

10.2. Extraordinary Meeting of Council - 19 January 2026

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CSP LINK	Outcome 8 – An effective, accountable and sustainable Council that serves the community G3. Make it easy for our community to engage and participate in decision-making

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to schedule an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 19 January 2026 to consider a report regarding a proposed special rate variation as a medium-term pathway towards restoring financial sustainability and service resilience.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- An Extraordinary Meeting of Council is proposed for 19 January 2026 to consider a report regarding a proposed special rate variation.
- Seats in the gallery will be allocated as a priority to those people who have made a request to address the Public Forum.
- The attendance conditions will be advertised on Council’s website well in advance of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.THAT** an Extraordinary Meeting of Council be held at 7.00 pm on 19 January 2026 to consider a report regarding a proposed special rate variation.
- 2.THAT** a Public Forum be held at 6.00 pm, prior to the Extraordinary Meeting.
- 3. THAT** the conditions of attendance at this meeting be advertised on Council’s website.

Background

Council adopted a schedule of meeting dates for 2025-26 in August 2025, which was amended in October 2025.

Report

At its meeting on 27 October 2025, Council resolved:

- 1. THAT Council undertake community consultation on the proposed Special Variation options contained within this report from 29 October to 3 December 2025.*
- 2. THAT Council place the Draft Long-Term Financial Plan on public exhibition from 29 October to 3 December 2025.*

Following the community consultation process, it is proposed to schedule an Extraordinary Meeting of Council at 7.00pm on Monday 19 January 2026 to consider a report regarding a proposed special rate variation as a medium-term pathway towards restoring financial sustainability and service resilience.

To ensure all registered speakers are accommodated and to avoid the crowded conditions in the Council Chambers, it is recommended for the following conditions to apply to the meeting:

- the Public Forum will commence at 6 pm;
- the Extraordinary Council Meeting will commence at 7.00 pm, upon conclusion of the Public Forum;
- seats in the gallery will be allocated as a priority to those people who have made a request to address the Public Forum.
- as the Public Forum must be webcast and Council has no suitable webcast systems in alternative venues, the Forum will be held in the Council Chambers.
- overflow seating will be provided in Hutley Hall with the live streaming from the Council Chambers.

Consultation requirements

These conditions will be advertised on Council's website ahead of the Extraordinary Meeting to ensure all interested parties are well-informed.

Financial/Resource Implications

There are no financial/resourcing implications associated with this report.

Legislation

Clause 3.3 of the current Code of Meeting Practice (3.4 in the 2025 Model Code) states that the Council must give notice to the public of the time, date and place of each of its meetings, including extraordinary meetings and of each meeting of Committees of the Council.