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## URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS

### AGENDA

Council Meeting to be held  
at Darebin Civic Centre,  
350 High Street Preston  
on Monday, 18 Mar 2019  
at 6.00pm.

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## 7. URGENT BUSINESS

### 7.1 2019 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MAV STATE COUNCIL MEETING MOTIONS ON AGED CARE SERVICES

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#### PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's approval to submit a proposed motion to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly on 16 to 19 June 2019 (Appendix A) and a proposed motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 17 May 2019 (Appendix B).

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through the MAV State Council meeting and ALGA National General Assembly, Council has an opportunity to advocate for issues and promote initiatives that impact on the livelihood and wellbeing of the Darebin community. Council has identified proposed motions for consideration at these meetings that align with the priority areas identified in Council's strategies and in the 2017–21 Council Plan.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council resolves to:

- (1) Submit the motion attached at **Appendix A** to the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly
- (2) Submit the motion attached at **Appendix B** to the May 2019 Municipal Association of State Council meeting.

#### BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION

MAV and ALGA are the two of the key peak body organisations for Local Government. MAVs State Council Meeting will be held on 17 May 2019 and ALGAs National General Assembly will be held from 16 to 19 June 2019. Council has an opportunity to put forward motions for consideration at both of these meetings.

#### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 19 March 2018, Council resolved:

***That the following motions be put to the MAV State Conference:***

1. *That the MAV:*
  - (1) *Writes to the Prime Minister, leader of the opposition, leaders of minor parties and independent members of parliament requesting that bulk funding from the Commonwealth for aged care services be maintained for local councils that want to*

*continue delivering quality aged and home care services to their vulnerable and ageing communities.*

*(2) Advocates for an analysis of impact on the gender pay gap of the introduction of My Aged Care, and the shift in service delivery away from local government.*

**That** the following motions be put to the ALGA National General Assembly:

1. That the ALGA:

*(1) Writes to the Prime Minister, leader of the opposition, leaders of minor parties and independent members of parliament requesting that bulk funding from the Commonwealth for aged care services be maintained for local councils that want to continue delivering quality aged and home care services to their vulnerable and ageing communities.*

*(2) Advocates for an analysis of impact on the gender pay gap of the introduction of My Aged Care, and the shift in service delivery away from local government.*

At its meeting held on 3 September 2018, Council resolved:

**That** Council submits the following motions to the MAV State Council meeting on 19 October 2018:

1. That MAV immediately coordinates a campaign to:

a. *Maintain block funding to Councils for the delivery of aged care services beyond June 2020; and*

b. *Request that the commonwealth government implements a moratorium to such time the government conducts a comprehensive review of the cancellation of block funding to Councils.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT**

### **Consultation**

The attached motions have been discussed with Councillors and the relevant officers.

### **Communications**

N/A

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Alignment to Council Plan / Council policy**

Goal 2 - Opportunities to live well

### **Environmental Sustainability Considerations**

N/A

### **Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Considerations**

The proposed motions seek to provide greater certainty for members of the community who access aged care services, for service providers and for the workforce.

### **Cultural Considerations**

N/A

## Economic Development Considerations

N/A

## Financial and Resource Implications

The proposed motions seek to provide funding certainty for aged care services beyond June 2020.

## Legal and Risk Implications

N/A

## DISCUSSION

Submitting motions through the ALGA and MAV meetings enables Council to broaden its advocacy reach on key issues and platforms. The motions in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** aim to further Council's goals in supporting vulnerable members of the community.

## OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

### Option 1 (Recommended)

Council resolves to submit the motions in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** to the ALGA National General Assembly and the MAV State Council meeting respectively.

### Option 2 (Not recommended)

Council resolves not to submit motions to the ALGA National General Assembly and the MAV State Council meeting

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

### Details

Council will submit the approved motions to the ALGA General Assembly and the MAV State Council meeting within the prescribed timeframes.

### Communication

Outcomes from the ALGA General Assembly and the MAV State Council meeting will be communicated to Councillors once they have been published.

### Timeline

- Any motions that Council resolves to submit to the ALGA National General Assembly will be lodged by the deadline of 29 March 2019.
- Any motions that Council resolves to submit to the MAV State Council meeting will be lodged by the deadline of 23 April 2019.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Future Focussed – Call for Motions Discussion Paper 2019 – National General Assembly of Local Government 2019
- 2019-19 MAV Strategic Work Plan

**Attachments**

Nil

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

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

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