



Northen and Yorke LGA Audit & Risk Management Committee
Meeting Minutes

Friday, 13th February 2026
held online via MS Teams

Meeting Opened at: 10.05 am by Chair, Stephen Rufus. Sean Holden joined the meeting at 10.10 am.

1 MEETING ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Attendance

Members: Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield Regional Council), Mayor Stephen McCarthy, (District Council of Mount Remarkable), Mr Stephen Rufus CEO (Orroroo Carrieton Council), Mr Sean Holden CEO (Flinders Ranges Council), Mr Ian McDonald (Independent Member).

Non-Members: Bridget Ransome CEO N&YLGA, Vanessa Miller, Manager, LGA Financial Services.

Apology: Nil

Welcome

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Bridget Ransome CEO provided the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 24th November 2025 with the agenda.

Motion: That the minutes of the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 24th November 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor McCarthy

Seconded: Mayor Reid

CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Northern & Yorke Banking Provider

Due to previous issues with BankSA, Bridget Ransome provided a review of current banking provider costs and services. The meeting discussed various options in relation to a potential new banking provider for the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association.

Motion: That the Audit & Risk Management Committee request that the N&YLGA CEO draft a procurement document and obtain quotes for N&YLGA banking services from the Commonwealth and National banks and provide a recommendation to the N&YLGA Board as to a preferred banking provider.

Moved: Stephen Rufus **Seconded:** Mayor Reid **CARRIED**

4 FINANCIAL SERVICES

4.1 Draft Budget Review for the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association for the 2026-2027 Financial Year.

A budget review was provided to Audit & Risk members for the association for the 2026-2027 financial year. It was noted that the initial proposed deficit was excessive and that some items needed to be further reviewed to reduce the deficit.

Motion: That the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Northern & Yorke LGA require the N&YLGA CEO and LGA Financial Services to review the draft budget with a view to reducing the deficit, and the subsequent updated draft budget be provided to the N&YLGA board for review and approval.

Moved: Stephen Rufus **Seconded:** Mayor McCarthy **CARRIED**

4.2 Management Reports and Bank Reconciliation Reports

The Management Reports and Bank Reconciliation Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 were reviewed by the meeting.

Motion: That the Audit & Risk committee accept the Management and Bank Reconciliation Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 for the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association.

Moved: Mayor Reid **Seconded:** Mayor McCarthy **CARRIED**

4.3 Work Plan for the review of N&YLGA Policies and Procedures

Bridget Ransome provided the meeting with a Work Plan proposal for the review of the policies and procedures of the association.

Motion: That the Audit & Risk Committee approve the Work Plan for the policies and procedures review process.

Moved: Mayor Reid **Seconded:** Mayor McCarthy **CARRIED**

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion at the meeting referred to the forthcoming N&YLGA Board meeting. Mayor Reid requested that the meeting on 27th February 2026 commence at 9.30 am, instead of the usual time of 10.30 am, to accommodate a webinar by the LGA which Mayors and CEOs are expected to attend. Bridget Ransome is to follow up the details with host The Barossa Council.

7 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th May 2026 at 10.00 am (venue to be advised).

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.