



## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

<b>GM2</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>AVB</b>	<b>{ Folio No. * }</b>
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### SUMMARY:

To balance the budget for the 2009 / 10 year

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### DESCRIPTION:

Council resolved to submit an application to the Minister for Local Government for a Special Rate Variation of 8% to enable it to maintain its Road Network at an acceptable level. This application was submitted to the Department on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009. At the time of writing of this Report no announcement has been made by the Minister. If the Special Variation is not approved, Council will need to delete \$875,405 from its budget. The amended draft budget papers providing for a deficit of \$142,277 have been distributed to Councillors. Attached [Appendix B - Page K3, Part 2 – Page K13, Part 3 - Page K14](#) are the minutes of the two previous budget meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Areas other than roads that have been suggested for review in previous reports but not yet considered include:

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	Salaries vacant Positions	
	. Compliance Officer	72,000
	. Finance Officer	70,000
	. Engineer	76,000
18	Introduction of footpath contributions	37,000
30	Footpath cleaning	30,000
26	Bath Asset Management	22,000

After the substantial change to the road network due to the floods, it will be difficult to take a very large amount out of the roads budget. Other services may need to be further pruned.

### RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Nil*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Council has already determined to have a deficit budget in 2009 / 10. This will need to be repaid in future years. Increasing the deficit will only exacerbate the situation.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council finalise its budget for the 2009 / 10 year.**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**