$45,000 each and the resolution stated that the payment was conditional upon the presentation of a cash flow forecast showing the need for the subsidy. This assistance agreement was fulfilled by Pinaroo and Council.

This report sought Council consideration of granting another 12 months of financial assistance.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/14

Moved Cr Guthrie

That the committee:

- 1. Approve a one-off payment to Pinaroo Roma Inc., to assist with the operations of the Mt Hutton Retirement Village.
- 2. To allocate \$45,000 Ex Gst in the next draft of the 2020/2021 budget to provide for this one off payment to Pinaroo Inc.

NO VOTE TAKEN

No vote was taken on this motion at that time.



Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/15

Moved Cr Guthrie

Seconded Cr Taylor

That the committee recommend an allocation of \$45,000 Ex GST in the next draft of the 2020/21 budget to provide for a one-off payment to Pinaroo Roma Inc., to assist with the operations of the Mt Hutton Retirement Village.

[Cr Guthrie amended the original motion following suggestions from the Director and Chief Executive Officer]

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Economic & Community Development / Program Funding & Budget
	Coordinator

Item Number: LC.1 File Number: D20/74650

SUBJECT HEADING: RATING SCENARIO

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting on 29 July 2020, the Committee considered information comparing actual general rates increases since 2008/09 with general rates indexed based on CPI since 2008/09.

It also provided a range of scenarios for the committee to again consider which would proceed to the next draft of the 2020/21 budget.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/16

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr Edwards

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the information presented.
- 2. Recommend the <u>Rating Scenario 1 updated</u> be included in the next draft of the 2020-21 budget and drafting resolutions.

CARRIED 6/3

Cr. Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Birkett	Cr. Hancock
Cr. Edwards	Cr. O'Neil
Cr. Golder	Cr. Taylor
Cr. Guthrie	
Cr. Ladbrook	
Cr. McMullen	



STATEMENT OF REASON.

As the resolution was against the Officer's recommendation, Mayor Golder provided the below statement of reason stating:

This is in the current and future interest of the local government area and this is a budget that encourages local business and economic development.

Responsible Officer

Director - Corporate & Community Services

The following item (LC.2) was split into separate resolutions as previously discussed.

Cr. Hancock, having previously foreshadowed a 'Material Personal Interest' in the following item, for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 3.16pm, taking no part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number: LC.2(A) File Number: D20/74231

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT REVISED 2020-21 OPERATIONAL (BUSINESS AS

USUAL) BUDGET COMPARED AGAINST SPECIFIC RATE MODELLING SCENARIOS AND PROJECT PROPOSALS

Officer's Title: Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

This reports presented the revenue generated from the various scenarios compared against the revised business as usual operating expenses and draft revised project proposals for consideration in the next draft 2020-21 budget.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/17

Moved Cr Taylor

Seconded Cr McMullen

That the committee recommend <u>line 49</u> from the project proposals be included in the next draft of the 2020-21 budget.

[Cr Taylor amended the original motion after discussion with those present].

CARRIED 8/0

Responsible Officer

Director - Corporate & Community Services

At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr. Hancock returned to the meeting at 3.21pm.

Cr. Ladbrook, having previously foreshadowed a 'Material Personal Interest' in the following item, for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 3.22pm, taking no part in discussion or debate on the matter.



Item Number: LC.2(B) File Number: D20/74231

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT REVISED 2020-21 OPERATIONAL (BUSINESS AS

USUAL) BUDGET COMPARED AGAINST SPECIFIC RATE MODELLING SCENARIOS AND PROJECT PROPOSALS

Officer's Title: Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

This report presented the revenue generated from the various scenarios compared against the revised business as usual operating expenses and draft revised project proposals for consideration in the next draft 2020-21 budget.

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/18

Moved Cr McMullen Seconded Cr Guthrie

That the committee recommend <u>lines 121 and 139</u> from the project proposals be included in the next draft of the 2020-21 budget.

CARRIED 8/0

Responsible Officer Director - Corporate & Community Services

At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr. Hancock returned to the meeting at 3.24pm.

Item Number: LC.2(C) File Number: D20/74231

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT REVISED 2020-21 OPERATIONAL (BUSINESS AS

USUAL) BUDGET COMPARED AGAINST SPECIFIC RATE MODELLING SCENARIOS AND PROJECT PROPOSALS

Officer's Title: Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Resolution No. BUD/08.2020/19

Moved Cr Golder Seconded Cr Birkett

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the information presented.
- 2. Recommend the draft Budget Statement of Income and Expenditure 2020-21 based on <u>Rating Scenario 1 updated</u> be included in the next draft of the 2020-21 budget.
- 3. Recommend that all other projects listed be included in the 2020-21 draft budget.

CARRIED 7/2

Cr. Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Birkett	Cr. Hancock
Cr. Edwards	Cr. O'Neil



Cr. Golder	
Cr. Guthrie	
Cr. Ladbrook	
Cr. McMullen	
Cr. Taylor	

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate & Community Services
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CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.29pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 12 August 2020 at 9.00AM.	