



Central Coast Council

## Governance and Finance Committee

Function Room 2  
2 Hely Street, Wyong

12 August 2025

# MINUTES

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### Attendance

#### Members

Cr Jared Wright, Chairperson	Present
Cr Kyle MacGregor, Deputy Chairperson	Present
Cr Helen Crowley, Member	Present
Cr Doug Eaton OAM, Member	Present
Mayor Lawrie McKinna	Apology

#### Status

#### Guest

Cr Jane Smith	Present
Cr Belinda Neal	Present
Cr Sharon Walsh	Present

#### Status

#### Staff

Marissa Racamelara, Director Corporate Services	Present
Edward Hock, Unit Manager Governance Risk and Legal	Present
Emma Galea, Chief Financial Officer	Present
Bill Ignatiadis, Unit Manager, Commercial Property and Business Enterprise	Present
Briony Stiles, Civic Support Team Leader	Present
Kylie Blakely, Civic Support Officer	Present

#### Status

The Chairperson, Councillor Jared Wright, declared the meeting open at 7.01pm

## **REPORTS**

### **1.1 Introduction: Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, and Apologies**

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The Chairperson noted apologies for Mayor McKinna.

The Chair gave an Acknowledgement of Country statement.

### **1.2 Disclosures of Interest**

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7.03pm

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

### **1.3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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7.03pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

#### **GFC10/25**

***That the Committee confirm the minutes of the previous Governance and Finance Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2025.***

#### **CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

7:05pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

#### **GFC11/25**

***That the Committee defer the consideration of Item 1.5 – Council's Investment Management Strategy to the Governance and Finance Committee meeting to be held on 11 November 2025.***

#### **CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

#### 1.4 Items Resolved by Exception

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7:07pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

**GFC12/25**

***That the Committee determines the following item on this meeting's Agenda will be adopted without debate:***

**a) Item 1.6 - Agency Information Guide - For Adoption**

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

#### 1.5 Council's Investments Management Strategy

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This item was deferred on the procedural motion moved by Councillor WRIGHT.

Recommendation

*That the Committee notes Council's Investments Management Strategy, as attached, for information.*

#### 1.6 Agency Information Guide - For Adoption

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RESOLVED by EXCEPTION on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

**GFC13/25**

***That the Committee recommends to Council that Council adopts the Agency Information Guide (AIG) attached to this report.***

#### 1.7 Water and Sewer Works in Kind Policy Review

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7.12pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

**GFC14/25**

***That the Committee endorses the draft Water and Sewer Works in Kind Policy as attached to this report, noting that public exhibition is not required as there are no substantive changes to the intent of the policy.***

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

**1.8 Comprehensive revaluation of Roads and Drainage Infrastructure asset classes**

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7.19pm

Chief Financial Officer spoke to the Comprehensive revaluation of Roads and Drainage Infrastructure asset classes report.

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

**GFC15/25**

***That the Committee notes the process associated with, and impact of, the 2024-25 FY comprehensive revaluation of Roads and Drainage infrastructure asset classes.***

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

**1.9 Cost Shifting onto Local Government**

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7.42pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

**GFC16/25**

***That the Committee recommends that Council:***

- 1 Notes the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2023-24 financial year.***
- 2 Approves the provision of a report to the November Governance and Finance Committee meeting, with estimates as to the approximate costs of local government cost shifting on Central Coast Council. The findings are to be broken down by the overall cost to Council and the average cost it equates to per rate payer.***

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

**1.10 Response to Notice of Motion - Better Utilising and Monitoring Gosford City Car Park**

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7.49pm

Unit Manager, Commercial Property and Business Enterprise spoke to the 'Response to Notice of Motion - Better Utilising and Monitoring Gosford City Car Park presentation.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

**GFC17/25**

***That the Committee notes the contents in this report and that a finalised update will be provided at the November 2025 Governance and Finance Committee meeting and that it is prioritised ensuring that the carpark is open Friday and Saturday evenings and Public Holidays and as demand requires.***

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

**1.11 2024-25 FY Financial Results - Status Update**

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8.07pm

Chief Financial Officer spoke to the 2024-25 FY Financial Results – Status Update report.

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

**GFC18/25**

***That the Committee notes the 2024-25 FY preliminary financial result and the end of financial year process status.***

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

8.27pm

Councillor Wright moved a procedural motion to discuss **Item 2.1 2024-25 FY NSW Audit Office - Interim Audit** in closed session.

THAT THE MEETING MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Councillor EATON OAM:

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

At this stage of the meeting being 8.27pm the meeting moved into Confidential Session with the members of the press and public excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session being withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10a of *The Local Government Act, 1993* as the item comes within the following provisions, **Item 2.1 – 2024-25 FY NSW Audit Office – Interim Audit** deals with interim financial data which may be amended prior to tabling in an open Council meeting.

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**2.1            2024-25 FY NSW Audit Office - Interim Audit**

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8.27pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

**GFC19/25**

***That the Committee notes the Interim Audit Management Letter for 2024-25 FY issued by the NSW Audit Office, including the identified management actions, as provided in this report.***

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

8.55pm

THAT THE MEETING MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

**CARRIED**

FOR: UNANIMOUS

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:55pm and the Director of Corporate Services reported on proceedings of the confidential session of the Governance and Finance Committee meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 11 November 2025.

**The Meeting** concluded at 8.56pm