

5.12. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached Financial Report details the progress of the 2017/18 budget for the period ended 30 September 2017. Key points to note include the following:

- operating revenue is currently under budget by \$66k.
- operating expenditure is under budget by \$581k.
- the operating surplus is currently \$4.4m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$3.9m.

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 2017/18 annual budget was adopted on 27 June 2017 and the attached financial report details progress against budget for the period ended 30 September 2017. 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 36% of its annual budgeted operating revenue*
- *Year to date operating expenditure is currently under budget*

Overall year to date operating revenue is under budget, with a number of variations occurring within the various categories as follows:

- Fees and charges are under budget by \$46k due to the net effect of the following variations:
 - Ferry fares -\$33k
 - Building and property related fees -\$45k
 - Licences and Other fees and charges \$32k

- Grants and subsidies are \$30k ahead of budget mainly due to the receipt of funds related to NDRRA emergent works.
- Interest received has not reached budget expectations and is \$41k under budget.
- Other recurrent income is \$14k under budget mainly as a result of less than anticipated income from reimbursements for private works and sundry income from transfer station operations (eg sale of scrap metal).

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

- Employee benefits expenditure is \$195k under budget 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 \$384k and while committals currently equal \$4.6m it should be noted that a large portion of these committals relate to annual expenditure contracts.

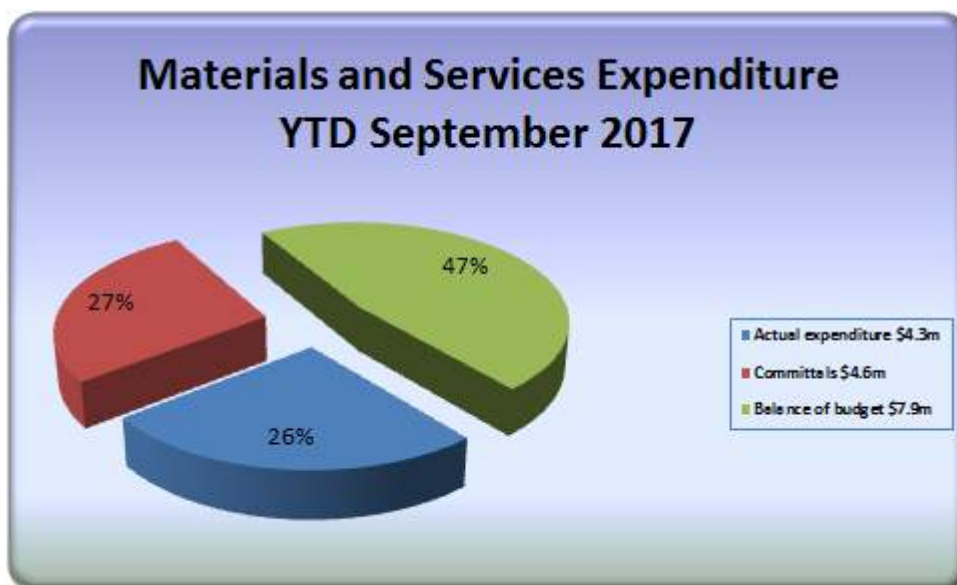


Figure 1.

- Depreciation expense has been accrued based on the budget forecast, as the asset register is still being finalised as part of the 2016/17 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 only received a small proportion of its annual budgeted capital grants and subsidies at this early stage of the financial year.*

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 year to date capital expenditure a further \$8.2m (excluding carry forwards) had been committed as at the end of September.

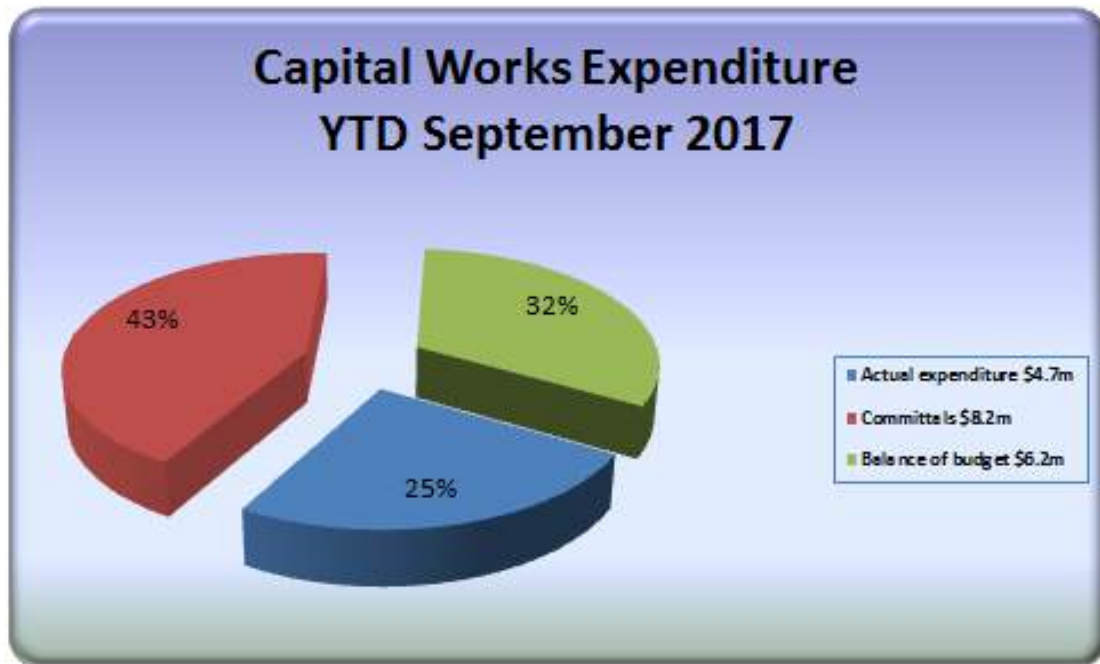


Figure 2.

Operating Result

Key point:

- *the operating result is \$515k ahead of budget*

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

This has resulted in an operating surplus of \$4.4m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$3.9m. As mentioned above however, this result does not include any committals for materials and services.



Figure 3.

PROPOSAL

The Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2017 be received and noted by Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The results as at the end of September 2017 have not revealed any significant negative impacts on the 2017/18 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

1. Financial Statement as at 30 September 2017 **[5.12.1]**

Douglas Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income For the month of September 2017	Actual YTD '18 \$	Budget YTD '18 \$	Variance \$	Budget 17/18 \$	Actual as % of Budget 17/18
Operating Revenue					
Net rates and utility charges	12,416,629	12,411,379	5,250	32,563,009	38%
Fees and charges	1,941,583	1,987,387	(45,804)	5,281,946	37%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	204,280	174,061	30,219	1,655,441	12%
Interest received	219,086	260,151	(41,065)	903,790	24%
Other recurrent income	126,823	141,226	(14,403)	648,327	20%
Total Operating Revenue	14,908,401	14,974,204	(65,803)	41,052,513	36%
Operating Expenses					
Employee benefits	3,148,907	3,343,692	194,785	13,885,012	23%
Materials and services	4,312,801	4,696,482	383,681	16,810,703	26%
Depreciation	2,981,565	2,981,565	-	11,926,237	25%
Finance costs	24,747	27,422	2,675	85,000	29%
Total Recurrent Expenses	10,468,020	11,049,161	581,141	42,706,952	25%
Operating Result	4,440,381	3,925,043	515,338	(1,654,439)	(268%)
Capital revenue					
Capital grants and subsidies	549,014	8,139,421	(7,590,407)	8,139,421	7%
Total capital revenue	549,014	8,139,421	(7,590,407)	8,139,421	7%
Net result	4,989,395	12,064,464	(7,075,069)	6,484,982	77%
Capital works program					
Capital additions	4,755,603	19,121,001	14,365,398	19,121,001	25%
Total capital additions	4,755,603	19,121,001	14,365,398	19,121,001	25%
NDRRA portion of Capital Works Program (included above)					
Capital grants and subsidies	-	-	-	-	-
Capital additions	1,068,667	-	(1,068,667)	-	-
Net position	(1,068,667)	-	(1,068,667)	-	-