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AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on Monday 10 May 2021 at 6.00pm

**This Council Meeting will be held at Preston Town Hall,
284 Gower Street, Preston.**

This meeting will be open to the public in line with current health restrictions. The number of people in the public gallery will be restricted to ensure attendees can social distance. Where social distancing cannot be achieved the wearing of masks is recommended. This meeting will also be livestreamed and may be accessed from Council's website www.darebin.vic.gov.au.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

Arabic

هذه هي محاضر اجتماع المجلس. للحصول على المساعدة في أي من البنود في المحاضر، يرجى الاتصال بالهاتف 8470 8888.

Chinese

这些是市议会会议纪要。如需协助了解任何纪要项目，请致电8470 8888。

Greek

Αυτά είναι τα Πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια με οποιαδήποτε θέματα στα πρακτικά, παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε το 8470 8888.

Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Општинскиот одбор. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

Punjabi

ਇਹ ਵੈੱਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

Spanish

Estas son las Actas de la Reunión del Concejo. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کا ایجنڈا ہے۔ ایجنڈے کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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Agenda

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

3. APOLOGIES

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 COUNCIL PLAN AND FINANCIAL PLAN DELIBERATIVE ENGAGEMENT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to progress and continue with the requirements for deliberative engagement on the draft Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) priorities and draft Financial Plan.

It outlines the dilemmas for the Darebin Community Engagement Panel to deliberate on in relation to the Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Financial Plan.

The proposed dilemmas are:

Waste Services

Waste costs have been increasing and are expected to keep increasing significantly because of market forces and new state government obligations. It is estimated the cost to deliver waste services will increase from around \$16 million per year in 2020-21 to around \$25 million a year in 2030-31 (in ten years time).

Dilemmas

- *What is the community prepared to accept to cover the full cost and also increasing cost of the waste service? Would an increase in waste charges be acceptable with the same level of service or should an increased or adjusted level of service be considered?*
- *Many people contact council asking for higher levels of service or investment in establishing a circular economy (such as weekly pick ups of green waste bins). This would also increase costs. Are higher levels of service something that community is happy to pay for?*
- *How should we deal with disadvantage – should everyone pay more or should some services be free for those experiencing disadvantage, even if this means slightly higher costs covered by others?*

Community Safety

Community Safety is an important priority for Council and is proposing to develop a community Safety Framework as part of the draft Council Plan/Health and Wellbeing Plan priorities. In addition to Council, there are other key agencies, that play a key role in providing for a safe community. There are a number of ways in which Council supports safety, including

- Keeping the city clean and tidy
- Well lit and well-designed spaces
- Working in partnership other agencies to provide for a safe community

Dilemmas

- *What is the expectation of the role Council have in providing for a safe community and what initiatives or relationships should be prioritised to have the most impact?*
- *In any year, council can improve a few public spaces because of the cost involved. How should council prioritise where to improve first?*

The panel will provide recommendations based on these dilemmas for Council to consider in the finalising of the Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Financial Plan for adoption on 28 June 2021.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the following Waste Services dilemmas for the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel to deliberate on for the Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Financial Plan:
 - What is the community prepared to accept to cover the full cost and also increasing cost of the waste service? Would an increase in waste charges be acceptable with the same level of service or should an increased or adjusted level of service be considered?
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 - How should we deal with disadvantage – should everyone pay more or should some services be free for those experiencing disadvantage, even if this means slightly higher costs covered by others?
- (2) Endorses the following Community Safety dilemmas for the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel to deliberate on for the Council Plan (incorporate Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Financial Plan:
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BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION

The Local Government Act 2020 (the *Act*) outlines the key strategic planning, budgeting and reporting that Council must undertake. These legislative requirements to develop strategic planning, budgeting and annual reporting documents are contained in Part 4 of The *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)*.

The *Act* introduces strategic planning principles which include a new Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework (ISPRF) with a key component being a Community Vision.

The relevant sections from the *Act* are outlined below:

Section 90 Council Plan

(1) A Council must prepare and adopt a Council Plan for a period of at least the next 4 financial years after a general election in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices.

Section 91 Financial Plan

(1) A Council must develop, adopt and keep in force a Financial Plan in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 22 February 2021, Council resolved to:

“Endorse the remit to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel in relation to the Community Vision, and the major dilemmas and key questions that will form the panel’s deliberations including reference to the LGBTIQ Community at page 9 of the Report.”

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Consultation

Councillors were briefed on this matter on 3 May 2021

Communications

Council resolution from this report will be communicated to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel and community engagement facilitators.

ANALYSIS

Alignment to Council Plan / Council policy

The draft Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) 2021-25 will replace the current 2017-2021 Council Plan and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021. The 2031 Financial Plan will replace the existing Strategic Resource Plan.

Environmental Sustainability Considerations

The draft Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and approach to community engagement acknowledges Council’s commitment to environmental sustainability and includes a number of strategic objectives and priority strategies that focus on environmental sustainability.

Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Considerations

The draft Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and approach to community engagement acknowledges Council's commitment to equity, inclusion and wellbeing as articulated through the Towards Equality Framework. The draft plan includes a number of strategic objectives and priority strategies that focus on improving equity, inclusion and wellbeing across the municipality, with a specific focus on the more vulnerable members of the Darebin community.

Cultural Considerations

The draft Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and approach to community engagement acknowledges Council's commitment to cultural considerations. The draft plan includes a number of strategic objectives and priority strategies that focus on improving participation and inclusion for the diverse communities of Darebin.

Economic Development Considerations

The draft Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and approach to community engagement acknowledges Council's commitment to Darebin's economy in early years following the Covid-19 pandemic through economic relief and recovery measures and strategic economic development to support the Darebin community,

Financial and Resource Implications

Resourcing to support the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel is included in the current operational budget.

Legal and Risk Implications

The 2021-2025 Council Plan and 10-year Financial Plan are required to be established by 31 October 2021 in accordance with the *Act* and be informed through deliberative engagement practices.

DISCUSSION

The remit to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel is outlined below:

Council Plan (including Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and 10-year Financial Plan: The Panel will provide recommendations to guide the development of the Council Plan and Financial Plan. These recommendations will be presented to Council and considered by Council for inclusion in the Council Plan and Financial Plan.

Establishing the dilemma's to be presented to the Deliberative Panel, for deliberation of the Council Plan and Financial Plan

There are two deliberative panel sessions scheduled for the panel to deliberate on dilemmas relevant to the Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Financial Plan. The dates for these panel discussions are planned for the 30th May and 6th June. To inform these sessions for the panel, Council is required to nominate specific dilemmas for the panel to deliberate on.

To develop the dilemmas for the Panel to deliberate on, it is recommended that Council consider:

- What are some of the hard decisions Council is grappling with that will need to be worked through over the next year or two?
- What are the major concerns the community have and Council's role in responding?
- What are the big questions/hard trade-offs that you would like the community to provide input into?

Dilemma development should meet the following criteria:

- They are not insignificant or trivial
- Council is genuinely open to being influenced on this item
- They are 'tricky' enough to be worthy of conversations and deliberation
- Community members are likely to be interested in

Proposed dilemma's to be provided for deliberation include:

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OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Endorses the dilemmas to inform the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel deliberations

This is the recommended option.

2. Does not endorse the dilemmas for the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel and provide alternative dilemmas to inform the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Details

Subject to the decision of Council, the endorsed dilemmas will be communicated to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel and engagement facilitators.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Community Engagement Policy

Attachments

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any general or material 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.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

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