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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 13 February 2017

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Steph Amir
Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Susan Rennie

Council Officers

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive
Steve Hamilton - Director Future City and Assets
Katrina Knox - Director Community Development
Andrew McLeod - Director Corporate Services
JACINTA STEVENS - DIRECTOR CIVIC GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE
LIBBY HYNES - ACTING DIRECTOR OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT
ALLAN COCHRANE - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
BLAGA NAUMOSKI - MANAGER GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE INFORMATION
KATIA CROCE - COORDINATOR COUNCIL BUSINESS
JODY BRODRIBB - COUNCIL BUSINESS AND GOVERNANCE OFFICER
DAVE BELL - SENIOR MEDIA ADVISOR

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was lodged on behalf of Cr. Williams.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-060

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 December 2016 and the Special Meetings of Council held on 19 December 2016, 30 January 2017 and 6 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairperson, Cr Le Cerf, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Walter Franz submitted the following question:**

“Being mindful that the existing Australia Day celebrations on the 26th January represents “pain & sorrow” to many in our Community and as a consequence is a divisive rather than a unifying day of celebration, that Council is prepared to debate a Motion to liaise with the reported and assumed likeminded City Of Yarra or on its own undertaking to change the existing date of celebration.

And for that purpose we recommend the day of Lawful and Legislative independence from British rule the 3rd March and then known as “Australian Independence Day”.

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“We acknowledge that the celebration of Australia Day on January 26 does not reflect the sorrow and pain felt by many Aboriginal people on that day, representing the start of dispossession from traditional lands, and the loss of language and culture.

We also acknowledge that continuing to hold celebrations on 26 January contributes to and compounds the pain and suffering of many Aboriginal people.

We note that Yarra Council at its meeting last week, unanimously voted to commence discussions with its local Aboriginal community regarding the future of Council events on Australia Day. We also note the decision taken by Freemantle Council to move its traditional Australia Day celebrations to another date, and the notable increase in public discussion and social action that took a place around January 26 this year.

Cr. Le Cerf in fact acknowledged the potential to shift the date of Australia Day in her speech at Council’s Australia Day event last month. Council has also proposed a review of its major festivals and events which could include how consideration of how we mark Australia Day in the future.

Council does not have the authority to change the date of Australia Day, or to make an alternative date. However we do have some authority to decide on the type and tone of events for which we are responsible on January 26 each year.

We can also advocate on our community’s behalf in matters where decision-making authority lies elsewhere.”

- **Jordan Andrews submitted the following question:**

“When will the upgrade of the Preston Senior Citizens Centre on Donald Street take place and what level of upgrade is to take place.”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“Council has responsibility of managing six Senior Citizen Centres in Darebin including Donald Street. While Donald Street is in need of repair and upgrade, there are other Senior Citizen Centres who need an upgrade more urgently based on the age of the building and the volume of visitors who use these buildings annually.

Over 2017 the Aged and Disability Department will be working closely with Council’s Assets and Properties Department to identify and prioritise refurbishment and upgrades for each the Senior Citizen Centres in Darebin, including the East Preston centre.”

- **Robin Vote of Preston asked the following question:**

“Is Darebin Council planning to consult Council’s aged care service users, carers and community members about the future of aged care services under the Commonwealth’s Aged Care reforms and has an adequate budget been allocated for the consultation process?”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“Aged Care Reforms and the NDIS are one of the biggest reforms affecting the community care sector since the introduction of Medicare. This is a substantial, sweeping and unprecedented change to the service system. A number of home support programs are now funded by the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). It is anticipated that from the 1st of July 2019 further changes will be introduced including service contestability and increased client choice and control.

Darebin Council has been involved in a project with six other councils in the Northern Metropolitan Region to gather information and explore possible ways to support Council in making a decision in relation to the provision of services post 2019. Additionally, The Aged and Disability department have put in place an Aged Care Reforms “Transition” resource to manage and guide this important work.

Finally, as a Notice of Motion that we will be discussing later this evening put forward by Cr. Greco on ‘Inquiry into how Council can continue to provide quality in-house aged care services’ will be considered.

- **Felix Cipriani of Keon Park submitted the following question:**

“I have been a resident for over 50 years. I joined the Stathallan Gold Club in 1987 and have enjoyed some 30 years of playing golf and the friendly atmosphere within the club. I am dismayed at the proposal of La Trobe University to terminate its lease with the Golf Club in early 2019 and sell the golf course land to developers.

I fully support the Motion as put forward by Cr Laurence that is aimed at ensuring the ongoing use of the land by Strathallan Golf Club for the benefit of current and future members of the public. If the Council rejects the Motion as put by Cr Laurence what action does the Council intend to take to protect this great community social and recreational asset.”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“Council is yet to consider Cr. Laurence’s Notice of Motion at this stage, and I would not like to speculate on actions it will take given that no decision has been formed yet but that can be explored depending on what happens later this evening.

- **Peter Roberts of Heidelberg West submitted the following question:**

“I’m writing on behalf of the Strathallan Golf Club which has operated on the same site for just on 60 years. During the mid 1980s the State Government of the day proposed to sell off a significant parcel of land including the golf course land for residential development. An Independent Review Panel was established to consider the issue and make recommendations to the Government. The Panels subsequent findings included the recommendation that the golf course land be maintained as Open Space to be utilised as a Buffer Zone to the proposed Gresswell Native Habitat Link and a community recreational facility.

The recommendation of the Panel was attributed to a number of key factors including environment access drainage the kids to the Community of recreational facilities and Open Space. These factors are as relevant today as they were some 25 plus years ago.

The Club has been advised by La Trobe University that its current lease of the gold course land due to expire January 2019 will not be renewed or extended. The Club organised a Public Meeting in October 2016 that was attended by some 350 people. An outcome of this meeting was the establishment of a community based action group Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition Inc. comprising local residents members of the Golf Club and representatives of local native wildlife groups. The primary purpose of the Community Coalition is to promote the protection and preservation of the Strathallan Open Space in accordance with the lands current zoning and usage.

Needless to say the Strathallan Golf Club and I say the Community Coalition fully support the Motion as proposed by Cr Tim Laurence.

Should the Motion of Cr Laurence not be accepted by Council what action is proposed that will ensure the ongoing use and enjoyment by the Community of the Strathallan Open Space area that acts as a Nature Reserve Buffer Zone and incorporates the Strathallan golf course and abutting public walking track.”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“As per the previous question, Council is yet to consider this item and, at this stage, I would not like to speculate on actions that Council may take to protect the land without having made a decision as yet.”

- **Lisa Oakley of Preston submitted the following question:**

“Following the recent VCAT decision P756/2016 (2/12/2016) for 40 Showers street, we the residents of Showers street would like to know if council has plans for reviewing the strategic plan for Showers Street? If so, we the residents of Showers street would like to be part of the conversation and collaborate further with Council. We would like Council to agree to a meeting with concerned residents and have the commitment noted within the meeting minutes.”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“This is an important and complex issue which relates to a recently approved Planning Scheme Amendment (Amendment C136). On 12 December 2016, Council resolved to set up a Darebin Planning Scheme Working Group to review and improve aspects of Darebin’s current MSS and Planning Scheme to protect our local neighbourhood character and valued streetscapes and increase access to social and affordable housing. I would acknowledge that planning controls on Showers Street warrants further consideration given its unique location and character of built form. As such, the current planning controls on Showers Street could be a candidate for consideration by the working group. In the meantime, Council officers will engage with interested landowners to discuss a pragmatic way to move forward for Showers Street.”

- **Martin Grogan of Thornbury asked the following question:**

“Since the introduction of rate capping by the Victorian Government was in response to Councils wasting money. How exactly are rate payers in Darebin city expected to benefit from its Council squandering money on a pointless battle in the Supreme Court to defend its bizarre appointment of a Boroondara Councillor to the MAV? What is the forecast cost to Council and what additional cost is there likely if the MAV MAV is awarded a cost order against the Council?”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“Council will contest the MAVs rejection of our delegate. We have sought an injunction in the supreme court and have assembled a legal team who are willing to work on a no win no fee basis, because they see that they have a public interest in this matter. In terms of the forecast amount in terms of cost, if we were too lose, I will refer that to the Chief Executive Officer, Philip Shanahan for comment.”

The Chief Executive Officer, Philip Shanahan provided the following response:

“First thing I would say is that we would not be happy to have costs awarded given the matter is a matter of public interest; in fact we would argue strenuously with our legal team that there is a bona fide case to be heard in court and that the award should not include costs. If that argument doesn’t prevail and we’ve lost to the extent if we lose and we don’t convince the court that it would be unreasonable to pass on costs we would have to bear the amount of the MAVs reasonable legal costs. It is expected to be about one and a half hours in court, there is varying estimates, but it is not a big number, it is not an inconsiderable number, but it is not a large number and we would have to wait and see. I don’t know, there won’t be any other contingent costs. We are seeking an injunction restraining the MAV from running the ballot without Cr Ross’ name on the ballot paper. Worse case looks like, if we weren’t successful, it would be a reprint of 79 ballot papers and another post out. So, we are probably only interested in their reasonable legal costs. I honestly can’t put a number, the number I have to put on it, would be too broad to guess, it might be as low as 5 and as high as 15.

Our team work for nothing unless we win and there wouldn’t be any other contingent costs worthily of mention given the smallness of the project, so if the project has to be redone over the next three weeks, it is a very small project.”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided one further response on the matter as follows:

“We are maintaining our strong stance on this matter because we believe it to be legally sound and because gender representation in local government falls short of community expectations, so I guess we stand strong on the decision we made back in January.”

- **Christine Grogan of Thornbury asked the following question:**

“Does the resolution of Council on 30 January 2017 to appoint Cr. Coral Ross of Boroondara City Council as Council’s representative to the Municipal Association of Victoria indicate a continuing need for external assistance to Council to overcome numerous problems previously identified by both a municipal monitor and two inspections of municipal administration? With Council already battling former CEO Rasiah Dev in court, why is Council now willing to spend more ratepayers’ money on battling the Municipal Association of Victoria about its refusal to accept the nomination of Coral Ross?”

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

“I’ve got a couple of clarifying questions. There is reference to overcome numerous problems previously identified, can you please be more specific about the problems identified by the municipal monitor.

I don’t know if you would like to pass comment, but to my knowledge the Council is not in any court proceedings against Mr. Dev and I guess without identifying the problems I don’t think I can respond to your question.

In response to the ratepayers’ money on battling the MAV that was answered before.”

- **Anne Laver of Northcote asked the following questions:**

“(1) To acting CEO and all Councillors, please advise how you travelled to the meeting tonight i.e. was it by car or public transport?”

“(2) Please advise whether indeed Parking Overlay 52.06 is in place within Darebin Council and whether the Council accepts a financial contribution from developers for the waiver of parking spaces on development applications as allowed under clause 45.09 and if the answer is yes, is the figure \$8,000 + GST per space it received?”

All Councillors answered question 1, by advising how they arrived at Council meeting today.

The Director City Futures and Assets, Steve Hamilton provided the following response:

“I will take the question on notice and reply via email.”

- **Brian Fairman of Preston submitted the following questions:**

“We the petitioners to Council, applaud the Council’s action to improve the amenities in the Reserve.

However, we feel that a couple of issues are still to be addressed.

Firstly, we petitioned Council to provide adequate lighting, and the proposed ‘upgrade’ to Adams reserve, does not address this concern. Could Council consider this important safety and security issue in the ‘upgrade’?

Secondly, the ‘Upgrade’ includes naming the Reserve, ‘Florence Adams’ which is commendable however; What information could Council supply about ‘Florence Adams’ and her contribution to the City of Darebin? Could a ‘plaque’ in her honour be considered as part of the ‘upgrade’?

Thirdly, Could Council consider the traffic management issues that abound around this Reserve, by extending the 'No Stopping' parking restriction to include the southern side of Adams Reserve. This improves accessibility and safety for those entering the Reserve"

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf provided the following response:

"I think that's a fabulous idea on learning more about Florence Adams and making a plaque there in her honour, I actually don't know anything about Florence Adams myself, but I am very interested now.

In regards to the safety and security issue of the upgrading of the lighting, I will have to refer that to officers. We will take that on notice and get a response about that.

The traffic management issues warrant a look at in terms of the traffic management and flow of traffic. Again we will take that on notice and provide you a written response about the options available."

Jacinta Stevens, Director Civic Governance and Compliance temporarily left the meeting at 6.05 pm and returned at 6.06 pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 17-061****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council reorder the agenda to hear Items 8.1 – 8.6 (Notices of Motion) first, then revert to the original order of the agenda.

CARRIED**8. NOTICES OF MOTION****8.1 DAREBIN COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST****Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 328**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 13 February 2017, it is my intention to move:

That Darebin Council:

- (1) *Recognises that Darebin is facing a housing affordability crisis not seen in the history of the City.*
- (2) *Resolves to establish an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust, based on the City of Port Phillip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists.*
- (3) *Receives a further report scoping the potential to transfer strategic council owned land (and housing stock) including the Preston Civic Precinct car park and the Northcote Plaza Car Park, the Helen Street carpark and the Ralph street car park to the Darebin Community Housing Trust to ensure a future pipeline of land for social housing in the city.*
- (4) *Resolves to develop a 10 year strategic framework that supports the new Darebin Community Housing Trust and better promotes the orderly development and socially inclusive housing for all housing needs and income levels in the City of Darebin.*

Notice Received: 24 January 2017**Notice Given to Councillors 6 February 2017****Date of Meeting: 13 February 2017****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Darebin Council:

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- (2) Resolves to establish an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust, based on the City of Port Philip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists.
- (3) Receives a further report scoping the potential to transfer strategic council owned land (and housing stock) including the Preston Civic Precinct car park and the Northcote Plaza Car Park, the Helen Street carpark and the Ralph street car park to the Darebin Community Housing Trust to ensure a future pipeline of land for social housing in the city.
- (4) Resolves to develop a 10 year strategic framework that supports the new Darebin Community Housing Trust and better promotes the orderly development and socially inclusive housing for all housing needs and income levels in the City of Darebin.

Cr. Rennie proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence.

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Recognises that Darebin is facing a housing affordability crisis not seen in the history of the City.
- (2) **Establishes a working group comprised of interested Councillors and relevant Council staff to explore the establishment of an independent not for profit Darebin Community Housing Trust**, based on the City of Port Philip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists.
- (3) **Requests a report from Council on Council owned land that could be considered for transfer to any future housing trust, should one be established.**
- ~~(3) Receives a further report scoping the potential to transfer strategic council owned land (and housing stock) including the Preston Civic Precinct car park and the Northcote Plaza Car Park, the Helen Street carpark and the Ralph street car park to the Darebin Community Housing Trust to ensure a future pipeline of land for social housing in the city.~~
- ~~(4) Resolves to develop a 10 year strategic framework that supports the new Darebin Community Housing Trust and better promotes the orderly development and socially inclusive housing for all housing needs and income levels in the City of Darebin.~~

Cr. McCarthy further proposed to the mover and seconder that point (2) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Rennie.

- (2) Establishes a working group comprised of interested Councillors and relevant Council staff to explore the establishment of an independent not for profit Darebin Community Housing Trust, based on the City of Port Philip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists, **as well as private property owners, including owners of apartments and bodies corporate, to make available vacant properties as temporary or longer term accommodation.**

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Recognises that Darebin is facing a housing affordability crisis not seen in the history of the City.
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- (3) Requests a report from Council on Council owned land that could be considered for transfer to any future housing trust, should one be established.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-062

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Recognises that Darebin is facing a housing affordability crisis not seen in the history of the City.
- (2) Establishes a working group comprised of interested Councillors and relevant Council staff to explore the establishment of an independent not for profit Darebin Community Housing Trust, based on the City of Port Philip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists, as well as private property owners, including owners of apartments and bodies corporate, to make available vacant properties as temporary or longer term accommodation.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 URGENT LONG TERM PROTECTION OF THE DAREBIN URBAN FOREST THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF STRATHALLAN GOLF COURSE THAT CURRENTLY SERVES AS A HABITAT CORRIDOR IN LATROBE WARD

Councillor: Tim LAURENCE

NoM No.: 329

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 13 February 2017, it is my intention to move:

That Darebin Council:

- (1) *Supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.*
- (2) *Officers report back on options including but not limited to compulsory acquisition of the site for use as open space, recreation and conservation purposes and to retain the Strathallan Golf Course. Furthermore, that the officers' report include a valuation of the site and a timetable for the possible staged acquisition via our open space reserve.*
- (3) *Councillors and council officers consult with the Strathallan golf club about the prospect of council acquiring the land and the club continuing with a new lease with the council.*
- (4) *Officers prepare a detailed report on the long-term protection of conservation areas and the public open space network in Bundoora and Macleod in La Trobe Ward for presentation to council and the new Darebin Nature Trust.*

Notice Received: 24 January 2017

Notice Given to Councillors 6 February 2017

Date of Meeting: 13 February 2017

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.
- (2) Officers report back on options including but not limited to compulsory acquisition of the site for use as open space, recreation and conservation purposes and to retain the Strathallan Golf Course. Furthermore, that the officers' report include a valuation of the site and a timetable for the possible staged acquisition via our open space reserve.
- (3) Councillors and council officers consult with the Strathallan Golf Club about the prospect of council acquiring the land and the club continuing with a new lease with the council.

- (4) Officers prepare a detailed report on the long-term protection of conservation areas and the public open space network in Bundoora and Macleod in La Trobe Ward for presentation to council and the new Darebin Nature Trust.

Cr. Newton proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence.

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.
- (2) Request an officers report, seeking the following information:
 - (a) options and costs for the Council, State and/or Federal governments for, placing a caveat or covenant on the land to prevent development, for compulsorily acquiring the land, or, any other option which could be used to protect the land for future generations.
 - (b) clarify who the responsible authority/ies will be should an application for rezoning be received.
 - (c) include the circumstances of the transfer of the land from the Department of Health to La Trobe University, including the cost of the land at that time and any conditions or expectations that were attached to its transfer.
 - (d) an indicative valuation of the land based upon its current public park/recreation zoning, and a general residential zoning.
 - (e) long-term protection of conservation areas and the public open space network in Bundoora and Macleod in La Trobe Ward for consideration by the new proposed Darebin Nature Trust. The report will cover flood mitigation issues for surrounding and downstream areas.
- (3) Council will arrange a meeting with community stakeholders including the Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition Inc., the Springthorpe Owners Corporation and representatives from Strathallan Golf Club.
- (4) That the Mayor write to the Vice Chancellor of La Trobe University seeking a meeting to discuss the university's intentions regarding the land.
- (5) The Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Finance/Member for Preston and the Member for Bundoora expressing support for the retention of the open space to protect the environmental values of the land and retain the important recreation services provided to the community by the Strathallan Golf Course.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Darebin Council:**

- (1) Supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.
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THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-063****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Darebin Council:**

- (1) Supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.

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 - (a) options and costs for the Council, State and/or Federal governments for, placing a caveat or covenant on the land to prevent development, for compulsorily acquiring the land, or, any other option which could be used to protect the land for future generations.
 - (b) clarify who the responsible authority/ies will be should an application for rezoning be received.
 - (c) include the circumstances of the transfer of the land from the Department of Health to La Trobe University, including the cost of the land at that time and any conditions or expectations that were attached to its transfer.
 - (d) an indicative valuation of the land based upon its current public park/recreation zoning, and a general residential zoning.
 - (e) long-term protection of conservation areas and the public open space network in Bundoora and Macleod in La Trobe Ward for consideration by the new proposed Darebin Nature Trust. The report will cover flood mitigation issues for surrounding and downstream areas.
- (3) Council will arrange a meeting with community stakeholders including the Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition Inc., the Springthorpe Owners Corporation and representatives from Strathallan Golf Club.
- (4) That the Mayor write to the Vice Chancellor of La Trobe University seeking a meeting to discuss the university's intentions regarding the land.
- (5) The Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Finance/Member for Preston and the Member for Bundoora expressing support for the retention of the open space to protect the environmental values of the land and retain the important recreation services provided to the community by the Strathallan Golf Course.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 DAREBIN SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT RESERVE**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 330**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 13 February 2017, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) *Darebin Council resolves to establish a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir station.*
 - (2) *The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2017-2018 budget process.*
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Notice Received: 29 January 2017**Notice Given to Councillors 6 February 2017****Date of Meeting: 13 February 2017**

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**That:**

- (1) Darebin Council resolves to establish a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station.
- (2) The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2017-2018 budget process.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Newton.

That:

- (1) Darebin Council resolves to establish a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station.
 - (2) **Darebin Council writes to the Minister for Transport, Jacinta Allen MP, and Minister for Finance, Robin Scott MP to request the establishment of a feasibility study to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station, in time with the proposed removal of the Reservoir railway crossing.**
 - (3) The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2017-2018 budget process **for consideration.**
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Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that point (1) of the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Newton.

- (1) Darebin Council resolves to **consider the establishment** of a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That:

- (1) Darebin Council resolves to consider the establishment of a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station.
- (2) Darebin Council writes to the Minister for Transport, Jacinta Allen MP, and Minister for Finance, Robin Scott MP to request the establishment of a feasibility study to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station, in time with the proposed removal of the Reservoir railway crossing.
- (3) The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2017-2018 budget process for consideration.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-064

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That:

- (1) Darebin Council resolves to consider the establishment of a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station.
- (2) Darebin Council writes to the Minister for Transport, Jacinta Allen MP, and Minister for Finance, Robin Scott MP to request the establishment of a feasibility study to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir Station, in time with the proposed removal of the Reservoir railway crossing.
- (3) The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2017-2018 budget process for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Amir left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 6.55 pm and returned at 6.57 pm.

8.4 URGENT STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAIS STREET, PURINUAN ROAD AND ST VIGEONS ROAD, RESERVOIR**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 331

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 13 February 2017, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) *Darebin Council officers report back with a detailed plan as soon as practicable to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2017 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.*
 - (2) *Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2017-2018 budget for consideration.*
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Notice Received: 29 January 2017**Notice Given to Councillors** 6 February 2017**Date of Meeting:** 13 February 2017

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco**That:**

- (1) Darebin Council officers report back with a detailed plan as soon as practicable to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2017 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.
- (2) Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2017-2018 budget for consideration.

Cr. Amir proposed to *the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Greco.*

That Council:

- (1) Officers report back with a detailed plan as soon as practicable to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2017 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.
 - (2) Consider the improved use of rainwater as a resource, not only a waste product.
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- (3) Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2017-2018 budget for consideration.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Officers report back with a detailed plan as soon as practicable to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2017 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.
- (2) Consider the improved use of rainwater as a resource, not only a waste product.
- (3) Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2017-2018 budget for consideration.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-065

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

That Council:

- (1) Officers report back with a detailed plan as soon as practicable to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2017 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.
- (2) Consider the improved use of rainwater as a resource, not only a waste product.
- (3) Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2017-2018 budget for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phil Shanahan, Acting Chief Executive temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.13 pm.

8.5 COMMUNAL FOOD HUB**Councillor:** Trent MCCARTHY**NoM No.:** 332

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 13 February 2017, it is my intention to move:

That Council provides in-principle support and receives a further report on the proposal to establish Melbourne's first Communal Food Hub in the Darebin area to connect businesses, social enterprise, social justice initiatives, community organisations and local neighbourhoods. This proposal is currently in development by Melbourne Farmers Markets and other organisations who are seeking a host location and funding for this concept.

Notice Received: 31 January 2017**Notice Given to Councillors** 6 February 2017**Date of Meeting:** 13 February 2017

With leave of the Chairperson, Jacinta Stevens, Director Civic Governance and Compliance proposed the motion include the words "including a letter of support". This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy. The Motion then read as follows:

Motion**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

That Council provides in-principle support, **including a letter of support** and receives a further report on the proposal to establish Melbourne's first Communal Food Hub in the Darebin area to connect businesses, social enterprise, social justice initiatives, community organisations and local neighbourhoods. This proposal is currently in development by Melbourne Farmers Markets and other organisations who are seeking a host location and funding for this concept.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-066****MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

That Council provides in-principle support, including a letter of support and receives a further report on the proposal to establish Melbourne's first Communal Food Hub in the Darebin area to connect businesses, social enterprise, social justice initiatives, community organisations and local neighbourhoods. This proposal is currently in development by Melbourne Farmers Markets and other organisations who are seeking a host location and funding for this concept.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phil Shanahan, Acting Chief Executive returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.16 pm.

8.6 INQUIRY INTO HOW COUNCIL CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY IN-HOUSE AGED CARE SERVICES**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 333**

Cr. Messina disclosed a conflict of interest during discussion of the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as she is employed in the Aged Care sector.

Cr. Messina left the meeting during discussion of the item at 7.24 pm.

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 13 February 2017, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) *Council establishes a working group to develop a framework for an Inquiry into how Council can continue to provide quality in-house Aged Care Services in view of the Federal Government's decision to cease block funding (from July 2018) traditionally implemented by Local Government Home and Community Care (HACC) programs.*
- (2) *The Working Group will comprise of interested Councillors and will be supported by relevant Council officers. The working group will meet on a regular basis in the following months to develop terms of reference for the Inquiry and develop options on how Council can continue to provide quality aged care services for Council's consideration at its first meeting in May 2017.*

Notice Received: 31 January 2017**Notice Given to Councillors 6 February 2017****Date of Meeting: 13 February 2017**

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Greco amended his Notice of Motion prior to it being seconded, as follows:

Motion

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

- (1) Council establishes a working group to develop a framework for an Inquiry into how Council can continue to provide quality in-house Aged Care Services in view of the Federal Government's decision to cease block funding (from July **2019**) traditionally implemented by Local Government Home and Community Care (HACC) programs.
 - (2) The Working Group will comprise of interested Councillors and will be supported by relevant Council officers. The working group will meet on a regular basis in the following months to develop terms of reference for the Inquiry and develop options, **including a consultation process**, on how Council can continue to provide quality aged care services for Council's consideration at its first meeting in May 2017.
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THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-067

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

That:

- (1) Council establishes a working group to develop a framework for an Inquiry into how Council can continue to provide quality in-house Aged Care Services in view of the Federal Government's decision to cease block funding (from July 2019) traditionally implemented by Local Government Home and Community Care (HACC) programs.
- (2) The Working Group will comprise of interested Councillors and will be supported by relevant Council officers. The working group will meet on a regular basis in the following months to develop terms of reference for the Inquiry and develop options, including a consultation process, on how Council can continue to provide quality aged care services for Council's consideration at its first meeting in May 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phil Shanahan, Acting Chief Executive temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.24 pm and returned at 7.25 pm.

Cr. Messina returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.29 pm.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 COUNCILLOR SUPPORT AND EXPENSES POLICY 2017

Author: Council Business and Governance Officer

Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

Section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), requires each Council to adopt and maintain a policy in relation to the reimbursement of expenses for Councillors and members of Council Committees which are incurred in the course of carrying out Council related business.

The current Darebin City Council *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* was adopted by Council on 6 May 2013. Subsequent amendments to the Policy were adopted by Council on 16 December 2013 and 21 March 2016.

There is a legislative requirement to review the Councillor Support and Expenses Policy within 12 months of each general election unless the Council determines that an earlier review is required.

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

The *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2017* establishes the resources, facilities and administrative support to be provided to Councillors of the Darebin City Council and provides for Councillors to have out-of-pocket expenses, incurred while performing their official duties as a Councillor, either reimbursed or paid direct by the Council.

The policy also provides guidelines for Councillors on the process for claiming expenses and outlines the methods and standards for reporting and accountability.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2017* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-068

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopt the Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2017 attached as **Appendix A** to this report with the following changes:
 - a) Include additional dot point to 2.9.1. Conferences and training programs as follows:
 - Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Company Directors Course.
 - b) Delete all of clause 2.9.2 Councillor Professional Development
 - c) Change 2.9.3. to read;
Payment for Conferences and Training
The Chief Executive Officer shall not approve applications where the cost of conferences and training (including all fees, travel, accommodation, meals, study materials and any other associated expenses) exceeds:
 - around \$7,000 per Councillor in one financial year;(DELETE 2nd dot point and two subsequent paragraphs)
Reasonable bona fide out-of-pocket expenses associated with attending a conferences or training will be reimbursed on the production of related receipts.
- (2) Omit all references in the Policy to "Professional Development".
- (3) Adjust sequential numbering of Clauses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.43 pm.

6.2 REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**Author:** Council Business and Governance Officer**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

In accordance with section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to review and determine Mayoral and Councillor allowances within six months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later. The allowances fixed become payable for the next four financial years subject to any variations or adjustments by the Minister for Local Government.

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

The current range of allowances for the office of Mayor and Councillor took effect from 1 December 2016 in accordance with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Circular 42/2016 dated 18 November 2016 (**Appendix A**) and as advertised in the Victorian Government Gazette (47/2016) on 24 November 2016 (relevant pages **Appendix B**).

A three-level structure for allowances is based on Council population and total revenue. Darebin City Council is a Category 3 Council in the structure, and allowances of up to \$29,630 per annum for Councillors and up to \$94,641 per annum for the Mayor apply. In addition, an amount the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) applies.

Cr. Newton left the meeting during discussion of this item at 7.43 pm.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-069**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That:**

- (1) Public Notice be given, in accordance with sections 74 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, of Council's intention to:
 - Set the Mayoral allowance at \$94,641 per annum plus an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years.

- Set Councillor allowances at \$29,630 per annum plus an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years.
- (2) Council note that the allowances set will be subject to any variations or adjustments made by the Minister for Local Government during the four-year period.
- (3) Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed allowances and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on 27 March 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Newton returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.45 pm.

6.3 RENAMING THE FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISION OF BATMAN**Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

Report Background

This report follows from the Council resolution on 12 December 2016 and provides an update on the Renaming of the Federal Electoral Division of Batman project that includes the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council (Wurundjeri Council) endorsed name for the Division.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 12 December 2016, Council resolved:

That Council

- (1) *Reaffirms its commitment to working with the Wurundjeri Land Council and other Aboriginal leaders, to change the name of the federal electoral division of Batman.*
- (2) *Endorses in principle that Darebin Council work in partnership with Yarra City Council and Whittlesea City Council to support Wurundjeri Land Council and other Aboriginal leaders, to change the name of the federal electoral division of Batman.*
- (3) *Delegate Council officers to gauge the interest and preparedness of the Wurundjeri Council and other Aboriginal leaders to make a submission to the Electoral Commissioner and to suggest an alternative name for the federal electorate of Batman.*
- (4) *Receive a further report in early 2017 regarding the decision of the Wurundjeri Land Council and other Aboriginal leaders and to consider a proposed plan to progress this matter. This could include the consideration of a Council-led submission.*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 26 November 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 2 - Healthy and Connected Community

Healthy and Connected Community

Darebin Aboriginal Action Plan 2012-2017

Darebin Human Rights Action Plan 2012-2017

Road and Place Naming Policy 2014

Summary

- Updated advice set out by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has indicated that the timelines for the next redistribution and renaming of federal electoral divisions in Victoria are likely to commence in December 2017. This means more lead time and allows for reactivation of the Batman Park Renaming Project which is no longer contingent on the AEC timeframes.

- The AEC redistribution timelines are prescribed by legislation and the closing date for renaming submissions close 30 days after a notice from the Electoral Commissioner is published in the Government Gazette.
- The Wurundjeri Council have developed and endorsed the name *Simon Wonga* as the recommended name for the federal electoral division of Batman.
- The Wurundjeri Council have advised that they will support Council:
 - a. To make a formal submission to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) with the endorsed name; and
 - b. To undertake the communication and community engagement necessary in the preparation for this submission.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Acknowledge Wurundjeri Council's recommendation of *Simon Wonga* for renaming the federal electoral division of Batman.
- (2) Lodge a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to rename the current federal electoral division of Batman to *Simon Wonga* as supported by the Wurundjeri Council and in consultation with the Yarra City Council and Whittlesea City Council.
- (3) Undertake the communication and community engagement necessary in the preparation for this submission.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-070

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

That Council:

- (1) Acknowledge Wurundjeri Council's recommendation of *Simon Wonga* for renaming the federal electoral division of Batman.
- (2) Lodge a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to rename the current federal electoral division of Batman to *Simon Wonga* as supported by the Wurundjeri Council and in consultation with the Yarra City Council and Whittlesea City Council.
- (3) Undertake the communication and community engagement necessary in the preparation for this submission.
- (4) Write to the Federal Member for Electoral Division of Batman, Mr David Feeney MP seeking his support for Council's submission to the Australian Electoral Commission to rename the current federal electoral division of Batman to *Simon Wonga* as supported by the Wurundjeri Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.49 pm.

6.4 EARLY YEARS COMPACT**Author:** Manager Families, Diversity and Community**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

Report Background

This report is in response to a circular from the MAV in regard to an Early Years Compact 2017-2027 as attached as **Appendix A** between local government (represented by MAV) and the State Government (represented by DET and DHHS) in articulating a clear, shared view of respective responsibilities.

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 2 - Healthy and Connected Community

This report relates to the Darebin Early Years Strategy 2011-2021.

Summary

An Early Years Compact 2017-2027 has been developed by the State Government (represented by DET and DHHS) and the MAV (representing Local Government). The Compact is a high level overarching commitment which articulates a clear, shared view of respective responsibilities as well as shared purpose, principles and strategic priorities. The Compact recognises the key role local government plays in supporting and responding to the needs of children and families at the local level and the partnership approach to improving outcomes through planning, coordination and, data and information sharing processes. The MAV have requested that information about the Compact be distributed to all councils prior to sign off by the Secretaries of both State Departments and the MAV CEO (on behalf of Local Government) in March 2017.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-071**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco**That Council:**

- (1) Affirms the Early Years Compact 2017-2027 between the MAV and the State Government.
- (2) Writes to the MAV expressing support for the Early Years Compact 2017-2027.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 PROVISION OF RUBBISH BINS ALONG ST GEORGES ROAD TRAM STOPS**Author:** Manager City Works and Contracts**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

Report Background

At its Ordinary Meeting on 12 September 2014, Council resolved:

'That Council be presented with a report on the reinstatement of general and recycling rubbish bins along St George's road adjacent to tram and bus stops.'

This report presents information surrounding placement of bins on St Georges Road at the tram stops.

Previous Council Resolution

No previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

Waste and Litter Strategy 2015 – 2025

Summary

Rubbish along St Georges Road has been an intermittent problem over many years. Council previously serviced a small number of bins along St Georges Road. As it became increasingly difficult to access the tram stop bins safely the bins were removed. Bins have been placed on the adjacent footpaths along St Georges Road as an alternative measure, which are regularly serviced safely.

Recommendation

That Council continues to work with Authorities to provide a clean amenity around tram stops and the open space environment abound by the tram tracks along St Georges Road.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-072

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Continues to work with Authorities to provide a clean amenity around tram stops and the open space environment around by the tram tracks along St Georges Road.
- (2) Provide information on Council's website regarding how to request waste and recycling facilities at tram stops at other locations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 IMPACT OF NORTH-EAST TRUCK CURFEW ON DAREBIN**Author:** Acting Manager Transport and Public Places**Reviewed By:** Director City Futures and Assets

Report Background

This report is in response to Council resolution seeking a further report on the impacts of the North-East Truck Curfew Trial on roads within Darebin.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 4 July 2016 it was resolved that:

'Council:

- 1. Continues to provide feedback to VicRoads on the Truck Curfew via the Community Reference Group.*
- 2. Writes to the Minister for Roads and all local members (both Houses) expressing alarm at the massive increase in truck traffic on Darebin roads as a direct result of the introduction of a night time truck curfew in Banyule. The letter should also ask the Minister to consider extending the night time truck curfew to Darebin roads if the curfew remains in Banyule.*
- 3. Receives a further report on the increase in truck impacts on routes in Darebin that are residential and some comparative data on these routes in comparison to Rosanna Road in Banyule.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

Summary

In August 2015, VicRoads implemented a trial truck curfew in the north- east of Melbourne to improve amenity for local areas. Since the introduction of the curfew in 2015, traffic count data has been recorded by VicRoads on a number of roads both within the curfew area and roads within the adjoining municipalities. Traffic count data provided to Council by VicRoads indicates that since the introduction of the curfew:

- The volume of truck traffic on roads adjoining the curfew area within Darebin has increased.
 - Of the seven roads assessed within Darebin experiencing an increase in truck traffic, four roads - Cheddar Road, Albert Street, Grange Road and High Street - are located in predominantly residential areas with a similar pattern of development and setbacks to properties to Rosanna Road.
 - No assessment of the amenity or safety impacts associated with the increased truck volumes on these roads has been undertaken to date.
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The 12 month trial curfew has now been in place for approximately 16 months and will continue to be in place until a final decision is made – expected to be early 2017.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the State Government to express its dissatisfaction with the current curfew which has continued well below the proposed trial period.
- (2) Highlight that many of the affected roads in Darebin are less suited to carry heavy vehicles than Rosanna Road and other roads where the curfew has been applied.
- (3) Request that the Roads Minister and Local Members undertake an assessment of the amenity and safety impacts associated with increased truck traffic on Darebin roads and implement appropriate measures.
- (4) Request information on the enforcement activity undertaken in Darebin, particularly on roads in the local road network such as Cheddar Road to ensure that trucks are not using these roads without the necessary permits.
- (5) Request that if the curfew is continued that curfew condition be extended to key roads throughout Darebin to offer the same protection to those roads in other municipalities.
- (6) Support the development of a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.
- (7) Request that if the curfew is extended but not expanded to cover Darebin roads identified in this report seek an explanation as to why the amenity and safety of residents living along these roads is less important than those in adjoining municipalities.
- (8) Seeks an immediate safety and acoustic assessment along all affected roads to determine what ameliorative measures are required to maintain pre-curfew conditions.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the State Government to express its dissatisfaction with the current curfew which has continued well below the proposed trial period.
- (2) Highlight that many of the affected roads in Darebin are less suited to carry heavy vehicles than Rosanna Road and other roads where the curfew has been applied.
- (3) Request that the Roads Minister and Local Members undertake an assessment of the amenity and safety impacts associated with increased truck traffic on Darebin roads and implement appropriate measures.
- (4) Request information on the enforcement activity undertaken in Darebin, particularly on roads in the local road network such as Cheddar Road to ensure that trucks are not using these roads without the necessary permits.
- (5) Request that if the curfew is continued that curfew condition be extended to key roads throughout Darebin to offer the same protection to those roads in other municipalities.

- (6) Support the development of a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.
- (7) Request that if the curfew is extended but not expanded to cover Darebin roads identified in this report seek an explanation as to why the amenity and safety of residents living along these roads is less important than those in adjoining municipalities.
- (8) Seeks an immediate safety and acoustic assessment along all affected roads to determine what ameliorative measures are required to maintain pre-curfew conditions.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover that points (9) and (10) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy.

- (9) Write to all local state MP's in the Darebin area requesting they immediately make strong representations to the Roads Minister on Councils dissatisfaction with the current curfew.
- (10) Requests that the Roads Minister immediately sets up a North-East Freight Movement Task Force with the representation of affected Municipalities to achieve a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.

Cr. Amir further prosed that point (11) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Greco.

- (11) Writes to residents along the affected corridors informing them of our advocacy, including a copy of Council's resolutions, and figures provided in this report.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the State Government to express its dissatisfaction with the current curfew which has continued well below the proposed trial period.
- (2) Highlight that many of the affected roads in Darebin are less suited to carry heavy vehicles than Rosanna Road and other roads where the curfew has been applied.
- (3) Request that the Roads Minister and Local Members undertake an assessment of the amenity and safety impacts associated with increased truck traffic on Darebin roads and implement appropriate measures.
- (4) Request information on the enforcement activity undertaken in Darebin, particularly on roads in the local road network such as Cheddar Road to ensure that trucks are not using these roads without the necessary permits.
- (5) Request that if the curfew is continued that curfew condition be extended to key roads throughout Darebin to offer the same protection to those roads in other municipalities.
- (6) Support the development of a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.

- (7) Request that if the curfew is extended but not expanded to cover Darebin roads identified in this report seek an explanation as to why the amenity and safety of residents living along these roads is less important than those in adjoining municipalities.
- (8) Seeks an immediate safety and acoustic assessment along all affected roads to determine what ameliorative measures are required to maintain pre-curfew conditions.
- (9) Write to all local state MP's in the Darebin area requesting they immediately make strong representations to the Roads Minister on Councils dissatisfaction with the current curfew.
- (10) Requests that the Roads Minister immediately sets up a North-East Freight Movement Task Force with the representation of affected Municipalities to achieve a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.
- (11) Writes to residents along the affected corridors informing them of our advocacy, including a copy of Council's resolutions, and figures provided in this report.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-073

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the State Government to express its dissatisfaction with the current curfew which has continued well below the proposed trial period.
- (2) Highlight that many of the affected roads in Darebin are less suited to carry heavy vehicles than Rosanna Road and other roads where the curfew has been applied.
- (3) Request that the Roads Minister and Local Members undertake an assessment of the amenity and safety impacts associated with increased truck traffic on Darebin roads and implement appropriate measures.
- (4) Request information on the enforcement activity undertaken in Darebin, particularly on roads in the local road network such as Cheddar Road to ensure that trucks are not using these roads without the necessary permits.
- (5) Request that if the curfew is continued that curfew condition be extended to key roads throughout Darebin to offer the same protection to those roads in other municipalities.
- (6) Support the development of a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.
- (7) Request that if the curfew is extended but not expanded to cover Darebin roads identified in this report seek an explanation as to why the amenity and safety of residents living along these roads is less important than those in adjoining municipalities.
- (8) Seeks an immediate safety and acoustic assessment along all affected roads to determine what ameliorative measures are required to maintain pre-curfew conditions.

- (9) Write to all local state MP's in the Darebin area requesting they immediately make strong representations to the Roads Minister on Councils dissatisfaction with the current curfew.
- (10) Requests that the Roads Minister immediately sets up a North-East Freight Movement Task Force with the representation of affected Municipalities to achieve a holistic solution to freight movement through the north-east of Melbourne which moves trucks away from residential properties.
- (11) Writes to residents along the affected corridors informing them of our advocacy, including a copy of Council's resolutions, and figures provided in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council reorder the agenda to hear Items 6.9, 6.10 and 6.11 and then revert to the original order of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf adjourned the meeting for two minutes to allow for reconfiguration of chambers in preparation for Planning applications to be heard.

**6.9 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT EOT/65/2016
429 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield VIC 3078**

Author: Principal Planner

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf made the following statement prior to the following Item being heard:

'Councillors, I wish to state that whilst I have previously made a statement/s about my then position on this matter, I now speak as a Councillor, and as such, recognise and accept that I have a statutory responsibility to represent and act in the best interests of the Darebin community when participating in the decision-making of this Council. Accordingly, I will keep an open mind by considering all information both in favour of and against the matter before objectively casting my vote.'

Cr. Rennie and Cr. Laurence also made the following statement individually prior to the following Item being heard:

'Madam Mayor, I wish to state that whilst I have previously made a statement/s about my then position on this matter, I now speak as a Councillor, and as such, recognise and accept that I have a statutory responsibility to represent and act in the best interests of the Darebin community when participating in the decision-making of this Council. Accordingly, I will keep an open mind by considering all information both in favour of and against the matter before objectively casting my vote.'

Applicant	Owner
Bazzani Scully Priddle Lawyers	Elfah Pty Ltd

SUMMARY:

- This report relates to a request to extend the commencement date of the Planning Permit.
- This matter has been 'called up' for a decision by the Planning Committee.
- The site is zoned Industrial 3 zone.
- There is no restrictive covenant on the title for the subject land.
- The legislation intends for consideration of these matters to be procedural and does not enable any notice to be provided.
- It is recommended that the request be supported.

CONSULTATION:

- Notice was not required to be given as there are no notification or third party appeal rights under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- This application was referred internally to Council's Strategic Planning Unit.
- This application was not required to be referred to external authorities.

The following person verbally addressed the meeting and was thanked for his presentation by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Dennis Robert McNiece on behalf of the Applicant*

Recommendation

That Planning Application EOT/65/2016 be supported and the extension of time be granted for a further 12 months.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-074

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

That Planning Application EOT/65/2016 requesting an extension of time be refused based on the following grounds:

- (1) The reasons provided by the applicant for not starting the development are not supported or substantiated.
- (2) The social impacts that would arrive from supporting this request have fundamentally changed since the time that the permit was issued in 2013.
- (3) This new research is such that were a social and economic impact assessment be undertaken today, it is likely to conclude that there would be a net detriment if EGM's were installed at the venue.
- (4) The applicant is now stating its intention to purchase club entitlement despite the fact that it does not have a club licence. The Northcote Park Football Club, which has expressed a desire to operate this Hotel as a "club" venue does not have a club licence to operate EGM's at the Grandview Hotel, nor has it applied for one,.

CARRIED

**6.10 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT D/585/2016
49 Roseberry Avenue Preston**

Author: Principal Planner

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Applicant	Owner	Consultant/s
Ikonomidis Reid Pty Ltd	Kemble Pty Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keystone Alliance – Sustainability Solutions • JRL

SUMMARY

- The applicant seeks to construct four (4) double storey dwellings. Each dwelling will accommodate two (2) bedrooms, and have a single car space located in a shared garage. The dwellings will have a maximum height of 8.1 metres. Private open space provision for all dwellings is at first floor, in balcony form, with a minimum area of 8.6 square metres.
- The site is zoned General Residential Zone – Schedule 2.
- There is no restrictive covenant on the title for the subject land.
- 21 objections were received against this application.
- The proposal is generally consistent with the objectives and standards of Clause 55 of the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- It is recommended that the application be supported.

CONSULTATION:

- Public notice was given via one (1) sign posted on site and letters sent to surrounding owners and occupiers.
- This application was referred internally to Council's Transport Management and Planning Unit, Capital Works, Council's Property Unit and Parks.
- This application was not required to be referred to external authorities.

The following person verbally addressed the meeting and was thanked for his presentation by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Chris McKenzie on behalf of the Applicant*

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-075**

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

THAT Planning Permit Application D/585/2016 be supported and a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. Before the development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by, the Responsible Authority. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application (identified as: Ground Floor Plan First Floor Plan, TP04, revision B, job no. 010498, dated October 2016, prepared by Ikonomidis Reid; Elevations, TP05, revision B, job no. 010498, dated October 2016, prepared by Ikonomidis Reid) but modified to show:
 - (a) Removal of the existing crossover to Roseberry Avenue.
 - (b) Relocation of the 6 cubic metre storage areas into the central service yards. This may result in the relocation or replacement of the rainwater tanks.
 - (c) Provision of north facing operable clerestory windows, within the proposed roof structure, to the main living rooms for Dwellings 2 and 3.
 - (d) Fixed external shading to all north facing habitable room windows and glass doors. This can be achieved by the provisions of eaves, fixed shading or an extension in the proposed roof forms with a minimum depth of 600mm from the north facing window.
 - (e) Provision of external retractable shades (not roller shutters) to all east and west facing habitable room windows.
 - (f) Unless required to be fixed under Clause 55.04-6 – Standard B22 of the Darebin Planning Scheme, all windows are to be operable.
 - (g) Operable windows to be of louvre, casement, sliding, single/ double hung style (not awning) or equivalent to maximise ventilation.
 - (h) Annotations detailing a Tree Protection Zone and associated Tree Protection Fence with a radius of 2.4 metres (measured from the outside edge of the trunk) for the *Pyrus chanticleer* (Ornamental Pear) located on the nature strip in accordance with the requirements of Condition 4 of this Permit.

A notation must be added to state that any works in the Tree Protection Zone must be carried out without excavation.

When approved, the plans will be endorsed and form part of this Permit.
 - (i) A landscape plan in accordance with Condition No. 5 of this Permit.
 - (j) Modifications in accordance with the Sustainable Design Assessment (refer to Condition No. 6 of this Permit).
 - (k) A comprehensive schedule of construction materials, external finishes and colours (including colour samples).

When approved, the plans will be endorsed and form part of this Permit.
2. The development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
3. This Permit will expire if either:

- The development does not start within three (3) years from the date of this Permit; or
- The development is not completed within five (5) years of the date of this Permit.

As relevant, the Responsible Authority may extend the times referred to if a request is made in writing:

- Before this Permit expires;
- Within six (6) months after the expiry date; or
- Within twelve (12) months after the expiry date if the request relates to the completion of the development or a stage of the development.

4. Before buildings and works (including demolition) start, a tree protection fence must be erected around the nature strip tree at a radius of 2.4 metres from the base of the trunk to define a 'tree protection zone'.

This fence must be constructed of star pickets and chain mesh (or similar) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

The tree protection fence must remain in place until construction is completed.

No vehicular or pedestrian access, trenching or soil excavation is to occur within the tree protection zone.

No storage or dumping of tools, equipment or waste is to occur within the tree protection zone.

The ground surface of the tree protection zone must be covered by a protective 100mm deep layer of mulch prior to the development commencing and be watered regularly to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

5. Before buildings and works start, a detailed Landscape Plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by the Responsible Authority. When the Landscape Plan is approved, it will be endorsed and will then form part of this Permit. The Landscape Plan must be prepared by a suitably qualified person and must incorporate:

- (a) Tree protection zones and notations indicating tree protection measures in accordance with Condition No. 4 of this Permit.
- (b) A minimum of six (four (4) small and two (2) medium) canopy trees distributed throughout the secluded private open space areas of each dwelling and within the front setback of the property, commensurate with the size of planting area available. All canopy trees are to have a minimum height of 1.6 metres in 40 litre containers at the time of installation. Small canopy trees must have a minimum width of 4 metres at maturity and medium trees must have a minimum width of 6 metres at maturity.
- (c) Details of all existing trees to be retained and all existing trees to be removed, including overhanging trees on adjoining properties and street trees within the nature strip. The genus, species, height and spread of all trees must be specified.
- (d) A planting schedule of proposed vegetation detailing the botanical name, common name, size at maturity, pot size and quantities of all plants.
- (e) A diversity of plant species and forms. All proposed planting must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

- (f) Where the opportunity exists, an appropriate number and size of canopy trees are to be shown within the secluded private open space areas of each dwelling and within the front setback of the property, commensurate with the size of planting area available. All canopy trees are to have a minimum height of 1.6 metres in 40 litre containers at the time of installation. Canopy trees must have the following minimum widths at maturity: small canopy (4 metres), medium canopy (6 metres), large canopy (10 metres).
 - (g) Annotated graphic construction details showing all landscape applications and structures including tree and shrub planting, retaining walls, raised planter bed and decking.
 - (h) Type and details of all surfaces including lawns, mulched garden beds and permeable and/or hard paving (such as pavers, brick, gravel, asphalt and concrete) demonstrating a minimum site permeability of 20%. Percentage cover of permeable surfaces must be stated on the plan. Where paving is specified, material types and construction methods (including cross sections where appropriate) must be provided.
 - (i) Hard paved surfaces at all entry points to dwellings.
 - (j) All constructed items including letter boxes, garbage bin receptacles, lighting, clotheslines, tanks, outdoor storage etc.
 - (k) Type and details of edge treatment between all changes in surface (e.g. grass (lawn), gravel, paving and garden beds).
 - (l) An outline of the approved building/s including any basement, the location of entry doors, windows, gates and fences must be shown on the landscape plan. The location of both existing and proposed overhead and underground services. Conflicts of such services with the existing and proposed planting must be avoided.
 - (m) Clear graphics identifying trees (deciduous and evergreen), shrubs, grasses/sedges, groundcovers and climbers.
 - (n) Scale, north point and appropriate legend. Landscape plans are to be clear, legible and with graphics drawn to scale and provide only relevant information.
6. Before the development starts, a Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA) detailing sustainable design strategies to be incorporated into the development to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Responsible Authority. The SDA must outline proposed sustainable design initiatives within the development such as (but not limited to) energy efficiency, water conservation, stormwater quality, waste management and material selection. It is recommended that a Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) report is undertaken as part of the SDA.
- The development must be constructed in accordance with the requirements/recommendations of the Sustainable Design Assessment to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
7. The landscaping as shown on the endorsed Landscape Plan must be completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority before the development is occupied and/or the use starts or at such later date as is approved by the Responsible Authority in writing.
8. No later than seven (7) days after the completion of the landscaping, the permit holder must advise Council, in writing, that the landscaping has been completed.
9. The landscaping as shown on the endorsed Landscape Plan must be maintained, and any dead, diseased or damaged plant replaced in accordance with the endorsed Landscape Plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
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10. Floor levels shown on the endorsed plans must be confirmed. The confirmation of the ground floor level must take place no later than at the time of the inspection of the subfloor of the development required under the *Building Act 1993* and the Building Regulations 2006. This confirmation must be in the form of a report from a licensed land surveyor and must be submitted to the Responsible Authority no later than 7 days from the date of the sub-floor inspection. The upper floor levels must be confirmed before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, by a report from a licensed land surveyor submitted to the Responsible Authority.
11. All dwellings that share dividing walls and/or floors must be constructed to limit noise transmission in accordance with Part F(5) of the Building Code of Australia.
12. Before the dwellings are occupied, an automatic external lighting system capable of illuminating the entry to each unit, access to each garage and car parking space and all pedestrian walkways must be provided on the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
13. The external lighting must be designed, baffled and/or located to ensure that no loss of amenity is caused to adjoining and nearby land, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
14. Boundary walls facing adjoining properties must be cleaned and finished to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
15. The land must be drained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
16. With the exception of guttering, rainheads and downpipes, all pipes, fixtures, fittings and vents servicing any building on the land must be concealed in service ducts or otherwise hidden from view to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
17. No plant, equipment, services or architectural features other than those shown on the endorsed plans are permitted above the roof level of the building/s without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
18. Provision must be made on the land for letter boxes and receptacles for newspapers to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
19. Before occupation of the development, areas set aside for the parking of vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be:
 - a) constructed;
 - b) properly formed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
 - c) surfaced with an all weather sealcoat; and
 - d) drainedto the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Car spaces, access lanes and driveways shown on the endorsed plans must not be used for any other purpose.
20. Before the development is occupied, vehicular crossing(s) must be constructed to align with approved driveways to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. All redundant crossing(s), crossing opening(s) or parts thereof must be removed and replaced with footpath, naturestrip and kerb and channel to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

NOTATIONS

(These notes are provided for information only and do not constitute part of this permit or conditions of this permit)

- N1 Any failure to comply with the conditions of this permit may result in action being taken to have an Enforcement Order made against some or all persons having an interest in the land and may result in legal action or the cancellation of this permit by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- N2 Nothing in the grant of this permit should be construed as granting any permission other than planning permission for the purpose described. It is the duty of the permit holder to acquaint themselves, and comply, with all other relevant legal obligations (including any obligation in relation to restrictive covenants and easements affecting the site) and to obtain other required permits, consents or approvals.
- N3 The amendments specified in Condition 1 of this Permit and any additional modifications which are “necessary or consequential” are those that will be assessed by Council when plans are lodged to satisfy that condition. Any “necessary or consequential” amendments, in addition to those required by this condition, should be specifically brought to the attention of Council for assessment.
- If any other modifications are proposed, application must also be made for their approval under the relevant sections of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. They can only be approved once the required and consequential changes have been approved and the plans endorsed.
- It is possible to approve such modifications without notice to other parties, but they must be of limited scope. Modifications of a more significant nature may require a new permit application.
- N4 This Planning Permit represents the Planning approval for the use and/or development of the land. This Planning Permit does not represent the approval of other departments of Darebin City Council or other statutory authorities. Such approvals may be required and may be assessed on different criteria to that adopted for the approval of this Planning Permit.
- N5 To complete a satisfactory Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA) the Responsible Authority recommends the use of the Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) to assess the developments environmental performance against appropriate standards.

CARRIED

Katia Croce, Coordinator Council Business temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.42 pm and returned at 8.45 pm.

**6.11 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT D/900/2016
29-35 Stokes Street and 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19
Penola Street, Preston**

Author: Principal Planner

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Applicant	Owner	Consultant
Planning and Property Partners Pty Ltd	Department of Health and Human Services	Planning and Property Partners Pty Ltd

SUMMARY

- The application comprises two separate parcels of land which are identified as 29-35 Stokes Street, Preston and 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19 Penola Street, Preston. The application seeks to develop each of the sites with low rise public housing apartments.
- 29-35 Stokes Street, Preston:
The construction of a three (3) storey building, comprising 22 units of sixteen (16) one (1) bedroom and six (6) two (2) bedroom). Nine (9) at grade car parking spaces are provided on the site.
- 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19 Penola Street, Preston:
The construction of a four (4) storey building and additional basement comprising 46 units - thirty (30) one (1) bedroom and sixteen (16) two (2) bedroom). Twenty one (21) car parking spaces are provided within the basement and one (1) car parking space is provided at grade.
- Private open space is provided via ground level courtyards or balconies.
- A reduction in the standard car parking requirement as detailed in the Darebin Planning Scheme is sought.
- Planning Controls:
 - 29-35 Stokes Street Preston is located within the General Residential Zone Schedule 2 and is covered by a Special Building Overlay and the Development Contributions Plan Overlay.
 - 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19 Penola Street Preston is located within the Residential Growth Zone Schedule 1 and is covered by Development Plan Overlay Schedule 11, Special Building Overlay and the Development Contributions Plan Overlay.
- The lots are subject to restrictive covenants however the covenants only restrict quarrying and/or removal of soil and would not impact the proposed development.
- 34 objections were received against this application.
- The proposal is generally consistent with the objectives and standards of Clause 55 of the Darebin Planning Scheme as detailed in the assessment below.
- It is recommended that the application be supported.

CONSULTATION:

- Public notice was given via six (6) signs posted on land and letters sent to surrounding owners and occupiers over a notice period of 4 weeks.
- This application was referred internally to Capital Works, Transport Management and Planning, Strategic Planning, Urban Design Officer, City Works and Council Environmentally Sustainable Design Officer.
- This application was referred externally to Public Transport Victoria and Melbourne Water.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council allow three minutes for each objector to address Council.

CARRIED

The following people verbally addressed the meeting and were thanked for their presentations by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Fiona Williams and Paul Little on behalf of the Applicant*
- *Carmen Rizzo, Objector*
- *Brendan McGrath, Objector*
- *Elizabeth Wheeler, Objector*

Cr. McCarthy requested it be noted that Councillors have a serious concern regarding the lack of consultation and engagement with the community in relation to this proposal.

Recommendation

THAT Planning Permit Application D/900/2016 be supported and a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. Before the development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by, the Responsible Authority. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application (identified as 29-35 Stokes Street, Level Ground, Levels 1 and 2 and Level Roof, Elevations and 18-20 Stokes Street / 17-19 Penola Street, Level Ground, Level 1 and 2, Level 3, Roof, Elevation North and West and elevation South and East, prepared by Billard Leece Partnership dated 21/12/2016) but modified to show:
 - a) A comprehensive schedule of external materials, colours and finishes (including product / colour names and specifications). External materials and finishes (including glazing) are to be of a low reflectivity level.
Annotated coloured elevations showing the location/application of the materials, colours and finishes must be provided.

- b) A Landscape Plan in accordance with Condition No. 4 of this Permit. The landscape plan must include details of appropriate tree protection prepared by a suitably qualified Arborist for all street trees to the front of the sites in accordance with condition No. 5 of this Permit. The plans shall include screen planting and the provision of medium sized canopy trees to the north, west and south boundaries of 29-35 Stokes Street and to the north and south boundaries of 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19 Penola Street to help soften the development when viewed from neighbouring lots. This treatment shall be informed by the landscape architect as part of any landscape plan prepared.
- c) Notation confirming the development will be undertaken in accordance with the Sustainability Management Plan (SMP) and a list or table detailing all environmentally sustainable design features as set out in the SMP.
- d) Unit L1.06 and L2.06 of 29-35 Stokes Street to have balconies with a minimum area of 8 square metres this shall be as achieved by reducing the footprint of the unit and not be reducing any boundary setback.
- e) Units L2.04 and L2.05 of 29-35 Stokes Street setback from the west boundary in accordance with Rescode Standard B17.
- f) All balconies and habitable room windows at first floor level and above to the north and west elevations of 29-35 Stokes Street and the north elevation of 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19 Penola Street provided with either:
- A sill with a minimum height of 1.7 metres above finished floor level.
 - A fixed screen with a maximum permeability of 25% to a minimum height of 1.7 metres above finished floor level or
 - Fixed obscure glazing (not film) with a maximum transparency of 25% to a minimum height of 1.7 metres above finished floor level.
- Where fixed screens are being utilised a section diagram must be included to demonstrate how the screens minimise overlooking of adjoining properties. This detail must be appropriately detailed and notated on the plans (floor plans and elevations).
- g) The location of all plant and equipment (including air conditioners and the like). These are to be co-located where possible, screened to be minimally visible from the public realm and adjacent properties, located as far as practicable from site boundaries and integrated into the design of the building.
- h) A single communal antenna for the each building. The location of the antenna must be shown on the roof plan and elevations. The antenna shall be located to minimise any view from the public realm. The height of the antenna must be nominated.
- i) Details of side and rear boundary fencing (not fencing to Stokes or Penola Streets). Boundary fencing shall be a minimum height of 1.8 metres from ground level and designed so that ground level overlooking is appropriately screened in accordance with Rescode Standard B22.
- j) Details of window operation for all windows. Awning windows are to be avoided where possible, with preference given to casement or louvre windows that allow for superior ventilation. Window operation must be in compliance with Standard B22 (overlooking).
- k) External operable sun shading devices (excluding roller shutters) to all west facing habitable room windows and glazed doors. Where sun shading devices are being utilised a section diagram or photograph must be included to demonstrate the shading type and effectiveness.

- l) Fixed external sun shading devices to all north facing habitable room windows/ glazed doors.
- m) A storage cage/cupboard for each dwelling with a minimum volume of 3 cubic metres. Each storage cage/ cupboard is to include a notation allocating it to a specific dwelling. Over bonnet storage shall not be utilised. Storage shall be logically and conveniently arranged for all units.
- n) Compliance with Melbourne Water permit conditions (Condition numbers 17-22) including compliance with required finished levels. Any minor level changes to the development to be absorbed within the existing building height where possible.
- o) In accordance with AS2890.1:2004 the width of the basement ramp must be widened to be at least 6.1 metres in width.
- p) Secure bicycle parking provision in accordance with Clause 52.34 (minimum of 4 spaces for 16-20 Stokes Street and 9 spaces for 16-20 Stokes Street and 15-19 Penola Street) secure bicycle parking may exceed minimum requirements.
- q) Details of how car parking would be allocated on each site.
- r) All pedestrian ramps must be designed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Standard 1428.1:2009, noting a gradient of 1:14.
- s) The provision of pedestrian visibility splays measuring 2.0 metres (width across the frontage) by 2.5 metres (depth into each site), for all vehicle crossovers. Where within the subject site, any structures or vegetation within these splays must be not more than 1.15 metres in height.

When approved, the plans will be endorsed and form part of this Permit.

- 2. The development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
- 3. This Permit will expire if either:
 - The development does not start within three (3) years from the date of this Permit; or
 - The development is not completed within five (5) years of the date of this Permit.

As relevant, the Responsible Authority may extend the times referred to if a request is made in writing:

- Before this Permit expires;
 - Within six (6) months after the expiry date; or
 - Within twelve (12) months after the expiry date if the request relates to the completion of the development or a stage of the development.
- 4. Before buildings and works start, a detailed Landscape Plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by the Responsible Authority. When the Landscape Plan is approved, it will be endorsed and will then form part of this Permit. The Landscape Plan must be prepared by a suitably qualified person and must incorporate:
 - a) A planting schedule of proposed vegetation detailing the botanical name, common name, size at maturity, pot size and quantities of all plants.
 - b) A diversity of plant species and forms. All proposed planting must be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 - c) Annotated graphic construction details showing all landscape applications and structures including tree and shrub planting, retaining walls, raised planter bed and decking.

- d) Type and details of all surfaces including lawns, mulched garden beds and permeable and/or hard paving (such as pavers, brick, gravel, asphalt and concrete). Percentage cover of permeable surfaces must be stated on the plan. Where paving is specified, material types and construction methods (including cross sections where appropriate) must be provided.
 - e) All constructed items including letter boxes, garbage bin receptacles, lighting, clotheslines, tanks, outdoor storage etc.
 - f) Type and details of edge treatment between all changes in surface (e.g. Grass (lawn), gravel, paving and garden beds).
 - g) An outline of the approved building/s including any basement, the location of entry doors, windows, gates and fences must be shown on the landscape plan. The location of both existing and proposed overhead and underground services. Conflicts of such services with the existing and proposed planting must be avoided.
 - h) Clear graphics identifying trees (deciduous and evergreen), shrubs, grasses/sedges, groundcovers and climbers.
 - i) Scale, north point and appropriate legend. Landscape plans are to be clear, legible and with graphics drawn to scale, and provide only relevant information.
5. Before buildings and works (including demolition) start, tree protection must be erected around the street trees to the front of the site in accordance with AS 4970 – 2009 *Protection of trees on development sites*.
- Tree protection fencing must be installed around the naturestrip trees to the front of the site prior to any work on-site. Fencing must remain in place for the duration of construction and be installed in accordance with Australian Standard AS4970 – 2009: *Protection of trees on development sites*.
- Temporary fencing is to be installed around the street trees to the extent which allows for the practical completion of the proposed dwellings and the continued use of the footpath and roadway, as per AS 4970 – 2009 *Protection of trees on development sites*.
- Tree protection fencing must be constructed of star pickets and chain mesh (or similar) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- The tree protection fencing must remain in place until construction is completed.
- No vehicular or pedestrian access, trenching or soil excavation is to occur within the tree protection zone.
- No storage or dumping of tools, equipment or waste is to occur within the tree protection zone.
- The ground surface of the tree protection zone must be covered by a protective 100mm deep layer of mulch prior to the development commencing and be watered regularly to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
6. The landscaping as shown on the endorsed Landscape Plan must be completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority before the development is occupied and/or the use starts or at such later date as is approved by the Responsible Authority in writing.
- No later than seven (7) days after the completion of the landscaping, the permit holder must advise Council, in writing, that the landscaping has been completed.
7. The landscaping as shown on the endorsed Landscape Plan must be maintained, and any dead, diseased or damaged plant replaced in accordance with the endorsed Landscape Plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
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8. Waste storage and collection must be undertaken in accordance with the approved Waste Management Plans submitted with the application, prepared by Leigh Design and dated 24 and 25 October 2016 and must be conducted in such a manner as not to affect the amenity of the surrounding area and which does not cause any interference with the circulation and parking of vehicles on abutting streets. The plan requires that collection be undertaken by a private contractor.
9. Floor levels shown on the endorsed plans must be confirmed. The confirmation of the ground floor level must take place no later than at the time of the inspection of the subfloor of the development required under the *Building Act 1993* and the Building Regulations 2010. This confirmation must be in the form of a report from a licensed land surveyor and must be submitted to the Responsible Authority no later than 7 days from the date of the sub-floor inspection. The upper floor levels must be confirmed before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, by a report from a licensed land surveyor submitted to the Responsible Authority.
10. All dwellings that share dividing walls and floors must be constructed to limit noise transmission in accordance with Part F(5) of the Building Code of Australia.
11. Before the dwellings are occupied, an automatic lighting system capable of illuminating the residential entries, car parking and all pedestrian walkways must be provided on the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Any external lighting must be designed, baffled and/or located to ensure that no loss of amenity is caused to adjoining and nearby land, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

12. The land must be drained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
13. With the exception of guttering, rainheads and downpipes, all pipes, fixtures, fittings and vents servicing any building on the land must be concealed in service ducts or otherwise hidden from view to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
14. No plant, equipment, services or architectural features other than those shown on the endorsed plans are permitted above the roof level of the building/s without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
15. Before occupation of the development areas set aside for the parking of vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be:
 - a) Constructed;
 - b) Properly formed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
 - c) Surfaced with an all-weather sealcoat;
 - d) Drained;
 - e) Line-marked to indicate each car space and all access lanes;
 - f) Clearly marked to show the direction of traffic along the access lanes and driveways

to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Car spaces, access lanes and driveways shown on the endorsed plans must not be used for any other purpose.

16. Before the development is occupied, the bicycle storage shown on the endorsed plans must be provided on the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

17. Before the development is occupied vehicular crossing(s) must be constructed to align with approved driveways to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. All redundant crossing(s), crossing opening(s) or parts thereof must be removed and replaced with footpath, naturestrip and kerb and channel to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Melbourne Water Conditions

18. Prior to the development plans being endorsed, amended plans must be submitted to Council and Melbourne Water addressing Melbourne Water's conditions. Plans must be submitted with ground and floor levels to Australian Height Datum (AHD).
19. The ground floor at 29-35 Stokes Street must be constructed with finished floor levels set no lower than 54.5 metres to Australian Height Datum (AHD), which is 300mm above the applicable flood level of 54.2 m to AHD.
20. The ground floor at 18-20 Stokes Street must be constructed with finished floor levels set no lower than 54.3 metres to Australian Height Datum (AHD), which is 300mm above the applicable flood level of 54.0 m to AHD.
21. The ground floor at 17-19 Penola Street must be constructed with finished floor levels set no lower than 54.69 metres to AHD, which is 300mm above the applicable flood level of 54.39 m to AHD.
22. The entry / exit driveway of the basement carpark must incorporate a flood proof apex finished no lower than 54.6 metres to AHD which is 300mm above the applicable flood level of 54.3 metres to AHD.
23. All doors, windows, vents and openings to the basement car park must be a minimum of 300mm above the applicable flood level at any point of the site.

NOTATIONS

(These notes are provided for information only and do not constitute part of this permit or conditions of this permit)

- N1 Any failure to comply with the conditions of this permit may result in action being taken to have an Enforcement Order made against some or all persons having an interest in the land and may result in legal action or the cancellation of this permit by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- N2 Nothing in the grant of this permit should be construed as granting any permission other than planning permission for the purpose described. It is the duty of the permit holder to acquaint themselves, and comply, with all other relevant legal obligations (including any obligation in relation to restrictive covenants and easements affecting the site) and to obtain other required permits, consents or approvals.
- N3 The amendments specified in Condition 1 of this Permit and any additional modifications which are "necessary or consequential" are those that will be assessed by Council when plans are lodged to satisfy that condition. Any "necessary or consequential" amendments, in addition to those required by this condition, should be specifically brought to the attention of Council for assessment.
- N4 This planning permit should be attached to any tenancy agreement or other agreement under the Residential Tenancies Act. 1997, for all purchasers, tenants and residents of any dwelling shown on the planning permit, and all prospective purchasers tenants and residents of any such dwelling are to be advised that they will not be eligible for on-street parking permits pursuant to the Darebin Parking Permit Scheme.

Melbourne Water Notation:

- N5 If further information is required in relation to Melbourne Water's permit conditions shown above, please contact Melbourne Water on 9679 7517, quoting Melbourne Water's reference 283185.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council refuse the Application for Planning Permit D/900/2016 on the grounds as follows:

- (1) The proposal fails to comply with Clause 22.04 (Neighbourhood Character) and Clause 55.02-1 (Neighbourhood Character), including where relevant the precinct guidelines (F3) of the Darebin Planning Scheme with specific regard to:
 - The extent of development, the height, the bulk and the minimal setbacks to boundaries of the proposed buildings are not considered to respect the garden character of the neighbourhood and would unreasonably impact the amenity of neighbouring properties by way of visual bulk contrary to the existing and/or preferred neighbourhood character.
 - The upper levels of the development are not sufficiently moderated and articulated to limit the impact of the bulk and scale of the proposed buildings on the existing low scale neighbourhood.
 - The front setbacks are considered insufficient, failing to provide sufficient distance to provide acceptable front gardens with sufficient landscaping contrary to the existing and preferred neighbourhood character.
 - Provision of landscaping fails to accord with the predominant garden character of the area and provides limited opportunities to soften/screen the extent of development.
- (2) The proposed front setbacks fail to comply with Rescode Standard B6 (front Setback).
- (3) The height of the buildings is considered unreasonably excessive to the detriment to the streetscape and the amenity of neighbouring properties contrary to the objectives of Rescode Standard B7 and Clause 22.06 of the Darebin Planning Scheme. The development fails to provide an appropriate transition from the existing adjoining low-scale residential development.
- (4) The extent of development proposed on the site does not respect the existing or preferred garden and landscape character of the area. The proposal provides inadequate landscaping opportunities to site boundaries which may help soften the development when viewed from neighbouring properties contrary to the objectives of Rescode Standard B13.
- (5) The development fails to provide sufficient boundary setbacks given the proposed height and scale of the buildings. It is considered that the bulk/scale of the buildings would be unreasonably excessive contrary to the objectives of Standard B17 side and rear setbacks, Clause 22.06 and the Development Plan Overlay (DPO11) of the Darebin Planning Scheme to the detriment of the neighbouring dwellings and secluded private open spaces.
- (6) The proposed height/extent and modest setbacks proposed buildings is considered excessive for the sites and would unreasonably impact on the rear secluded private open spaces of neighbouring dwellings by way of visual bulk contrary to the objectives of Standard B17 side and rear setbacks and Clause 22.06 of the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (7) Secluded private open space within the front setback of 29-35 Stokes Street is an inappropriate design response and provided for limited amenity for residents.

- (8) The development is not orientated or designed to maximise energy efficiency with limited northern aspect or fully screened balconies for many of the units. The depth and single aspect for many of the units provides for a poor level of internal amenity due to limited daylight. The development would not accord with sustainability objectives contrary to Clause 22.06 and Rescode Standard B10 of the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (9) Sufficient information has not been submitted with the application to demonstrate that vehicle access and manoeuvrability within the development is acceptable contrary to the design standards of Clause 52.06 of the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (10) The development does not provide for sufficient resident bike parking.
- (11) The development does not provide on-site car parking in accordance with Clause 52.06 of the Darebin planning Scheme.
- (12) The application does not provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the impacts of traffic/transport/car parking for the proposed development would not prejudice the transportation impacts across the broader precinct in accordance with the requirements of Development Plan Overlay 11.
- (13) The proposal is considered an overdevelopment.
- (14) D.H.H.S. has failed to deliver on written assurances made to the local community that they would be consulted in the development of any proposal for this site
- (15) The application does not provide for any capacity for landscape planting on the NE corner of the Stokes and Penola site due to the underground carpark.
- (16) The application makes no provision for passive ventilation.
- (17) The development is detrimental to the future development of the whole site as covered by the development plan.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND TIED. THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. LE CERF USED HER CASTING VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS DECLARED TO BE LOST.

Cr. Greco, Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Amir abstained from voting on this motion.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That the proposed decision be deferred to the meeting of 27 February 2017 to allow DHHS to consult with local residents and Council and resubmit plans to address concerns made by residents.

Cr. Laurence proposed the following addition to the motion. This was accepted by Cr. Amir and Cr. Greco.

- (2) That Councillors and residents be supplied with alternate models for transition across the site.

With leave of the Chairperson, Phil Shanahan, Acting Chief Executive proposed that the wording of the motion be amended as follows.

That:

- (1) Council defer consideration of the application until its meeting of 27 February 2017 and in the mean while that discussions be held with the Applicant to ascertain whether the Applicant is prepared to place the application on hold in order to reconsider important aspects of the development, to effectively engage with the neighbourhood and to undertake the early commencement of a site Masterplan.
- (2) Councillors and residents be supplied with alternate models for transition across the site.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That:

- (1) Council defer consideration of the application until its meeting of 27 February 2017 and in the mean while that discussions be held with the Applicant to ascertain whether the Applicant is prepared to place the application on hold in order to reconsider important aspects of the development, to effectively engage with the neighbourhood and to undertake the early commencement of a site Masterplan.
- (2) Councillors and residents be supplied with alternate models for transition across the site.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-076

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That:

- (1) Council defer consideration of the application until its meeting of 27 February 2017 and in the mean while that discussions be held with the Applicant to ascertain whether the Applicant is prepared to place the application on hold in order to reconsider important aspects of the development, to effectively engage with the neighbourhood and to undertake the early commencement of a site Masterplan.
- (2) Councillors and residents be supplied with alternate models for transition across the site.

CARRIED

Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.49 pm and returned at 9.50 pm.

Darren Rudd, Manager Planning and Building and Julie Smout, Coordinator Statutory Planning temporarily left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 9.55 pm.

6.7 COUNCIL'S MULTILINGUAL SERVICES**Author:** Manager Customer Service**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 323 from the Council meeting held on Monday 12 December 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on 12 December 2016, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- (1) Receives a Council report on 13th February 2017 regarding Council's multilingual language services.*
- (2) Without limiting the scope of the report it could include information on:*
 - a) A breakdown of inquiries by language*
 - b) The nature of the inquiries in different languages*
 - c) The number of inquiries assisted by internal bilingual staff verses external interpreters services*
 - d) The bilingual skill set of our customer service team*
 - e) What strategies are in place to increase the bilingual skill set of our customer service team.*
 - f) How does Council currently promote the availability of multilingual communication services?'*

The focus and statistics in the report relate primarily to Council Customer Service, whilst noting that multilingual language services are delivered across the organisation to support customer needs where and when required.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 2 - Healthy and Connected Community
Goal 5 - Excellent Service

Summary

Established in March 2000, the Language Aide service utilises the skills of bilingual Council staff to provide communication assistance to residents and other relevant customers and stakeholders. The purpose of the Language Aide service is to facilitate equal access and participation in Council services and programs by people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

It is a key essential service which assists Council to achieve its commitment to a cohesive, included and engaged community that enables Council to meet 75% of language assistance needs of the community through internal resources.

A review of the service to be conducted in the first half of 2017 will examine options to improve the service, using 2016 census data to inform recommendations.

EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.00 PM

Council Resolution

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10 pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

Recommendation

That Council notes the report on Council's multilingual language services.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-077

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes the report on Multilingual Language Services.
- (2) Council reviews the draft Terms of References for the review of the language Aide Service and the scoping brief of the proposed audit of language skills in the organisation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Darren Rudd, Manager Planning and Building and Julie Smout, Coordinator Statutory Planning returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.59 pm.

**6.8 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN
POD/3/2015
198 Beavers Road, Northcote**

Author: Principal Planner

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Report Background

On 7 May 2015, the Minister for Planning approved Amendment C122 to the Darebin Planning Scheme. The Amendment rezoned land at 198 Beavers Road from Industrial 3 Zone to the Residential Growth Zone, and included the site within an Environmental Audit Overlay and Development Plan Overlay (DPO). This process included a 2 month exhibition period and consideration of submissions by an independent planning panel. The Residential Growth Zone in this instance provides for a discretionary height of 4 storeys.

Previous Council Resolutions

This matter was reported to the Council Meeting of 19 September 2016, however the item lapsed and a decision was not made at that meeting. The item was again reported to the Council Meeting of 5 December 2016 and the Council resolution was that Council:

- (1) Defers the matter to receive a further report providing a comparison with the development plan already approved for the adjoining site of 200 Beavers Road, Northcote, including any variations in relation to ESD requirements and expected outcomes.
- (2) Writes to the applicant advising them of the reason for the deferral and encouraging them to consider entering into a legal agreement under section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act* to include the provision of 10% social housing within the proposed development.

Recommendation

That development plan POD/3/2015 be adopted subject to the following alterations/requirements:

The approved documentation is to comprise plans: LSK01, SK1.4, SK1.5, SK1.6, SK1.7, SK1.8, SK1.9, SK1.10, SK1.11, SK1.12, SK1.13 All Rev A modified as follows:

- (1) Provision of a minimum 3 m wide paved *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* compliant public pedestrian and bike access (public access) through the site from Beaconsfield Parade / Leinster Grove to Beavers Road. This is to be achieved by a section 173 Agreement that will be required prior to the completion of the development. The public access is to be appropriately illuminated. Development adjacent to the public access is to be designed and orientated to maximise passive surveillance of the public pedestrian access. The public access is to incorporate clear sight lines / minimise hiding places where possible. Surface treatments, vehicle access / circulation and signage to ensure appropriate safety for any areas of shared pedestrian and bike / vehicle access along internal roads. The access is to be to the satisfaction of Council.

- (2) Building envelopes set back a minimum 3 metres from the east boundary of 200 Beavers Road except where the development plan for 200 Beavers Road approved 17 December 2016 under POD/1/2015 allows buildings on the common boundary at the same level. Where balconies or living areas are orientated towards the apartment envelope for 200 Beavers Road approved under POD/1/2015 these shall be setback 4.5 metres from the east boundary of 200 Beaver Road.
- (3) The building envelope setback 2 metres from the east boundary increased to 3 metres at level 1, 2 and 3 and setback 5 metres at level 4 with no other reductions in setbacks.
- (4) The building envelope setback a minimum 5 metres from Beavers Road at level 4.
- (5) The building envelope setback a minimum 5 metres from the golf course to the west at level 4.
- (6) Passive surveillance provided to the west over the Northcote Golf Course (SK1.10).
- (7) Building envelopes at level 2 to 4 to match section B on SK1.8.
- (8) The development plan to show any proposed super lots (maximum of 5) and staging.
- (9) Include the following notations:
 - a) Buildings fronting Beavers Road to be designed to minimise noise and other impacts associated with surrounding non – residential uses and that an acoustic, odour and emissions assessment accompany any permit application as appropriate.
 - b) Minimal balconies or living areas provided facing Croxton Special Education School.
 - c) Canopy trees are to be provided along the perimeter of the site adjacent to:
 - The Northcote Golf Course,
 - The rear yards of dwellings fronting Beaconsfield Parade; and,
 - Croxton Special Education School.
 - Beavers Road
 - d) Subdivision to create super lots only will be allowed once development is approved and common areas constructed. Subdivision of individual residential allotments to occur only once the development of the land / individual super lot is substantially completed.
 - e) Pedestrian access to dwelling entries from the internal communal access way to maximise landscaping opportunities in the shared internal access way.
 - f) Crossovers to the street 5.5 metres wide with visibility splays.
 - g) Car parking provided on site in accordance with Clause 52.06 for dwelling residents.
 - h) A maximum of 120 dwellings provided.
 - i) Collection of waste by a private contractor.
 - j) No direct vehicle access to Beaconsfield Parade / Leinster Grove.
 - k) Earthy muted tones and non-reflective or low reflectivity materials to be used.
 - l) Garages and driveways will not dominate the internal communal access way.
 - m) Except for the buildings in the centre of the site where garages will be screened by electric gates, two car space garages will generally be in a tandem / car stacker layout unless architecturally treated in a manner where passive surveillance and activation of the ground floor of dwellings can be clearly demonstrated.

- n) No fencing provided in the Beavers Road front setback or between dwellings and the communal shared access way.
 - o) Boundary fencing adjacent to the Northcote Golf Course a minimum 25% visually permeable.
 - p) Architectural treatments to accentuate dwelling entries and to integrate garage doors into the design of the development potentially incorporating windows / glazed panels and materials not typically associated with garage doors.
 - q) Setbacks, articulation and built form to the west boundary are to be provided having regard to the future use and development of 200 Beavers Road.
 - r) Building envelopes do not imply a right to build over the entire envelope.
 - s) Setbacks from boundaries and / or internally between buildings may need to be increased to ensure equitable development opportunities and / or appropriate amenity of future neighbours and protect the amenity of the public realm.
 - t) Buildings are to be setback sufficiently to allow adequate solar access to other buildings on the land.
 - u) Environmental Audit process and building design to address gas migration issues.
 - v) Internal road paving to reinforce pedestrian / shared access requirements (not asphalted).
 - w) Fencing on the north boundary as existing or a maximum 2 metres in height.
 - x) SIDRA analysis must be undertaken as part of the Town Planning Application.
 - y) All outdoor lighting to be designed, baffled and/or located to ensure that no loss of amenity is caused to adjoining and nearby land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
 - z) The design of the built form towards any access ways is to reflect the fine grain pattern of nearby streets, floors to be distinguishable from each other through punctured facades (eg. balconies, windows, façade articulation) and located to provide a comfortable pedestrian scale.
- (10) Deletion of the Standard B17 building envelope and associated notation on Plan SK1.12 and SK1.13 which contradicts with the building envelopes.
- (11) Deletion of “no setback is provided to Beavers Road...” notation on plan SK1.4, SK1.5, SK1.6, SK1.7 which contradicts with the building envelopes.
- (12) Deletion of proposed rooftop terrace mass from section A and B on plan SK1.8 Rev A and inclusion of a notation that any roof top terrace to be designed to have minimal visual mass and bulk.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: -

That the Development Plan POD/3/2015 be refused and a Notice of Refusal be issued based on the following grounds:

- (1) The proposed development Plan fails to make adequate provision for pedestrian access from Beaconsfield Parade/Leinster Grove through Beavers Road as required by the Development Plan Overlay.

- (2) The proposed development plan fails to provide adequate building setbacks from the property boundary with 200 Beavers Road.
- (3) The proposed development plan fails to provide adequate building setbacks from the boundary to the Northcote Golf Club.
- (4) The proposed development plan fails to adequately document the extent and details of upper floor and ground floor activation toward Beavers Road and the proposed pedestrian path.
- (5) The roof top terraces shown on the development plan result in the building be height non-compliant with the height limit specified in the Residential Growth Zone.

THE MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That the 'Recommendation' (to approve Development Plan POD/3/2015 subject to conditions) be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AS LOST.

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf, declared the motion to be lost.

Further Motion

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

That the Development Plan POD/3/2015 be refused and a Notice of Refusal be issued based on the following grounds:

- (6) The proposed development Plan fails to make adequate provision for pedestrian access from Beaconsfield Parade/Leinster Grove through Beavers Road as required by the Development Plan Overlay.
- (7) The proposed development plan fails to provide adequate building setbacks from the property boundary with 200 Beavers Road.
- (8) The proposed development plan fails to provide adequate building setbacks from the boundary to the Northcote Golf Club.
- (9) The proposed development plan fails to adequately document the extent and details of upper floor and ground floor activation toward Beavers Road and the proposed pedestrian path.
- (10) The roof top terraces shown on the development plan result in the building be height non-compliant with the height limit specified in the Residential Growth Zone.
- (11) The proposed development plan does not adequately respond to Council's policy aspiration in relation to housing diversity and environmentally sensitive design as outlined in the Municipal Strategic Statement.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-078****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

That the Development Plan POD/3/2015 be refused and a Notice of Refusal be issued based on the following grounds:

- (1) The proposed development Plan fails to make adequate provision for pedestrian access from Beaconsfield Parade/Leinster Grove through Beavers Road as required by the Development Plan Overlay.
- (2) The proposed development plan fails to provide adequate building setbacks from the property boundary with 200 Beavers Road.
- (3) The proposed development plan fails to provide adequate building setbacks from the boundary to the Northcote Golf Club.
- (4) The proposed development plan fails to adequately document the extent and details of upper floor and ground floor activation toward Beavers Road and the proposed pedestrian path.
- (5) The roof top terraces shown on the development plan result in the building be height non-compliant with the height limit specified in the Residential Growth Zone.
- (6) The proposed development plan does not adequately respond to Council's policy aspiration in relation to housing diversity and environmentally sensitive design as outlined in the Municipal Strategic Statement.

CARRIED

Steve Hamilton, Director City Futures and Assets temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.04 pm and returned at 10.06 pm.

Jody Brodribb, Council Business and Governance Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.23 pm.

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 10.25 pm at which time Cr. Greco assumed the Chair.

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

7.1 COUNCIL CHAMBER SOUND SYSTEM

Author: Manager Digital and Information Services

Reviewed By: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 314 from the Council meeting held on 5 December 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 5 December 2016, Council resolved:

'That Council

- (1) Notes the long standing complaints from numerous community members and councillors regarding the inadequacy of the current sound system in the Council Chamber,*
- (2) Has a social inclusion policy obligation to ensure that all residents (including the hearing impaired) are not disadvantaged in their interaction and engagement with,*
- (3) Receives a comprehensive report in time for the mid-year review on options to improve or install an appropriate sound system that enables residents and Councillors to properly hear debates at the Council meeting. If necessary, the report should consider possibly budget savings to accommodate any additional expenditure.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy
- Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan 2015-2019
- Equity and Inclusion Policy (2012-2015)

Summary

This report recommends a transformational solution to address the current issues with the Audio/Video (AV) equipment within Council Chambers.

The solution would deliver upon Council's commitment to the Charter of Good Governance, particularly the principles of: transparency; accountability; and equity & inclusion.

Darebin's diverse community will benefit, including Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) audiences, people with disabilities and other groups who experience barriers to mainstream communication.

Over 25,000 Darebin residents are affected by a disability of some kind, and many different cultural groups live in the City of Darebin with 38.7 per cent speaking a language other than English at home.

Specifically the solution would: include advanced technology for the hearing impaired; significant improvements for webcasting for mass communication with residents; and will provide the ability to leverage language translation services.

While audio has been identified as the primary concern, the entire system including video, recording and controls are also deficient. The existing analogue-based Audio/Video (AV) equipment is over five years old and a major upgrade is required to meet current and future needs. Indicative cost estimates of approximately \$150,000 have been provided by one vendor based on a set of detailed requirements.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-079

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council endorse option 1 under 'Options for Consideration'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Darren Rudd, Manager Planning and Building and Julie Smout, Coordinator Statutory Planning left the meeting at 10.26 pm.

EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.27 PM

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-080

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.30 pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

Cr. Rennie was nominated by Cr. Messina and seconded by Cr. Amir to assume the Chair to allow Cr. Greco to submit an amendment to the motion on the following item. Before Cr. Rennie could assume the Chair, Cr. Le Cerf returned to the meeting at 10.28 pm at which time she assumed the Chair.

7.2 EDWARDES LAKE BOATHOUSE**Author:** Business Development Coordinator**Reviewed By:** Director City Futures and Assets

Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 320 from the Council meeting held on 12 December 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 12 December 2016 Council resolved:

'That Council receive an options report including potential capital resources required at the Council meeting on 13 February 2017 on how to best progress the future utilisation of the boathouse at Edwardes Lake Park for community use.'

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - Vibrant City and Innovative Economy
Strategic Land Use and Sustainable Transport Planning Policies

Goal 5 - Excellent Service
Property Asset Management Strategy – May 2015

Summary

This report provides the background relating to the Edwardes Lake Boathouse and outlines the options available to Council to progress the utilisation of the boathouse for the community.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Undertake community consultation on the draft Edwardes Lake Park Masterplan and confirm the preferred use of the boathouse.
- (2) Authorise Council officers to engage a professional property consultant to seek proposals through an Expression of Interest process on behalf of Council to lease the boathouse.
- (3) Seek proposals through the Expression of Interest process from a wide range of both community and commercial interested parties.
- (4) Receive a report on the outcome of the Expressions of Interest process, recommending a proposed use of the facility that provides community benefit, value for money and fits with the vision for Edwardes Lake Park as a whole.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-081

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

That Council first undertake consultation with the Wurundjeri Council with a view to exploring the possibility of establishing a Cultural Centre and museum and that Council receive a report on the outcome of the discussions as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 PARKING FINES AT PRESTON MARKET**Author:** Acting Manager Health and Compliance**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

This report responds to an Urgent Business Item resolved at the Council meeting of 12 December 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting of 12 December 2016, Council resolved:

'That Council receives an urgent report in relation to the potential to give a waiver for all parking fines issued at Preston Market since the grace period on the 30th October 2016 in the wake of the community outrage at the new parking system.'

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

Council signed an agreement to enforce parking provisions at the Preston Market in July 2016. The agreement was varied on 17 October 2016 as Council renegotiated the enforcement commencement date.

In October 2016, Preston Market management installed new ticket machines configured for a 'Pay by Plate' parking system.

Enforcement commenced on 3 November 2016.

Fines were issued to drivers for failing to display a valid ticket as required by signage in the car park from 3 November to 12 December 2016.

The new 'Pay by Plate' parking system was suspended from 13 December 2016 and enforcement was limited to the four hour parking restriction until a revised system based on the original 'Pay and Display' was implemented on 4 January 2017. This addressed community concerns about the new ticket machines.

Council's Civic Compliance Unit is continuing to review fines that have been appealed and will waive those with valid reasons in accordance with Council's Infringement Review Guidelines.

All fines issued between 3 November and 12 December 2016 and appealed have been waived.

This report recommends that Council waives the remaining/available Penalty Infringement Notices (PIN) issued between 3 November and 12 December 2016.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-082

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

That Council resolves to waive all parking fines issued at the Preston Market between 3 November 2016 and 12 December 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Items were dealt with immediately after Public Question Time. Refer to Page 12.

- Item - 8.1 Darebin Community Housing Trust
- Item - 8.2 Urgent Long Term Protection of the Darebin Urban Forest through the Acquisition of Strathallan Golf Course that currently serves as a Habitat Corridor in Latrobe Ward
- Item - 8.3 Darebin Sustainable Transport Reserve
- Item - 8.4 Urgent Storm Water Improvements for Mais Street, Purinuan Road and St Vigeons Road, Reservoir –
- Item - 8.5 Communal Food Hub
- Item - 8.6 Inquiry Into How Council Can Continue to Provide Quality in-house Aged Care Services.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

13.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 3 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:

- Council Briefing Session – 28 November 2016
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 5 December 2016
- Darebin Australian Day Advisory Committee – 6 December 2016
- Council Briefing Session – 12 December 2016
- Active and Healthy Ageing Board – 13 December 2016
- Councillors Strategic Workshop (Day 1) – 16 December 2016
- Council Briefing Session – 19 December 2016
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group – 20 December 2016
- Darebin Energy and Environment Working Group – 20 December 2016
- Council Briefing Session – 20 December 2016
- Preston Market Community Forum – 21 December 2016
- Councillors Strategic Workshop (Day 2) – 23 December 2016
- Darebin Energy and Environment Working Group – 5 January 2017
- Darebin Energy and Environment Working Group – 19 January 2017
- Darebin Energy and Environment Working Group – 30 January 2017

Cr. Amir requested that the Assembly of Councillors for the Councillors Briefing Session held on 28 November 2016 be amended to show her arrival time as 4.45 pm, and not 6.35 pm.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-083

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 28 November and 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 23 December 2016 and 5, 19 and 30 January 2017 attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-084

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF, MAYOR**

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

- Meeting with James – Darebin Creek Management Committee
- Site Visit – City of Whittlesea Animal Welfare Facility
- Steering Committee Meeting – Northland Urban Renewal Precinct
- GoWomenLG – VLGA Women’s Celebration Victorian Gender Equity Strategy
- Councillors Strategic Planning Day
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Assessment of DERG Nominations for 2017
- Energy and Environment Working Group
- Meeting with James Rankin – Salta, re Preston Market
- Meeting with Paddy – Merrilands Community Centre
- Media and Presentation Study
- Briefing by Peter Clarke re Preston Market Forum
- Future of Preston Market Community Forum
- Infrastructure and Services Working Group
- Meeting with Philip Sutton
- Correction – Undercurrent Exhibition Opening
- Midsumma Carnival
- Meeting with Adrian Clarke
- Meeting with Clyde Street Residents
- 2017 Official Australia Day Luncheon
- Energy and Environment Working Group
- Meeting with Strathallan Golf Club
- Mike Said, Chair, and Members of Audit Committee
- Darebin Annual Management Reference Group
- Darebin Australia Day Awards
- Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

- Pride March
- NAGA Advocacy Committee
- Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Budget Briefing
- Damphu Saanjh – Year of the Bird
- Energy and Environment Working Group
- Friends of Merri Creek Litter Clean Up
- Julian Burnside AO QC
- Resident Meeting – Alda Sirianni
- Regular Catch Ups with A/Chief Executive Officer
- Regular Catch Ups with Communications
- Briefing from DHS re Stokes / Penola
- Planning Briefing
- Special Council Meeting
- Planning Meeting
- Meeting to Discuss Preston Market Reference Group
- UN World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebration
- Penny Harris and Bill O’Shea re MAV Delegate
- Discussion re 660 High Street, Thornbury
- Budget Briefing
- Major Event – Closing the Distance Exhibition
- Greek Community 38th Annual Festival Event
- DECC Multicultural, Inter-Faith and Spiritual Commemoration for Victims of Violence and Terrorism Upon Places of Worship
- Anniversary of the Apology to Australia’s Indigenous People – Stolen Generation Event
- Rivoli Theatre Inspection

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

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REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Councillor briefings
- Budget briefings 1 and 2
- Meeting with new interim CEO
- Active and Healthy Ageing board Meetings

- Strategic workshop Day 1 and Day 2
- Energy and Environmental working group meeting
- Community forum on Preston Market
- Special Council meetings on 30 January and 6 February 2017
- Discuss Preston Market Reference Group meeting with owners of Preston Market site
- Chaired Darebin Interfaith Council meeting
- Opening event "closing the distance" at the Bundoora Homestead
- DECC Interfaith commemoration for the victims of violence in places of worship
- Anniversary of the apology to Australia's indigenous people, Stolen Generation event

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

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REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Energy & Environment Working Group meetings
- Council Briefings
- Planning Committee Meetings
- Budget Briefing
- Special Council Meetings
- Darebin Australia Day Awards
- Darebin Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony
- Sustainable Living Festival Panel on Local Government & the Climate Emergency
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive
- Meetings with residents and traders

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

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REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Energy and Environment Working Group
- Budget Briefing
- Planning meeting
- Meeting with Preston Market owners

- Full moon festival with Vietnamese Buddhist community in Reservoir
- Greek Community Festival

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council AGM
- Transition Darebin annual dinner
- Go Women LG celebration function
- Subcommittee meeting regarding interim CEO arrangements
- Council meeting on 12 December 2016
- Planning Committee meetings on 19 December 2016 and 6 February 2017
- Planning day
- IT training session
- Meeting with resident re climate action
- Infrastructure planning morning
- Darebin Council Christmas lunch
- Visit to Westgarth Primary School
- Meeting with, Rohan Lephert, MAV rep from City of Melbourne
- Energy and Environment Working Group meetings on 5 January, 19 January and 30 January 2017
- Meeting with CEO, Mayor and members of Audit Committee
- Australia Day Citizenship ceremony
- Pride March
- Special Council meetings on 30 January and 6 February 2017
- Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Budget Briefings on 2 February and 9 February 2017
- Briefing from DHHS re Penola and Stokes Streets
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Darebin Interfaith Council (part)
- Preston Market Briefing
- Meetings with planning officers
- Emails and phone calls with residents

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.42 pm.