

## 2 Confidential Reports

### 2.1 Project Budget Adjustment - Spring Creek Oval including Irrigation and Drainage

<b>Council Plan</b>	<b>Theme Seven - Accountable and Viable Council</b>
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<b>Attachments:</b>	Finance
	Nil

#### Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of a project budget adjustment for the 'Spring Creek Oval including Irrigation and Drainage' project.

#### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves the project budget adjustment for the Spring Creek Oval including Irrigation and Drainage project, as outlined in Table 1 of this report.
2. Determines that this report and resolution will cease to be confidential upon the contract/s being awarded for the Spring Creek Oval including Irrigation and Drainage project.

#### Council Resolution

**Moved Cr Schonfelder, Seconded Cr Pattison**

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2. Determines that this report and resolution will cease to be confidential upon the contract/s being awarded for the Spring Creek Oval including Irrigation and Drainage project.

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<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Cr Barker	Nil	Nil
Cr Bodsworth		
Cr Bourke		
Cr Grist		
Cr Pattison		
Cr Phelps		
Cr Schonfelder		
Cr Walker		

**Outcome**

2. The transfer of funds onto the project budget for these works will allow Council to tender the works for construction.

**Key Considerations**

3. Spring Creek oval is a key piece of community infrastructure and is due for renewal.
4. Renewal works are budgeted through Council’s annual Renewal Allocation and there are sufficient funds in Councils Asset Renewal Reserve to fund these works.
5. The consultant undertaking detailed design for the works has provided an Opinion of Probable Cost (OOPC) for the proposed works based upon the concept design and initial discussions on site constraints. Due to the complexities of the site located next to a waterway, an upgraded turf profile and increased drainage requirements have resulted in anticipated increased costs.

**Table 1 - Projects Requiring Adjustment**

Project Name	Funding Source	Basis for Variation	Project Allocation Increase/ (Decrease ) \$	Amended Project Budget \$
Spring Creek Oval including Irrigation and Drainage	Asset Renewal Reserve	Consultant undertaking detailed design has provided an Opinion of Probable Cost (OOPC) for proposed works based upon the concept design and initial discussions on site constraints. Due to the complexities of the site located next to a waterway, an upgraded turf profile and increased drainage requirements have resulted in anticipated increased costs.	600,000	3,065,000

**Background**

6. The Spring Creek Reserve oval had been assessed and identified for renewal. A budget allocation of \$2,465,000 was included within the 2025/26 Annual Budget based on high level estimate of works.
7. A consultant has been engaged to undertake the design for the works including preparation of preliminary designs and a cost estimate or Opinion of Probable Cost (OOPC).

### **Options**

8. **Alternative Option 1** – That Council does not approve the budget adjustment.

This option is not recommended by officers as Council would then risk going to tender with insufficient funds to award a contract. If the contract were to come in over the allocated budget officer will then need to seek additional funds at a future Council meeting which would delay award of the contract of which delivery is time sensitive due to the delivery window between football seasons.

### **Council Plan (including Health and Wellbeing Plan) Statement**

#### **Theme Seven - Accountable and Viable Council**

Strategy 18 - Establish a sustainable financial position.

9. Following the process of having sufficient funds to deliver a project prior to going to tender aligns with Council's Procurement Policy and good financial management.

### **Financial Considerations**

10. Approval of this budget adjustment will put Council in a position to have sufficient funds to award a contract.

### **Community Engagement**

11. Community engagement is not required for this report.

### **Statutory / Legal / Policy Considerations**

12. Following the process of having sufficient funds to deliver a project prior to going to tender aligns with Council's Procurement Policy and good financial management.

### **Strategic Risk**

13. Failure to deliver outcomes in line with community needs  
Inherent Risk Rating - *Serious*, Residual Risk Rating - *Medium*
14. Approval of this budget adjust places Council in the best position to deliver this project within timelines agreed to with users of the facility and minimises the risk that they will be negatively impacted by possible delays.

### **Risk Rating**

15. The risk rating is low and can be managed at department level.

### **Risk Appetite**

16. There are no Risk Appetite Statements applicable to this report.

### **Sustainability Considerations**

17. No recycled material will be used as part of these works.

**Conflict of Interest**

18. No officer declared a conflict of interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

**Confidentiality**

Pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations.

**Transparency**

**Audit and Risk Committee involvement**

19. This is not in scope of the Audit and Risk Committee.

**Councillor Briefings**

20. This item was discussed at the following Councillor briefings prior to being presented to Council for consideration. Councillor attendance at each briefing was as follows:

Councillor Briefing Date: 12 August 2025

<i>Councillor name</i>	<i>In attendance (Y/N)</i>	<i>Councillor name</i>	<i>In attendance (Y/N)</i>
<i>Cr Paul Barker</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Cr Tony Phelps</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Cr Mike Bodsworth</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Cr Adrian Schonfelder</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Cr Rebecca Bourke</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Cr Libby Stapleton</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Cr Joel Grist</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Cr Leon Walker</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Cr Liz Pattison</i>	<i>N</i>		

Councillor attendance at briefings is not a statutory requirement. Councillors are able to access and request information through a number of mechanisms to understand matters being presented at a Council Meeting.