

9.2 Quarterly Budget Review - March 2022

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL PLANNING COORDINATOR
TO 18 MAY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400087, FIN300240, GOV400098

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Financial Planning Coordinator on the Quarterly Budget Review - March 2022;**
2. **amend the 2021/22 Budget in accordance with the proposed variations as listed in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement attachment to this report; and**
3. **note the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer regarding the satisfactory financial position of Council.**

Executive summary

This report, with its incorporated attachment, makes up the March 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Statement of the 2021/22 Operational Plan. Proposed budget variations to the Budget with relevant financial implications are included in the attachment.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement presents a summary of council's financial position at the end of each quarter. It is the mechanism whereby councillors and the community are informed of Council's progress against the operational plan and the last revised budget along with recommended changes and reasons for major variances.

Certification

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

It is my opinion that the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Mid-Western Regional Council indicates that Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2022 will be satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure for the 2021/22 financial year.

Community Plan implications

| Theme | Good Governance |
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| Goal | An effective and efficient organisation |
| Strategy | Prudently manage risks association with all Council activities |

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The recommendation if approved will amend the 2021/22 Budget. In accordance with the Delivery Program 2017/22 a comprehensive Quarterly Budget Review reporting is required to be completed within two months of period end.

Council Policies

Not applicable

Legislation

Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that:

1. Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter), the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the statement of the Council's revenue policy included in the operational plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.
2. A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:
 - a. a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and
 - b. if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action.
3. A budget statement must also include any information required by the Code to be included in such a statement.

Financial implications

| Budget Year | Operating Performance Ratio | Own Source Revenue | Building & Infrastructure Renewal |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2021/22 | ✗ | ✓ | - |
| Future Years | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |

Associated Risks

Not applicable

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FINANCIAL PLANNING COORDINATOR

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

12 April 2022

Attachments: 1. Quarterly Budget Review - March 2022. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

NEIL BUNGATE
ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER