PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Gumley, G Mohr, K Parker and B Shields.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Manager Governance Operations, the Internal Ombudsman, the Director Corporate Services (J Bassingthwaighte), the Director Economic Development and Business, the Communications Coordinator, the Director Infrastructure and Operations, the Director Planning and Environment, the Manager Strategic Planning Services and the Strategic Planner.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.00pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor V Etheridge.

CCL19/59 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID19/471)
Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors D Grant, S Lawrence and J Ryan who were absent from the meeting due to the personal reasons whilst Councillor A Jones was previously granted leave of absence from this meeting by Council (refer Clause CCL19/49).

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That such requests for leave of absence be accepted and Councillors D Grant, S Lawrence and J Ryan be granted leave of absence from this meeting and it be noted that Councillor A Jones had been previously granted leave of absence from this meeting by Council.

CARRIED

CCL19/60 PUBLIC FORUM (ID19/472)
There were no speakers during Public Forum.
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REPORT

REPRESENTATIVE FROM STAFF:

CCL19/61 DRAFT 2019/2020 BUDGET AND FEES/CHARGES (ID19/461)
The Council had before it the report dated 16 April 2019 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Draft 2019/2020 Budget and Fees/Charges.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the 2019/2020 draft Budget (including Fees and Charges and Forward Budgets for 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023) be adopted and placed on public exhibition from Friday 3 May 2019 for 28 days.
2. That the 2019/2020 draft Macquarie Regional Library Budget be adopted and placed on public exhibition from Friday 3 May 2019 for 28 days in conjunction with Council’s planning documents.
3. That submissions and comments closing at 5.00 pm on Friday 31 May 2019 be invited in respect of the 2019/2020 draft Council Budget and the draft Macquarie Regional Library Budget.
4. That the various reports of the Directors in reference to the Budget be noted.
5. That the interest rate on overdue rates and charges be the maximum, as advised, by the Minister for Local Government for the 2019/2020 year.
6. That the pensioner rebates for both water and sewerage charges increase by 5% to $105.00 each from the 2019/2020 financial year.

CARRIED

CCL19/62 DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN YEAR 2 2019/2020 (ID19/476)
The Council had before it the report dated 24 April 2019 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan Year 2 2019/2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

MOTION

1. That the draft 2019/2020 Delivery Program and Operational Plan (Appendix 1) and draft Long Term Financial Plan (Appendix 2) be adopted by Council for the purposes of public exhibition.
2. That community and stakeholder engagement be undertaken in accordance with the Community Engagement Strategy included in this report.
3. That the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
4. That following completion of the public exhibition process, a further report be presented to Council for consideration addressing the outcomes of the public exhibition period and any submissions received.

CARRIED
The meeting closed at 5.09pm.

CHAIRMAN