Shire of Cunderdin

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

Dear Council Member,

The Ordinary Meeting of the Cunderdin Shire Council was held on **Wednesday 28 October 2026** in the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, WA, 6407 **commencing at 6.00pm.**

Stuart Hobley
Chief Executive Officer

28 October 2026

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1 Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer was read aloud by Cr Jo Fulwood.

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 5 Division 2 Section 5.25 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13.

"No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cunderdin for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decisions, which will be provided within ten working days of this meeting".

2 Record of Attendance, Apologies and Approved Leave of Absence

2.1 Record of attendance

Councillors

Cr AE (Alison) Harris	Shire President
Cr A (Tony) Smith	Deputy Shire President
Cr B (Bernie) Daly	
Cr J (Joanne) Fulwood	
Cr TE (Todd) Harris	
Cr N (Natalie) Snooke	

In Attendance

Stuart Hobley	Chief Executive Officer
Kay Squibb	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Guests of Council

Nil.

Members of the Public

Nil.

2.2 Apologies

Cr S (Samantha) Pimlott

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3 Public Question Time

Nil.

4 Petitions, Deputations & Presentations

Nil.

5 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

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6 Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 September 2026

Attachment 6.1.1 - Unconfirmed Minutes OCM – 29 September 2026 – Public Copy

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Resolution 6.1

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr J Fulwood

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. The President to sign the minute declaration on the previous minutes.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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7 Declaration of Members and Officers Interests

Nil.

8 Announcements by President without Discussion

The Shire President acknowledged the contributions of Mr David Beard and Mr Todd Harris, who have both recently retired following lengthy service as Fire Control Officers, and leadership positions as Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer and Chief Fire Control Officer respectively. The Shire President thanked them both for their many years of dedication, commitment and service to the community.

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9 Finance and Administration

9.1 Financial Reports for September 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	22 October 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.1.1 - September 2026 Financial Report

Proposal/Summary

The financial reports as at 30 September 2026 are presented for the Council's consideration.

Background

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require a statement of financial activity to be prepared each month and prescribe the contents of that report and accompanying documents. The report is to be presented at an Ordinary Council Meeting within two months after the end of the month to which the report relates.

Comment

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council is required each financial year to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity for reporting material variances. As part of the 2026/27 budget adoption process, Council endorsed a material variance threshold of 10% or $10,000, whichever is the greater.

The financial report is presented prior to the completion of all 2025/26 year-end adjustments and audit processes and as a result, the opening balances contained in the statement of financial activity are preliminary and may be subject to change as part of the finalisation of the annual financial statements.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995
s6.4 Financial report

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
r34. Financial activity statement required each month

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

The report represents the financial position of the Shire at the end of each reporting period.

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Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036
4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP
4.1 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

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Resolution 9.1

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr B Daly

That Council receives the monthly financial reports for the period ending 30 September 2026.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.2 Accounts Paid September 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	22 October 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.2.1 - List of Payments September 2026 Attachment 9.2.2 - Credit Card Purchases Aug/Sept 2026

Proposal/Summary

Council to consider the list of payments for during September 2026.

Background

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that a list of accounts paid under delegated authority by the CEO is to be prepared each month, providing sufficient information to identify the transactions. The list is to be presented to the Council at the next Ordinary Council Meeting after the list is prepared and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Comment

A summary of the total payments made during the month are:

September 2026

Total Municipal fund -	$383,951.49
Total Trust fund -	$0.00
Total Credit Cards -	$2,630.66
TOTAL	$386,582.15

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

r13. Lists of accounts

(1) If the local government has delegated authority to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared–

(a) the payee's name;

(b) the amount of the payment;

(c) the date of the payment; and

(d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

r13A. Payments by employees via purchasing cards

(1) If a local government has authorised an employee to use a credit, debit or other purchasing card, a list of payments made using the card must be prepared each month showing the following for each payment made since the last such list was prepared —

(a) the payee's name;

(b) the amount of the payment;

(c) the date of the payment;

(d) sufficient information to identify the payment.

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Policy Implications
Nil.

Financial Implications
All financial implications are contained within the reports.

Strategic Implications
Shire of Cunderdin Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036
4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP
4.1 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

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Resolution 9.2

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council receive the list of payments made for the period ending 30 September 2026, as listed below:

Municipal fund	
Electronic Funds Transfer: EFT10963 to EFT11046	$312,796.94
Cheques: 12074 to 12076	$34,290.89
Direct Debits (inc. Bank Charges):	$36,863.86
Trust fund	$0.00
Credit Cards	$2,630.66
TOTAL	$386,582.15

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.3 Council Investments September 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	22 October 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.3.1 - CCCT Bank Statements September 2026

Proposal/Summary

To inform Council of its investments as at 30 September 2026.

Background

The authority to invest money held in any Council fund is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. Council funds may be invested in one or more of the following:

- Fixed Deposits;
- Commercial Bills;
- Government bonds; and
- Other Short-term Authorised Investments.

Council funds are to be invested with the following financial institutions:

- Major Banks & Bonds Issued by Government and/ or Government Authorities.

Comment

In addition to the Shire's operating accounts, the investment accounts below are held as at 30 September 2026.

COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					
Institution	**Amount**	**Investment type/ Account details**	**Municipal Funds**	**Reserve Funds**	**Trust Funds**
Westpac Bank	$4,068,401.16	Municipal Fund 000030	$4,068,401.16		
Bendigo Bank	$512,504.66	Municipal Fund 155971377	$512,504.66		
Bendigo Bank	$0.00	Bendigo Trust Account 164488686			$0.00
Westpac Bank	$0.00	Trust Working Account 122981			$0.00
Westpac Bank	$0.00	Business Cash Reserve 223647 0.45%		$0.00	
Bendigo Bank	$1,804,899.59	Term Deposit 5.00% Matures 18 Dec 2026		$1,804,899.59	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	$6,385.805.41		$4,580,905.82	$1,804,899.59	$0.00

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Separately to the above Council funds the Shire administers the following accounts as Trustee of the Cunderdin Community Centre Trust, being Bendigo Term Deposits and a Westpac operating account with a current balance of $8,190.26.

The Westpac operating account has had no further transactions since August 2025, however the Term Deposits matured on 4 May 2026. Interest earned on the term deposits has been reinvested into the Interest Account, and both have been invested for 6 months at 5.15%, maturing on 4 November 2026.

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST
~ INTEREST ACCOUNT ~
30 September 2026

Bendigo Term Deposit# 5424726
Maturing 4 November 2026 (5.15%)

Opening Balance as per Term Deposit		$296,098.04
INCOMING	Interest earned – interest account	$0.00
	Interest earned – capital account	$0.00
	Total interest	**$0.00**
OUTGOING		0.00
Balance at end of month		**$296,098.04**

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~ CAPITAL ACCOUNT ~
30 September 2026

Bendigo Term Deposit# 5424728
Maturing 4 November 2026 (5.15%)

Opening Balance as per Term Deposit		$369,862.05
INCOMING	Interest on maturity of investment	$0.00
OUTGOING	Transfer to interest account	$0.00
Balance at end of month		**369,862.05**

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Consultation
Nil.

Statutory Implications
Local Government Act 1995
s6.14 Power to invest

Local Government (Financial Management)
r19 Investments, control procedures for
r19C Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s. 6.14(2)(a))

Policy Implications
Nil.

Financial Implications
There are no financial implications in considering this item, for information only.

Strategic Implications
Shire of Cunderdin Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036
4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP
4.1 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

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Resolution 9.3

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr T Harris

That the report on Council investments as at 30 September 2026 be received.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.4 Local Law Review – Local Government Property Local Law 2015 & Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2016

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	21 October 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson, Executive Assistant
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.4.1 - Local Government Property Local Law 2015 Attachment 9.4.2 - Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2016

Proposal/Summary

That Council consider the Local Government Property Local Law 2015 & Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2016 to determine the appropriate outcome as part of the Shire's review of its Local Laws.

The purpose of the *Shire of Cunderdin Local Government Property Local Law 2015 and the Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2016* is to provide for the regulation, control and management of activities and facilities on local government property within the district.

The effect of the *Shire of Cunderdin Local Government Property Local Law 2015 and the Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2016* is to establish the requirements with which any persons using or being on local government property within the district must comply with.

Background

Section 3.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that all local laws must be reviewed within a 15-year period after their commencement to determine if they should remain unchanged, be repealed, or amended. The 15-year period is taken from either when the local law commenced or when the last review of the local law was completed.

As part of the Local Government reforms and implementation of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024*, the Shire of Cunderdin is now required to review all local laws within a two-year period, prior to 7th December 2026, unless a review occurred within the last 8 years.

At Councils Ordinary Meeting in June 2026, Council resolved to:

1. *Gives local public notice stating that the Shire proposes to review its local laws under section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 as per the following timeframe –*

Local Law	***Review Timeframe***
Cemetery Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)	*Review to be brought back to Council within 3 months.*
Pest Plants Local Law 2015	*Review to be brought back to Council within 3 months.*
Local Government Property Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)	*Review to be brought back to Council within 6 months.*
Thoroughfares and Public Places Amended Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)	*Review to be brought back to Council within 6 months.*
Extractive Industries Local Law 2011	*Review to be brought back to Council within 6 months.*
Health Local Law 2016	*Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.*
Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016	*Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.*
Dogs Local Law 2015	*Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.*

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2. *Notes that a copy of the local laws may be inspected or obtained at the Shire offices or from its website;*
3. *Advises that submissions about local laws may be made to the Shire before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than six (6) weeks after the notice is given; and*
4. *Notes that the results of the above advertising are to be presented to Council for consideration of any submissions received.*

Comments

Council advertised all its Local Laws in accordance with regulations and the June 2026 Council meeting. Council advertised the Local Laws through the following means:

- Website
- Social Media
- Noticeboard
- Bandicoot

Council, on closing of the advertising period of 31 July 2026, didn't receive any submissions for the Local Law.

Consultation

Community consultation – Local Public Notice
Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Hobley

Statutory Implications

3.16. Periodic review of local laws

(1) Within a period of 15 years after the day on which a local law commenced or a determination in respect of the local law was last made under subsection (4), as the case requires, a local government must carry out a review of the local law to determine whether it considers that the local law should be repealed, be amended or remain unchanged.

(2) The local government is to give local public notice stating that —
   a. the local government proposes to review the local law; and
   b. a copy of the local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and
   c. submissions about the local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given.[

(2a) deleted]

(3) After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and cause a report of the review to be prepared and submitted to its council.

(4) After the report has been submitted to its council, the local government must determine* whether it considers that the local law should be repealed, be amended or remain unchanged.

(5) If no determination is made under subsection (4) within the applicable 15-year period under subsection (1), the local law is repealed at the end of that period.

(6) If a local law is repealed by subsection (5), the local government must, not later than 14 days after the end of the applicable 15-year period —
   a. give notice of the repeal to —
      i. the Departmental CEO; and

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ii. if a department of the Public Service other than the Department assists in the administration of an Act under which the local law was made — the chief executive officer of that other department;

and

b. publish notice of the repeal in the Gazette; and

c. give local public notice of the repeal.

(7) If different provisions of a local law commenced on different days, the local law is taken, for the purposes of this section, to have commenced on the earliest of those days.

(8) This section does not apply to a local law if all it does is amend the text of, or repeal, a local law.

[Section 3.16 amended: No. 64 of 1998 s. 7; No. 49 of 2004 s. 24; No. 16 of 2019 s. 9; No. 47 of 2024 s. 20.]

* Absolute majority required.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

There are costs associated with the review, advertising for public comment, amendment and/or making of existing or new local laws and their eventual Gazettal.

Cost for the amendment of existing local laws or the making of new ones will become apparent throughout the review process.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036
4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP
4.1 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

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Resolution 9.4

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr B Daly

That Council:

1. Notes that the statutory review and public advertising process for the Shire of Cunderdin Local Government Property Local Law 2015 & Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2016 has been undertaken, with no submissions received during the advertising period; and
2. Resolves to retain the Local Law in its current form as presented and finalises the review process for pursuant to section 3.16(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Vote – Absolute majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.5 Integrated Strategic Plan – Quarterly Review

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	22 October 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson, Executive Assistant
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.5.1 - Quarterly Integrated Strategic Plan Report

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive the Quarterly Integrated Strategic Plan Report as attached.

Background

Local governments are required to produce a plan for the future under s5.56 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Regulations made under the Act outline the minimum requirements of a plan for the future namely: A Strategic Community Plan to cover a period of at least 10 financial years.

On the 17 of June 2026, Council adopted the revised Integrated Strategic Plan. This plan is subject to a review by staff on a quarterly basis to ensure the Shire is meeting Social and Community, Environmental, Housing and Facilities, Economic Development, Infrastructure and Transport and Civic Leadership strategies as outlined in the Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036.

The traffic light-based Quarterly Update reports progress against the priorities outlined in the Integrated Strategic Plan and the actions funded through the Annual Budget.

Comment

Attachment 9.5.1 – Quarterly Integrated Strategic Plan Report at 30 September 2026 identifies the strategies and actions for each Strategic Community Plan objective and the year/s of implementation for the four-year life.

On review of the required actions, it can be seen that the Shire is achieving good overall results. A number of projects have been undertaken or are in progress to deliver on the strategic outcomes of the Plan.

The actions and community priorities from the Integrated Strategic Plan are considered during Annual Budget production.

Consultation

Shire of Cunderdin Staff.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

5.56. Planning for the future

1) *A local government is to plan for the future of the district.*
2) *A local government is to ensure that plans made under subsection (1) are in accordance with any regulations made about planning for the future of the district.*

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Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - Division 3 — Planning for the future
r19DA Corporate business plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

1) *A local government is to ensure that a corporate business plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.*
2) *A corporate business plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 4 financial years.*
3) *A corporate business plan for a district is to —*
   a) *set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government's priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and*
   b) *govern a local government's internal business planning by expressing a local government's priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government's resources; and*
   c) *develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.*

Policy Implications
Nil.

Financial Implications
2026/2027 Statutory Budget

Strategic Implications
Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2026-2036
CIVIC LEADERSHIP
4.2 Shire communication is consistent, engaging and responsive
4.2.1 Quarterly report to Council and the community on progress against our Integrated Strategic Plan

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Resolution 9.5

Moved Cr J Fulwood Seconded Cr N Snooke

That Council receive and endorse the Integrated Strategic Plan Report for the quarter ending 30 September 2026.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.6 Dadour Provisions – Local Government Reform

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	22 October 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

For Council to consider adopting a formal position supporting the retention of the Dadour Provisions within the *Local Government Act 1995* and advocating through WALGA against their proposed removal or material alteration.

Background

The "Dadour Provisions" are the commonly used name for the poll provisions contained in Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. They are named after former Member of Parliament and City of Subiaco Councillor, Dr Tom Dadour AM, who advocated for communities to have a direct say before local governments could be compulsorily amalgamated.

Where the Local Government Advisory Board recommends that two or more local government districts be amalgamated, the provisions require affected electors to be advised of their right to request a poll.

A poll may be requested by at least 250 electors, or 10 per cent of the electors of an affected district, whichever is the lesser. If a poll is subsequently held and:

- at least 50 per cent of the electors of an affected district vote; and
- a majority of those voting oppose the proposed amalgamation,

the Minister must reject the amalgamation proposal.

The provisions therefore provide an important statutory safeguard against a local government being abolished or compulsorily amalgamated without the support of its community.

The importance of the Dadour Provisions was demonstrated during the State Government's metropolitan local government reform process initiated in 2013.

The Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, has recently indicated that the State Government intends to remove the Dadour Provisions as part of proposed reforms to the local government boundary and amalgamation process.

At the time of preparing this report, the proposed change has not been enacted. Council therefore has an opportunity to establish its position and advocate for the retention of these provisions before legislative changes are progressed.

Comment

Local governments are created under State legislation, and the State Parliament ultimately has the power to alter their boundaries, amalgamate districts or abolish local governments. The Dadour Provisions are one of the few statutory mechanisms that give affected communities a direct and binding voice in that process.

This protection is particularly important for small regional and remote local governments. Decisions about amalgamation are not simply administrative boundary changes. They may affect:

- the level of local representation;
- the location and accessibility of services;
- local employment and procurement;
- the allocation of rates and local government resources;
- community identity and connection to place;
- the future of locally owned assets and facilities; and
- the ability of residents to influence decisions affecting their district.

For the Shire of Cunderdin, an amalgamation with one or more neighbouring local governments could result in the community representing only a small proportion of a much larger district. This will reduce the number of elected members directly representing the community and weaken the community's influence over service priorities, infrastructure investment and the use of local assets and reserves.

The Dadour Provisions do not prevent voluntary amalgamations or discussions about structural reform. They require that, where an amalgamation is proposed, the affected community has access to a transparent democratic process and can determine whether the proposal should proceed.

While the participation threshold is significant, it ensures that a binding result reflects broad community involvement rather than the views of a small number of electors.

Removing the provisions would not, by itself, mean that the Shire of Cunderdin would be amalgamated. It would, however, remove the community's existing statutory ability to prevent an amalgamation through a binding poll. Consultation could still occur, but unless equivalent protections were included in replacement legislation, the results of that consultation may not bind the Minister or State Government.

It is therefore recommended that Council oppose any change that removes or materially weakens the intent of the Dadour Provisions. It is also recommended that the matter be progressed through the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone, seeking broader local government support and the adoption of a formal WALGA advocacy position.

Consultation
Nil

Statutory Implications
Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* establishes the process for considering proposals to:

- create or abolish a local government district;
- amalgamate local government districts;
- change district boundaries; and
- alter the number of councillors or wards in certain circumstances.

Clauses 8 and 9 of Schedule 2.1 contain the poll provisions applying to amalgamation proposals, commonly referred to as the Dadour Provisions.

Any repeal or amendment of these provisions would require legislation to be passed by the Parliament of Western Australia.

The Council's resolution would represent an advocacy position only and would not have any direct legislative effect.

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Shire of Cunderdin Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036
4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP
4.1 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

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Resolution 9.6

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded J Fulwood

That Council

1. Opposes any amendment to the *Local Government Act 1995* that would repeal, remove or materially alter the intent or operation of the provisions commonly known as the "Dadour Provisions"
2. Supports the retention of the Dadour Provisions becoming a formal Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) advocacy position;
3. Supports any motion from the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone meeting seeking support for the retention of the Dadour Provisions and their adoption as a WALGA State Council advocacy position

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.7 Move Behind Closed Doors

Resolution 9.7

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr A Smith

That Council move behind closed doors in accordance with s.5.23 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.8 Private & Confidential – Update to Councillors: Lots 3, 5 & 6 Watts Street Residential Land Sale

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	N/A
Date:	21 October 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson, Executive Assistant
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Resolution 9.8

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr T Harris

That Council receives the updated report for the sale of Lots 3, 5 & 6 Watts Street, Cunderdin.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.9 Move From Behind Closed Doors

Resolution 9.9

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council move from behind closed doors in accordance with s.5.23 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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9.10 Chief Executive Officers Report

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	22 October 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.10.1 -27/28 RRG Indictive Allocations Info Sheet Attachment 9.10.2 -27/28 Local Roads Program Funding Attachment 9.10.3 -OAG – Contract Extension 27/28

Proposal/Summary

To provide an update on the matters that the Chief Executive Officer has been addressing over the past month.

Background

Pool and Wellness Centre

HC Construction have commenced works on the buildings with the subbase works being commenced. Further works on the buildings will progress over the upcoming weeks.

We are still waiting on the approvals for the pool plans, however work will commence on stages that do not require approval.

Pathways Construction

Earthstyle have completed works on the footpaths on Togo St (Stage 3 of the Footpath Program). Works have been completed on Cubbine St, south of the school, and works have commenced on the eastern end of Watts St.

The works to finish Mitchell and Forrest Streets will commence in November and will are expected to be completed before Christmas.

Street Traders

Council is receiving more applications for Street Trading permits. These are typically food vans or vans selling other products in town. These permits are subject to review by Council's Health Officer, prior to approval. When considering these applications staff are taking into consideration the effect that these street traders will have on any local businesses.

Auditors Appointment

The Auditor General has advised that Moore's have been appointed to the be the Shire of Cunderdin's Auditor for the 2027 and 2028 audits. This represents a contract extension of two years.

WA Country Health Services – Executive Director Wheatbelt

Mr Danny Rodgers has advised the Shire President that he has resigned from his position as Executive Director Wheatbelt and taken up a position with the East Metropolitan Health Board. Ms Susan Chambers is now acting in this position.

He has advised that the proposed upgrades at the Cunderdin Hospital will continue to progress.

State Roads Funds Agreement Changes

The State Government has undertaken a review of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement. This review has found that over a number of years the Local Government Road Project Grants and Black Spot Programs have been underspent. The State Government has announced changes to the program that may reduce the amount of funds being allocated to the Regional Road Groups.

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Background Summary from 2027-28 Local Roads Program letter of 25 September 2026:

- The State Government undertook a review of grant programs which included State Road Funds to Local Government (SRFLG) grants.
- The review was aiming to better align grant expenditure estimates with project/program schedules.
- The review identified a history of under expenditures in SRFLG Category 1 programs, predominantly Road Project Grants and State Black Spot Grants.
- The State Government took a decision to hold Category 1 funding at the 2025-26 levels for 2026-27 and 2027-28 in an effort to improve expenditure estimates and project schedules.
- The decision included maintaining the 2026-27 program as is and to reduce the allocations across the two years from the upcoming 2027-28 allocations.
- The Category 1 reduction across the two years totals $34.22 million which will be added to Category 2 State Initiatives to maintain the overall Agreement funding at 20% of Motor Vehicle Licence Fees.

State Advisory Committee Outcomes

- The State Advisory Committee (SAC) met to discuss the State Government's decision.
- SAC is aiming have the 2027-28 Category 1 allocations approved and available to RRGs by mid-October 2026 so that RRGs can finalise their draft programs.

Comment
Nil.

Consultation
Nil.

Statutory Implications
Nil.

Policy Implications
Nil.

Financial Implications
Nil.

Strategic
Nil.

Resolution 9.10

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council receive and accept the CEO report as presented.

Vote – Simple majority
Carried: 6/0
For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr N Snooke
Against: Nil

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10 Environmental Health and Building

Nil.

11 Planning & Development

Nil.

12 Works & Services

Nil.

13 Urgent Items

Nil.

14 Scheduling of Meeting

14.1 November 2026 Ordinary Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 25 November 2026 commencing at 6:00pm at the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, Cunderdin, WA 6407.

15 Closure of meeting

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6.16pm.

16 Certification

DECLARATION

I, Alison Harris, certify that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 October 2026 as shown, were confirmed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 25 November 2026.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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