



**CHARTERS TOWERS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING**  
**of**  
**CHARTERS TOWERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**held**  
**Wednesday 28 JULY 2021**  
**Commencing at 9:00am**



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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Meeting was opened at 9:01am by Mayor FC Beveridge

## 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Cr FC Beveridge (Mayor)  
Cr S Bennetto (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr GJ Lohmann  
Cr KF Hastie  
Cr JD Mathews  
Cr BP Robertson

Officers:

Mr A Johansson – Chief Executive Officer  
Ms K Hargreaves – Director Corporate & Community Services  
Mr J Teague – Director Infrastructure Services  
Mrs A Russell – Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S Cagney – Chief Financial Officer  
Mrs B Blokland – Financial Services Coordinator  
Mr B Johnson – Acting Communications Coordinator

Apologies:

Cr AP Barr

Resolution No.: 3684

Moved: Cr S Bennetto  
Seconded: Cr JD Mathews

That Cr AP Barr's apology be noted.

**CARRIED**

Members of the Gallery:

Claire van Wel, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

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### 3. MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The 2021/2022 Charters Towers Regional Council Budget continues Council's balanced approach to investing in, growing, and renewing our Region. Council will take sensible steps to further improve the sustainability and liveability of our Region.

This budget is focused on renewing some of Council's and the community's existing assets to ensure they continue to serve the Region now and into the future. Council is investing \$13 million in capital works for the 2021/2022 period. A large portion of these projects will either be fully funded or partly funded through state and federal government grants. Some of the major projects for 2021/2022 include:

- Completion of the 2021 flood damage restoration works (\$40 million)
- Roads and drainage capital works (\$3.9 million)
- Water and sewerage infrastructure renewal (\$2.5 million)
- Upgrade and refurbishment work to existing Council and community assets (\$1.8 million)
- Charters Towers Local Disaster Coordination Centre (\$860,000)
- Upgrades and repairs to H.M. Clarke Saleyards (\$600,000)
- Airport and airstrip upgrades for Charters Towers, Greenvale, and Pentland (\$500,000)
- Flood warning infrastructure network assets (\$300,000)
- Pentland sports reserve playground replacement (\$65,300)
- Venus Battery structural repairs (\$65,000)
- Replacement drainage grating and circulation pump for Greenvale pool (\$24,000)
- Replacement sand filter medium for Ravenswood pool (\$15,000)

Community is at the forefront of Council's decisions and we will be continuing to support the community through our generous grants programs including our bi-annual community grants program, ground maintenance of fields, and rate remission for sporting, cultural, and welfare groups. This year we will also make available \$10,000 to help cover transport costs for local junior athletes representing either Queensland or Australia through the Junior Athlete Financial Support program.

This budget is about building a strong foundation to take advantage of some of the opportunities for our Region. Our Region is set to benefit from projects like the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative and Big Rocks Weir. We are already seeing our Region benefit from the current price of gold and beef. This budget will help to lay the foundations for continued growth and economic prosperity.

Council has developed this budget while having to deal with significant challenges. Some local businesses are continuing to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and despite the virus being part of Australia's day-to-day activity for more than 18 months, there's still a lot of uncertainty on what the long-term impact will be. This uncertainty is also being felt by Council and highlights the importance of being able to build a strong foundation for continued growth and economic prosperity within the Region.

This year also saw a Region-wide land valuation review by the Queensland Government's Valuer-General. In response to the land valuations, Council undertook a Rates Review to arrive at a fair and equitable rates distribution across the Region. The Budget includes an average general rate revenue increase of 2.5% on last year.

Council has worked hard to ensure the average rate revenue increase was as low as possible while also being able to maintain services to the community. Council is not immune to increases in expenses like wages, electricity, registrations, goods, and services. Without adopting a minimal rate Council could find

itself in a situation like some other local governments that have had to increase rates at 5% over multiple years.

Council's 'Renewing our Region' budget is about taking a measured, practical, and sensible approach to ensure our Region has strong foundations to capitalise on future opportunities. This budget carefully considers the impacts to the community during these uncertain times while balancing community expectations and needs.

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#### **4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION – BUDGET 2020/2021**

##### **4.1 Investment Policy**

###### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with s104(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council is required to ensure the financial policies of the local government are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to prepare and adopt an Investment Policy, which identifies Council's investment objections and overall risk philosophy and the procedures for achieving the investment goals.

###### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with s191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Investment Policy (S0037) 2021/2022 as attached.***

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Resolution No.: 3685

Moved: Cr S Bennetto

Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with s191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Investment Policy (S0037) 2021/2022 as attached.***

**CARRIED**

###### **REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446429

## 4.2 Debt Policy

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s104(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council is required to ensure the financial policies of the local government are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to prepare and adopt a Debt Policy for the financial year which states new borrowings planned for the current financial year and next nine financial years, and the period over which Council plans to repay existing and new borrowings in accordance with the Long Term Financial Forecast.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### *That Council:*

- *In accordance with s192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Debt Policy 2021/2022 as attached.*

Resolution No.: 3686

Moved: Cr JD Mathews

Seconded: Cr S Bennetto

#### *That Council:*

- *In accordance with s192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Debt Policy 2021/2022 as attached.*

**CARRIED**

### REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446430

## 4.3 Revenue Policy

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s104(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council is required to ensure the financial policies of the local government are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary and, in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the budget must contain a Revenue Policy.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### *That Council:*

- *In accordance with s169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Revenue Policy 2021/2022 as attached.*

Resolution No.: 3687

Moved: Cr KF Hastie

Seconded: Cr BP Robertson

#### *That Council:*

- *In accordance with s169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Revenue Policy 2021/2022 as attached.*

**CARRIED**

### REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446431

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with legislative requirements contained in the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's budget for the financial year must include a Revenue Statement prepared in accordance with Section 172 of the regulation. In accordance with Section 94(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must decide by resolution at the budget meeting for the financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION*****That Council:***

1. ***In accordance with s169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Revenue Statement 2021/22 as attached.***
2. ***In accordance with s169(6) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, determine that the total value of the change in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in 2020/2021 is 5.60%.***
3. ***Differential Rates***
  - (a) ***In accordance with s81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the categories to which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to s81(4) and s81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

Category	Description
1	Urban Residential <9000 sq metres
2	Large Homesites (>9000 sq metres) within 8 kms CBD: < \$100,000 RV
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4	Large Homesites (>9000 sq metres) within 8 kms CBD: \$200,000 to \$299,999 RV
5	Large Homesites (>9000 sq metres) within 8 kms CBD: >= \$300,000 RV
6	Rural Residential > 8 kms from CBD
7	Multi-unit Residential: 2 Flats
8	Multi-unit Residential: 3-4 Flats
9	Multi-unit Residential: >= 5 Flats
10	Commercial Retail & Business within 8kms of CBD
11	Industrial, Transport & Storage within 8 kms of CBD
12	Noxious or Hazardous Industries
13	Drive-in Shopping Centre >1,500 sq metres gross floor area
14	Other Commercial/Industrial land
15	Rural Agricultural
16	Mines > 200 employees and/or contractors
17	Mines 101 to 200 employees and/or contractors
18	Mines 50 to 100 employees and/or contractors
19	Mines 25 to 49 employees and/or contractors
20	Mine/Quarry <25 employees and/or contractors & RV >= \$15,000
21	Other mine or quarry or extractive land use not in category 16 to 20
22	Water storage
23	Special Uses



24	Other – Not in categories 1-23
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*\*Further explanation on differential general rate categories is provided in the Revenue Statement.*

- (b) Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to s81(4) and s81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to identify the rate category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs. The identification of applicable rate categories is based on the land use codes used by the Department of Resources to classify land within the Council area during the period of valuation which becomes effective for rating purposes from 1 July 2021.**
- (c) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential rate category and, pursuant to s77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:**

Category	Rate in dollar	Minimum
1	\$0.02620	\$1,070
2	\$0.02407	\$1,230
3	\$0.01672	\$2,166
4	\$0.01099	\$3,344
5	\$0.00898	\$3,296
6	\$0.00962	\$1,070
7	\$0.02605	\$1,345
8	\$0.02747	\$1,968
9	\$0.02862	\$3,280
10	\$0.04361	\$2,245
11	\$0.02916	\$2,027
12	\$0.03352	\$2,027
13	\$0.06579	\$13,500
14	\$0.06747	\$1,236
15	\$0.00541	\$1,079
16	\$0.84355	\$24,104
17	\$0.84355	\$18,078
18	\$0.41000	\$6,028
19	\$0.31178	\$4,122
20	\$0.12512	\$1,810
21	\$0.11900	\$1,256
22	\$0.06747	\$1,236
23	\$0.03021	\$1,029
24	\$0.01876	\$1,029

- (d) Pursuant to s116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in relation to properties categorised in the Differential Rating Categories listed below, general rates levied will be limited to an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rates levied for the previous financial year (30 June 2021) increased by 15%.**

- **Categories 1-5**
- **Categories 10-12**
- **Categories 14-15**
  - **Categories 21, 23 and 24**

**The differential general rates for eligible land will not exceed the higher of:**

- **The relevant minimum rate for the property; or**



- **An amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rates levied for the previous financial year (30 June 2021) increased by 15%.**

**This is subject to the following conditions:**

- **Capping will apply only to general rates;**
- **Capping will apply only to land categorised in the differential rating categories listed above;**
- **Capping is not available retrospectively and will only apply from the beginning of a financial year; and**
- **If ownership of the land to which capping applies is transferred in the period after 1 July of any year, then capping will cease to apply for the following year (e.g. If rates-capped land is sold during 2021/2022, capping will not apply in 2022/2023 but will apply in 2023/2024 (unless the land is sold again after 1 July 2021)).**

#### **4. Sewerage Utility Charges**

**(a) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:**

<b>UTILITY GROUP</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT</b>
31	Charters Towers Reserve – Residential	\$221
32	Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential	\$221
38	Greenvale & Ravenswood	\$330

**(b) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies the Sewerage schedule of units as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:**

<b>LAND USE</b>	<b>NO. OF UNITS</b>
<b>Sewerage Utility Groups 34 to 39</b>	
Vacant Land	2
Dwellings	2
Accommodation Units and Flats - per unit/flat	2
Business premises	2
Café	3
Dwelling combined with business premises	3
School	6
Hotel	10
Hall	2
Church	2
Caravan Park	8
Racecourse	2
Rodeo Grounds	2
Sports Club	2
Motel	10
Shopping Centre – per shop/business within the centre	2
Service Station	3
Industrial – Light and Heavy	3
Golf Course	2
Police Station and Residence	4

LAND USE	NO. OF UNITS
Not otherwise defined	4
<b>Specific</b>	
Greenvale Swimming Pool	4
Greenvale Fire and Ambulance	4
State Emergency Service Facilities	4

## 5. Waste Collection Charges

(a) *In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy waste collection utility charges, for the supply of waste collection services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:*

UTILITY GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT for bin collection
31	<i>Charters Towers Reserve – Residential</i>	\$209
32	<i>Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential</i>	\$246*
34	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – both water and bitumen</i>	\$209
35	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – both water and bitumen</i>	\$246*
36	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – one or neither water and bitumen</i>	\$276
37	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – one or neither water and bitumen</i>	\$315*
38	<i>Greenvale, Pentland &amp; Ravenswood</i>	\$276
39	<i>Hervey Range, Balfes Creek, Homestead, Mingela, Sellheim, Reid River</i>	\$276

*\*Includes the Queensland Waste Levy annual charge of \$37 per bin collected in accordance with the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.*

**(b) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies the waste collection schedule as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:**

WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE			Units	Min	Max
a.	Dwellings		1	1	
b.	Multiple Dwellings	Per unit/dwelling	1	1	
c.	Accommodation Units	Per 2 pedestals	1	2	10
d.	Motels, Caravan Parks, Hotel/Motels	Per 2 pedestals	1	2	20
e.	Hotel and Taverns	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	
f.	Clubs, Community Groups/Churches	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	2
g.	Education	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	20
h.	Childcare	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	4
i.	Hospitals, Nursing Home & Place of Retirement	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	20
j.	Non-residential Premises, Shops	Per shop/premise, whichever is greater	1		
k.	Supermarket (Gross floor area >800 m2)	Per pedestal	1	6	
l.	Other non-residential		1	1	

#### **6. Landfill Management Levy**

**(a) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy landfill management levies, for the use of Council operated landfill facilities as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:**

UTILITY GROUP	DESCRIPTION	PROVISION	USE	ANNUAL LEVY
31	Charters Towers Reserve – Residential	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
32	Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
34	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – both water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
35	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – both water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
36	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – one or neither water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
37	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – one or neither water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
38	Closest to landfill at either Greenvale, Pentland or Ravenswood	\$31	\$16	\$47
39	Closest to landfill at either Greenvale, Pentland or Ravenswood	\$31	\$16	\$47
39	Closest to landfill at Stubley Street, Charters Towers	\$31	\$0	\$31
39	Do not have a waste collection service and manage their own landfills on their property	\$0	\$0	\$0

## 7. Regional Water Charges

(a) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:

### WATER ALLOCATION TARIFF (Residential Only)

UTILITY GROUP	Category	ANNUAL ALLOWANCE PER UNIT	ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT For Water	EXCESS WATER CHARGE Per KILOLITRE*	
				Used in 2020/2021	Used in 2021/2022
31	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$284	\$1.69	\$1.74
34	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$284	\$1.69	\$1.74
36	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$ 351	\$1.69	\$1.74
38-Greenvale	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$312	\$1.69	\$1.74
38-Pentland	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$239	\$1.69	\$1.74
38-Ravenswood	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$252	\$1.69	\$1.74

\* to be charged per kilolitre or part thereof over the applicable annual allowance per unit

### WATER TWO PART TARIFF

UTILITY GROUP	CATEGORY	AVAILABILITY OR ACCESS CHARGE PER UNIT	CHARGE PER KILOLITRE USED UNDER THRESHOLD	EXCESS THRESHOLD PER UNIT	EXCESS WATER CHARGE PER KILOLITRE*
31	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
32	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
32	Non-Residential	\$197	Connection-No Meter - Access & Usage		
34	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
35	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
36	Residential	\$216	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
37	Non-Residential	\$190	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Greenvale	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Pentland	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Ravenswood	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Greenvale	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Pentland	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Ravenswood	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74

\* to be charged per kilolitre or part thereof over the applicable excess threshold per unit

### VACANT – Water Available – Not Connected

All Groups	Vacant	\$177			
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**(b) In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies the water unit schedule across the region as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:**

<b>WATER UNIT SCHEDULE ACROSS THE REGION (per parcel)</b>		<b>UNITS</b>
a.	All Vacant Land Not Connected	4
	<b>Residential</b>	
b.	Dwelling	4
c.	Multiple Dwelling Single Parcel – 1 <sup>st</sup> unit/flat	4
	- all remaining units/flats	2
d.	Multiple Dwellings Separate Parcels (Per unit)	2
e.	Multiple Dwellings:(Per unit) Exempt general rate levies under the LG Act	4
	<b>Non-Residential</b>	
f.	Community Clubs & Organisations	4
g.	Clubs – Private	6
h.	Commercial and Industry	6
i.	Religious Organisation	4
	<b>As per Special Water Unit Schedule – Annexure A</b>	
j.	Schools/Education	
k.	State Government	
l.	State Government Corporations	
m.	Special Allocations (all other properties specified in Annexure A)	

**(c) In accordance with s102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to be have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read.**

## **8. Discount**

**(a) In accordance with s130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, gross rates and charges made and levied shall be subject to a discount of 6% (less Council and State pensioner rebates, rate arrears, interest and fire levies) if paid within the discount period of 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:**

- **All of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice;**
- **All other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and**
- **All other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.**

## **9. Interest**

**(a) In accordance with s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 8.03% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates and charges, unless interest free instalment arrangements are approved in accordance with the terms stated in the Revenue Statement.**

## **10. Levy and Payment**

**(a) In accordance with s107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and s114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, Council's rates and charges and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:**

- *For the half year 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 – in September/October 2021 and will include water levies incurred across the previous 12 month period; and*
  - *For the half year 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 – in January/February 2021.*
- (b) *In accordance with s118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.*

#### **11. Paying rates or charges by instalments**

- (a) *In accordance with s129 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council may approve entering into a conditional rate instalment arrangement to pay a rate account by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Interest free instalment arrangements must be applied for on or before the due date of the rate notice, with arrears incurring interest.*

#### **12. Rebates and concessions**

- (a) *In accordance with s120, s121 and s122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a Council Pensioner Remission on the differential general rate of a maximum of 27% applicable to the rating category designated, capped at \$178 if levied half yearly or \$356 if levied once per year, will be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission.*
- (b) *In accordance with the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme, as existing at time of rating, a Pensioner Subsidy of 100%, capped at the State Government's approved maximum of an anticipated \$200 per annum, will be allowed on the differential general rate as levied for residential properties.*
- (c) *In accordance with s120, s121 and s122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will continue to provide assistance to approved Sporting, Cultural and Welfare Groups as budgeted, with the basis of concession being as follows, subject to nett rates and charges, after concession applied, being paid in full within 30 days of the date of issued of the rate notice:*
- *50% of the differential general rates; 50% of the sewerage utility charge; nil concession on water utility charges unless otherwise determined and 50% of the calculated excess water charge when an organisation has a Water Management Plan, subject to a defined period, if required.*

Resolution No.: 3688

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann

Seconded: Cr S Bennetto

#### **That Council:**

- *In accordance with s169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Revenue Statement 2021/22 as attached.*

**CARRIED**



Resolution No.: 3689

Moved: Cr BP Robertson

Seconded: Cr JD Mathews

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s169(6) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, determine that the total value of the change in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in 2020/2021 is 5.60%.***

**CARRIED**



Resolution No.: 3690

Moved: Cr S Bennetto  
Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

**That Council:**

**Differential Rates**

- ***In accordance with s81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the categories to which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to s81(4) and s81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

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**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3691

Moved: Cr JD Mathews  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to s81(4) and s81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to identify the rate category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs. The identification of applicable rate categories is based on the land use codes used by the Department of Resources to classify land within the Council area during the period of valuation which becomes effective for rating purposes from 1 July 2021.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3692

Moved: Cr KF Hastie  
Seconded: Cr S Bennetto

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential rate category and, pursuant to s77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:***

Category	Rate in dollar	Minimum
1	\$0.02620	\$1,070
2	\$0.02407	\$1,230
3	\$0.01672	\$2,166
4	\$0.01099	\$3,344
5	\$0.00898	\$3,296
6	\$0.00962	\$1,070
7	\$0.02605	\$1,345
8	\$0.02747	\$1,968
9	\$0.02862	\$3,280
10	\$0.04361	\$2,245
11	\$0.02916	\$2,027
12	\$0.03352	\$2,027
13	\$0.06579	\$13,500
14	\$0.06747	\$1,236
15	\$0.00541	\$1,079
16	\$0.84355	\$24,104
17	\$0.84355	\$18,078
18	\$0.41000	\$6,028
19	\$0.31178	\$4,122
20	\$0.12512	\$1,810
21	\$0.11900	\$1,256
22	\$0.06747	\$1,236
23	\$0.03021	\$1,029
24	\$0.01876	\$1,029

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3693

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann

Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

**That Council:**

- ***Pursuant to s116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in relation to properties categorised in the Differential Rating Categories listed below, general rates levied will be limited to an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rates levied for the previous financial year (30 June 2021) increased by 15%.***
- ***Categories 1-5***
  - ***Categories 10-12***
  - ***Categories 14-15***
  - ***Categories 21, 23 and 24***

***The differential general rates for eligible land will not exceed the higher of:***

- ***The relevant minimum rate for the property; or***
- ***An amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rates levied for the previous financial year (30 June 2021) increased by 15%.***

***This is subject to the following conditions:***

- ***Capping will apply only to general rates;***
- ***Capping will apply only to land categorised in the differential rating categories listed above;***
- ***Capping is not available retrospectively and will only apply from the beginning of a financial year; and***
- ***If ownership of the land to which capping applies is transferred in the period after 1 July of any year, then capping will cease to apply for the following year (e.g. If rates-capped land is sold during 2021/2022, capping will not apply in 2022/2023 but will apply in 2023/2024 (unless the land is sold again after 1 July 2021)).***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3694

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann

Seconded: Cr JD Mathews

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

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UTILITY GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT
31	Charters Towers Reserve – Residential	\$221
32	Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential	\$221
38	Greenvale & Ravenswood	\$330

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3695

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann  
Seconded: Cr BP Robertson

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies the Sewerage schedule of units as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

<b>LAND USE</b>	<b>NO. OF UNITS</b>
<b>Sewerage Utility Groups 34 to 39</b>	
Vacant Land	2
Dwellings	2
Accommodation Units and Flats - per unit/flat	2
Business premises	2
Café	3
Dwelling combined with business premises	3
School	6
Hotel	10
Hall	2
Church	2
Caravan Park	8
Racecourse	2
Rodeo Grounds	2
Sports Club	2
Motel	10
Shopping Centre – per shop/business within the centre	2
Service Station	3
Industrial – Light and Heavy	3
Golf Course	2
Police Station and Residence	4
Not otherwise defined	4
<b>Specific</b>	
Greenvale Swimming Pool	4
Greenvale Fire and Ambulance	4
State Emergency Service Facilities	4

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3696

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann

Seconded: Cr S Bennetto

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy waste collection utility charges, for the supply of waste collection services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

<b>UTILITY GROUP</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT for bin collection</b>
31	<i>Charters Towers Reserve – Residential</i>	\$209
32	<i>Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential</i>	\$246*
34	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – both water and bitumen</i>	\$209
35	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – both water and bitumen</i>	\$246*
36	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – one or neither water and bitumen</i>	\$276
37	<i>Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – one or neither water and bitumen</i>	\$315*
38	<i>Greenvale, Pentland &amp; Ravenswood</i>	\$276
39	<i>Hervey Range, Balfes Creek, Homestead, Mingela, Sellheim, Reid River</i>	\$276

**CARRIED**



Resolution No.: 3697

Moved: Cr S Bennetto  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies the waste collection schedule as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

	<b>WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE</b>		<b>Units</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
a.	Dwellings		1	1	
b.	Multiple Dwellings	Per unit/dwelling	1	1	
c.	Accommodation Units	Per 2 pedestals	1	2	10
d.	Motels, Caravan Parks, Hotel/Motels	Per 2 pedestals	1	2	20
e.	Hotel and Taverns	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	
f.	Clubs, Community Groups/Churches	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	2
g.	Education	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	20
h.	Childcare	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	4
i.	Hospitals, Nursing Home & Place of Retirement	Per 2 pedestals	1	1	20
j.	Non-residential Premises, Shops	Per shop/premise, whichever is greater	1		
k.	Supermarket (Gross floor area >800 m2)	Per pedestal	1	6	
l.	Other non-residential		1	1	

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3698

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann

Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy landfill management levies, for the use of Council operated landfill facilities as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

UTILITY GROUP	DESCRIPTION	PROVISION	USE	ANNUAL LEVY
31	Charters Towers Reserve – Residential	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
32	Charters Towers Reserve – Non-Residential	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
34	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – both water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
35	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – both water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
36	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Residential – one or neither water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
37	Within 8km radius of CBD Charters Towers – Non-Residential – one or neither water and bitumen	\$31	Pay per use	\$31
38	Closest to landfill at either Greenvale, Pentland or Ravenswood	\$31	\$16	\$47
39	Closest to landfill at either Greenvale, Pentland or Ravenswood	\$31	\$16	\$47
39	Closest to landfill at Stubley Street, Charters Towers	\$31	\$0	\$31
39	Do not have a waste collection service and manage their own landfills on their property	\$0	\$0	\$0

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3699

Moved: Cr BP Robertson  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

**WATER ALLOCATION TARIFF (Residential Only)**

UTILITY GROUP	Category	ANNUAL ALLOWANCE PER UNIT	ANNUAL CHARGE PER UNIT For Water	EXCESS WATER CHARGE Per KILOLITRE*	
				Used in 2020/2021	Used in 2021/2022
31	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$284	\$1.69	\$1.74
34	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$284	\$1.69	\$1.74
36	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$ 351	\$1.69	\$1.74
38-Greenvale	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$312	\$1.69	\$1.74
38-Pentland	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$239	\$1.69	\$1.74
38-Ravenswood	Residential	187.5 Kilolitres	\$252	\$1.69	\$1.74

\* to be charged per kilolitre or part thereof over the applicable annual allowance per unit

**WATER TWO PART TARIFF**

UTILITY GROUP	CATEGORY	AVAILABILITY OR ACCESS CHARGE PER UNIT	CHARGE PER KILOLITRE USED UNDER THRESHOLD	EXCESS THRESHOLD PER UNIT	EXCESS WATER CHARGE PER KILOLITRE*
31	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
32	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
32	Non-Residential	\$197	Connection-No Meter - Access & Usage		
34	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
35	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
36	Residential	\$216	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
37	Non-Residential	\$190	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Greenvale	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Pentland	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Ravenswood	Residential	\$176	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Greenvale	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Pentland	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74
38-Ravenswood	Non-Residential	\$154	\$0.97	187.5 KLS	\$1.74

\* to be charged per kilolitre or part thereof over the applicable excess threshold per unit

**VACANT – Water Available – Not Connected**

All Groups	Vacant	\$177			
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**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3700

Moved: Cr JD Mathews  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council applies the water unit schedule across the region as per the Revenue Statement and as follows:***

<b>WATER UNIT SCHEDULE ACROSS THE REGION (per parcel)</b>		<b>UNITS</b>
a.	All Vacant Land Not Connected	4
	<b>Residential</b>	
b.	Dwelling	4
c.	Multiple Dwelling Single Parcel – 1 <sup>st</sup> unit/flat	4
	- all remaining units/flats	2
d.	Multiple Dwellings Separate Parcels (Per unit)	2
e.	Multiple Dwellings:(Per unit) Exempt general rate levies under the LG Act	4
	<b>Non-Residential</b>	
f.	Community Clubs & Organisations	4
g.	Clubs – Private	6
h.	Commercial and Industry	6
i.	Religious Organisation	4
	<b>As per Special Water Unit Schedule – Annexure A</b>	
j.	Schools/Education	
k.	State Government	
l.	State Government Corporations	
m.	Special Allocations (all other properties specified in Annexure A)	

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3701

Moved: Cr BP Robertson  
Seconded: Cr JD Mathews

- ***In accordance with s102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the metre is actually read.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3702

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann  
Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, gross rates and charges made and levied shall be subject to a discount of 6% (less Council and State pensioner rebates, rate arrears, interest and fire levies) if paid within the discount period of 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:***
- ***All of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice;***
  - ***All other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and***
  - ***All other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3703

Moved: Cr S Bennetto  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 8.03% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates and charges, unless interest free instalment arrangements are approved in accordance with the terms stated in the Revenue Statement.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3704

Moved: Cr BP Robertson  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and s114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, Council's rates and charges and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:***
- ***For the half year 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 – in September/October 2021 and will include water levies incurred across the previous 12 month period; and***
  - ***For the half year 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 – in January/February 2021.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3705

Moved: Cr JD Mathews  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3706

Moved: Cr JD Mathews  
Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s129 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council may approve entering into a conditional rate instalment arrangement to pay a rate account by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Interest free instalment arrangements must be applied for on or before the due date of the rate notice, with arrears incurring interest.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3707

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann  
Seconded: Cr BP Robertson

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s120, s121 and s122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a Council Pensioner Remission on the differential general rate of a maximum of 27% applicable to the rating category designated, capped at \$178 if levied half yearly or \$356 if levied once per year, will be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3708

Moved: Cr JD Mathews  
Seconded: Cr S Bennetto

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme, as existing at time of rating, a Pensioner Subsidy of 100%, capped at the State Government's approved maximum of an anticipated \$200 per annum, will be allowed on the differential general rate as levied for residential properties.***

**CARRIED**

Resolution No.: 3709

Moved: Cr S Bennetto  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s120, s121 and s122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will continue to provide assistance to approved Sporting, Cultural and Welfare Groups as budgeted, with the basis of concession being as follows, subject to nett rates and charges, after concession applied, being paid in full within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice:***
- ***50% of the differential general rates; 50% of the sewerage utility charge; nil concession on water utility charges unless otherwise determined and 50% of the calculated excess water charge when an organisation has a Water Management Plan, subject to a defined period, if required.***

**CARRIED**

**REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446428

**4.5 Long Term Financial Forecast – 2021/22 to 2030/31**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Section 169(2)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government is required to develop and adopt a Long-Term Financial Forecast (LTFF) essential for sustainable financial management.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with s169(2)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Local Government Forecasting Model presenting Council's ten-year financial forecast to June 2031, as attached in the following statements:***
- ***Income Statement LTFF;***
  - ***Balance Sheet LTFF;***
  - ***Cash Flow LTFF; and***
  - ***Statement of Changes in Equity LTFF.***

Resolution No.: 3710

Moved: Cr GJ Lohmann  
Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

**That Council:**

- ***In accordance with s169(2)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Local Government Forecasting Model presenting Council's ten-year financial forecast to June 2031, as attached in the following statements:***
- ***Income Statement LTFF;***
  - ***Balance Sheet LTFF;***
  - ***Cash Flow LTFF; and***
  - ***Statement of Changes in Equity LTFF.***

**CARRIED**



## **REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446432
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### **4.6 Statement of Original Budget**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the Council budget must contain certain statements prepared on an accrual basis. The statutory statements include all budget allocations for the financial period.

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

##### ***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with s169(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the following financial statements representing the Original Budget for the year ended 2022 and the next 2 financial years, which have been prepared on an accrual basis, and attached as follows:-***
    - ***Budget Income Statement;***
    - ***Budget Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position);***
    - ***Budget Cashflow Statement; and***
    - ***Budget Statement of (Changes in) Equity.***
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Resolution No.: 3711

Moved: Cr S Bennetto  
Seconded: Cr GJ Lohmann

##### ***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with s169(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the following financial statements representing the Original Budget for the year ended 2022 and the next 2 financial years, which have been prepared on an accrual basis, and attached as follows:-***
  - ***Budget Income Statement;***
  - ***Budget Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position);***
  - ***Budget Cashflow Statement; and***
  - ***Budget Statement of (Changes in) Equity.***

**CARRIED**

## **REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446433
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## 4.7 Measures of Financial Sustainability

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the budget must include each of the relevant measures of financial sustainability for the current financial year and the next nine (9) years.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### ***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with sections 169(4) and (5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, note the information provided in the attachment showing the following measures of sustainability for 2021/2022 and the next nine (9) financial years:***
  - ***Asset Sustainability Ratio***
  - ***Net financial liabilities ratio***
  - ***Operating surplus ratio***

Resolution No.: 3712

Moved: Cr BP Robertson  
Seconded: Cr KF Hastie

#### ***That Council:***

- ***In accordance with sections 169(4) and (5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, note the information provided in the attachment showing the following measures of sustainability for 2021/2022 and the next nine (9) financial years:***
  - ***Asset Sustainability Ratio***
  - ***Net financial liabilities ratio***
  - ***Operating surplus ratio***

**CARRIED**

### **REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446434

#### 4.8 Inclusion of Councillors' Discretionary Funds in 2021/2022 Budget and amended Councillors' Discretionary Funds Policy S0052/OCEO

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 202 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides for the requirements of discretionary funds for Councillors. The amended policy is presented to Council for adoption.

##### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

***That Council:***

- ***Note Councillors' discretionary funds totalling \$14,000 in the 2021/2022 budget; as set out below;***
  - ***Mayor \$2,000***
  - ***Councillors \$2,000 each***
- ***Adopt the amended Councillors' Discretionary Funds Policy S0052/OCEO as tabled.***

Resolution No.: 3713

Moved: Cr BP Robertson

Seconded: Cr S Bennetto

***That Council:***

- ***Note Councillors' discretionary funds totalling \$14,000 in the 2021/2022 budget; as set out below;***
  - ***Mayor \$2,000***
  - ***Councillors \$2,000 each***
- ***Adopt the amended Councillors' Discretionary Funds Policy S0052/OCEO as tabled.***

**CARRIED**

##### REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- Officer's Report Document No. 1446427

#### 5. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the General Meeting closed at **9:36am**

CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL AT THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2021

Mayor



Date 18 August 2021