



AGENDA

Special Council Meeting

14 May 2024

4:00pm

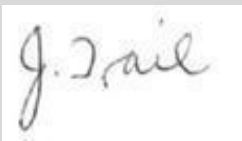
**Kambalda Recreation Centre, Barnes Drive,
Kambalda**

SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

NOTICE OF

Dear Elected Member

The next Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 commencing at 4:00pm.

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**JAMES TRAIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**14 May 2024**

Welcome to the Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie.

The dates, times and locations of the Ordinary Council Meetings for 2024 are listed hereunder.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday	23 January 2024	4:30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 February 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 March 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	23 April 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	28 May 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	25 June 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	23 July 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 August 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	24 September 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	22 October 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 November 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	17 December 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie



James Trail
Chief Executive Officer

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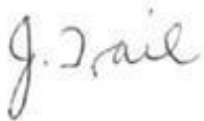
INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE:

THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA ARE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL COUNCIL HAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY PERUSING THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONSIDERED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THEY ACT AT THEIR OWN RISK IF THEY ENACT ANY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO RECEIVING OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF COUNCILS DECISION.



James Trail
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION NOTES

1. Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.
2. From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report to Council.
3. Generally all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal with personal, legal and other sensitive matters. On those occasions Council will generally close that part of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this as the last item of business of the meeting.
4. Public Question Time. It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to 10:30am on the day of the meeting. A summary of each question and response is included in the Minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answers prior to the next meeting of Council.

5. **Councillors** may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter **trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers**. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above.

Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the Agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the Chairman of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.

6. Agendas including an Information Bulletin are delivered to Councillors within the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.

Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by staff. An Agenda item including a recommendation will then be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Agenda closes the Monday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. ten (10) days prior to the meeting).

The Information Bulletin produced as part of the Agenda includes items of interest and information, which does not require a decision of Council.

7. Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to secure a copy.
8. Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).
9. Public Question Time – Statutory Provisions – Local Government Act 1995

Time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to at:

- (a) Every ordinary meeting of a council; and
- (b) Such other meetings of councils or committees as may be prescribed

Procedures and the minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at council or committee meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

9A. Question Time for the Public at Certain Meetings – s5.24 (1) (b)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Reg 5 For the purpose of section 5.24(1)(b), the meetings at which time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to are:

- (a) every special meeting of a council; and
- (b) every meeting of a committee to which the local government has delegated a power or duty.

Minimum Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

- Reg 6 (1) The minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at ordinary meetings of councils and meetings referred to in regulation 5 is fifteen (15) minutes.
- (2) Once all the questions raised by members of the public have been asked and responded to at a meeting referred to in sub regulation (1), nothing in these regulations prevents the unused part of the minimum question time period from being used for other matters.

Procedures for Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

- Reg 7 (1) Procedures for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6 (1) are to be determined:
- (a) by the person presiding at the meeting; or
 - (b) in the case where the majority of members of the council or committee present at the meeting disagree with the person presiding, by the majority of members, having regard to the requirements of sub regulations (2) and (3).
- (2) The time allocated to the asking and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to precede the discussion of any matter that requires a decision to be made by the council or the committee, as the case may be.
- (3) Each member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask the question and receive a response.
- (4) Nothing in sub regulation (3) requires:
- (a) A council to answer a question that does not relate to a matter affecting the local government;
 - (b) A council at a special meeting to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting; or
 - (c) A committee to answer a question that does not relate to a function of the committee.

2. Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Reg 13)

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

NOTE:**10.3 Unopposed Business**

- (1) Upon a motion being moved and seconded, the person presiding may ask the meeting if any member opposes it.
- (2) If no member signifies opposition to the motion the person presiding may declare the motion in sub clause (1) carried without debate and without taking a vote on it,
- (3) A motion carried under sub clause (2) is to be recorded in the minutes as a unanimous decision of the Council or committee.
- (4) If a member signifies opposition to a motion the motion is to be dealt with according to this Part.
- (5) This clause does not apply to any motion or decision to revoke or change a decision which has been made at a Council or committee meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Notes for Guidance

IMPACT OF A FINANCIAL INTEREST (s. 5.65 & s.67. Local Government Act 1995)

A member who has a **Financial Interest** in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- a. In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b. At the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- a. Preside at the part of the Meeting relating to the matter or;
- b. Participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relative to the matter, unless and to the extent that, the disclosing member is allowed to do so under *Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995*.

INTERESTS AFFECTING FINANCIAL INTEREST

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a **Financial Interest in a matter**.

1. A Financial Interest, pursuant to s.5.60A or 5.61 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measured in money terms. There are expectations in the *Local Government Act 1995* but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e sporting, social, religious etc, and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e, if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors and ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.
4. If in doubt declare.
5. As stated if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it **must** be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed. *Under s.5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995* failure to notify carries a penalty of \$10,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The only exceptions are:
 - 6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the **extent** of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; or
 - 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s.5.69(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, with or without conditions.

INTERESTS AFFECTING PROXIMITY (s.5.60b Local Government Act 1995)

1. For the purpose of this subdivision, a person has a proximity interest, pursuant to s.5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995, in a matter if the matter concerns;
 - a. a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
 - b. a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
 - c. a proposed development (as defined in Section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

2. In this section, land (the proposal land) adjoins a person's land if;
 - a. The proposal land, not being a throughfare, has a common boundary with the person's land; or
 - b. The proposal land, or any part of it, is directly across a throughfare from, the person's land; or
 - c. The proposal land is that part of a thoroughfare that has a common boundary with the person's land.

3. In this section a reference to a person's land is a reference to any land owned by the person or in which the person has any estate or interest.

INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Definition: an interest, pursuant to *Regulation 19AA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest; and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association. It is also important to be considered in relation to the Shire of Coolgardie Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members, and Candidates.

A member who has an **Interest Affecting Impartiality** in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest;

- a. In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b. At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY DISCLOSURE

There are very different outcomes resulting from disclosing an interest affecting impartiality compared to that of a financial interest. With the declaration of a financial interest, an elected member leaves the room and does not vote.

With the declaration of this type of interest, the elected member stays in the room, participates in the debate and votes. In effect then, following disclosure of an interest affecting impartiality, the member's involvement in the Meeting continues as if no interest existed.

QUESTION TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

(Please Write Clearly)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT:-

- **GENERAL QUESTION / QUESTION RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
(Strike out unnecessary words)

ITEM NO: _____ PAGE NO: _____

PLEASE PASS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR REFERRAL TO THE PRESIDENT BY 12.00PM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING AT THE KAMBALDA OFFICE, IRISH MULGA DRIVE, KAMBALDA OR AT THE COOLGARDIE OFFICE, BAYLEY STREET, COOLGARDIE.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

“The Shire of Coolgardie acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, on which we meet and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging”

2 DECLARATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Shire President to invite Council Members to declare that they have read the agenda and supporting documents and able to make informed decision on all matters accordingly.

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Nil

9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Operation Services

9.1.1 PROPOSED DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2024-25

Location:	Shire of Coolgardie
Applicant:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	07 May 2024
Author:	Lee Ann Ober, Contract Rates Officer

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council commence the process for differential rating and provide public notice of a proposed specified area rate to be applied during the 2024/25 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The rating system imposed under the Local Government Act 1995 (the "Act") is primarily based on two basis of rating, Unimproved Value (UV) and Gross Rental Value (GRV).

The Unimproved Value of land is its market value under normal sales conditions assuming that no structural improvements have been made. Land within the Perth Metropolitan Region and town sites through Western Australia is assessed on the "site value" basis which included merged improvements with examples including draining, filling, excavation, grading, and retaining walls. Each year, the Valuer General determines the unimproved values of all land in the State.

GRV means the gross annual rental that the land might reasonably be expected to realise if let on a tenancy from year to year upon condition that the landlord is liable for all rates, taxes and other charges thereon and the insurance and other outgoings necessary to maintain the value of the land.

Differential Rating is when different categories of land within the same valuation methodology are rated at different levels, i.e, as in this proposal, when mining tenements and rural agricultural lands are both rated within the UV Methodology but at differing cents in the dollar. It is a requirement under section 6.36 of the Act that a local government is to give local public notice of its intention to apply a differential rate category before the differential rate is imposed.

It should be noted that the highest cent in the dollar rate imposed is **more than double** the lowest, and there is a requirement that Ministerial approval is sought.

COMMENT

Differential Rating

It is intended to recommend differential rating on assessments within both GRV and UV.

The statement of **Rates Objectives and Reasons 2024/25** details Council's rationale for the setting of rates and is an attachment to this report.

The rate in dollar for the Transient Workforce Accommodation/Workforce Accommodation (TWA) category is proposed to be three point two nine times (x3.29) the Residential rate category.

This differential rate maintains a proportional share of rating required to raise the necessary revenue to operate efficiently and provide the diverse range of services and programs and associated infrastructure/facilities required for development residential and urban areas. These services, programs and facilities are available to FIFO workers in the same manner as they are available to all other residents of the Shire and the contribution from this category has been set at a level that reflects this fact.

Council is focused on sustainably managing its community and infrastructure assets through the funding of renewal and replacement asset programs. These programs include but are not limited to investment in the resealing of roads, replacement, and development of footpath networks, refurbishing of public ablutions and other building maintenance programs. In addition, these properties have access to all other services and facilities provided by Council.

The rates per TWA accommodation unit are less than the equivalent rate per residential accommodation unit and are significantly less than the minimum rate of \$771 for a single bedroom residence. Despite the lower rate per accommodation unit, TWA properties have the potential to have a greater impact on Council services/assets than other properties due to their number of occupants in a relatively small land parcel (i.e concentrated coach/vehicle movements on local roads). In order to appropriately maintain and manage Council's asset and infrastructure in the longer term, a higher differential rate is proposed for this category to reflect the greater potential and actual intensity of use of Council assets and infrastructure.

The rate for this category supports Council's preferred option that the operational workforce associated with resource interests be housed in normal residential properties within the town boundaries.

The minimum rate of \$771 is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution for basic services and infrastructure.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

Rates Officer

Chief Finance Officer

Current 2023.24 differential rates are detailed in Table 1 below:

Differential Rates 2023/24			
GRV/UV	Differential Rate Categories	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
GRV	Residential	\$757	0.081401
GRV	Commercial	\$757	0.081401
GRV	General Industry, Light Industry, Industrial Area, Light Industrial Area	\$757	0.081401
GRV	Transient Workforce - Workforce Accommodation	\$1510	0.161170
UV	Pastoral/Rural	\$732	0.118190
UV	Mining/Other	\$467	0.232260

In 2023/24 the differential rates model raised \$10,193,805 (actual)

Proposed differential rates 2024/25 are listed below in table 2

Table 2

Proposed Differential Rates 2024/25			
Rate Category	Proposed Minimum Payment	Proposed Rate in the Dollar	Change in Average Rate
Gross Rental Value	\$	\$	%
Townsite / Other	\$771	0.08295	1.9
Transient Workforce Accommodation - Workforce Accommodation	\$1539	0.27290	1.9
Unimproved Value			
Pastoral/Rural	\$746	0.12043	1.9
Mining Other	\$476	0.23667	1.9

Based on current rating information, the **proposed differential rates model** will raise estimated \$ 11,610,902 million in rates in the 2024/25 financial year.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

6.32. Rates and service charges

- (1) *When adopting the annual budget, a local government —*
 - (a) *in order to make up the budget deficiency, is to impose* a general rate on rateable land within its district, which rate may be imposed either —*
 - (i) *uniformly; or*
 - (ii) *differentially; and*
 - (b) *may impose* on rateable land within its district —*
 - (i) *a specified area rate; or*
 - (ii) *a minimum payment; and*
 - (c) *may impose* a service charge on land within its district.*

** Absolute majority required.*

6.33. Differential general rates

- (1) *A local government may impose differential general rates according to any, or a combination, of the following characteristics —*
 - (a) *the purpose for which the land is zoned, whether or not under a local planning scheme or improvement scheme in force under the Planning and Development Act 2005; or*
 - (b) *a purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government; or*

- (c) *whether or not the land is vacant land; or*
 - (d) *any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.*
- (2) *Regulations may —*
- (a) *specify the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is to use; or*
 - (b) *limit the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is permitted to use.*
- (3) *In imposing a differential general rate, a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.*

6.36. *Local government to give notice of certain rates*

- (1) *Before imposing any differential general rates or a minimum payment applying to a differential rate category under section 6.35(6)(c) a local government is to give local public notice of its intention to do so.*
- (2) *A local government is required to ensure that a notice referred to in subsection (1) is published in sufficient time to allow compliance with the requirements specified in this section and section 6.2(1).*
- (3) *A notice referred to in subsection (1) —*
- (a) *may be published within the period of 2 months preceding the commencement of the financial year to which the proposed rates are to apply on the basis of the local government's estimate of the budget deficiency; and*
 - (b) *is to contain —*
 - (i) *details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose; and*
 - (ii) *an invitation for submissions to be made by an elector or a ratepayer in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters within 21 days (or such longer period as is specified in the notice) of the notice; and*
 - (iii) *any further information in relation to the matters specified in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) which may be prescribed;*

and

(c) *is to advise electors and ratepayers of the time and place where a document describing the objects of, and reasons for, each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected.*

(4) *The local government is required to consider any submissions received before imposing the proposed rate or minimum payment with or without modification.*

In addition to giving public notice and inviting submissions regarding the proposed differential rates, s6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential rate.

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.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Department of Local Government Rating Policy – Differential Rates, Council must demonstrate that consideration has been given to the key values of Objectivity, Fairness and Equity, Consistency, Transparency and Administrative Efficiency.

The following indicates how these values are satisfied by the proposed differential rates:

Objectivity:

- The land on which differential general rates is proposed has been rated according to Zoning and Land Use. No land is proposed for differential general rates based on vacant land differential category
- There has been no change to the boundaries of the District in the past five years.

Fairness and Equity:

- The objects of imposing differential rates and reasons for each rates are set out in the attached document that will be publicly available from May 2024.
- These objects and reasons clearly explain why each differential general rate is proposed to be imposed.
- The objects and reasons clearly explain why it is proposed to set the differential general rate at that particular rate.
- All submissions from ratepayers will be presented to Council for consideration at a later meeting and the minutes of this meeting, including responses to ratepayer submissions, will be provided to the Department and the Minister.

Consistency:

- All properties with the same land use characteristics have been rated in the same way, with the exception of vacant land which has been rated based of zoning.
- The proposed differential rates align with the principles of the rating strategy in the Corporate Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.
- Average rates per property across all differential rating categories are estimate to increase by 1.9%.

Transparency and Administrative Efficiency:

- A document has been prepared clearly describing the object of and reason for each differential general rate. This will be made publicly available from May 2024.
- Public notice will be exhibited on a notice board at Council's offices and at each recreation centre (where possible) within the district from May 2024. This public notice will also be published in statewide and local newspapers from May 2024.
- The public notice will detail each differential rate to be imposed, advise ratepayers where to obtain a copy of the objects and reasons, invite submissions from ratepayers on the proposed differential general rates and advise the closing date for submission of 08 June 2024.
- After the closing date for submissions, each submission received will be presented to Council for consideration prior to resolving to make application to the Minister for approval of the proposed differential rates.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The decision to impose differential and specified area rating will have a direct impact on the rates revenue generated in any financial year.

Table 3 provides a comparison of the proposed rates yield based on 2023/24 – 2024/25:

Proposed Differential Rates 2024/25				
Table 3 Basis of Rate	Differential Rates Categories	Proposed 2024/25 Rate Yield \$	Proposed 2024/25 Rate Yield %	Increase / Decrease Rate in %
GRV	Townsite / Other	\$1, 697,356	14.61%	3.4%
GRV	Transient Workforce - Workforce Accommodation	\$660,418	5.69%	71.81%
UV	Pastoral/Rural	\$1,019,071	8.78%	3.4%
UV	Mining / Strategic	\$8,234,057	70.92%	3.4%
Total		\$11,610,972	100%	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Accountable and effective leaders

High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance

Effective management of infrastructure, heritage and environment

Maintaining and renewing infrastructure and building assets

ATTACHMENTS

1. Rates Objectives and Reasons 2024/25

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council pursuant to Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVE to: -

1. Endorse the Rates Objectives and Reasons for Differential Rates, in accordance with section 6.36(3A) of the Act, the document detailing the objects and reasons for each of the proposed rates and minimum payments is to be made available to all ratepayers, and
2. In accordance with section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, seek Ministerial approval for the imposition of the Transient Workforce rate in the dollar at three times the ordinary GRV rate in the dollar for the reasons outlined in the Rates Objectives and Reasons, and
3. Advertise and invite submissions regarding the following proposed differential rates in 2024/2024.

Proposed Differential Rates 2024/25			
GRV/UV	Differential Rate Categories	Proposed Minimum Rate	Proposed Rate in \$
GRV	Townsite / Other	\$772	0.08295
GRV	Transient Workforce - Workforce Accommodation	\$1539	0.27290
UV	Pastoral/Rural	\$746	0.12044
UV	Mining / Strategic	\$476	0.23667

- 10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**
- 10.1 Elected Members**
- 10.2 Shire Officers**
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