

5.6. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 31 August 2016.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached Financial Report details the progress of the 2016/17 budget for the period ended 31 August 2016. Key points to note include the following:

- operating revenue currently exceeds budget expectations by \$119k.
- operating expenditure is under budget by \$524k.
- the operating surplus is currently \$8.4m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$7.7m.

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 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 2016/17 annual budget was adopted on 28 June 2016 and the attached financial report details progress against budget for the period ended 31 August 2016. 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 and includes graphs which show both actual expenditure and committals relating to materials and services expenditure and capital expenditure.

Operating Revenue and Expenditure

Key points:

- *Council has received 40% of its annual budgeted operating revenue*
- *year to date operating expenditure is currently under budget*

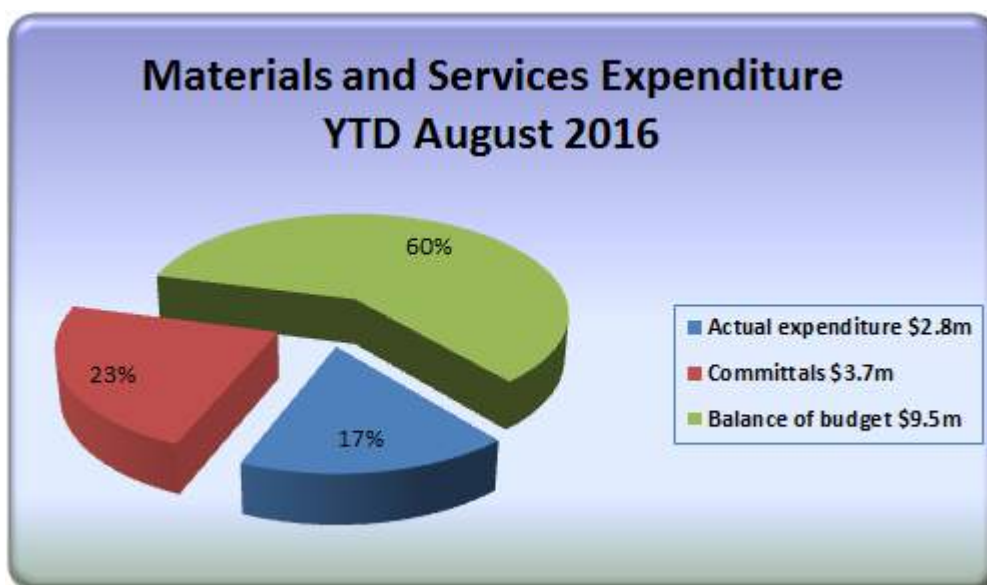
Overall year to date operating revenue is ahead of budget, however there are a number of variations within the different categories as follows:

- Net rates and utility charges are \$24k ahead of budget due to greater than anticipated revenue from all categories of rates, mainly as a result of growth.
- Fees and charges are \$131k ahead of budget due to the following variations:
 - Ferry fares \$70k

- Building and property related fees \$25k
- Licences and Other fees and charges \$36k
- Grants and subsidies are \$41k under budget due to less than anticipated revenue from other grants and subsidies so far this year.
- Interest received is \$28k under budget due to less than anticipated revenue from overdue rates and utility charges and from investments.

On the operating expenditure side most categories of year to date operating expenditure are under budget as follows:

- Employee benefits expenditure is under budget by \$104k and can be impacted by various factors, such as staff vacancies, the amount and timing of leave taken and the allocation of costs to capital expenditure.
- Materials and Services expenditure is under budget by \$416k and whilst committals currently equal \$3.7m it should be noted that many of these committals relate to annual expenditure contracts.



- Depreciation expense has been accrued based on the budget forecast, as the asset register is still being finalised as part of the 2015/16 end of financial year process and cannot be updated with actual depreciation for the new financial year until this process is completed.

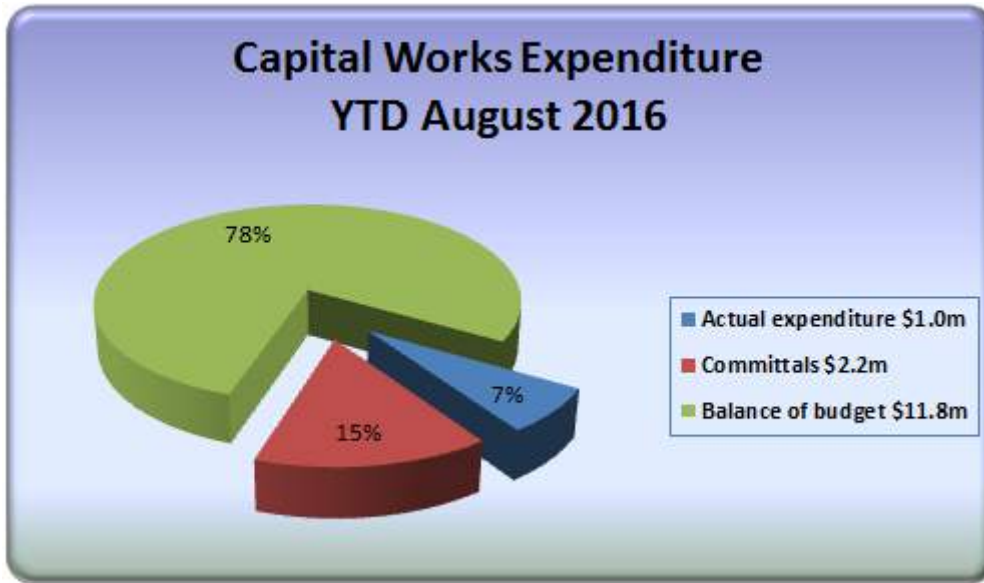
Capital Revenue and Expenditure

Key point:

- *Council has received 23% of its annual budgeted capital grants and subsidies, which mainly relates to the new reservoir project*

Full budget amounts for capital revenue and expenditure were allocated to July, as the timing of this work had not been fully determined when the original budget was prepared. These amounts will be subsequently 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 actual capital expenditure of \$1m a further \$2.2m had been committed as at the end of August.



Operating Result

Key point:

- *the operating result is \$643k ahead of budget*

As reflected in the attached report, total operating revenue at the end of August was ahead of budget whereas operating expenditure was under budget. This has resulted in an operating surplus of \$8.4m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$7.7m. As mentioned above however, this result does not include any committals for materials and services.



PROPOSAL

The Financial Report for the period ended 31 August 2016 be received and noted by Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The interim results as at the end of August 2016 have not revealed any significant negative impacts on the 2016/17 budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 5 Governance

5.1.1 "Establish and develop long term financial, resource and infrastructure planning to ensure ongoing capacity to fund operations and capital works programs".

5.2.1 "Provide Councillors and community with accurate, unbiased and factual reporting to enable accountable and transparent decision-making".

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Financial Report

Douglas Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income For the month of August 2016	Actual YTD '17 \$	Budget YTD '17 \$	Variance \$	Budget 16/17 \$	Actual as % of Budget 16/17
Operating Revenue					
Net rates and utility charges	13,063,469	13,039,190	24,279	30,373,670	43%
Fees and charges	1,432,608	1,301,894	130,714	4,698,303	30%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	320,084	361,316	(41,232)	1,411,949	23%
Interest received	129,280	157,440	(28,161)	903,790	14%
Other recurrent income	77,996	44,239	33,757	635,907	12%
Total Operating Revenue	15,023,437	14,904,079	119,358	38,023,619	40%
Operating Expenses					
Employee benefits	2,130,979	2,235,424	104,445	13,179,685	16%
Materials and services	2,763,999	3,179,923	415,924	16,028,243	17%
Depreciation	1,750,198	1,750,198	-	10,501,189	17%
Finance costs	6,004	9,500	3,496	214,000	3%
Total Recurrent Expenses	6,651,180	7,175,045	523,865	39,923,117	17%
Operating Result	8,372,256	7,729,034	643,222	(1,899,498)	(441%)
Capital revenue					
Capital grants and subsidies	1,359,264	5,895,075	(4,535,811)	5,895,075	23%
Total capital revenue	1,359,264	5,895,075	(4,535,811)	5,895,075	23%
Net result	9,731,520	13,624,109	(3,892,589)	3,995,577	244%
Capital works program					
Capital additions	1,040,561	14,983,000	13,942,439	14,983,000	7%
Total capital additions	1,040,561	14,983,000	13,942,439	14,983,000	7%
NDRRA portion of Capital Works Program (included above)					
Capital grants and subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Capital additions	56,706	-	(56,706)	-	-
Net position	(56,706)	-	(56,706)	-	-