



MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 MAY 2026

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
Deputy Mayor Harle (joined online at 3.10pm)
Councillor Adjei (online)
Councillor Ammoun (online)
Councillor Macnaught
Councillor Harte (joined online at 2.26pm – 2.46pm)
Mr Jason Breton, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support
Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance
Mr Peter Scicluna, Director Operations
Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
Ms M'Leigh Brunetta, Manager Civic and Executive Services
Ms Katrina Harvey, Councillor Executive and Support Officer
Ms Clare Mongjaay, Acting Councillor Executive and Support Officer
Mr Mark Hannan – Manager City Planning
Mr Peter Nelson – Principal Strategic Planner
Mr Siva Karthigesch – Coordinator Contributions Planning
Ms Clara McGuirk – Manager Communications and Marketing
Ms Julie Scott – Head of Economic Development and Strategy
Ms Hiba Soueid – Manager City Strategy and Performance
Mr Haris Strangas – Senior Officer Government Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy
Ms Leann Webb – Aurora Marketing (External Presenter)
Mr Aaron Snell – Aurora Marketing (External Presenter)
Mr Craig Lambeth – Manager Community Recreation
Mr Tony Hadchiti – Acting Manager Development Assessment

The meeting commenced at 2.09pm

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ristevski and Councillor Harte

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

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Chairperson

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

ITEM NO: ITEM 01

FILE NO: 113845.2026

SUBJECT: Contributions Planning Framework Reform Project - Quarterly Status Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under existing conditions, Council’s Contributions Planning Framework comprises seven (7) “in force” Contributions Plans that apply to development proposals across the Local Government Area (LGA). Analysis has shown however that a portion of the existing Framework no longer aligns with Council’s infrastructure priorities.

Furthermore, the development yields and/or trends that informed the Plans at the time of their preparation are either no longer applicable or have shifted to such an extent that the contributions being collected are not sufficient to deliver the identified Plan initiatives. In combination, this is placing financial and asset delivery risks onto Council, and reputational risk to our growing communities.

To address this issue, at the Governance Committee Meeting (GCM) on 9 July 2024 Council endorsed:

- the phased reform of Council’s Contributions Planning Framework to ensure consistency with industry best practice and provide the financial stability required to fund the essential infrastructure and services our growing communities need; and
- to receive quarterly updates on the progress of the program to transform Council’s Contributions Planning Framework.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receives and notes this Report.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

The following comments were noted:

- Council staff to advise Councillors of the funds in the Contributions Plan
- Council staff to provide a list of the outstanding capital works from the 2009 plan

Motion: **Moved:** Cllr Macnaught **Seconded:** Mayor Mannoun

ITEM NO: ITEM 02
FILE NO: 044717.2026
SUBJECT: New Planning Agreements Policy - Project Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Planning Agreements Policy (the Policy) sets out how Liverpool City Council (“Council”) negotiates, prepares, executes and administers Planning Agreements with the development industry to secure public benefits arising from development within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA).

The current Policy, last updated in 2019, is due for renewal to ensure alignment with current legislation and Ministerial Directions, reflect industry best practice, and address areas of ambiguity. Over the past six months, Council’s Contributions Planning Team has been preparing an updated Planning Agreements Policy for Council consideration.

The updated Policy will provide a transparent, robust framework for negotiating, executing and administering Planning Agreements and reflects recent legislative and guidance changes including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure’s (DPHI) Planning Agreements Practice Note released in May 2025.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 29 April 2026, Council staff formally sought Council endorsement to publicly exhibit the updated Policy for a minimum period of 28 days.

Following the public exhibition, a Post-Exhibition Report will be tabled at a future Ordinary Meeting of Council summarising submissions received and seeking Council endorsement for the updated Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receives and notes this Report.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

The following comments were noted:

- Council staff to review the need for an external company to monitor negotiations and confirm they are being completed.
- Council staff to provide an updated VPA listing to Councillors
- The Governance Committee recommended rewording of Item 9.1 Role Separation and Prohibition on Undue Influence, of the updated Planning Agreement Policy.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Mayor Mannoun**

Clr Harte joined the meeting online at 2.26pm.

Clr Harte left the meeting at 2.46pm and did not return.

Clr Ammoun left the meeting at 2.32pm and rejoined online at 2.32pm.

Clr Ammoun left the meeting at 2.47pm and rejoined online at 2.48pm

ITEM NO: ITEM 03
FILE NO: 123394.2026
SUBJECT: Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Reform - Project Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 (LDCP) provides detailed controls for the design and assessment of new development within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA). The LDCP also supports the objectives of the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* (LLEP) and must be consistent with the provisions and objectives of this prevailing LEP.

The LDCP has been in effect since 2008. Periodic reviews are needed to ensure the development controls in the LDCP align with Council's strategic direction and reflect best practice in planning, building design, residential amenity and sustainability outcomes. Furthermore, the adopted Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 includes actions to review and update the LDCP.

As a result, City Planning has commenced a review of the LDCP to ensure the planning controls reflect industry best practice, align with current legislation and deliver positive outcomes for growing communities.

Known as the LDCP Review Project, the initiative will be delivered in two (2) stages, with Stage 1 primarily focused on housekeeping updates to LDCP 2008, while Stage 2 will consider any future adopted changes to the LEP as part of the new Liverpool LEP Project.

The Report focused on the process and proposed changes for Stage 1 which will be tabled for Council consideration at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 May 2026. At the Meeting, staff will be seeking Council endorsement to publicly exhibit the proposed DCP changes for a minimum of 28 days.

Following the public exhibition, a Post-Exhibition Report will be tabled at a future Ordinary Meeting of Council summarising submissions received and seeking Council endorsement for the proposed DCP amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receives and notes this Report.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion: **Moved: Macnaught** **Seconded: Mayor Mannoun**

BUDGET COMMITTEE**ITEM NO:** ITEM 04**FILE NO:** 030656.2026**SUBJECT:** Finance Report - March 2026**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report provided an update on Council's 2025-26 budget performance for 9 months ending to 31 March 2026.

The December 2025 (Q2) budget review presented to Council at its meeting 25 February 2026 projected the net cost of services for the 2025-26 financial year at a deficit \$2.6m. The report highlighted both the favourable and unfavourable circumstances that affected the projected budget result. Given the estimated budget impact, services are expected to generate a net surplus of \$0.2 million for the 2025-26 financial year.

Council held \$453.8 million in cash and cash investments on 31 March 2026 which included \$8.9 million in unrestricted reserves.

Total rates outstanding on 31 March 2026 was \$56.2 million, of which \$5.8 million related to previous years. The balance of \$50.4 million relates to the current year, which will become collectable in quarterly instalment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receives and notes the report.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

The following comment was noted:

- Council staff to update the final cost of the By-election to include the in-house costs of staff and any other related fees.

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Mayor Mannoun**

Deputy Mayor Harle joined the meeting online at 3.10pm

Cllr Ammoun left the meeting at 3.11pm

The Mayor called for a recess break at 3.11pm

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 3.23pm

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

ITEM NO: ITEM 05
FILE NO: 105882.2026
SUBJECT: Update to Liverpool 2050

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its Council meeting on 10 December 2024, Council unanimously resolved to:
“Endorse the development of Liverpool2050 as a long-term strategy to guide the future of the City of Liverpool to 2050”.

Liverpool 2050 is being developed as a city shaping vision to 2050. It will provide a strategic framework to guide long term planning, support advocacy and investment attraction, and strengthen stakeholder engagement and city positioning.

Since endorsement, the project has progressed from initial concept development to detailed document development. Key activities have included engagement of consultants, internal coordination, and targeted workshops with senior staff and subject matter experts in February 2026, followed by continued content development through March 2026.

The report provided Council with a status update on the development of Liverpool 2050, including its purpose, strategic foundations, timeline, key concepts and current progress.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the report on the status of the Liverpool 2050 (LIV2050) strategic vision document.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Mayor Mannoun**

ITEM NO: ITEM 06
FILE NO: 087896.2026
SUBJECT: Media Policy and Proposed Campaigns

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Social Media Policy and Media Policy were tabled at the 25 March 2026 Council meeting. Council requested that the policies be referred back to the Governance Committee to consider the implications and discuss further, particularly in relation to moderation of Council’s social media platforms and how to strike an appropriate balance between meeting Council’s legal obligations and providing the community with a platform for communication.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receive and note the presentation.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

The following comments were noted:

- Council staff to provide a report analysing the use of social media platforms identifying users engaging with content are residents of the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA) or outside of the LGA.

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

The Mayor left the boardroom at 3.47pm
The Mayor returned to the boardroom at 4.00pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NO: ITEM 07

SUBJECT: Unsolicited Proposals to Develop Commercial Offerings

Council staff provided a verbal update on unsolicited proposals to develop commercial offerings.

Committee discussion recommended that a workshop be arranged with Councillors to:

- Review the proposals received from proponents
- Discuss sale or lease of community land and assets
- Discuss removal of greenspace in current form
- Guidelines to follow the review
- Identify new ways to support and provide for our community's needs

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receive and note the update.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion: **Moved:** Cllr Macnaught **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Harle

ITEM NO: ITEM 08

SUBJECT: Items on Public Exhibition period of 28 days

The Governance Committee noted Public Exhibition periods of 28 days are required. The Committee suggested that the first week of the exhibition period should include an information session for anyone who has questions or requires further details.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee receive and note the verbal discussion.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the recommendation be adopted.

The following comments were noted:

- Director Community and Lifestyle to provide a report to the June Governance Committee meeting with considerations and ideas such as pop-up sessions at local shopping centre which relates to the public exhibition notice.
- Engage with community sentiment and social media.

Motion: Moved: Cllr Macnaught Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.28pm

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 2 June 2026

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.