



## **Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Held in the Kingston Room, Civic Centre, 24 Jetty Road, Brighton on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 6.00pm**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Presiding Member - Councillor J Smedley  
Ms P Davies  
Ms C Garrett  
Mr D Powell

### **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive Officer – P Jackson  
General Manager, Strategy and Corporate – S Wachtel  
Manager Finance – Mr C Blunt  
Manager Strategy and Governance – Mr S Boyd

**1. OPENING**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

**2. KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge Kaurna people as the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

We respect their spiritual relationship with country that has developed over thousands of years, and the cultural heritage and beliefs that remain important to Kaurna People today.

**3. APOLOGIES**

3.1 Apologies Received - Councillor R Snewin

3.2 Absent - Nil

**4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare their interest before each item.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion**

**That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 May 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.**

Moved D Powell, Seconded C Garrett

**Carried**

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

The Action Items were tabled and discussed.

**7. PRESENTATIONS - Nil**

**8. REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

**8.1 Community Engagement Results and Final 2025-26 Annual Business Plan and Final Long Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 203-35 (Report No: 225/25)**

At its meeting on 27 May 2025, Council resolved to release the Draft 2025-26 Annual Business Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35 for consultation. The consultation period for both plans ran from Wednesday 28 May until Friday 20 June.

Overall, 119 submissions were received. These provided a wide range of views on the Draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35.

There were six new community projects that were proposed. Community indicators of support were sought in the consultation process on these projects. 83 people completed the survey, which indicated their level of support for these projects.

The final 2025-26 Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35 are scheduled to be provided for Council consideration at its meeting on 22 July 2025.

### **Motion**

**That the Audit and Risk Committee:**

- 1. notes the results of the consultation related to the Draft 2025-26 Annual Business Plan and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35;**
- 2. advises Council that the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35 satisfies Council's financial sustainability requirements and over the life of the plan will meet its key financial indicators, with the exception that the Net Financial Liabilities ratio will exceed its target between the years 2026 to 2028; and**
- 3. advises Council that the budget presented in the Draft 2025-26 Annual Business Plan is aligned with the Long Term Financial Plan and its key financial indicators, noting forecast surpluses of \$1,012,760 for municipal operations and \$435,236 for Alwyndor.**

Moved C Garrett, Seconded D Powell

**Carried**

## **8.2 Risk Report – July 2025 (Report No: 223/25)**

A review of the Strategic Risk Register and high operational risks was undertaken in line with Council's Risk Management Policy and ISO31000 (2018), to ensure an accurate reflection of the current risk position across the business, scoping both business risks and opportunities.

### **Motion**

**That the Audit and Risk Committee notes this report.**

Moved D Powell, Seconded P Davies

**Carried**

8.3      **2024-25 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report to Council**  
(Report No: 222/25)

Following changes to the *Local Government Act 1999*, section 126(9) of the Act now requires the Audit and Risk Committee to provide an annual report to Council, providing an overview of the business undertaken during the previous twelve months.

This annual report is required to be included in the Council's Annual Report for the relevant financial year.

**Motion**

**That the report be deferred until the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 20 August 2025 on the basis that the Committee requested further information be included in the report.**

Moved P Davies, Seconded D Powell

**Carried**

**9.            URGENT BUSINESS – SUBJECT TO THE LEAVE OF THE MEETING**

- 9.1        Councillor Smedley thanked General Manager, Strategy and Governance, S Wachtel for her time and contribution while working at Council.

**10.          ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE - Nil**

**11.          DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee will be held on Wednesday 20 August 2025 in the Kingston Room, Civic Centre, 24 Jetty Road, Brighton.

**12.          CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 6.44pm.

**CONFIRMED            Wednesday 20 August 2025**

**PRESIDING MEMBER**