



Confirmed Minutes

Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee
Meeting

held on

Tuesday 18 August 2026

at

Hopetoun Community Resource Centre

commencing at

4:30 pm

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MINUTES

Mission Statement *To grow our community through the provision of leadership, services and infrastructure.*

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Independent Chair declared the meeting open at 4:30 pm.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Mr Keith Rowe JP	Presiding Member
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ELECTED MEMBERS

Cr Rachel Gibson	Shire President
Cr Robert Miloskeski	
Cr Bill Auburn	
Cr Helen Burton	

OFFICERS

Nicole O'Neill JP	Chief Executive Officer
Paul Spencer	Director Infrastructure Services
Rod McGrath	Acting Director Corporate & Community Services
Michelle Grobler	Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Cr Geoff Fyfe

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Benno Sutherland	Deputy Shire President
Cr Sue Leighton	

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

5.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Nil.

5.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil.

6 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That in accordance with Section 5.23(4)(e) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for the Confidential Items listed in the Agenda as the following sub-sections apply:

- (e) information the making public of which would be likely to endanger the security (including cyber-security) of any of the local government's property or operations;

Meeting closed to the public at 4:32 pm.

Moved: Cr Bill Auburn

Seconded: Cr Rachel Gibson

Resolution No. 2026/91

Carried: 6/0

In Favour: Mr Keith Rowe JP, Allan Lamb, Cr Rachel Gibson, Cr Robert Miloseski, Cr Bill Auburn and Cr Helen Burton

Against: Nil

6.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

6.1.1 ICT AUDIT

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report and its attachments are confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 5.23(4), which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(e) information the making public of which would be likely to endanger the security (including cyber-security) of any of the local government's property or operations.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That Council:

- 1. Receives the ICT General Controls Audit prepared by Avantgarde Technologies.**
- 2. Notes the cyber security, business continuity and ICT governance risks identified in the audit.**

3. **Endorses the staged ICT Remediation Program, prioritising business continuity, cyber security and then business improvement.**
4. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a detailed implementation plan and procurement approach for the 2026–2027 priority actions, including indicative costs, delivery timeframes and resourcing requirements.**

Moved: Cr Bill Auburn

Seconded: Cr Robert Miloseski

Resolution No. 2026/92

Carried: 5/0

In Favour: Mr Keith Rowe JP, Cr Rachel Gibson, Cr Robert Miloseski, Cr Bill Auburn and Cr Helen Burton

Against: Nil

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council reopens the meeting to the members of the public at 4:34 pm.

Moved: Cr Bill Auburn

Seconded: Cr Helen Burton

Resolution No. 2026/93

Carried: 5/0

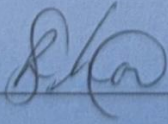
In Favour: Mr Keith Rowe JP, Cr Rachel Gibson, Cr Robert Miloseski, Cr Bill Auburn and Cr Helen Burton

Against: Nil

7 CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:35 pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Signed by Shire President: 

Date: 22-09-2026

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