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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr Gaetano Greco

Cr Tim Laurence

Cr Bo Li

Cr Trent McCarthy

Cr Steven Tsitas

Cr Angela Villella

Cr Oliver Walsh

Cr Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive

Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services

Jacinta Stevens – Director Civic Governance and Performance

Allan Cochrane – Acting director Corporate Services

Sally Jones – Acting Director Community Development

Libby Hynes – Acting Director Operations and Environment

Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business

Jody Brodribb – Council Business and Governance Officer

Verica Jokic – Senior Media Advisor

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 372

In accordance with Council's adopted Election Period Policy Public Question Time was not held.

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting held on 19 September 2016

At the Council meeting held on 19 September 2016, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson. In accordance section 54(12) of the Darebin Governance Local Law, written responses have now been provided to each resident as indicated.

- **Peter Thomson of Reservoir asked the following question:**

"Re: CUB Dispute – Boycott of Products encouraged by the trade union movement now.

At the last Council meeting I requested that you the Council boycott all CUB consumption of their products at Council functions for the life of the dispute. I therefor re ask you to boycott CUB products as per August 15 meeting last. At this meeting you the Mayor quoted rules/ordinance against the boycott I therefore ask for a formal written explanation of this."

Response from Sally Jones, Acting Director Community Development:

"Thank you for your question relating to CUB Dispute – Boycott of Products encouraged by the trade union movement now.

We understand the CUB dispute is a Trade Union issue and Council will not comment further.

I can inform you however that Council is not currently purchasing CUB products due to our procurement and contract process."

- **John Nugent of Epping asked the following question:**

"I have received correspondence twice from the council that the public toilets will not be opened at Donath reserve but each time Council did not give any reasons why?

Mr Mayor, could you please arrange a written response to this question so I can show the ratepayers who asked me this question."

Response from Steve Hamilton, Director City Futures and Assets:

"Thank you for your question raised at the Council Meeting of 19 September 2016.

'I have received correspondence twice from the council that the public toilets will not be opened at Donath reserve but each time Council did not give any reasons why? Mr Mayor, could you please arrange a written response to this question so I can show the ratepayers who asked me this question'.

As part of the creation of the Darebin Public Toilet Strategy, the provision of public toilet facilities was analysed throughout the municipality. Accordingly it was considered that the level of public toilet facilities provided in and around Donath Reserve is acceptable at this time. Council will however consider opening or closing public toilets to respond to any future changes in need."

- **John Nugent of Epping asked the following question:**

“Could you please advise why the Keon Park Tennis Club was visited by Council Officers to discuss the Netball courts and their positioning and while the Keon Park Stars JFC was not given same courtesy by Council Officers, so the KPSJFC committee could have input Re Netball Courts.”

Response from Sally Jones, Acting Director Community Development:

Thank you for your question relating to the Netball Courts at Donath Reserve.

The Keon Park Stars Junior Football Club, along with all other sporting tenants of Donath Reserve, were notified of Council’s intention to construct multi-purpose courts adjacent to the existing tennis courts and were encouraged to provide feedback as part of community consultation for the Inner City Netball project.

Notification of the proposal was sent to the nominated club representative and feedback received from the club is that they are happy with the proposal.

I note that you attended the community consultation meeting held on Thursday 15 September at Donath Reserve as a general community member, as you are not an authorised representative of the Keon Park Stars Junior Football Club Committee.

Thank you for your feedback on the positioning of an additional court nearer to the Donath central pavilion. This will be provided to the Victorian State Government for their consideration.

- **Bruce Nager of Preston asked the following question:**

“Which councillors want to change Batman Park name?”

Response from Sally Jones, Acting Director Community Development:

“I am writing in response to your question raised at the Council Meeting on 19 September 2016, asking what Councillors want to change the name of Batman Park.

The original motion to explore the possibility of renaming Batman Park was endorsed by Council on 16 December 2013. Please find the extract of this resolution below.

‘That Council:

- (1) Council notes and supports recent calls by Wurundjeri elders and other local Aboriginal leaders to change the name of the Federal seat of Batman, in the spirit of reconciliation.*
- (2) Council commits to working with the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Council and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Australian Electoral Commission to develop and advocate for options for consideration by the Australian Electoral Commission.*
- (3) Council receives a report on the results of consultation with the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Council and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Australian Electoral Commission, along with the process and timeframe for making a submission.*
- (4) Consultation also occur around other relevant locations such as Batman Park.’*

At this stage there has been no decision made about the name change. A further report based on the outcomes of consultations with community and Traditional Owners will be provided to the newly elected Council in December 2016 for their further consideration.”

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion at 7.01 pm and returned at 7.02 pm.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Recommendation

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to present a thankyou gift to Cr. Vince Fontana in recognition of his service as Mayor.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive, Rasiah Dev presented the outgoing Mayor, Cr. Fontana with a book of his accomplishments during his Mayoral year and invited Councillors to speak.

Each Councillor then spoke to offer thanks and best wishes for future endeavours of those councillors not standing for re-election.

Director Civic Governance and Performance, Jacinta Stevens temporarily left the meeting during suspension of standing orders at 7.06 pm and returned at 7.10 pm.

Cr. Li temporarily left the meeting during suspension of standing orders at 7.07 pm and returned at 7.08 pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Recommendation

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

THAT Standing Orders be resumed

CARRIED

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 FINANCIAL COUNSELLING PROGRAM

MINUTE NO. 373

Author: Acting Manager Families, Diversity and Community Wellbeing

Reviewed By: Director Community Development

Report Background

This report is in response to the Council Resolution from the Council meeting on the 15 September 2014 and provides an update on the Generalist Financial Counselling services provided to Darebin residents as part of the service partnership with Kildonan Uniting Care.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on the 15 September 2014, Council resolved:

That Council:

- (1) *Note this report on the Financial Counselling Program.*
- (2) *Receives a further report in 12 months-time assessing the Darebin Kildonan Agreement to ensure it is serving the financial assistance needs of Darebin residents'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal Two: Healthy and Connected Community

Darebin Early Years Strategy 2011-2021

Summary

This report provides an update on the Generalist Financial Counselling services provided to Darebin residents as part of the service partnership with Kildonan Uniting Care. This service delivery model was implemented in July 2014 following a state wide review of the previous forty-two programs funded by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV). The expanded service model delivered by Kildonan Uniting Care enables a holistic, wide reaching and coordinated model of service provision to be delivered across the region. The model continues to support a large number of Darebin residents and has enabled residents to access financial counselling in an inclusive and effective manner.

Darebin Council will continue to work in partnership with Kildonan through the active promotion of the services available at Kildonan Uniting Care and referring eligible clients to their service site located at 648 High Street, Reservoir.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

That Council note this report on the Financial Counselling Program.

CARRIED

6.2 AGE-FRIENDLY VICTORIA DECLARATION**MINUTE NO. 374****Author:** Acting Manager Aged and Disability**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

This report seeks Council's endorsement to sign the Age-Friendly Declaration (**Appendix A**).

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Active and Healthy Ageing 2011 – 2021 Vision: *“Council’s overall objective in the development of the Strategy and in its implementation over the ten year timeframe is to facilitate a Darebin Age Friendly City.”*
- Council Plan 2013 – 2017 (Goal 2: A Healthy and Connected Community) *“provide the opportunity for isolated residents to connect socially and physically to the wider community via access to social networks, active transport and safe and accessible public spaces and networks.”*

Summary

The Victorian Government report *‘Ageing is everyone’s business: a report on isolation and loneliness among senior Victorians’* highlights that at least ten per cent of Victoria’s older population experiences loneliness at any one time. In response the Age-Friendly Victoria initiative was launched to encourage active ageing and optimise opportunities for good health, social and community participation for Victorian seniors.

The initiative will deliver \$2.2 million over four years for age-friendly projects led by local government.

In addition the Victorian Government with the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) signed an Age-Friendly Declaration on 14 April 2016 (**Appendix A**). To date, ten Victorian Councils have signed the Declaration including Yarra and Nillumbik.

The Declaration outlines the seven commitments that directly correlate with areas of the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011 – 2021 and the Council Plan 2013 - 2017.

Recommendation

That Council reaffirms its commitment to an Age Friendly Darebin by signing the Age-Friendly Declaration attached to this report as **Appendix A**.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council:

- (1) Reaffirms its commitment to an Age Friendly Darebin by signing the Age-Friendly Declaration attached to this report as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Officers write to the Minister for Health and Minister for Planning urging the state government to initiate a review of the Planning and Environment Act to incorporate universal design and access principles in order to assist elderly persons to age in place.

CARRIED

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.17 pm and returned during discussion at 7.18 pm

**6.3 PROJECT APPLICATIONS - SPORT AND RECREATION
VICTORIA COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
GRANTS 2017/2018****MINUTE NO. 375****Author:** Manager Leisure and Community Facilities**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

The Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) is an annual State Government funding program that provides funding to Councils to support the development of community sporting facilities. It presents an opportunity to deliver sport and leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council. This report details the projects successful in progressing through to the full application stage and those which were unsuccessful and the proposed future actions.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on 1 August 2016 Council resolved to:

‘.....

(2) *Submit applications to Sport and Recreation Victoria for the following categories and projects:*

- *Minor Facilities category – installation of sports field lighting systems at Bundoora Park and Pitcher Park*
- *Major Facilities category - redevelopment of Bill Lawry Oval pavilion*
- *Cricket Facilities category – redevelopment of Preston City Oval cricket practice nets*

.....

(4) *Receive a further report once the applications have been finalised.’*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – Monday 11 July 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- **Council plan 2013 – 2017 strategies** - 2.6 Community health and fitness; and access to opportunities; 2.10 Social and physical connectedness; 2.13 equitable access for all; 2.15 equity in sport; 5.2 access and inclusion
- **Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017** – Goal 4 – build healthy, safe and accessible places for people to play and connect; goal 5 protect and promote Darebin people’s physical health (5.3 – increase regular physical activity for all)
- **Darebin Leisure Strategy and Leisure Services Action Plan 2015 - 2020**

Summary

Advice was received from SRV that the sports field lighting projects from the Minor Facilities category were successful in progressing to the full application stage. These applications have now been finalised and lodged.

Should both sports lighting applications be successful, Council will receive \$200,000 of grant funding. A co-contribution in the order of \$419,500 (ex. GST) will be required from Council's 2017/2018 capital works budget.

The redevelopment projects for the Bill Lawry Oval pavilion and cricket practice nets at Preston City Oval were not successful in progressing to the full application stage.

Council officers will further develop the Bill Lawry Oval pavilion project in consultation with club and sporting peak body stakeholders and look to submitting an application in the next round of the CSIF for projects commencing in 2018/2019.

The development of the cricket practice nets at Preston City Oval will be assessed alongside other potential projects when applications open for the next round of CSIF funding for projects that commence in 2018/2019.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes that SRV grants present an opportunity to deliver Leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council.
- (2) Notes that two applications that were successful in proceeding to full application, and have now been lodged; these being the upgrade of sports field lighting systems at Bundoora Park and Pitcher Park.
- (3) Notes the required Council co-contribution of approximately \$419,500 and the obligation to include the required co-contribution to these projects in the 2017/2018 capital works budget if applications are successful.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Notes that SRV grants present an opportunity to deliver Leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council.
- (2) Notes that two applications that were successful in proceeding to full application, and have now been lodged; these being the upgrade of sports field lighting systems at Bundoora Park and Pitcher Park.
- (3) Notes the required Council co-contribution of approximately \$419,500 to be referred to the 2017/2018 capital works budget for consideration.

CARRIED

6.4 SPORTING FEES, CHARGES AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

MINUTE NO. 376

Author: Manager Leisure and Community Facilities**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

This paper provides Council with an update on the application and implementation of Darebin Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy 2014 (**Appendix A**) in accordance with the Council resolution of 6 October 2014. It also responds to a Council resolution from the meeting held on 6 June 2016 relating to the policy's impact on micro clubs.

Previous Council Resolution(s)

At its meeting on 6 October 2014 Council adopted the Darebin Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement (SFCOA) Policy 2014 and resolved:

'That officers provide 6 monthly reports on outcomes and issues arising from the implementation of the policy.'

Further, at its meeting on 6 June 2016, Council resolved:

'That officers report back with a report on the costs and benefits to put in place extra fee relief for micro clubs.'

Previous Briefing(s)

1 February 2016, 16 May 2016 and 12 September 2016.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Council Plan 2013–2017 - 2.6 Community health and fitness; and access to opportunities; 2.10 Social and physical connectedness; 2.13 equitable access for all; 2.15 equity in sport; 5.2 access and inclusion

Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013–2017 Goal 4 – build healthy, safe and accessible places for people to play and connect; Goal 5 – protect and promote Darebin people's physical health (5.3 – increase regular physical activity for all)

Darebin Leisure Strategy (2010–2020) and Leisure Services Action Plan 2015-2020

Summary

- Implementation of the Darebin Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy commenced in 2014. The policy aims for transparency and equity in the levying of fees and is strongly focussed toward increasing participation and participant diversity.
- There have been significant increases in female and junior participation across many sports including cricket, Australian Rules football and soccer in the reporting period and more broadly during the Council's term of office.

- Establishment of a comprehensive database and standardised methods of data collection is a priority project for Leisure Services in 2016/2017 given the difficulties collecting and reporting accurate and meaningful participation data.
- Actions on the issue of additional support for micro clubs will focus on ascertaining clubs eligibility for existing support programs. Reclassification of de-commissioned sporting venues to community venues will also be investigated as a way to reduce access fees for smaller clubs.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) Note this six monthly report on the outcomes and issues arising from the implementation of the Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement policy.
- (2) Endorse updates to the Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement policy as detailed within the report.

CARRIED

6.5 SPRINGTHORPE ESTATE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY**MINUTE NO. 377****Author:** Acting Manager Transport and Public Places**Reviewed By:** Director Future City and Assets**Report Background**

In May 2016, the Springthorpe Owners Corporation wrote to Council seeking the development of a car parking policy for the Springthorpe Estate. The policy was considered necessary by the Owners Corporation to address the following issues:

- Parking pressures being externally generated.
- The need to ensure all residents are able to access on-street parking.
- Nearby developments, together with increases in university staff and student numbers, will continue to generate a significant impact on traffic volume, road safety and car parking in the area.

Further to the above, the Owners Corporation considered that a parking policy could include time restricted parking in affected areas of the Estate and a review of existing access to parking permits for residents. In developing the policy, the Owners Corporation has identified that the process would require:

- Consultation with residents in order to canvas options and co-develop the best possible solutions.
- Consideration of a Council budget submission to fund the implementation strategy.

This report considers the need for a specific parking policy for the Springthorpe Estate and the process that would be followed in developing one.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

Council briefing 12 September 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Development of a Residential Parking Permit Policy relates to Council Plan Goal of Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods.

Summary

Treatments to address parking concerns within the Springthorpe Estate have been to install 'No Stopping' and timed parking restrictions. This approach has simply relocated the parking issues. Implementing timed restrictions, coupled with Darebin's existing parking permit policy, has not been able to meet the needs of that community.

In response to ongoing parking challenges and a submission by the Springthorpe Owners Corporation, this report proposes the creation of a Residential Parking Permit Policy for the Springthorpe Estate.

This policy would be developed in conjunction with the Springthorpe community to identify appropriate restrictions and access to permits. It is anticipated that a new parking policy for the Springthorpe Estate would improve safety and amenity in the area.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council develop a Springthorpe Estate Parking Policy in line with the future actions described in this report.

CARRIED

6.6 PROCUREMENT POLICY**MINUTE NO. 378****Author:** Coordinator Procurement and Contracting**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Performance**Report Background**

In accordance with section 186A (7) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) there is a requirement for Council, on an annual basis, to review the procurement policy.

The current policy and guidelines were endorsed by Council dated 23 November 2015.

A recent review of those policy and guidelines enables Council to adopt a streamlined and efficient approach to the way in which procurement is undertaken at Darebin Council and incorporates the Darebin Industry Participation Policy principles.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 – Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

On an annual basis Council is required to review its procurement policy and submit it to Council for approval.

The report sets out the amendments made to the previous procurement policy dated November 2015.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note the outcomes of the procurement policy review.
- (2) Adopt the City of Darebin Procurement Policy October 2016, as required under section 186A of the *Local Government Act 1989*, attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That:

- (1) Council note the outcomes of the procurement policy review.
- (2) Council adopt the City of Darebin Procurement Policy October 2016, as required under section 186A of the *Local Government Act 1989*, attached as **Appendix A** to this report **with the following amendment:**
 - **On page 9, under ‘Local Business Framework’, third paragraph, “where practicable to do so, council will seek and obtain quotes from Indigenous companies..”**

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover that point (3) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Li.

- (3) The Procurement Policy be presented to the new Council for noting at its first ordinary meeting.

Cr. Greco further proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be amended as follows. The amendment was not accepted as it was in contradiction to the original motion and the Election Period Policy.

- (3) The Procurement Policy **and associated Procurement Strategy** be presented to the new Council for noting at its first ordinary meeting.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Note the outcomes of the procurement policy review.
- (2) Council adopt the City of Darebin Procurement Policy October 2016, as required under section 186A of the *Local Government Act 1989*, attached as **Appendix A** to this report with the following amendment:
 - On page 9, under ‘Local Business Framework’, third paragraph, “where practicable to do so, council will seek and obtain quotes from Indigenous companies...”
- (3) The Procurement Policy be presented to the new Council for noting at its first ordinary meeting.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Note the outcomes of the procurement policy review.
- (2) Council adopt the City of Darebin Procurement Policy October 2016, as required under section 186A of the *Local Government Act 1989*, attached as **Appendix A** to this report with the following amendment:
 - On page 9, under 'Local Business Framework', third paragraph, "where practicable to do so, council will seek and obtain quotes from Indigenous companies..."
- (3) The Procurement Policy be presented to the new Council for noting at its first ordinary meeting.

CARRIED

6.7 ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**MINUTE NO. 379****Author:** Coordinator Council Plan and Performance**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Performance**Report 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.

The Minister for Local Government was provided a copy of the Annual Report on Thursday 15 September 2016. Within one month of providing the Minister with a copy of the Annual Report, Council must also present their Annual Report at a Council meeting. Council resolved 'in principle' to endorse the Statements and authorised two councillors to sign the statements post audit committee – Council Meeting 5 September 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

There are no previous Council resolutions relating to this item.

Previous Briefing(s)

Nil

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

The 2015/2016 Annual Report includes information relating to:

- Council's progress against the goals, priority actions and performance indicators contained in the Council Plan 2013 – 2017, over the course of 2015/2016.
- Council's financial performance for the 2015/2016 financial year, which is documented in the audited standard, financial and performance statements.
- Council's performance against the performance measures included in the Local Government Performance Framework.
- A comprehensive review of Council's operations carried out during the financial year.
- Information about the City of Darebin Councillors and committees.
- Corporate governance and other statutory information.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note the City of Darebin Annual Report 2015/2016, attached at **Appendix A**.

- (2) Note the Annual Report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 15 September 2016.
- (3) Note a copy of the Annual Report 2015/2016 was made available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre two weeks prior to this meeting, compliant with section 133(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Note in compliance with section 134(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* a Public Notice featured in The Age, 17 September 2016, Preston Leader, 20 September 2016, and Northcote Leader 21 September 2016, advising the Annual Report will be discussed at the Council meeting of 3 October 2016 and the place where copies of the Annual Report can be obtained.
- (5) Note the Annual Report has been presented to Council within one month of providing the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government, satisfying section 134(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and Section 22(1) of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.
- (6) Note this report was prepared in accordance with all relevant legislation including the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Amendment (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014*, and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Note the City of Darebin Annual Report 2015/2016, attached at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Note the Annual Report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 15 September 2016.
- (3) Note a copy of the Annual Report 2015/2016 was made available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre two weeks prior to this meeting, compliant with section 133(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Note in compliance with section 134(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* a Public Notice featured in The Age, 17 September 2016, Preston Leader, 20 September 2016, and Northcote Leader 21 September 2016, advising the Annual Report will be discussed at the Council meeting of 3 October 2016 and the place where copies of the Annual Report can be obtained.
- (5) Note the Annual Report has been presented to Council within one month of providing the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government, satisfying section 134(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and Section 22(1) of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.
- (6) Note this report was prepared in accordance with all relevant legislation including the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Amendment (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014*, and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover that point (7) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Walsh.

- (7) Note the information provided within Note 36 – Related Party Transactions, point (ii) Remuneration of Responsible Persons. *Note: Effective from 12 May 2016, the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Rasiah Dev's Total Remuneration Package is calculated at \$358,000.*

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council:

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- (6) Note this report was prepared in accordance with all relevant legislation including the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Amendment (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014*, and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.
- (7) Note the information provided within Note 36 – Related Party Transactions, point (ii) Remuneration of Responsible Persons. *Note: Effective from 12 May 2016, the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Rasiah Dev's Total Remuneration Package is calculated at \$358,000.*

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Note the City of Darebin Annual Report 2015/2016, attached at **Appendix A**.

- (2) Note the Annual Report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 15 September 2016.
- (3) Note a copy of the Annual Report 2015/2016 was made available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre two weeks prior to this meeting, compliant with section 133(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Note in compliance with section 134(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* a Public Notice featured in *The Age*, 17 September 2016, *Preston Leader*, 20 September 2016, and *Northcote Leader* 21 September 2016, advising the Annual Report will be discussed at the Council meeting of 3 October 2016 and the place where copies of the Annual Report can be obtained.
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CARRIED

6.8 2015/2016 ANNUAL SUMMARY OF DAREBIN COMMUNITY SURVEY**MINUTE NO. 380****Author:** Coordinator Community Engagement and Demographics**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Performance**Report Background**

The Darebin Community Survey has been commissioned by Council since 1999 and examines the levels of community satisfaction with a range of services and programs conducted by Council. Since March 2007 the survey has been conducted quarterly.

The Community Survey was implemented as part of the Best Value Principles legislative requirement in the *Local Government Act 1989* under section 208B. It is a survey conducted on behalf of Council to regularly assess the community's perceptions throughout each year.

Previous Council Resolution

An Annual Summary is presented to Council every year. The following resolution was made by Council for last year's Annual Summary.

At its meeting held on 21 September 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council note and endorse the 2014/2015 Annual Summary of the Darebin Community Survey attached as Appendix A to this report'.

Previous Briefing(s)

The 2014/2015 Annual Summary of Darebin Community Survey was presented at the Council Briefing Session on 14 September 2015.

Councillor briefing – 3 October 2016.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

This report relates to the Council Plan goal of 'Open and Accountable Democracy' and the Community Engagement Strategy which aims to implement Darebin's Community Engagement Framework.

Summary

The Darebin Community Survey is conducted quarterly and provides Council with a comprehensive analysis of the community's perception of Council's performance in a broad range of services and facilities as well as overall. The survey also measures satisfaction with particular aspects of governance and leadership, customer service, community safety and the community's perception of Council as an organisation.

A section in the survey is also included which enables Council to ascertain the issues that the community perceives to be important and gauge awareness level of advocacy campaigns and local improvements.

The community survey measures indicators from the Council Plan and Local Government Performance reporting Framework.

This paper provides the summary of the 2015/2016 annual results, which is the first year with the increased quarterly sample size of 250 respondents.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT Council note and endorse the 2015/2016 Annual Summary of the Darebin Community Survey summary report attached as **Appendix A**.

CARRIED

Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.02 pm

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11. PETITIONS**11.1 DO THE RIGHT THING: FIX MRS VACCARO'S BLOCKED SEWER****MINUTE NO. 381****Council Resolution****MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy**
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh**That** the petition:

"We, the undersigned community, call on Darebin City Council to do the right thing by our neighbour, Mrs A. Vaccaro of Northcote. Four years ago, Mrs Vaccaro brought to Councils attention the damage that a Council street tree was doing to the sewer pipe on her property. The trees roots have now blocked the pipe. To fix this will cost Mrs Vaccaro thousands of dollars, which she doesn't have and shouldn't have to pay. Mrs Vaccaro has forced to deal with an external insurance company on this issue, making it even more difficult to resolve the issue with Council directly.

We, the undersigned, believe that Council should pay to fix this problem as it is due to a Council street tree which was planted after Mrs Vaccaro's sewer pipe was installed. We also call on Council to review its current use of external insurance companies to handle these issues on behalf of Council, as this makes it challenging for residents, particularly non-English speaking pensioners, to stand up for their rights."

be tabled and a report presented to Council.

CARRIED*Cr. Tsitas returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.07 pm.*

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 382

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 24 May 2016
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 23 August 2016
- Councillors Strategic workshop – 5 September 2016
- Bundoora Homestead Board of Management Workshop – 10 September 2016
- Councillor Briefing session – 12 September 2016
- Councillors Strategic workshop – 19 September 2016

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 24 May, 23 August, 5, 10, 12 and 19 September 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 383

Council Resolution

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED**13.1 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA, MAYOR**

Cr. Fontana reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Meeting with visiting Italian Parliamentarians.
- Meeting with residents re traffic issues in Normanby Avenue
- Meeting with CEO

13.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI

Cr. Li reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- 67th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and assumption of Mr Zhao as Consul General in Melbourne
- Residential issues including planning and traffic management

13.3 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities

- Timor L'ester Cultural Night
- Preston Market Community meeting
- Springthorpe History Project Information night.
- Councillor briefing
- Attended to residents' concerns re:
 - Planning issues
 - Traffic management
 - Aged care services

13.4 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities

- Council meeting
- Council briefing
- Planning Committee meeting

13.5 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Cr. McCarthy reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Meeting with neighbourhood house representatives
- Meeting with various sports clubs
- Meeting with residents and community organisations regarding Grandview Hotel application for 100 electronic gaming machines (pokies)
- Various meetings and representations on behalf of residents and traders

13.6 REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

Cr. Williams reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

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13.7 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS

Cr. Tsitas reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

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13.8 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH

Cr. Walsh reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

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13.9 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA

Cr. Villella reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

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14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.