



**City of  
Kalgoorlie  
Boulder**

# **AGENDA**

**Notice is hereby given  
for the ORDINARY Meeting of Council  
commencing at 7:00PM**

**on**

**8 JULY, 2019**

**at the**

**Kalgoorlie Town Hall**

5 July 2019



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

An Ordinary Council meeting, of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder will be held in the **Kalgoorlie Town Hall** on **Monday, 8 July 2019** commencing at **7:00pm**.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Walker", written over a horizontal line.

**JOHN WALKER**  
Chief Executive Officer

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS****2 OPENING PRAYER**

To be conducted by Pastor Joseph Yipwe of Churchwest.

**3 DISCLAIMER READING**

The Mayor will read the disclaimer to those present.

The recommendations contained in this Agenda are Officer's 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 Council's decision.

**4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS OF STAFF:**

**VISITORS:**

**PRESS:**

**APOLOGIES – ELECTED MEMBERS:**

**APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF STAFF:**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Cr Allan Pental  
Cr Mandy Reidy

**5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE****6 PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

## 7 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

### 7.1 ALGA National General Assembly 2019

Between 16<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder was represented along with 880 other delegates at the ALGA Conference in Canberra by Cr Laurie Ayers, Cr Linden Brownley and the CEO John Walker.

The Assembly began on the Sunday with a full day forum on regional co-operation and development. Usually a forum heavy on traditional economics, this day continued that trend but added sessions on Housing, Technology, Tourism and Arts & Culture; all of which are economic drivers.

Interestingly, the economists have picked up on what they believe is an unusual trend in Kalgoorlie whereby economic output is on the rise, jobs are on the rise and the population is static or falling. This observation allowed us the opportunity to ask questions about FIFO and tax policy and not surprisingly there were no answers and little understanding of our issues. Indeed WA continues to be nothing more than a blip on the overall agenda considered by the eastern states based commentators.

There was an interesting session on public interest journalism and local news and information availability, digital news and authentic local reporting. Kalgoorlie is either blessed or cursed with a 6 day paper, 2 radio stations and TV coverage depending on your views. However there are a number of new models being developed which can lead to more balanced and informed journalism.

The message in respect of housing in regional Australia was simple. Whether we like it or not local government is a player, however the choice about how deep you want to play is ours.

Technology in regional Australia sessions were a little disappointing as instead of talking about the future they focused on examples of what is happening in smaller areas. The tourism sessions were not strategic but an example of drawing tourists to a region (Parkes Elvis Festival) and getting too much tourism (Noosa).

In Culture and the Arts, a presentation by Kate Fielding, former chair of Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, showcased our own Heart Walk Project. The day concluded with an address by the new Federal Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government, the Hon Mark Coulton. It is clear once more that the Federal Government would love to deal directly with Local Government but the lack of constitutional recognition and State Governments prevent this.

The Monday sessions were part of the official opening of the convention and were addressed by both the president of ALGA and the Acting Prime Minister, The Hon Michael McCormack. The Acting PM expressed clearly and articulately his support of Local Government and his support for more funding and surprisingly for Constitutional recognition. This subject has been on the drawing boards for many years and with the government's support and the long standing support of the leader of the opposition, it may get traction again. Presentations analysing the election results, presentations on individual council technology pursuits, unlocking Australia's first languages and debates on motions proposed rounded out the day.

Tuesday had sessions on Housing, Infrastructure and Population with the CEO of Infrastructure Australia outlining the challenges for Local Government in this space. Concurrent sessions in the afternoon saw your team focus on the sessions under the heading of “Reducing Community Harm”, which focused on alcohol, drug abuse and misuse. It would be fair to say we are as knowledgeable on these issues as anyone.

A breakfast that morning between West Australian delegates and the WA politicians in Canberra at the time was well attended. Politicians attending were the Hon. Melissa Price, Minister for Defense Industries, the Hon Steve Irons, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Training and Apprenticeships, Mrs Nola Marino, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Training as well as Senator Slade Brockman.

The Wednesday was a half day with sessions on leadership, Community Engagement and Natural Disasters. The Opposition spokesman on Local Government, Jason Claire, spoke as did the Minister for Local Government, Mark Coulton. The breaks and nights were filled with networking opportunities and learning about Local Government nationally. We appreciate the opportunity to attend given to us by Council.

## **8 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **8.1 INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY CITY OF KALGOORLIE–BOULDER CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **8.2 FINANCIAL INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 5.60A**

### **8.3 PROXIMITY INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 5.60B**

## **9 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS**

## **11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

[Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2019](#)

That the minutes of the **Ordinary** meeting held on 24 June 2019 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

## **12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

## **13 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

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## 14 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 14.1 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES - 25 JUNE 2019

#### 14.1.1 DEPUTY YOUTH MAYOR ELECTION

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Holly Phillips General Manager City Living</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Andrew Carroll Youth &amp; Recreation Coordinator</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

#### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute

#### OFFICER / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**That Council appoint the successful nominee Aiko Syafari to the position of Deputy Youth Mayor of the KBYC further to the election conducted by the KBYC on 25 June 2019.**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Youth Council is required to elect the position of Deputy Youth Mayor for a one (1) year term at the October formal meeting of Youth Council each year. At the Youth Council Formal Meeting held on 30 October 2018, there were no nominations for Deputy Youth Mayor, resulting in the position being left vacant.

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) has since received two nominations for the position of Deputy Youth Mayor from Youth Councillor Aiko Syafari and Youth Councillor Zahra Ali Asad.

#### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles to invest in the children and youth of the community.

#### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

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## REPORT

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The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) has since received two nominations for the position of Deputy Youth Mayor from Youth Councillor Aiko Syafari and Youth

Councillor Zahra Ali Asad. The KBYC is required to conduct an election for the position of Deputy Youth Mayor and appoint the successful nominee.

### **Election Process**

The election will encompass the appointment of the Deputy Youth Mayor for the remainder of the 2018-19 term of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council. The Youth Mayor Amy Astill will welcome all nominees and announce the election of the position.

The Youth Mayor will be provided with nominations by the Youth and Recreation Coordinator in alphabetical order.

The Youth Mayor will then announce that all members of the Youth Council have voting rights in the pending election.

The Youth Mayor will announce the nominations for the Deputy Youth Mayor position, one-by one in alphabetical order. Each nominee being offered the opportunity to make a brief presentation (maximum time of 5 minutes).

Following the announcements and presentations of each nominee, the nominees are asked to leave the room and voting cards are distributed to all remaining Youth Councillors. They are asked to fill in their preference and hand it back to the Youth and Recreation Coordinator. The Youth and Recreation Coordinator and the Youth Development Officer will leave the room to tally these votes. On return, the Youth Mayor will announce to the group the new Deputy Youth Mayor.

Once this process has concluded, the Youth Mayor will chair the remainder of the meeting as per the standard formal Youth Council meeting process. The resolution arrived at by the KBYC in regards to the appointment of the Deputy Youth Mayor will then be presented at the proceeding Ordinary Council Meeting for final deliberation.

### **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

[Voting Slip - Deputy Youth Mayor](#) 

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**14.1.2 YOUTH MENTOR RESIGNATION ADA HANSON**

**Responsible Officer:** Holly Phillips  
General Manager City Living

**Author:** Andrew Carroll  
Youth & Recreation Coordinator

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple

**OFFICER / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accept the resignation of Youth Council Mentor Ada Hanson from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC).**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to advise that Youth Council Mentor Ada Hanson has resigned from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council.

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS**

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles to invest in the children and youth of the community.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

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**REPORT**

Youth Council Mentor Ada Hanson tendered her resignation from her position on the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) Tuesday 5 March, 2019.

Ada Hanson served as a Youth Council Mentor since 2017 and volunteered her time at numerous youth events and activities, assisting both Youth Councillors and City Officers.

Ada provided mentorship and guidance to the Youth Council, serving in her role with passion and commitment but has submitted the resignation due to personal commitments.

Ada is thanked for her valuable contribution to the KBYC operations and initiatives during her term as Youth Council Mentor.

**STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

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**14.1.3 YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION ANTHONY NARRIER**

**Responsible Officer:** Holly Phillips  
General Manager City Living

**Author:** Andrew Carroll  
Youth & Recreation Coordinator

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute

**OFFICER / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the application of Anthony NARRIER to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC).**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An application has been received for Anthony NARRIER to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council. City officers recommend the appointment after careful consideration of his application

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS**

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles to invest in the children and youth of the community.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

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**REPORT**

Anthony NARRIER has submitted an application to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC).

Anthony has an interest in video games, reading, art and music. Anthony would like to join the KBYC so he can share his ideas on how to improve the lives of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's young people.

Two issues that Anthony feels are significantly impacting young people in the community at the moment are the acts of juvenile crime and youth mental health. To address these issues Anthony believes in a safe space to be established where young people can come together to comfortably discuss their mental health issues.

Anthony also believes in advocating for local mental health services such as headspace be encouraged to have a greater presence in schools and the community.

**STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

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**14.1.4 YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION TIA WANAKORE**

**Responsible Officer:** Holly Phillips  
General Manager City Living

**Author:** Andrew Carroll  
Youth & Recreation Coordinator

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute

**OFFICER / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the application of Tia Wanakore to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC).**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An application has been received for Tia Wanakore to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council. City officers recommend the appointment after careful consideration of her application.

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS**

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles to invest in the children and youth of the community.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

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**REPORT**

Tia Wanakore has submitted an application to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC).

Tia enjoys babysitting her young nieces and nephews, while her interests include music and socialising with school friends. Tia would like to join the KBYC so that she can put her free time to good use. Tia believes her creativity and ability to work within a team will add value to the KBYC.

Two issues that Tia feels are significantly impacting young people in the community are drug and alcohol abuse; and the difficulties young people find in securing employment. To address these issues Tia would like to increase education for young people regarding the harmful nature of alcohol and drugs; and improve the job readiness of young people.

**STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

## 15 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 15.1.1 2019/20 BUDGET

**Responsible Officer:** John Walker  
Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Ivana Castle  
Chief Financial Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

#### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Pursuant to Sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, adopt the following Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments for Gross Rental and Unimproved Values for the 2019/20 financial year; representing a zero rate in the dollar increase for all ratepayers.

##### 1.1. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

<u>Rate Code</u>	<u>Rate Code Description</u>	<u>Rate in Dollar (RID)</u>
<b>Gross Rental Value (GRV)</b>		
01	GRV Residential	\$0.064860
02	GRV Central Business	\$0.068098
03	GRV General Industry	\$0.073531
04	GRV Mining	\$0.046758
08	GRV All Other Properties	\$0.072631
<b>Unimproved Value (UV)</b>		
05	UV Pastoral	\$0.077020
09/11	UV Mining Operations	\$0.183672
10	UV Exploration/Prospecting	\$0.183647

##### 1.2. DIFFERENTIAL MINIMUM PAYMENTS

<u>Rate Code</u>	<u>Rate Code Description</u>	<u>Min Payment</u>
<b>Gross Rental Value (GRV)</b>		
01	GRV Residential	\$907.00
02	GRV Central Business	\$907.00
03	GRV General Industry	\$907.00
04	GRV Mining	\$907.00
08	GRV All Other Properties	\$907.00
<b>Unimproved Value (UV)</b>		
05	UV Pastoral	\$282.00
09/11	UV Mining Operations	\$393.00
10	UV Exploration/Prospecting	\$282.00

2. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, impose the following due dates for the payment in full by instalments:

**Option One – One Instalment**

Full payment	due date	17 September 2019
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**Option Two – Two Instalments**

First instalment	due date	17 September 2019
Second instalment	due date	19 November 2019

**Option Three – Four Instalments**

First instalment	due date	17 September 2019
Second instalment	due date	19 November 2019
Third instalment	due date	21 January 2020
Fourth instalment	due date	24 March 2020

3. Pursuant to Section 6.46 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to allow early payment incentive prizes for rates paid in full by 10:00pm WST on the dates listed below and in accordance with terms and conditions tabled in this report:

1st prize	\$7,000 Cash	Payment due by	3 September 2019
2nd prize	\$2,000 Cash	Payment due by	10 September 2019
3rd prize	\$1,000 Cash	Payment due by	17 September 2019

4. Pursuant to Section 6.46 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to conduct an incentive eRates prize draw for ratepayers who register to receive their future rate notices electronically by 10:00pm WST on the 17 September 2019 and in accordance with terms and conditions tabled in this report:

1st prize	\$500 Cash	Registration due by	17 September 2019
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5. Pursuant to Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, impose an interest rate of 10% for rates (and charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable.
6. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, impose an interest rate of 5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.
7. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, impose an instalment administration charge of \$7.65 of rates levied per instalment.
8. Impose, pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, impose a flat fee of \$38.25 on any ratepayer who wishes to negotiate

alternative payment arrangements.

9. Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007*, impose the following charges for collection of domestic and commercial waste - incorporating a weekly refuse collection and fortnightly residential recycling service:
  - \$368.50 per annum for one (1) refuse service per week and a fortnightly residential recycling service;
  - \$368.50 per annum for one (1) weekly refuse service for non-residential services;
  - \$368.50 per annum for each additional 240 litre refuse service (residential/non-residential);
  - \$162.50 per annum for each additional fortnightly residential recycling service.
10. Pursuant to Section 41 of Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911, the following sewerage rates are to be levied:
  - \$0.028427 cents in the dollar, per GRV, per lot of location;
  - \$388.00 minimum payment, per GRV, per lot of location.
11. Pursuant to Section 106 of Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911, the following utility service charges (i.e. pan charge) are to be levied on properties that hold rate exemption status (under section 6.26 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*), in lieu of sewerage rates:
  - \$388.00 per individual utility unit i.e. water closet, pedestal, Universal Rundle (U.R.C), slopopper and/or cleaners sink.
12. Pursuant to Regulation 53 of the *Building Regulations 2012*, a Swimming Pool Inspection fee levy of \$57.45 is set on each owner or occupier of land on which there is a swimming pool, for the 2019/20 financial year.
13. Pursuant to Regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and AASB 1031 Materiality, a variance of 10% and a minimum of \$50,000 is to be used in the Statements of Financial Activity and Annual Budget Review.
14. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopt the Municipal Fund Budget 2019/20 for the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (as contained in **Attachment 1**).

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider the Municipal Fund Budget for the 2019/20 financial year, including imposition of rates and minimum payments, and other consequential matters arising from the Budget papers.

The estimated brought forward balance from 30 June 2019 is a \$2.353 million surplus and the budgeted position for 2019/20 is a \$2.13 million surplus. This is unaudited and may be subject to change. Any change may be addressed as part of a future Budget Review.

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The main features of the 2019/20 Budget are as follows:

1. A zero percent (0%) rate in the dollar and minimum payments increase applied to general land rates revenue and sewerage rates. 2018/19 was a valuation year, which has resulted in an increase to GRVs and UVs of 6.18% and 6.52%.
2. A two percent (2%) increase for Fees and Charges in most cases, an overall increase to total fees and charges of five percent (5%) due to increased tyre charges as adopted at Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) 24 June 2019.
3. Operating expenditure has increased overall by only two percent (2%).
4. The Capital Works Program budgeted expenditure for 2019/20 totals \$25.705 million, including upgrades and renewal spend on roads, footpaths, parks and ovals, other infrastructure, land, buildings, plant and equipment and furniture and equipment.

The basis of the budget parameters was formulated from the City's Long Term Financial Plan, Corporate Business Plan, and Strategic Community Plan. Further to this, an analysis and review of neighbouring Councils has been undertaken and the City's budget position, is considered comparable.

### **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS**

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles for a financially stable local government and demonstrate a transparent and inclusive local government.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The Budget for 2019/20 is expected to deliver a cash surplus of \$2.1 million, the details of which is outlined in the Statutory Budget Report 2019/20 as per **Attachment 1**.

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### **REPORT**

Local Governments must prepare Annual Budgets in the format prescribed in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The draft 2019/20 Budget (Attachment 1) is based on the principles contained within the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) (adopted by Council 24 June 2013 and reviewed on 22 June 2015) and the Corporate Business Plan (CBP) (adopted by Council 24 June 2013), and also the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) (adopted by Council 26 June 2017).

The main features of the draft Budget include the following:

1. A zero percent (0%) rate in the dollar and minimum payments increase applied to general land rates revenue and sewerage rates. This allows for an estimated two (2%) percent budgeted surplus measured against total cash expenditure.

2. The 2019/20 Schedule of Fees and Charges adopted on 13 May 2019 have been increased by two (2%) percent in most cases, this will vary where legislation dictates and where management has determined that there are overriding circumstances.
3. A further three percent (3%) increase to total Fees and Charges has been budgeted in 2019/20 due to increased Tyre charges as adopted at OCM 24 June 2019.
4. Employment costs have increased by 2% in anticipation of EBA negotiations during the year and the anticipated filling of vacant positions.
5. Public safety costs have increased with the planned installation of significant new CCTV coverage and the continuation of the Safer Streets Patrols.
6. Increased costs have been absorbed in the HACC program totalling \$200k due to the implementation of the NDIS.
7. Expenditure of approximately \$4.6M is budgeted for the commencement of the sewerage/drainage capital works program.
8. \$200k has been provided for improvements to the outdoor netball courts.
9. Provisions are made for \$3.5M expenditure on the Golf Course Clubhouse and \$4.5M for the CBD Economic Transformation Project.
10. Council business units including the Goldfields Arts Centre, Golf Course and Goldfields Oasis will continue to trade as losses, however the airport surpluses will contribute \$5.3M to the municipal fund and \$250k to the City marketing program as well as providing full depreciation.
11. \$238k has been provided for upgrades to facades and parapets at Council's endowment block shops.
12. Ongoing funding is provided for delivery of Economic Growth Plan initiatives totalling \$300k.
13. Council's accelerated tree planting program will continue with \$100k provided.

Overall budgeted operating revenue (2019/20) has increased by 3.36% versus forecast actual revenue. This increase is largely related to an increase in the total rates collected. This is the result of the Valuer General re-valuing properties in the 2018/19 year causing an overall increase across categories in the gross rental value and unimproved values of properties.

Operational expenditure has increased by only two percent (2%).

The Capital Works Program totalling \$25.705 million represents an investment in roads, footpaths, parks and ovals, other infrastructure, land, buildings, plant and equipment and furniture and equipment. An allocation to the Plant Replacement Reserve for 2019/20 of \$1.0 million has been budgeted for various plant items.

The City's annual Roads Program, consisting of sealed and unsealed road works within the City, provides for \$6.646 million of improvements. This is slightly reduced from the forecast actual expenditure for the 2018/19 financial year \$6.735 million. This is a consequence of yet to be determined Federal and State funding, which has

meant that the City is funding a greater proportion of the Roads program from Municipal Fund, than it has in previous years.

The estimated brought forward balance from 30 June 2019 is \$2.353 million surplus, and \$2.13 million for the budgeted year 2019/20. This is unaudited and may be subject to change. Any change may be addressed as part of a future Budget Review.

## RATES

### Differential Rating

The *Local Government Act 1995*, Section 6.33 allows Councils to adopt differential rates. The intent behind adopting differential rates is to take into account the levels of services provided to different types of properties, to reflect the cost of provision of services to those categories of properties as well as the need to encourage the specific types of activities within the City. It is a fair and equitable method of rating.

### Rating & Minimum Payments

The raising of revenue via annual rates is an important source of funds for all Councils throughout Australia. The *Local Government Act 1995* empowers Western Australian Councils to impose general rates and minimum payments. The 2019/20 Objects and Reasons Statement for Differential Rates and Minimum Payments is attached to this report as **Attachment 2**. The Statement provides details of budget principles applied in formulating the 2019/20 Annual Budget.

### Ministerial Approval

In accordance with Section 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Ministerial approval has been sought and received for the imposition of UV Mining Operations and Exploration and Prospecting differential rates due to their rate in the dollar being more than twice the lowest UV differential rate for the Pastoral category. A copy of the ministerial approval letter is attached to this report as **Attachment 3**.

### Rate Increase

The City's adopted Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) incorporates a rating strategy that keeps rate increases below 3% annually for the long term (10 years) and delivers better than benchmarked ratios in all years. Council set budget parameters as follows:

- A zero percent (0%) increase to the rate in the dollar and minimum payments for general land rates and sewerage rates; and
- A 2% general increase to fees and service charges.

It is the City's aim to ensure that rate revenue is collected on an equitable basis from all properties. For this reason, Council uses a differential rating methodology. It allows the City flexibility in the level of rates being raised from specifically identified properties or groups of properties within the community.

### Gross Rental Values (GRV)

The *Local Government Act 1995* empowers a Council to impose different rates in the dollar for different land zoning's or uses and different rates for improved or vacant

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land. This power is provided to help local governments with particular rating difficulties and to achieve a better rating equity between different land uses.

Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* states:-

“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 town planning scheme or improvement scheme in force under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;
- (b) a purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government;
- (c) whether or not the land is vacant land; or
- (d) any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.”

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has adopted the combination of characteristics relating to land zoned under the Town Planning Scheme and the purpose for which the land is held or used. It should be noted, that where, during the rating year, land is rezoned or its use changes, the City cannot issue an amended rate notice reflecting that change until the new rating year.

GRV Mining rate in the dollar of \$0.046758 forms the base rate for rate calculations for Gross Rental Value (GRV) properties, with a higher rate in the dollar for Central Business (\$0.068098) and General Industry (\$0.073531) properties. Both the Commercial and Industrial sectors require greater resourcing and expenditure from the City in relation to Health, Building and Town Planning services.

The 2019/20 GRV minimum payment of \$907 has again been set to ensure the minimum level of service required is adequately funded and all properties contribute an equitable rate amount.

The City’s Gross Rental Valued (GRV) properties were revalued by Landgate in 2018/19 resulting in an increase in their total value from \$278,649,057 (2018/19) to \$295,988,190 (2019/20), an increase of 6.22%. The new valuations come into effect on 1 July 2019.

**Table 1            2019/20 Gross Rental Values (GRV) Valuations**

Rating Category	18/19 Valuations	19/20 Valuations	\$ Increase	% Increase
Gross Rental Values	\$278,649,057	\$295,988,190	\$17,339,133	6.22%

### **Unimproved Values (UV)**

Rural properties assigned an Unimproved Value (UV) such as Pastoral, Mining Operations, Exploration and Prospecting Leases are rated differentially to reflect the nature of their lease.

1. Pastoral Leases rate in the dollar of \$0.077020 and minimum payment of \$282 was set after taking into account issues of rating equity including capacity to pay.
2. Mining Operations (Mining and General Purpose Leases) rate in the dollar of \$0.183672 and minimum payment of \$393 is set after taking into account the operations of mining and the effect of their large scale equipment on the City's road network. The City makes a large investment in roads and road drainage infrastructure to service mining activities on rural roads. The ongoing costs involved in maintaining the road network that services this land use extends all the way to the WA/SA state boundary.
3. Exploration/Prospecting rate in the dollar of \$0.183647 and minimum payment of \$282 was set after taking into account the operations of mining and the effect of their large scale equipment on the City's road network.

Council recognised that because exploration and prospecting tenements were not income producing leases and their operations had a different level of impact on the City's road infrastructure, a lower rate in the dollar has been maintained as well as keeping their minimum rate lower than Mining Operations.

Mining Tenements are subject to annual rental reviews, with an effective date 1 July 2019. Even though the unimproved values for 2019/20 were received in the late stages of the City's budget deliberations, the valuations have been factored into the 2019/20 budget.

The total of Unimproved Values (UV) increased from \$25,219,536 (2018/19) to \$27,682,660 (2019/20), an increase of 9.77%. The new valuations come into effect on 1 July 2019.

**Table 2            2019/20 Unimproved Values (UV) Valuations**

Rating Category	18/19 Valuations	19/20 Valuations	\$ Increase	% Increase
Unimproved Values	\$25,219,536	\$27,682,660	\$2,463,124	9.77%

### **Variation from Actual Rates to Raise and Valuations**

At Council Meeting of 10 June 2019 the expected 2019/20 rates yield was reported as \$25,520,240 and valuations as \$321,989,396, a 5.07% and 5.96% increase on 2018/19 rates yield and valuations consecutively.

On the finalisation of the proposed budget which has now included 1 July 2019 valuations for both gross rental values and unimproved values, the rate yield has increased to \$25,791,292, and valuations \$323,670,850, 6.18% and 6.52% on 2018/19 rates yield and valuations consecutively.

These percentage increases represent a combination of general increases, with additions and removals from the valuation register, causing some distortion between 2018/19 and 2019/20.

**Table 3 2019/20 Valuations and Actual Rates to Raise**

Rate Code	Rate Code Description	Valuations \$	Property Count	Actual Rates to Raise \$
<b>GROSS RENTAL VALUES</b>				
1	All Residential	199,246,184	12076	13,965,979
2	Central Business	26,372,520	311	1,814,512
3	General Industry	26,600,270	345	1,959,370
4	Mining	5,077,520	13	242,622
8	All Other Properties	38,691,696	660	2,861,168
<b>UNIMPROVED VALUES</b>				
5	Pastoral	2,583,899	66	205,113
09/11	Mining	19,833,684	872	3,729,179
10	Exploration/Prospecting	5,265,077	1543	1,013,350
<b>Total</b>		<b>323,670,850</b>	<b>15,886</b>	<b>25,520,240</b>

Council has deemed a zero percent (0%) rate in the dollar increase to be suitable to achieve its financial responsibilities and service obligations.

### **Benchmarking**

Research was undertaken by City Officers of proposed general land rate increases by other Western Australian Councils for or 2019/20. They are as follows: Bunbury 3%, Gingin 3%, Albany 2.95%, Bayswater 2.95%, Vincent 2.91%, Kwinana 2.5%, Cockburn 1.90%, Broome 1.75% (revaluation year), Greater Geraldton 1.5%, Swan 1.30%, Karratha 2%, Port Hedland 3%, Esperance 3.3%, Northam 3% and Albany 2.95%.

This benchmarking exercise confirms that the City's rates (rate in dollar and minimum rates) are comparable. They attest to the City's overall rating strategy of achieving an equitable and fair charge applied across all categories. The City will continue to benchmark its rates with other neighbouring local governments to ensure that some equity is retained within the region.

### **General Charges, Concessions and Interest**

The City notes the following:

- It does not provide any discount for early payment of rates, however endorses and acknowledges the rates incentive prize draw sponsor National Bank of Australia for their assistance in collecting the rates early;
- The rates set by the State Government for the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) for Category 2 and 5 regions for 2019/20 and apply these rates on assessments against valuations from Landgate as at 1 July 2019;
- The City is not responsible for setting Emergency Services Levy rates and simply acts as a collection agent for the funds on behalf of the State Government; and

- Under section 6.47 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the terms of Council Policy CORP-F-100, Rates Concession Policy (Rateable Land) , the City provides rates relief to not for profit recreation, sporting and community groups within the City who meet the eligibility criteria.

### **Payment Options**

In accordance with Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council offers the following options for the payment of rates by instalments:

#### **One Instalment**

Payment in full must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder within 35 days of the issue date of the annual rate notice. Payment must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on or before 17 September 2019.

#### **Two Instalments**

The first instalment of 50% of the total current rates plus the total outstanding arrears is payable within 35 days of the issue date of the annual rate notice. Payment must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on or before 17 September 2019.

The second instalment of 50% of the total current rates must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on or before 19 November 2019.

#### **Four Instalments**

The first instalment of 25% of the total current rates plus the total of any outstanding arrears is payable within 35 days of the issue date of the annual rate notice. Payment must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on or before 17 September 2019.

The second instalment of 25% of the total current rates is payable and must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder by 19 November 2019.

The third instalment of 25% of the total current rates is payable and must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder by 21 January 2020.

The fourth instalment of 25% of the total current rates is payable and must be received by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder by 24 March 2020.

#### **Interest Charges**

Interest is charged at 10% per annum, calculated daily, to all outstanding rate assessments that remain unpaid after 17 September 2019.

Interest is payable, at a rate of 5% per annum calculated daily, with respect to any of the instalment options other than one instalment. This reflects the loss of investment income to Council by offering the instalment scheme.

#### **Administration Charges**

An administration charge of \$7.65 plus 5% of actual rates levied will be payable by ratepayers electing to utilise either the two or four instalment options.

A flat fee of \$38.25 per agreement will apply to any ratepayer wishing to negotiate alternative payment arrangements.

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### Levying of 2019/20 Refuse Collection Charges

Local Governments have a statutory obligation under the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007 to collect domestic waste.

**Table 4 Refuse Collection Charges**

Charge Type	Description	2019/20 Fee	2018/19 Fee
Refuse & Recycling Fee (Domestic)	Per Service	\$368.50	\$361.10
Recycling Fee (Domestic and Commercial)	Per Additional Service	\$162.50	\$159.30
Refuse & Recycling Fee (Commercial)	Per Service	\$368.50	\$361.10
Refuse Fee (Domestic & Commercial)	Per Additional Service	\$368.50	\$361.10

The Act permits recovery of the cost of providing this service through a separate charge.

### Levying of 2019/20 Sewerage Rates

Pursuant to section 41 of *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* the following sewerage rates are to be levied.

**Table 5 Sewerage Rates**

Charge Type	Description	2019/20 Levy	2018/19 Levy
GRV per Lot of Location	Per assessment Rate in the dollar (RID)	\$0.028427	\$0.028427
	Per Assessment Minimum Payment	\$388.00	\$388.00

The Act permits recovery of the cost of providing this service through a separate charge.

### Levying of 2019/20 Utility Service Charges

Pursuant to Section 106 of *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*, the following utility service charges (i.e. pan charge) are to levied on properties that hold rate exemption status under section 6.26 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, in lieu of a sewerage rate.

**Table 6 Utility Service Charges**

Charge Type	Charge Description	2019/20 Fee	2018/19 Fee
<b>Utility Service Charge per unit</b>	Pedestal	\$388.00	\$392.70
	Water Closet	\$388.00	\$392.70
	Slophopper /Cleaners Sink	\$388.00	\$392.70
	Universal Rundle (U.R.C.)	\$388.00	\$392.70

The Act permits recovery of the cost of providing this service through a separate charge.

### Rates Prize Incentives

#### 1. Early Payments – Cash Prize Draws

An incentive for early payment has been included with three (3) cash prizes, sponsored by the City and the National Australia Bank (50/50).

To be eligible for the prize draws, rates must be paid in full by 10.00pm WST by the following dates:

❖ 3 September 2019	1st prize	\$7,000 Cash
❖ 10 September 2019	2nd prize	\$2,000 Cash
❖ 17 September 2019	3rd prize	\$1,000 Cash

### Terms and Conditions

This competition is a promotion run by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (“Promoter”), ABN 63 711 737 609.

- Entries and information on prizes and how to enter form part of these Terms and Conditions.
- Participation in this competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- The competition is open to all ratepayers of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, who pay the full amount due as listed on their 2019/20 rates notice. City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council employees and its Councillors, and their immediate family members are eligible to enter the competition. “Immediate family” means spouse, de-facto, parent, natural or adopted child and sibling whether or not they live in the same household as the employee.
  - ❖ 1st prize \$7,000 Cash, Payment due by 10.00pm WST, 3 September 2019
  - ❖ 2nd prize \$2,000 Cash, Payment due by 10.00pm WST, 10 September 2019
  - ❖ 3rd prize \$1,000 Cash, Payment due by 10.00pm WST, 17 September 2019
- Payment must be received before the nominated closing dates to go into the draws. No responsibility is accepted for late, lost or misdirected payments.

5. The competition commences Monday 22 July 2019 and closes 10.00pm WST on Tuesday 17 September 2019. The competition will be drawn at 10.00am on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Administration Building, 577 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie.
6. Three winners will be randomly selected via a computer program, under the supervision of representatives from the City and the National Australia Bank. The promoter's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. The winners will be notified by phone, email and registered mail of their prize win.
8. The first prize winner will be invited to attend a Rates Prize Draw photo session at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, where they can choose to collect their winning cheque. Otherwise the winners will receive their prize by cheque through registered mail.
9. Competition results will be published in the Kalgoorlie Miner Newspaper on Saturday 28 September 2019.
10. The information that entrants provide will be used by the Promoter for the purpose of conducting the competition. By entering this competition entrants consent to the use of their contact details for the purposes described in this clause.

## **2. ERates Registration**

The City has launched a competition to help reduce paper use and postage costs and give one ratepayer a chance to win a \$500 Visa Gift Card.

To enter ratepayers must successfully subscribe to Council's online erates service before 10.00pm WST 17 September 2019. Once subscribed all future rates notice will be sent directly to the ratepayer's email address and the ratepayer will be automatically entered into the draw.

Any ratepayer that has already subscribed to eRates will be automatically entered into the prize draw. Where a managing agent receives and pay the rates and charges on a property, the agent can subscribe to eRates on behalf of the owner to allow them entry into the competition.

Entries open Monday 22 July 2019 and close at 10.00pm WST Tuesday 17 September 2019. The winner will be randomly drawn at 10.00am on Wednesday 25 September 2019. See full terms and conditions below.

### **Terms and Conditions:**

This competition is a promotion run by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder ("Promoter"), ABN 63 711 737 609.

1. Entries and information on prizes and how to enter form part of these Terms and Conditions.
2. Participation in this competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
3. The competition is open to City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder ratepayers, who have successfully registered their property's Assessment Number to receive its

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rate notice/s electronically (using the online eRates registration form at [www.ckb.wa.gov.au](http://www.ckb.wa.gov.au)) on or before 10.00pm WST Tuesday 17 September 2019. City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council employees and its Councillors, and their immediate family members are eligible to enter the competition. "Immediate family" means spouse, de-facto, parent, natural or adopted child and sibling whether or not they live in the same household as the employee.

4. The competition starts at 9.00am WST Monday 22 July 2019 and closes at 10.00pm WST, Tuesday 17 September 2019. Assessment Numbers registered prior to commencement, and during the promotional period, that remain registered at close, will be included in the prize draw.
5. The draw will take place at 10.00am WST on Wednesday 24 September 2019, at City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Administration Building, 577 Hannan Street Kalgoorlie WA 6430.
6. One entry will be awarded per registered Assessment Number. One Assessment Number will be drawn at random and its owner as shown on the Annual Rates & Charges Notice will be deemed the winner. The Promoter's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. The cash prize value is \$500 and will be rewarded in the form of a win a \$500 Visa Gift Card.
8. The Prize must be taken as offered and is not exchangeable, transferable or redeemable for cash.
9. The drawn winner will be contacted using the email address supplied in their Electronic Rates Registration within two business days of the draw and will be required to respond back to Council by email confirming their eligibility within five business days of the draw.
10. If the drawn winner is not confirmed as eligible within five business days of the draw, a redraw will occur.
11. The Promoter has the rights to disqualify any entrants or entries where it is reasonably suspected that any unlawful or improper conduct, such as infringing a third party's intellectual property rights, or if there has otherwise been a breach of the competition terms and conditions.
12. Information collected in the Registration process will be used by the Promoter only as agreed by the registrant during registration and for conducting the random draw.
13. On confirmation of an eligible winner, the winner agrees to be photographed and have their name published on the Promoter's website, [www.ckb.wa.gov.au](http://www.ckb.wa.gov.au) and in media and publicity by the Promoter.
14. The Promoter will not be liable for any loss or damage or for any personal injury sustained as a result of taking the Prize or entering into this competition, nor for any tax implications that may arise from accepting the Prize.

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## OTHER BUDGET ITEMS

### Adoption of Material Variance

As Councillors would be aware, each year a Material Variance must be adopted to assist in reviewing the Monthly Financial Statements and the Annual Budget Review.

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, each Council must adopt a percentage over which a Budget variance would be considered material when it reviews the monthly statements of financial activities and accepts the Annual Budget Review.

Over the past number of financial years, Council has adopted a Material Variance of 10% and \$50,000, whichever is the greater amount. This amount is again recommended for the 2019/20 Financial Year.

### Elected Member Sitting Fees, Expenses and Allowances

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 April 2018, Council resolved to increase the Elected Members annual sitting fee and Mayor and Deputy Mayor's annual allowances and a zero increase to the ITC allowance.

- Mayoral Annual Allowance \$ 88,864.
  - Deputy Mayor Annual Allowance \$22,016
  - Elected Member Sitting Fees (\$31,364 x 13) \$407,732
  - Elected Members ICT Allowance (\$1,000 x 13) \$ 13,000
- Total Budget allocation \$531,612

### Triple Bottom Line Assessment

#### – Economic Implications

The draft 2019/20 Budget applies sound financial management and accounting principles and is considered to deliver a sustainable service outcome for the community and Council.

#### – Social Implications

The draft 2019/20 Budget delivers social outcomes via diverse community services, including the provision of building and community infrastructure and financial support to community organisations throughout the City.

#### – Environmental Implications

The draft 2019/20 Budget supports key environmental strategies and initiatives previously adopted by Council.

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refers.

**Section 6.2(2)** of the Act requires that in preparing its annual budget the Council is to have regard to the contents of its plan for the future prepared in accordance with section 5.56. Under the *Integrated Planning Framework for Local*

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Government, that is the Community Strategic Plan. This section requires that the City must prepare detailed estimates of:

- (a) Expenditure;
- (b) Revenue and income, independent of general rates
- (c) The amount required to make up the 'deficiency' if any shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.

**Section 6.2(3)** requires that all expenditure, revenue and income must be taken in account unless otherwise prescribed. Local Government (Financial Management Regulation 32 prescribes amounts that may be excluded in calculating the 'budget deficiency'

**Section 6.2(4)** requires the annual budget to incorporate:

- (a) Particulars of estimated expenditure proposed;
- (b) Detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply, including:
  - i. Amount estimated to be yielded by the general rate
  - ii. Rate of interest to be charge on unpaid rates and service charges;
- (c) Fees and charges;
- (d) Borrowings and other financial accommodations proposed;
- (e) Reserve account allocations and uses;
- (f) Any proposed land transactions or trading undertakings per section 3.59.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 22 through 31 prescribe requirements in relation to form and content of the Budget and required Notes to and forming part of the Budget.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 states the maximum amount of interest that can be charged.

– **Regulation 68. Maximum interest component prescribed (Act s. 6.45)**

*The maximum rate of interest to be imposed under section 6.45(3) is prescribed as 5.5%.*

– **Regulation 70. Maximum rate of interest prescribed (Act s. 6.51)**

*The maximum rate of interest to be imposed under section 6.51(1) is prescribed as 11%.*

**Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.47: Concessions.**

"Subject to the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferrals) 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.)

There are no impediments deriving from the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992*.

### **Regulatory Requirements:**

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* – Regulation 26: specifies requirements for information on concessions, for inclusion in annual budgets.

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* – Regulation 42: specifies requirements for information on concessions, for inclusion in annual financial reports.

*Building Regulations 2012*

*Local Government Act 1995*

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*

*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*

*Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*

*Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The City has a Budget Amendment Policy (Corp-F-008) that provides the CEO with authority to make minor budget amendments up to the value of \$25,000. In addition to this limit, each variation shall not impact the quality, quantity, frequency, range of level of service previously intended within the initial budget allocation.

The City has several other financial policies which have been taken into consideration in the budget process, including its policies on investments, assets, treatment of income and expenditure and rate area.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

Whilst no specific consultation has been entered into with respect to the draft 2019/20 Budget, community consultation and engagement has previously taken place during development of the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) from which the Corporate Business Plan (CBP) was developed.

The Budget has been formulated taking into consideration the Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

In accordance with the requirements of section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*;

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

*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.*

The 2019/20 Objects and Reasons Statement for the intended Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments was advertised in the Kalgoorlie Miner on 15 May 2019, seeking public submissions; and advertised on the City's public notice boards

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at City's Administration Office, 577 Hannan Street Kalgoorlie, Customer Service Centre, Hannan Street Kalgoorlie and William Grundt Memorial Library, Roberts Street Kalgoorlie; and also made available for download from the City's website [www.ckb.wa.gov.au](http://www.ckb.wa.gov.au).

Submissions closed at 4:30pm on 6 June 2019. One submission was received. The submission was tabled at Council Meeting on 10 June 2019 where Council received and considered the submission.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1. 2019-20 Budget DRAFT 

Attachment 2. 2019-2020 Objects and Reasons Statements 

Attachment 3. Ministerial Approval Letter 

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## 15.2 GENERAL MANAGER – CITY LIVING

### 15.2.1 SAFER STREETS PATROL UPDATE

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Holly Phillips General Manager City Living</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Holly Phillips General Manager City Living</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

#### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

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#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receive the update on the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Safer Streets patrol.**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on activities of the Safer Streets Patrol, established by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (“**the City**”) in 2018.

#### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles to be a family friendly city that is a safe place to live work and play.

#### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

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## REPORT

The Safer Streets Patrol (“**the Patrol**”) was introduced by the City in June 2018 to combat antisocial behaviour in key City precincts.

The Patrol, a four-person team, works a five-day-week in partnership with police, businesses and other agencies to reduce disturbances and provide assistance to the community.

The services of the Patrol sometimes extend beyond City precincts to projects which reduce social or other behavioural problems in the wider community.

Their duties include:

- Maintaining a presence on the streets;
- Reporting graffiti, damage and vandalism;
- Diffuse conflict and disturbances;
- Safely dispose of syringes and litter;

- Provide first aid and assistance;
- Relay crime intelligence to police;
- Improve cooperation between agencies;
- Engage with the business community;
- Assist at City-run events;
- Assist people to access transport and services; and
- Communicate with people in culturally appropriate ways.

Up to 20 calls for assistance are received on average per week, with response time less than five minutes. Proactive patrols and reactive on-the-street responses comprise the majority of work.

Responses to issues are summarised as:

- 36 per cent antisocial behaviour;
- 22 per cent theft and shoplifting;
- 16 per cent street drinking;
- 8 per cent fighting;
- 7 per cent needles;
- 2 per cent medical; and
- 9 per cent other matters.

### **The Difference Between the Patrol and Police**

The Patrol responds to matters related to the statutory powers of local government. This includes public nuisance, obstructions on thoroughfares, harassment, offensive acts and littering.

Police are responsible for enforcing the law and protecting property from criminal damage. This includes issuing fines and move on notices, making arrests and responding to criminal acts, critical incidents and emergencies.

The Patrol can be contacted on 0438 664 311 and police on 9021 9777.

### **Collaboration with Police**

The Patrol meets with police on a fortnightly basis and has a direct number to contact when issues arise. Exchange of crime information by the Patrol has resulted in a number of arrests and the City is working with police to develop an add-on for its Snap, Send Solve app.

This will enable the Patrol and members of the public to record the location and quantity of items such as syringes to assist with the issuance of arrest warrants by police.

**Body Cameras**

The Patrol has been equipped with EH150 body cameras to assist in the course of their duties. The cameras have a 12-hr battery life, infrared night vision and high definition video recording.

The Patrol will activate their cameras during interactions with the public, or for significant incidents which require footage as evidence of offences.

**Interaction with Liquor Accord**

The Patrol attended the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Liquor Accord on 21 May 2019 to inform licensees and take away liquor merchants of problems experienced on the streets as a result of alcohol consumption and sly grogging activity.

**Syringes**

Syringes continue to be a major issue across the City with approximately 1,000 collected since the beginning of the year. In the last week alone, the police has collected more than 40 syringes.

**Vicarious Trauma Training**

The Patrol attended vicarious trauma training on 18 June 2019.

Hosted by Hope Community Services, the conference addressed the need for self-care in working with Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) affected people and covers topics such as burnout, vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue.

**Inter-Agency Cooperation**

The Patrol has observed inconsistencies with responses by local agencies in establishing short term care for vulnerable people. Some are often uncontactable or refuse altogether to remove vulnerable people from the streets.

This places significant pressure on the Patrol to resolve matters well within the remit of agencies.

The Patrol is taking a proactive approach to inter-agency cooperation, recently inviting HOPE out on patrol to discuss opportunities for collaboration and to witness firsthand the challenges they face when dealing with vulnerable people on the streets.

An outcome of this combined Patrol was the recognition the local Heads of Agency group needs to tackle inter-agency cooperation head on. The Patrol plans to invite Bega out on a daily patrol in the coming weeks.

Further collaboration opportunities have been identified by the Patrol, such as working with the Sobering-Up Shelter more closely to stem antisocial behaviour on the streets. There is potential to work with the shelter on the potential for earlier opening hours.

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**Awareness of Activities**

There is continued stakeholder engagement and confidence from local businesses in relation to the Patrol.

A number of calls have been received recently from businesses and members of the public requesting the Patrol's presence and communication materials have been dispersed outlining the role of the patrol and appropriate contact numbers.

**STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

**16 QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**17 INFORMATION BULLETIN****17.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER****17.1.1 INFORMATION ITEM 8 JULY 2019**

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Chief Executive Officer

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**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive the information.**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to keep Elected Members informed on items for information as received by the City.

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS**

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the Community's Guiding Principles to demonstrate a transparent and inclusive local government.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**REPORT**

The city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder regularly receives and produces information for receipt by the Elected Members.

<b>INFORMATION ITEM:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
Seal Register	June 2019
Facebook Statistics	June 2019
Minor Community Grants	June 2019
EGCC Meals Statistics	June 2019
Contract Variations	Nil
RoadWise Minutes	June 2019

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Seal Register 

Facebook Statistics 

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EGCC Meals Statistics 

Roadwise Minutes 

**18 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil.

**19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be on Monday 22 July 2019.

**20 CLOSURE**