

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26 May 2026



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Nicole Brown  
Councillor Shani Carson  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Julie Fraser  
Councillor Edwin Joseph  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Councillor Patrik Ralph  
Councillor Sam Weston

**OFFICERS:**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders  
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr  
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson  
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor Mick Palmer

**GUESTS:**

Nil

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.

We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

**2 THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

*Councillor Nicole Brown was not present at the start of the meeting at 5:42 pm.*

**3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

**RESOLUTION ORD209/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:42 pm.

**CARRIED 10/0**

*Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 5:43 pm.*

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

**RESOLUTION ORD210/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT it be noted Councillor Mick Palmer is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 31 March 2026 for the period 26 May 2026.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD211/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Shani Carson for the period 30 June 2026.
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris for the period 22 June 2026 to 26 June 2026
3. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Sylvia Klonaris for the period 8 June to 29 June 2026

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

#### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

### 6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

#### 6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

**RESOLUTION ORD212/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Deputy Lord Mayor, Jimmy Bouhoris, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 – Community Grants 2026/27 Recommendations and Item 27.2 – NAIDOC Week 2026, and Reconciliation Week 2027 Grant Recommendations.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Patrik Ralph, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 – Community Grants 2026/27 Recommendations.
3. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Nicole Brown, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.2 – Information on Legal Matter.
4. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act*

2019, Councillor Julie Fraser, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 – Community Grants 2026/27 Recommendations and Item 27.2 – NAIDOC Week 2026, and Reconciliation Week 2027 Grant Recommendations.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION ORD213/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**8 MOVING OF ITEMS**

**8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

**8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**27.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026/2027 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLUTION ORD229/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grants 2026/27 Recommendations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following six projects for funding in the Community Grants Program 2026/27, for a total of \$50,000.

	Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended

1	Cementworx Community Theatre, Darwin Community Arts Inc.	Gunamidirra is a free, immersive underwater visual theatre work led by Cyan Sue Lee. Based on Larrakia cultural knowledge, it features live music, puppetry, dance, tactile experiences, and audience interaction, exploring saltwater country, marine life, belonging, and custodianship. Accessible, intergenerational workshops occur at DCA Travers Street Theatre, October–November 2026.	\$10 000	\$10 000
2	Sahul & Sunda Arts Ltd	Living Motifs - Botanical Batik Workshops and Art Walk delivers four accessible batik workshops led by Indonesian artists, highlighting shared botanical knowledge between Northern Australia and Indonesia. Participants learn techniques, create motifs, and contribute to a collaborative artwork. A public exhibition, performances, and a botanical batik walk extend engagement, fostering cultural exchange, community connection, and lasting access.	\$8 401	\$8 401
3	Multicultural Multigenerational Mainstream Dance Association (M3 Dance)	NT Street Dance Festival showcases local Bboys, hip hop dancers, and other street styles. Delivered by M3 Dance, the three-day program includes workshops and a final public event with performances and battles. It connects young people with opportunities, supports local talent, and promotes street dance culture as a valued artform.	\$9 505	\$9 505
4	Dementia Alliance Darwin	The Community Walk/Jog for Dementia Awareness is a family-friendly event uniting community members to support people living with dementia. Participants choose a 2km or 4km route, with warm-up sessions, information stations, and a shared morning tea. The event promotes inclusion, awareness, connection, and fundraising for local dementia-friendly programs and services.	\$10 000	\$8 000
5	Nigerian Association Northern Territory Australia	The Cultural Identity Lab Youth Dialogue Series supports African-descended youth in Darwin to explore identity, belonging, and cultural pride. Through workshops,	\$6 500	\$6 500

		discussions, and creative activities, participants reflect on their backgrounds, navigate dual cultures, and build confidence, leadership, and connections in a safe, inclusive environment.		
6	Netball NT Inc	The Community Netball Carnival is an inclusive event prioritising participation, fun, and social connection over competition. It features youth social games, all-abilities participation, and walking netball. With music and activities creating a festival atmosphere, the carnival encourages engagement, supports lifelong participation, and addresses youth dropout by promoting accessible, enjoyable sport for all ages.	\$9 987	\$7 595
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**27.2 NAIDOC WEEK 2026 AND RECONCILIATION WEEK 2027 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLUTION ORD230/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week 2026, and Reconciliation Week 2027 Grant Recommendations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following six projects for funding NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week Grant program, for the total of \$50,000.

	Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Hoops 4 Health Pty Ltd	Hoops 4 Health proposes a high-energy, community-focused activation on the Darwin Esplanade during NAIDOC Week 2026. The event will be held on Thursday 9 July 2026.	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
2	Deadly Enterprises Pty Ltd (t/a Deadly Vision Centre)	The Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival is a free, community-led health promotion event held annually during NAIDOC Week in Darwin.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
3	King Studios Australia Pty	The First Collective – Timeless Threads is a First Nations–led runway	\$9,150.00	\$9,150.00

	Ltd	show to be held on the Friday evening of NAIDOC Week at Rapid Creek Markets on Larrakia Country.		
4	Northern Territory Indigenous Business Austral	The Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN) NAIDOC Event at Cullen Bay is a vibrant celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, enterprise, and community.	\$9,821.00	\$9,821.00
5	TRACKS Care Pty Ltd	Tracks Care proposes to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with disability to actively participate in the mainstream Darwin NAIDOC Week community celebrations.	\$9,900.00	\$6,279.00
6	Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation	Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation will host a NAIDOC Week community event at Darwin Corporate Park to celebrate the 2026 theme, "50 Years of Deadly."	\$9,150.00	\$5,750.00

3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**28.1 CYCLONE FINA LESSONS LEARNED**

**RESOLUTION ORD236/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Cyclone Fina Lessons Learned be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**28.3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION ORD238/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
 Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Executive Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the

end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## **28.4 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN 2026/27**

### **RESOLUTION ORD239/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT this report, **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 3**, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

## **10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

## **11 PETITIONS**

Nil

## **12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

## **13 ACTION REPORTS**

### **13.1 ROAD VERGE PLANTING POLICY**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD214/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT the report entitled Road Verge Planting Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Road Verge Planting Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council receive and note the Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council rescind the Verges Policy at **Attachment 3**.
5. THAT Council rescind the Trees on Verges – Conservation Policy at **Attachment 4**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**13.2 REZONING FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LR) TO LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LMR) AND AMENDMENT TO THE DARWIN INNER SUBURBS AREA PLAN**

**RESOLUTION ORD215/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Rezoning from Low Density Residential (LR) to Low Medium Density Residential (LMR) and Amendment to the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment provided at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 8/3**

**14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**

**14.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2026**

**RESOLUTION ORD216/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris  
 Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – April 2026 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**14.2 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION ORD217/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
 Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

THAT the report entitled Advisory and Executive Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**16 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## 17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

### RESOLUTION ORD218/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

#### 17.1

Councillor Shani Carson reported on attending the East Point Advisory Committee meeting on 15 May 2026, acting as chair in Councillor Palmer's absence. Councillor Carson outlined key items, from the agenda including the Heritage Council decision on the Darwin Street Art proposal, discussions on a broader strategy for East Point and concerns around anti-social behaviour in the area. Updates included the Fannie Bay Equestrian Centre Open Day on 30 May, an upcoming Friends of East Point planting day, and a recognised CDU research project on Lake Alexander.

#### 17.2

Councillor Patrik Ralph reported on attending the Malak Markets opening night on Saturday, 16 May, with Waters Ward Councillors Sylvia Konaris and Kim Farrar. Councillors engaged with residents on the Draft 2026/27 Municipal Plan. Councillor Ralph also commended the organisers, noting it is Darwin's only night market aside from the Mindil Markets and a valuable event for the Waters Ward.

#### 17.3

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on the Waters Ward Annual Mother's Day Heart Foundation Breakfast held at the Anula Greenbelt. It was an overall successful event with a great turnout. Additionally, Members of the Karama Community Garden have recently raised concerns with Elected Members regarding an increase of vandalism in the area. Lastly, Councillor Klonaris reminded Elected Members of the first Waters Ward movie night, scheduled for Friday, 29 May 2026 at Moil Oval.

#### 17.4

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on the Jingili Water Festival and Families Week event held at Jingili Water Gardens on Saturday 16 May 2026. The event attracted over 4,000 attendees and received positive feedback from the community. Officers were commended for delivering a successful event, and thanks was extended to all Elected Members who attended and showed their support.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 18.1 LYONS COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### RESOLUTION ORD219/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

**Question:**

Councillor Edwin Joseph requested an update on the aircon repairs in the Lyons Community Centre and if City of Darwin are offering discounted rates for the regular bookings to compensate for the lack of aircon.

**Response:**

The General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr advised Elected Members that the Lyons Community Centre has been significantly damaged due to vandalism and the theft of copper wiring. The air conditioning system requires full replacement, with parts on order. The facility will close from Thursday, 28 May, with all bookings cancelled and regular users notified to allow the first phase of works to commence. Contractors are expected to install the new HVAC system within approximately three weeks. No discounted rates will be offered, as hire fees are already highly subsidised. Prospective users have been informed of the air conditioning issues and have chosen to proceed with bookings.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.2 ALAWA HALL****RESOLUTION ORD220/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

**Question:**

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the status of Alawa Hall.

**Response:**

The General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr informed Elected Members that the hall is currently not in use. The facility experienced vandalism-related damage has been secured and boarded up to prevent further damage.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.3 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD221/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

**Question**

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the lease negotiations for the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

**Response**

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that the matter be raised in the Confidential section of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**18.4 ROBYN LESLEY PARK****RESOLUTION ORD222/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

**Question:**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether a power outlet could be installed at Robyn Lesley Park to help deter vandalism in the Karama Community Garden.

**Response:**

The Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders responded and advised Councillor Klonaris to email the request through to Councillor Support to enable officers to investigate feasibility.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.5 OPENING OF AGAPI CARE****RESOLUTION ORD223/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

**Question:**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris asked whether an official opening is planned for AGAPI Care, following the signing of the lease for the former Karama Childcare Centre.

**Response:**

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles, responded and advised Councillor Klonaris to email the request through to Councillor Support so officers can provide a response.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.6 MALAK SHOPPING CENTRE CARPARK****RESOLUTION ORD224/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

**Question:**

Councillor Patrik Ralph asked whether any works are planned for the Malak Shopping Centre car park and surrounding area, including the timeline, scope, and potential impacts on the car park particularly in relation to accessible parking spaces.

**Response:**

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised Councillor Patrik Ralph to email their

questions through to Councillor Support so officers can provide a response.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **19 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **19.1 QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD225/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

Councillor Julie Fraser advised Elected Members that a research team from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) has reached out to conduct interviews on coastal erosion and the relocation and retreat of coastal communities due to climate change. The research will be carried out nationally and will form part of a broader project examining the impacts of global warming on coastal communities.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 30 June 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

## **21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

##### **27.1 Community Grants 2026/2027 Recommendations**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**27.2 NAIDOC Week 2026 and Reconciliation Week 2027 Grant Recommendations**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**27.3 Friendship City Relationship**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**27.4 Review of Advisory Committees**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**28.1 Cyclone Fina Lessons Learned**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**28.2 Information on Legal Matter**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i), 51(c)(iv) and 51(d) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person and information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

**28.3 Executive Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**28.4 Engagement Outcomes - Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**RESOLUTION ORD226/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:33 pm.

**CARRIED 12/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:57 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8:57 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2026.**

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**CHAIR**