

5.7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2019

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 31 October 2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached Financial Report details the progress of the 2019/20 budget for the period ended 31 October 2019. Key points to note include the following:

- Operating revenue is ahead of budget by \$82.7k.
- Operating expenditure is under budget by \$1.6m.
- The operating Surplus is currently \$6.8m, compared to a budgeted Surplus of \$5.1m.

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 31 October 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 46% 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 \$9k. This is due to the following:
 - Daintree Ferry revenue currently \$4k ahead of budget
 - Refuse Tipping fees are currently \$25k behind budget
 - Other fees and charges are currently \$30k ahead of budget
- Grants and subsidies are behind of budget by \$123k. \$377k of budgeted Grant funding for Emergent works has been reclassified to Capital Revenue for Alexandra Range. This has been partially offset by Grant funding received 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. However
- Other recurrent income is ahead of budget \$165k primarily due to an increase in the Roads Maintenance Performance Contract.

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

- Materials and services expenditure is under budget \$1.3m. Committals are currently \$6.2m including Annual Expenditure purchase orders.
- Depreciation expense is currently under budget \$286k. This margin will close as projects are finalised throughout the year.

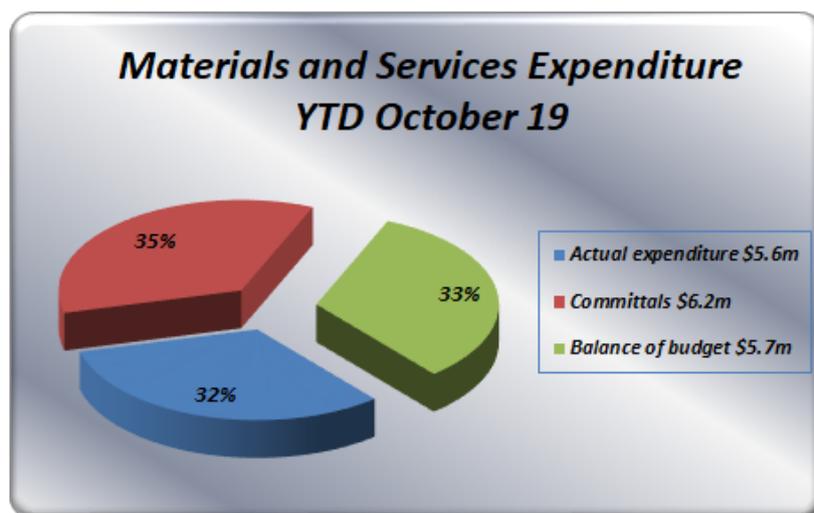


Figure 1.

Capital Revenue and Expenditure

Key point:

- Council has exceeded its annual budgeted capital grants and subsidies, this includes \$918k of Restoration funding, including a reallocation from operational funding of \$377k for Alexandra Range.
- 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 \$7.8m had been committed as at the end of September.

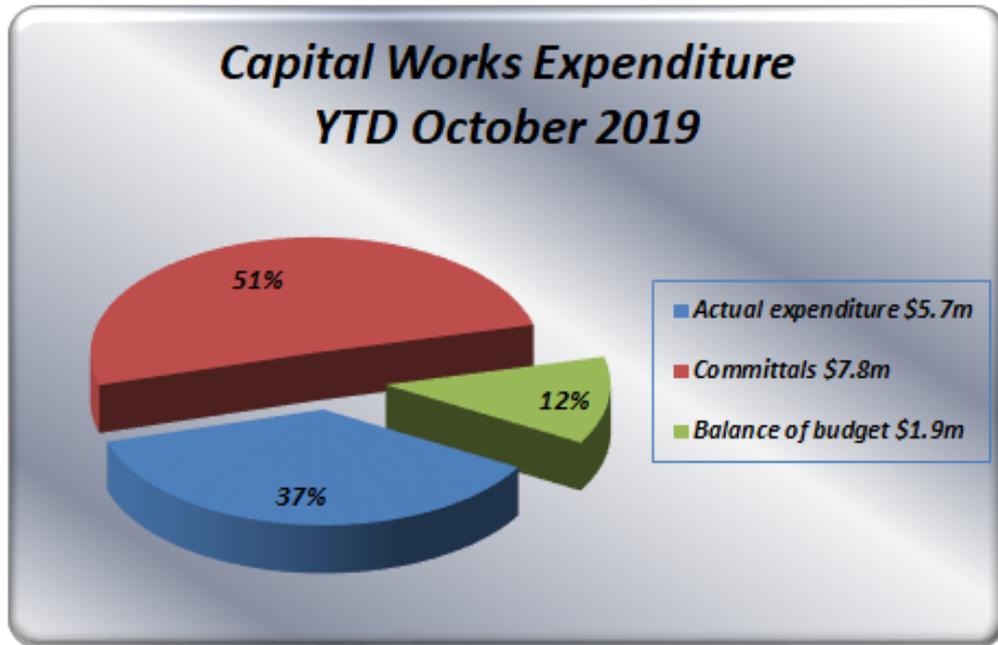


Figure 2.

Operating Result

Key point:

- The operating result is \$1.7m ahead of budget

As reflected in the attached report, total operating revenue at the end of October was ahead of budget and operating expenditure was under budget.

This has resulted in an operating surplus of \$6.8m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$5.1m.

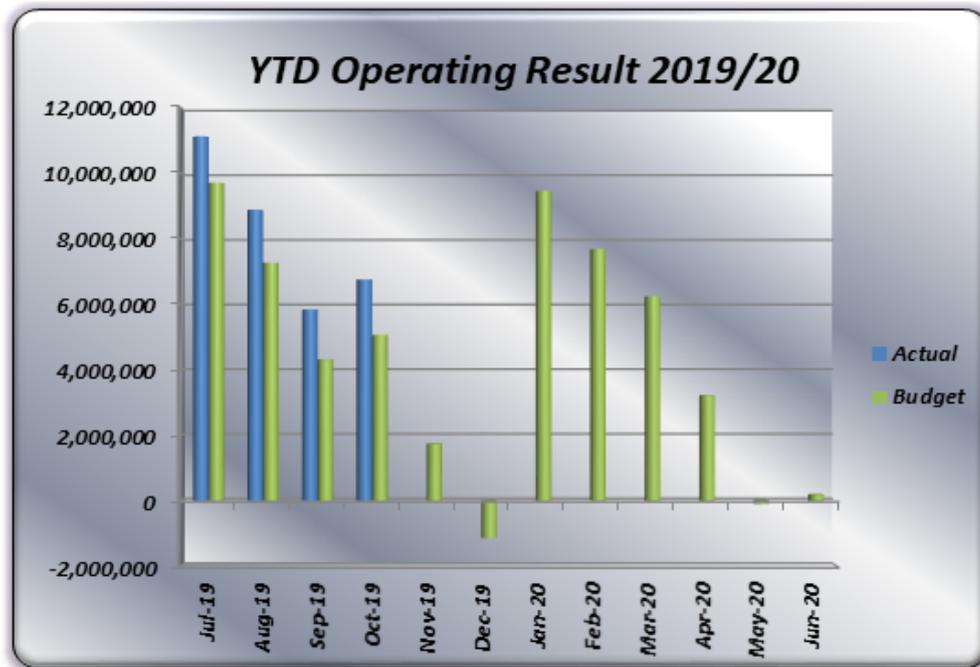


Figure 3.

PROPOSAL

The Financial Report for the period ended 31 October 2019 be received and noted by Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The results as at the end of 31 October 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 October 2019 [5.7.1 - 1 page]

Douglas Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income For the month of October 2020	Actual YTD 20 \$	Budget YTD 20 \$	Variance \$	Budget 19/20 \$	Actual as % of Budget 19/20
Operating Revenue					
Net rates and utility charges	16,101,225	16,096,212	5,013	34,849,270	46%
Fees and charges	2,753,199	2,744,074	9,125	5,601,566	49%
Grants and subsidies	1,333,228	1,456,370	(123,142)	2,899,962	46%
Interest received	301,688	275,460	26,228	803,575	38%
Other recurrent income	475,511	310,055	165,456	996,089	48%
Total Operating Revenue	20,964,851	20,882,171	82,680	45,150,462	46%
Operating Expenses					
Employee benefits	4,661,048	4,717,637	56,589	14,813,589	31%
Materials and services	5,608,660	6,878,649	1,269,989	17,453,175	32%
Depreciation	3,913,035	4,199,267	286,232	12,616,241	31%
Finance costs	30,805	28,904	(1,901)	88,127	35%
Total Recurrent Expenses	14,213,548	15,824,457	1,610,909	44,971,130	32%
Operating Result	6,751,303	5,057,714	1,693,589	179,332	3765%
Capital Revenue					
Capital grants and subsidies	1,528,320	1,089,400	438,920	1,089,400	140%
Contributions from developers	1,086,510	250,000	836,510	250,000	435%
Total capital revenue	2,614,830	1,339,400	1,275,430	1,339,400	195%
Net Result	9,366,133	6,397,114	2,969,019	1,518,732	617%
Capital Works Program					
Capital additions	5,736,915	15,434,955	9,698,040	15,434,955	37%
Total capital additions	5,736,915	15,434,955	9,698,040	15,434,955	37%
NDRRA portion of Capital Works Program (included above)					
Capital grants and subsidies	918,580	-	918,580	-	
Capital additions	1,253,240	-	(1,253,240)	-	
Net position	(334,660)	-	(334,660)	-	