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Special Audit and Risk Committee meeting
2 April 2026

VENUE:	Gilbert Room Civic Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre
MEETING COMMENCED:	3.01pm
PRESENT:	Tim O'Loughlin (Chair) Paula Davies Cr Yeomans
APOLOGIES:	Andrew Johnson Cr Pritchard
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	-
ABSENT:	-

1. Opening of meeting

Tim O'Loughlin officially declared the meeting open at 3.01pm.

2. Reports of officers

2.1 DRAFT 2026-27 BUDGET AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE

MOVED Paula Davies.

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that:

> *The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) be amended to include Option 3 for funding the cost impact of the Open Space Strategic Asset Management Plan (OSSMP) requiring that 50% of the costs come from rate increases with the remaining 50% coming from increased debt. The Audit and Risk Committee considers that this option provides a fairer outcome for current and future rate payers than options 1 and 2, noting the long life of the assets to be funded. The Audit and Risk Committee recognises that this would not align to the LTFP principle #1 for the first 2 years of the plan.*

Seconded by Cr Yeomans.

CARRIED

Tim O'Loughlin left the meeting at 4.21pm resulting in the meeting being suspended due to a lack of quorum.

Tim O'Loughlin returned to the meeting at 4.21pm and with sufficient members present to constitute a quorum, resumed the meeting.

MOVED Paula Davies.

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

1. *Provides feedback on the draft 2026-27 budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) as follows:*
   - *The LTFP provides for little meaningful reduction in borrowings over the next 10 years.*
   - *Operating and capital expenditures are in line with revenues; negligible surpluses forecast for the future.*
   - *The updated LTFP compared with the adopted LTFP suggest a deterioration in Council's overall finances.*
2. *The Audit and Risk Committee considers that Council's financial position is* ***precarious*** *and recommends that Council gives consideration to more material changes to operating and capital expenditures and to rate revenue increases over the life of the LTFP. The Audit and Risk Committee is prepared to assist Council with advice on possible options.*
3. *Notes the alternative funding options for the implementation of the Open Space Strategic Management Plan (OSSMP) outlined in the agenda report, and provides Council with a recommendation on the preferred funding option:*
   a) *Option 1 - Funded through rates (as per Attachment 5 to the agenda report)*
   b) *Option 2 - Funded through borrowings*
   c) *Option 3 - Funded 50% rates and 50% borrowings*

The Audit and Risk Committee draws Council's attention to the separate recommendation the Audit and Risk Committee has put on this matter.

4. *Notes the draft 2026-27 fees and charges schedules contained in Attachments 6, 7 and 8 to the agenda report as they will be presented to Council.*
5. *Notes the draft 2026-27 Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) update, contained in Attachment 9 to the agenda report as it will be presented to Council.*

Seconded by Cr Yeomans.

CARRIED

2.2 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2026–27

MOVED Paula Davies.

That the Audit and Risk Committee reviewed and provides the following feedback on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026–27 as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report:

That the Audit and Risk Committee considers that the plan:

- *Is a well written document*
- *Supports the 2034 vision and aligns well with Council's other planning documents.*
- *Explains the services that are provided and will be provided by Council this year and beyond.*

Seconded by Cr Yeomans.

CARRIED

3. Closure

Tim O'Loughlin officially declared the meeting closed at 5.07pm.

Certified Correct .....Chair

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