



DRAFT SHIRE PLAN / BUDGET AND COMMUNICATION TO PUBLIC

MEETING DATE: 7PM 14 JULY 2015
MEETING TYPE: SPECIAL
FILE REF: \\Server\data\Council Meetings\2015\14 July Special Meeting
ATTACHMENTS: YES

BACKGROUND:

To comply with (Section 24 (2) (b) LGA) the Draft WSC Plan and Budget were made available on 08 July 2015 for a 21 day consultation period. An advertisement was published on the same day in the NT Times informing the public of the proposed rates, where to find copies of the Plan and Budget and how to provide feedback. A Press Release was released 10 July 2015 by WSC President about the 2015/16 Shire Rates.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Council have requested the CEO convene a Special Meeting for the purpose of:

- Confirming the status of the Draft Budget and any community consultation with the intent to finalise the Budget at a Special Meeting on 30 July 2015 whereby council will also endorse the proposed rates for 2015/16, pass a resolution and declare the rates to the public on 31 July
- Requesting that the President explain the process around the rates media release
- Communicating the changes to rates for the 2015/16 financial year and address any confusion that may have arisen in the community and with any relevant departmental staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	Nil
STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:	Nil
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:	Effective governance
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:	Nil
PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:	Nil
COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATONS:	Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council agree upon the status of the Draft Shire Plan and Budget.
That Council agree upon a process for Press Releases to be circulated prior to publication.
That Council determine if an amended Press Release is to be released to the public.

ACTION OFFICER
Deborah Allen
Chief Executive Officer