

5.2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached Financial Report details the progress of the 2019/20 budget for the period ended 30 September 2019. Key points to note include the following:

- Operating revenue is ahead of budget by \$440k.
- Operating expenditure is under budget by \$1.1m.
- The operating Surplus is currently \$5.8m, compared to a budgeted Surplus of \$4.3m.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Chief Executive Officer must present to Council a financial report, which states the progress that has been made in relation to the current financial year's budget. This report must be presented to Council on a monthly basis and cover the period up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the preceding month.

COMMENT

The 2019/20 annual budget was adopted on 25 June 2019 and the attached financial report details progress against budget for the period ended 30 September 2019. The report is prepared on an accrual basis and includes revenue earned and expenditure incurred during this period.

The following information is provided to assist with interpreting the report, including the provision of relevant graphs.

Operating Revenue and Expenditure

Key points:

- Council has received 37% of its annual budgeted operating revenue
- Year to date operating expenditure is currently under budget

Overall year to date operating revenue is ahead of budget, with variations occurring primarily within the categories as follows:

- Fees and charges are ahead of budget by \$50k. This is due to the following:
 - Daintree Ferry revenue currently \$56k ahead of budget
 - Refuse Tipping fees are currently 30k behind budget
 - Other fees and charges are currently \$26k ahead of budget

- Grants and subsidies are ahead of budget by \$231k. Council received Grant funding in FY18/19 of \$114k for Storm Tide Study, \$40k for Hiptage & \$120k for Waste Levy. Audit advice has been to carry forward these grants to the FY 19/20.
- Other recurrent income is ahead of budget \$137k primarily due to timing of Roads Maintenance Performance Contract works revenue.

On the operating expenditure side, year to date expenditure variations to budget are as follows:

- Materials and services expenditure is under budget \$1m. Committals are currently \$6.7m including Annual Expenditure purchase orders.
- Depreciation expense has been accrued based on the budget forecast. The asset register is still being finalised as part of the 2018/19 end of financial year process and cannot be updated with actual depreciation for the new financial year until this process is completed.

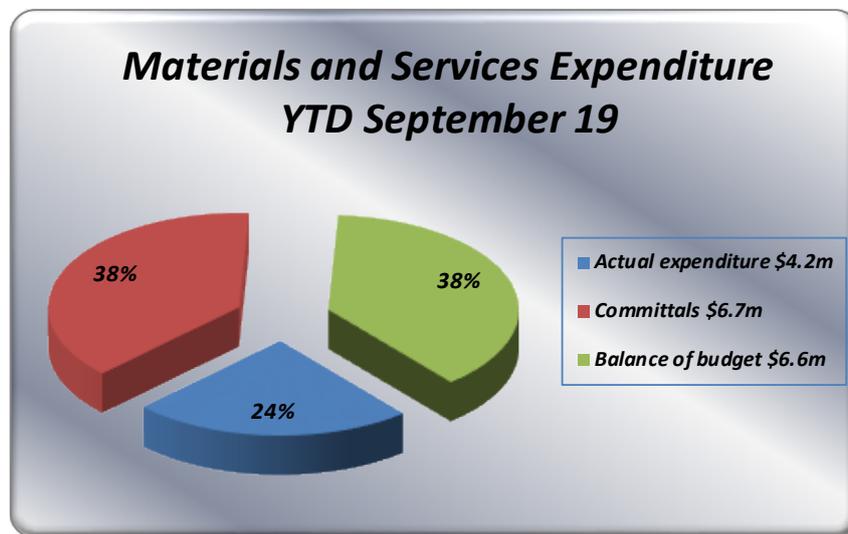


Figure 1.

Capital Revenue and Expenditure

Key point:

- Council has received 36% of its annual budgeted capital grants and subsidies at this early stage of the financial year
- Contributions from developers are ahead of budget by \$837k. Council has received a large contribution from developers for the Ocean Breeze estate and Cooya roundabout \$991k.
- Full budget amounts for capital revenue and expenditure are allocated to July. These amounts will be adjusted as part of a future budget review to take into account carry forwards (uncompleted works) from the previous financial year and any new capital projects.

It should be noted that in addition to year to date capital expenditure a further \$7.1m had been committed as at the end of September.

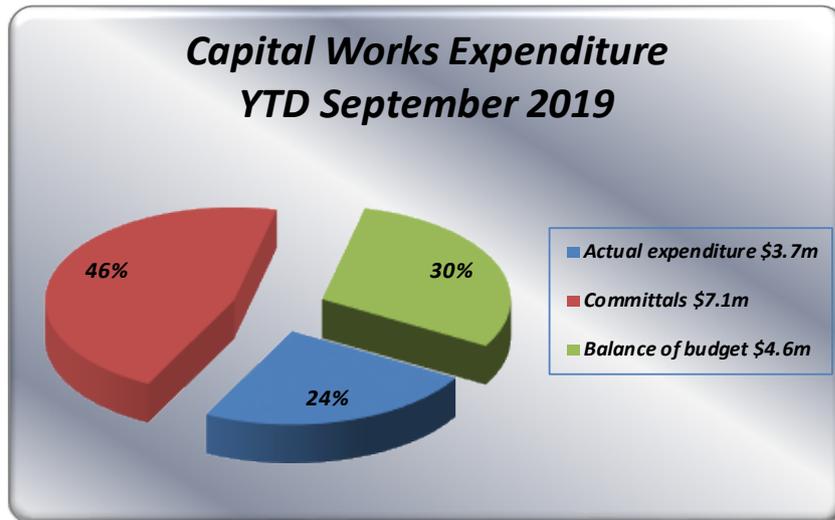


Figure 2.

Operating Result

Key point:

- The operating result is \$1.5m ahead of budget

As reflected in the attached report, total operating revenue at the end of August was ahead of budget and operating expenditure was under budget. This has resulted in an operating surplus of \$5.8m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$4.3m.

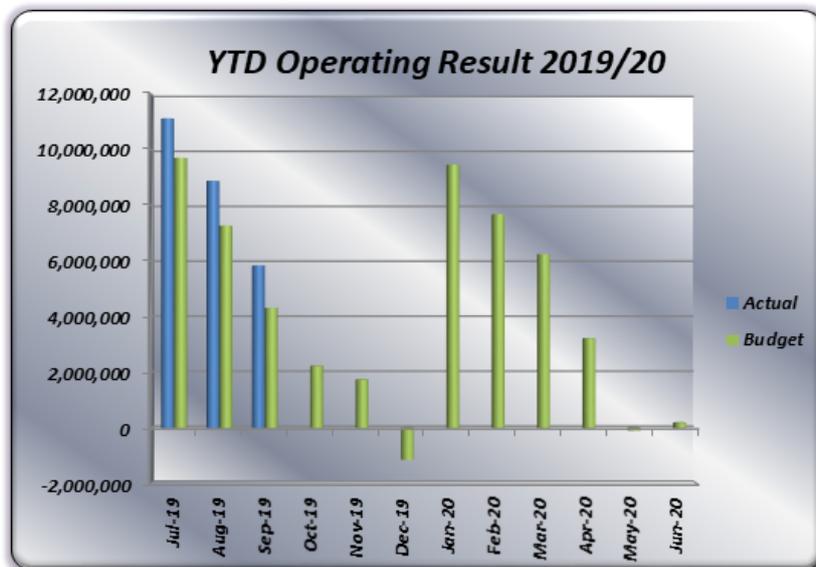


Figure 3.

PROPOSAL

The Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2019 be received and noted by Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The results as at the end of 30 September 2019 have not revealed any significant negative impacts on the 2019/20 budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Monthly financial reporting keeps Council informed of the progress in relation to the budget and allows for timely corrective action if required.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: Council has adopted the first budget surplus since de-amalgamation which, if achieved will see Council meet all three of the 'measures of financial sustainability'.

Environmental: Nil

Social: Nil

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

Theme 5 - Robust Governance and Efficient Service Delivery

Strong governance and financial management are the foundations of the way in which Council will conduct its business and implement the initiatives of the Corporate Plan.

Goal 1 - *We will conduct Council business in an open and transparent manner with strong oversight and open reporting.*

Goal 3 - *We will make sound financial decisions by ensuring robust strategic planning, financial management and reporting.*

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Custodian	Council owns and manages infrastructure, facilities, reserves, resources and natural areas. In fulfilling its role as custodian, Council will be mindful of the community, the economy, the environment and good governance.
Regulator	Council has a number of statutory obligations detailed in numerous regulations and legislative Acts. Council also makes local laws to ensure that the Shire is well governed. In fulfilling its role as regulator, Council will utilise an outcomes-based approach that balances the needs of the community with social and natural justice.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Financial Report September 2019 [5.2.1 - 1 page]

Douglas Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income For the month of September 2019	Actual YTD 20 \$	Budget YTD 20 \$	Variance \$	Budget 19/20 \$	Actual as % of Budget 19/20
Operating Revenue					
Net rates and utility charges	13,401,371	13,413,536	(12,165)	34,849,270	38%
Fees and charges	2,170,358	2,120,591	49,767	5,601,566	39%
Grants and subsidies	527,639	296,370	231,269	2,899,962	18%
Interest received	237,992	204,216	33,776	803,575	30%
Other recurrent income	365,971	228,763	137,208	996,089	37%
Total Operating Revenue	16,703,331	16,263,476	439,855	45,150,462	37%
Operating Expenses					
Employee benefits	3,549,765	3,594,939	45,174	14,813,589	24%
Materials and services	4,153,627	5,194,227	1,040,600	17,453,175	24%
Depreciation	3,140,915	3,140,915	-	12,616,241	25%
Finance costs	25,796	23,632	(2,164)	88,127	29%
Total Recurrent Expenses	10,870,103	11,953,713	1,083,610	44,971,130	24%
Operating Result	5,833,228	4,309,763	1,523,465	179,332	3253%
Capital Revenue					
Capital grants and subsidies	387,231	1,089,400	(702,169)	1,089,400	36%
Contributions from developers	1,086,510	250,000	836,510	250,000	435%
Total capital revenue	1,473,741	1,339,400	134,341	1,339,400	110%
Net Result	7,306,970	5,649,163	1,657,807	1,518,732	481%
Capital Works Program					
Capital additions	3,728,799	15,434,955	11,706,156	15,434,955	24%
Total capital additions	3,728,799	15,434,955	11,706,156	15,434,955	24%
NDRRA portion of Capital Works Program (included above)					
Capital grants and subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Capital additions	847,610	-	(847,610)	-	-
Net position	(847,610)	-	(847,610)	-	-