



Council Chambers  
20 January 2026

The Mayor has called an Extraordinary Meeting to be held at 8.30am 21 January 2026 for the purpose of considering the Rescission Motion lodged on 20 January 2026. This meeting is considered urgent given the deadline for application of SV submission to IPART. The agenda is as follows.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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- 1. Opening of Meeting**
  - 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
  - 3. Apologies and applications for leaves of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by councillors**
  - 4. Disclosures of Interests**
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    - 5.1 Notice of Rescission 1/26 - Proposed Special Variation to Rates and Minimum Rates - Crs Carr, Keen, and Spenceley
    - 5.2 Notice of Motion 1/26: Proposed Special Variation to Rates and Minimum Rates - Crs Carr, Keen, and Spenceley
  - 6. Matters of Urgency**

Raised by Councillors
  - 7. Closure of Meeting**
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TO: The Mayor Zoë Baker, and Councillors Antonini, Beregi, Carr, Holding, Hoy, Keen, Santer, Spenceley, and Welch

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2026**

- 1. OPENING MEETING**
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
- 3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS**
- 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
- 5. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**5.1 Notice of Rescission 1/26 - Proposed Special Variation to Rates and Minimum Rates - Crs Carr, Keen, and Spenceley**

**THAT** the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 19 January 2026 be rescinded:

- 1. THAT** Council receive and note the contents of the Special Rate Variation Community Engagement Report, which outlines the feedback received from the community consultation on the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) and increase of minimum rates.
- 2. THAT** Council approve the Addendum to the 2026-2029 Delivery Program as attached.
- 3. THAT** Council adopt the revised Draft 2026-36 Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) as attached and proceed with Option 3 as a strategy to improve Council's financial strength and sustainability.
- 4. THAT** Council make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV), under Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 commencing on 1 July 2026. The SRV would permanently increase total ordinary rates over three years and remain in perpetuity, as follows:
  - a) a 23 per cent increase for the 2026-27 financial year (inclusive of the 4 per cent rate peg determined by IPART for the year);
  - b) a 14.58 per cent increase for the 2027-28 financial year (inclusive of the forecast rate peg of 3.0 per cent for that year); and
  - c) a 8.32 per cent increase for the 2028-29 financial year (inclusive of the forecast rate peg of 3.0 per cent for that year);

**5. THAT** Council make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to set its minimum residential and business rates in accordance with Section 548(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as follows:

- a) \$970.72 for the 2026-27 financial year;
- b) \$1,116.32 for the 2027-28 financial year; and
- c) \$1,216.79 for the 2028-29 financial year.

The minimum rate will change by the rate peg from 2029-30.

**6. THAT** the raw data, anonymised if required, from the Micromex survey be included in the IPART submission.

## **5.2 Notice of Motion 1/26: Proposed Special Variation to Rates and Minimum Rates - Crs Carr, Keen, and Spenceley**

*This Notice of Motion is foreshadowed in the event that the Rescission Motion in Item 5.1 is carried.*

**1.THAT** Council:

- a. Adopt Option 1 for the Rate Peg only: 4% in 2026/27, 3% in 2027/28 and 2028/29 a cumulative increase: 10.33% by 2028/29.
- b. Make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to increase its minimum residential and business rates by 30% for the financial year 2026/27 only, in accordance with Section 548 (3) of the Local Government Act.

## **6. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

## **7. CLOSURE**

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