

Minutes

Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting

Friday, 31 July 2026

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Roland Chin
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Mick Palmer
Community Member Sanja Hill
Community Member Tanya Jacobs
Community Member Shara Reid

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
Executive Manager Corporate and Customer Service, Silke Maynard
Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services, Nick Fewster
Acting Executive Manager Finance, Iain MacPherson
ICT PMO Director, Peter Ferguson

APOLOGY:

Councillor Nicole Brown

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:05 am.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT an apology from Councillor Nicole Brown be received.

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Shara Reid

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Chairperson Roland Chin, declared the following Standing Conflicts of Interests:
 - President of Chung Wah Society Inc.
 - Member of Audit and Risk Committee for Venture Housing Company limited
 - Chair of Audit Risk and Compliance Committee for Charles Darwin University
 - Chair of RMAC Department of Corrections
 - Board Member of Tiwi land Council.
2. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Member Sanja Hill, declared a Standing Conflict of Interest:
 - Board Member of Melaluca Australia
3. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Member Shara Reid declared a Standing Conflict of Interests
 - Board Member of Audit and Risk Management Committee for the Department of Justice and Attorney-General Queensland
 - Ethnic Committee Member for DanceSport Australia
 - Committee Member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for Huon Valley Council.
4. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, declared a Standing Conflict of Interest in any items relating to Power and Water Corporation.
5. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Nicole Brown, declared the following Standing Conflicts of Interests:
 - Board Member of Airport Development Group Indigenous Advisory Committee
 - Board Member of North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management
 - Family Business Interest with North Australia Projects and Services.
6. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Member Tanya Jacobs, declared the following Standing Conflicts of Interests:
 - Chair of Risk Management and Audit Committee for the Darwin Turf Club
 - Board Member of the Darwin Turf Club
 - Senior Manager Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit Power and Water Corporation.

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC016/26**

Moved: Community Member Tanya Jacobs

Seconded: Community Member Shara Reid

THAT the minutes of the Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 May 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT item 18.4 – ICT Roadmap Update July 2026 be considered before item 18.1 – Review of Audit Preparation and Prior Year Observations Update.

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**18.4 ICT ROADMAP UPDATE JULY 2026****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC020/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Community Member Shara Reid

1. THAT the report entitled ICT Roadmap Update July 2026 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 6/0

18.1 REVIEW OF AUDIT PREPARATION AND PRIOR YEAR OBSERVATIONS UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC021/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Member Sanja Hill

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Audit Preparation, 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 6/0**18.2 INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC022/26**

Moved: Community Member Sanja Hill

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Internal Audit Update 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 (NT)*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0**18.3 RISK REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT - JULY 2026****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC023/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Community Member Sanja Hill

1. THAT the report entitled Risk Review and Assessment – July 2026 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 6/0**18.5 CIVIC CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC024/26**

Moved: Community Member Sanja Hill

Seconded: Community Member Tanya Jacobs

1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Project Update 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 6/0

18.6 SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY - JULY 2026 UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC025/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Member Sanja Hill

1. THAT the report entitled Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility - July 2026 Update 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 6/0

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS - APRIL TO MAY 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC017/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Community Member Tanya Jacobs

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Reports – April to May 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Risk Management and Audit Committee be held on Friday, 16 October 2026, at 9:00 AM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

13 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 (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee 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*:

18.1 Review of Audit Preparation and Prior Year Observations Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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.

18.2 Internal Audit Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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.

18.3 Risk Review and Assessment - July 2026

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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 and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

18.4 ICT Roadmap Update July 2026

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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.

18.5 Civic Centre Project Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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.

18.6 Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility - July 2026 Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC018/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Community Member Tanya Jacobs

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 am.

CARRIED 6/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 10:38 am.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 10:38 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2026.

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CHAIR