



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2010**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.46 P.M.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor)
Cr. Diana Asmar
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Nick Katsis
Cr. Ben Morgan
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Steven Tsitas

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive
Michael Ballock – Director City Works and Development
Bruce Dobson – Director Corporate and Business Services
Adrian Burns – Acting Director City Design and Environment
Sharon Hutchinson – Acting Group Manager People and Performance
Sally Curran – Governance Manager
Katia Croce – Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were lodged for the absence of Cr. Stanley Chiang and Cr. Tim Laurence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

MINUTE NO. 394

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SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present the City of Darebin Annual Report for 2009/2010.

The Annual Report includes:

- Council's progress against measurement indicators contained in the 2009-2013 Council Plan;
- Council's financial performance for the year through the audited standard, financial and performance statements;
- Information pertaining to Darebin City Councillors and committees;
- Comprehensive review of Council operations carried out during the year; and
- Other statutory reports.

CONSULTATION:

Director Corporate and Business Services
Governance Manager
Group Manager People and Performance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Annual Report 2009/2010 attached as **Appendix A** to this report be received.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act (1989) and regulations require each Council in Victoria to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year containing a report of operations and audited standard, financial and performance statements.

Each Council must also present the Annual Report for each financial year at a Council Meeting within one month of providing the Annual Report to the Minister. The Minister must receive a copy of the Annual Report on or before 30 September each year.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The City of Darebin Annual Report (including Audited Statements) for 2009/2010 was completed and submitted to the Minister for Local Government on Thursday 30 September 2010.

The statutory notice for consideration of the Annual Report appeared in The Age on 13 October 2010 and the Preston and Northcote Leader newspapers on 20 October 2010. The report is now available for inspection by the community and general public.

A summary of the information contained within each of the sections of the Annual Report is provided below.

- The year in review – includes the Performance Report that presents the results of 25 performance indicators identified in the Council Plan. This section also contains a reflection on the year by Council's Mayor and Chief Executive as well as an overview of our financial health and introduction to the municipality.
- Corporate Governance – provides information about Darebin's Councillors and Committee members as well as the organisational structure.
- Our Services – examines the activities identified in the Council Plan and Budget and reports on progress during 2009/2010.
- Financial Statements – details Council's financial situation, contains statements audited by the Victorian Auditor General and a copy of his audit opinion.
- Diversity Report – reports on performance in relation to indicators that have been set to ensure that Council meets the needs of our diverse community.
- Statutory Reports – prescribed information that is governed by Parliamentary Acts, Regulations and Ministerial directions.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Some Councils choose not to print their Annual Report for environmental reasons. Darebin Council has chosen to print the Annual Report 2009/2010 in attempt to keep the document accessible to the whole community. The Annual Report is printed on recycled paper and print runs are reviewed each year to reduce waste.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Links to the Multilingual Telephone Line and TTY are listed on the back cover of the Annual Report. The Annual Report is also available in large print upon request. As mentioned in the previous section, the Annual Report is printed, as well as available in electronic format, in an attempt to make it accessible to all members of the Darebin community.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Production and printing of the Annual Report 2009/2010 has been completed within the Community Planning, Partnerships and Performance Department's operational budget.

FUTURE ACTIONS

A letter will be sent to the Minister for Local Government advising of Council's receipt of the Annual Report 2009/2010, together with copies of the full report.

A copy of the Annual Report will be available for inspection by the public at Customer Service Centres and Libraries.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Director authorising this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Council Plan 2009-2013
Council Budget 2009/2010

PRESENTATION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED: Cr. D. Asmar
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Director Corporate and Business Services make a formal presentation on the Annual Report at the meeting – 7.47 pm.

CARRIED

Bruce Dobson, Director Corporate and Business Services provided an overview of the 2009/2010 Annual Report and various Services outlined in the Annual Report, and reported on the financial performance of the Council in 2009/2010.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

THAT Standing Orders be resumed – 7.58 pm.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the Annual Report 2009/2010 attached as **Appendix A** to this report be received.

CARRIED

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.