

Annual plan disclosure statement for year ending 30 June 2023

What is the purpose of this statement?

The purpose of this statement is to disclose Council’s planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks to enable the assessment of whether Council is prudently managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings.

Council is required to include this statement in its annual plan in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the regulations). Refer to the regulations for more information, including definitions of some of the terms used in this statement.

	Quantified Maximum Limit	Planned Limit	Met
Rates Affordability Benchmark			
Income	40,811	41,738	No
Increases	7.10%	8.69%	No
Debt Affordability			
Net debt as a percentage of total revenue	< 175%	156%	Yes
Net interest as a percentage of total revenue	< 20%	2.86%	Yes
Net interest as a percentage of annual rates income (debt secured under debenture)	< 25%	4.43%	Yes
Liquidity (external, term debt + committed loan facilities + available liquid investments to existing external debt)	> 100%	96%	No
Balanced budget benchmark	> 100%	97.33%	No
Essential services benchmark	> 100%	131%	Yes
Debt servicing benchmark	< 10%	3.02%	Yes

Balanced Benchmark

The Council is required to have a balanced budget. However, there are some permitted exceptions to this situation which must be stated clearly in the Financial Strategy. The main

reasons for an unbalanced budget are; not fully funding depreciation on non-strategic assets combined with use funding from previous year surplus (use of reserves).

