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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT PRESTON TOWN HALL, 284
GOWER STREET, PRESTON ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2022**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Trent McCarthy (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Tom Hannan
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Susan Rennie
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Jodie Watson - Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance and Engagement
Shadi Hanna - Acting General Manager Community
Vanessa Petrie – Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy
Brett Grambau – Acting General Manager Operations and Capital
Srinivasan – Acting Chief Financial Officer
Chris Ryan – Manager Property & Asset Strategy
Dean Gibbons – Coordinator Management Accountant
Kassia Gibbs – Coordinator Corporate Strategy
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business
Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer
Michelle Martin – Council Business Officer
Georgina Steele – Council Business Officer
Zeeshan Mehmood – IT Support Officer

Other Attendees

John Watson – Municipal Monitor

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson, Mayor Messina, opened the meeting with the following statement:

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

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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.

Recognition of the late Philip Sutton

The Mayor made the following statement:

On behalf of Council and all councillors, I would like to express our deep sadness at the news of Philip Sutton's recent passing. Philip's life's work to lead, teach and advocate for change on environmental and climate issues was dedicated, unwavering and inspiring to so many.

As a Darebin local, Philip made a hugely significant contribution as a member of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee which was formed after Darebin Council declared a Climate Emergency on 5 December 2016. Philip was a key instigator and member of the community movement that led to Council's declaration and this subsequently inspired a worldwide climate emergency movement.

As Philip said in his presentation at Darebin's Climate Emergency Conference in 2018, "A person who gets a bee in their bonnet about something, can often have quite an amazing effect".

Philip did have an amazing effect. He leaves an extraordinary legacy and we thank him. Our heartfelt condolences to his family and close friends.

3. APOLOGIES

AN APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED FROM RACHEL OLLIVIER, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 May 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 6 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 22-024

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 May 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 6 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Messina and the General Manager Governance & Engagement, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Marilyn Johnson of Fairfield**

I would like to know how Council is going to encourage residents to reduce their landfill waste now it is imposing a waste levy in addition to Council rates for ratepayers who have properties worth less than 1.7 million dollars.

I would also like to add that my green waste bin is 90% used for the plain tree leaves adorning my street. Is it fair that I am charged for this?

And is it fair that not all residents will be charged for this waste levy? I would also like to point out that if I put my small landfill waste bin out once a month, I would not fill it.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council runs ongoing education and programs to help our community reduce waste.

We are currently helping Darebin residents use their green and food waste bins better. It is the biggest opportunity to reduce landfill, which will reduce costs and pollution.

All ratepayers will be charged with a public waste rate and the kerbside waste charge will be paid by all ratepayers who receive the kerbside waste collection service.

This means that everyone in the community contributes to leave litter from managing street trees

- **Ruth Jelley of Northcote.**

1. I am aware that other Councils that are members of the M9 Group of Councils provide a report on the activities of the M9 group – for example, the City of Melbourne presented such a report to its Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 7 June. However, such reports are absent from Darebin Council papers and governance reports. When will Darebin Council as a member of the M9, provide a report on the discussions and activities of this alliance of inner Melbourne Councils?
2. The state Government has recently opened a new round of funding for Councils to use to make roads safer for bike riders and pedestrians. Will Council commit to seek funding to implement pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements in line with the principles of the refreshed Transport Strategy, to implement the recommendations identified in Your Street, Your Say, including for:
 - Improved pedestrian safety at numerous roundabouts in Reservoir
 - A pedestrian crossing at Elizabeth Street West Preston
 - Installing separated bike lanes along the length of Cramer St, Preston
 - Exploration of options to install safe, separated bike lanes on Normanby Avenue and High Street, Thornbury?
3. How many schools will be funded or approved to participate in the Octopus Schools Program in 2022-23?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. Darebin is a member of the M9 Councils.

We advocate for issues and projects of mutual interests, including active transport, affordable housing, and renewable energy. Council has endorsed an advocacy strategy and our work with M9 is based on this. You can read about M9's work by visiting m9.org.au.

I attend monthly meetings with the CEO, and my participation is recorded in Council minutes through the Councillor Activity reports.

In response, the CEO will provide quarterly updates to Council through the Governance report commencing in July.

2. Council will submit an application to the Transport Accident Commission's Local Government Grants programme.

If we are successful, funds will help Council deliver infrastructure projects identified through the Your Street Your Say programme.

3. The Octopus Schools program is not proposed for 2022-23 financial year.

In the 2022-23 financial year we are proposing to work on road safety with schools through the Your Street Your Say local area place making program.

I am pleased to share that Council recently secured funding from the VicRoads Community Road Safety grant scheme. This funding will be used to support road safety audits for 3 schools and riding to High School training for 5 schools.

- **Tim Holdsworth of Northcote**

1. Has Darebin Council applied for its share of the \$30 million in the 2022 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund, and if so, which projects are being proposed?
2. What is the estimated change to revenue (in dollars) that has been modelled for the 3pm closure option of the Northcote Public Golf Course?
3. Under the proposed changes to waste charges, will wealthy homeowners with homes over \$1.75mil and the commercial sector be better off financially than the rest of Darebin residents?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **The Local Sports Infrastructure Fund is a state-wide competitive State Government grants program. Council has previously accessed funding through this program to support the construction of Narrandjeri Stadium, the Bill Lawry Oval pavilion redevelopment as well recent sports field lighting upgrades at Mott, Moore, Donath and Dole Reserves.**

Council is currently considering which projects to put forward subject to approval of the 2022-23 Council Budget.

2. **While Council has undertaken analysis of the potential impact of the 3pm shared-use model for Northcote Public Golf Course, that modelling does not reflect financial impacts at this stage. A report will come to Council at a future meeting about their options in regard to the operating model.**
3. **It is correct that businesses will see a reduction in their overall rates notice. Businesses have been contributing to a kerbside waste collection service that they largely do not benefit from via Council, as commercial collection services are used. As a result of separating waste cost collection from general rates, businesses will receive a reduction in their total rates bill and only pay for this service once.**

Through the separation of waste costs from general rates, the kerbside charge is a user fees charge (in accordance with the Revenue and Rating Plan adopted in June 2021) instead of being charged as a % percentage of the property value. The effect of this is that everyone is charged the same fee for the same service, noting that there are concessions based on equity principles to minimise the impact. It is correct that higher value properties will see a reduction in their total rates bill as they contribute a higher amount based on their property value.

Mr Holdsworth sought to clarify with Council that it will make application to the sports infrastructure grants scheme which close on the 12 July.

Responses from General Manager Governance & Engagement

That is correct, following the adoption of the budget which will confirm the budget that will be required to support the application, we are working towards the 12 July deadline for submissions.

- **Jessica Sullivan of Reservoir**

There are a number of State Government sports and recreation grants available that could contribute to supporting the Northcote Public Golf Course and the building of a 50M pool as Reservoir Leisure Centre. To my knowledge DCC has not yet applied for these grants. Given DCC is claiming they need to burden residents with an additional charge on top of rates for waste because they are unable to budget with their current income streams, it seems unconscionable that they would not apply for every grant available to try to take the pressure of local households.

Can Councillors and Officers explain why the DCC is not actively pursuing all possible revenue streams to help improve sport and recreation in the area? What grants, if any, has the DCC applied for in respect of Northcote Public Golf Course and/or Reservoir Leisure Centre?

I and many of the people I have spoken to in North Reservoir did not receive a copy of the Draft Budget 2022/23 brochure that was circularised earlier in the year. As such many people missed out on making submissions about the budget by the 1 May 2022 deadline because they were simply unaware of the process. Even the Council's Facebook page only mentioned the draft budget once before the deadline.

What is Council doing to ensure that these documents are properly distributed to all residents so they are aware of the important issues and can make submissions? Would the Council consider posting/emailing out the draft budget information with the rates notices that are issued in early April to ensure that ratepayers at least get the information?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council regularly applies for grants and government funding to support the planning, development and construction of sport and recreation infrastructure to support our community.

Council is currently continuing to negotiate with the State Government regarding its offer to support the planning and design to reconfigure the Northcote Public Golf Course.

Council is currently considering which projects to submit for the current funding round of the State Government Local Sports Infrastructure Fund subject to approval of the 2022-23 Council Budget. The Reservoir Leisure Centre is being considered for the new Facilities Planning stream of this funding.

Council undertook a communications campaign to inform the community of the draft budget process. This included a dedicated page on the Councils Your Say platform, information on Councils website with a banner on the homepage, information in the Your Darebin E newsletter and various paid and organic posts on the main social media platforms. We also held five in person pop up sessions within the community in prominent locations to inform the community and to also answer any questions that people may have. A brochure was also distributed to all households in the community, but what we did find, due to walkers being used to distribute the brochures we couldn't guarantee all arrived as we had some challenges with walkers in a few areas where they didn't arrive as expected and that was followed up with the distributor. Council will continue to inform the community via various channels about submissions processes as they emerge through the year.

- **Bill Jennings of Preston West**

1. What is the annual total cost to Darebin City Council to maintain and keep Darebin Parklands open to the public? And are the Darebin Parklands currently profitable or do they run at a loss to the Darebin ratepayer?
2. Can Council please update the community if it is going to accept the offer of \$200 000 from the Minister for Community Sport to utilise the services of a golf course architect to create a masterplan for Northcote Public Golf Course? Do you agree that in using this funding, our community might achieve the best nine holes and the best new open parkland spaces at the Northcote Public Golf Course that fit with the vision for shared space that the community offered in the recent consultation process?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Council contributes approximately \$280,000 to the running of the Darebin parklands by the DCMC. Banyule contributes a similar amount and several other organisations also make small contributions to the running of the DCMC. These amounts do not account for Council officer time.**

The Darebin Parklands do not return a profit to Council, but open spaces across the City generally do not return a profit. Council regards them as an investment for the community.

2. **Council is in negotiations with the State about the grant funding and an update will be provided via the Yoursay page in due course.**

- **Julie Williams of Thornbury**

1. Could you please let us know the profit (or loss) figure for each financial year of 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the Northcote Public Golf Course and advise if the golf course is currently profitable in 2021-22?
2. What were the total number of rounds played at Northcote Public golf course for each of the following financial years: 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20; 2020-21 and please advise of the most up to date figures of rounds played at Northcote in this current financial year of 2021-22.
3. At the Council Meeting on 8 April 2021, the then CEO Sue Wilkinson answered a question by West Preston resident Bill Jennings. He was enquiring if the numbers of games played each month could be reported on a quarterly basis. Former CEO Wilkinson's answer recorded in the minutes was that "A quarterly update of rounds played can also be provided on an ongoing basis." Could Council please advise if that quarterly report has been happening since the CEO offered that answer? If it is happening, where can the public find that quarterly report. If it isn't happening, when and where will the public be provided with this information?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **In 2019-20, the cost to Council for the Northcote Public Golf Course was \$166,887. In 2020-21, that cost was reduced to \$70,876. In 2021-22, in the year-to-date to May 2022, that cost is \$35,131.**
2. **In 2017-18, 18,227 rounds of golf were played at Northcote Public Golf Course. In 2018-19, 18,559 rounds were played.**

In 2019-20, 19,997 rounds were played.

In 2020-21, the number of rounds increased to 24,494 and year-to-date to May 2022, 23,892 rounds of golf have been played so far in 2021-22.

3. Council has been reporting the number of rounds of golf at Northcote Public Golf Course on a monthly basis through the Your Say Darebin Northcote Public Golf Course webpage which can be found at:
yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/northcotegolfcourse.

The figures are reported as part of the Frequently Asked Questions section in response to the question: How many people played golf at the Northcote Public Golf Course in 2020 and 2021 compared to the previous 10 years?

- **Tony Sullivan of Reservoir**

Mayor Messina, can you please confirm whether you, other Councillors and/or any Council officers have applied for sporting grants from the Federal and/or State Governments?

If so, have applications been sought to – assist with the refurbishment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre, including a 50 m pool, as widely desired by that community, and to accommodate the expected increased population growth in the coming years: and ensure the continued operation of the Northcote Public Golf Course, as a 9-hole sporting facility, to accommodate the diverse community who avail themselves of this vital amenity, among them children, seniors, disabled people, those on the neurodiverse spectrum too. For many, this amenity provides more than simply a sporting challenge, it also provides invaluable social and community connections too. Equally important, is protecting the significant and documented* biodiversity which lives within the golf course grounds, and the sensitive ecosystems which they rely on. (* <https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/news/13652-urban-golf-courses-are-biodiversity-oases.-opening-them-up-puts-that-at-risk>)

If not why not?

Question 2. Mayor Messina, can you please explain why developers can breach Council Endorsed Plans, without prior Council approval and without adjoining properties owners being advised, thereby denying us the opportunity to appeal any concerning changes? These processes are required throughout the Planning Approval stage, however, are easily circumvented by applying for changes post Council Endorsement, basically making it null and void!

The developer next door failed to adhere to the Council Endorsed Plans and when I brought this to the Planning Dept's attention, the breaches were allegedly investigated, and I was later informed by phone that the plans had been amended to include the changes and apparently the developer had paid a fee to have these amendments approved. I was also advised that if I have an issue, I should go to VCAT.

How it is fair and reasonable, that safeguards and securities provided in the planning process to protect the amenity and privacy of adjoining properties can be rendered null and void post-endorsement, because a process exists enabling developers to merely apply for amendments and pay a fee, and once approved by Councils planning dept, the only avenue available to impacted property owners, is to appeal Council's decision at VCAT?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council has sought grants and funding for many of our sporting infrastructure projects including the construction of Narrandjeri Stadium, the Bill Lawry Oval

pavilion redevelopment, as well recent sports field lighting upgrades at Mott, Moore, Donath and Dole Reserves.

Council is currently considering which projects to put to the State Government Sports Infrastructure Grants program subject to approval of the 2022-23 Council Budget, noting that the grants have quite strict eligibility criteria.

The Reservoir Leisure Centre is being considered for the new Facilities Planning stream.

Council is in negotiations with the State Government regarding its offer of to support the planning and design to reconfigure the Northcote Public Golf Course.

Question 2

The relevant Manager will call you tomorrow to discuss this matter.

I can confirm for you that the matter has been investigated by Council's Statutory Planning Unit and Planning Compliance Unit.

The investigations have found that due process has been followed and that the development has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

- **Pamela Newman of Northcote**

1. What impact on the environment is expected if the entire golf course is opened as a park and domestic animals are able to access the entire space including the sensitive Merri Creek zone?
2. Golf is one of the few sports elderly residents can enjoy. Why is council failing to invest in golf, lawn bowls, and tennis in Darebin?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **On 23 May 2022, Council endorsed shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site, committing to retain a 9-hole golf course and opening up 5.71 hectares of open space for general community use.**

You are correct that dogs can sometimes cause damage to sensitive areas. Dogs must be kept on leash in Darebin except in designated dog off-leash areas and no decision has been made about this, in regards to the new open space at Northcote Golf course.

2. **Council supports many sport and recreation activities for our older community members, as well golf, tennis and lawn bowls.**

For example, Reservoir Leisure Centre offers the Living Longer Living Stronger program and arthritis classes.

The new multi-use courts at John Cain Memorial Park include equipment and line markings to support tennis.

Council is investing in the reconfiguration of Northcote Public Golf Course to support the continuation of golf.

Council's agreements with our lawn bowls and tennis clubs focus on maximising participation and encouraging clubs to invest in renewing those facilities as part of their obligations.

- **Maureen Wilson of Reservoir**

I wish to ask a question regarding the Darebin WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY which replaces the Waste and Litter Strategy 2015-2025.

The Council conducted a review into waste and recycling services over the last 18 months to identify solutions and innovations opportunities to service delivery and materials processing. This review informed the current published Waste and Recycling Strategy

My question is in two parts

1. Is the review that was conducted publicly available. access to this review would assist a resident in understanding how the strategy responds to the issues and opportunities identified
2. The Strategy has an action plan which sets out current, intermediate and long-term actions.

There is no timelines allocated nor is there a published work plan that sets out the concrete actions that will be required to achieve the action s. The work plan would set a clear pathway to change and have clear performance targets that would be measurable and reported back to council and residents

A residence committee consultation group for this essential area of council responsibility could collaborate with stakeholders and support change. With the future population growth in Darebin its essential that a long view is taken rather than short term solutions

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Yes – information about the 2018-19 waste and recycling review is publicly available.**

We plan and report on many of the priority actions through the Council Plan and our Annual Report.

The relevant Manager will call you tomorrow to discuss further if you wish.

2. **Since the strategy was adopted Council has expanded the food and green waste service and upgraded KP Hardiman Reserve using recycled content amongst other things.**

The implementation timing of the action plan is set each year as part of Council's budget and council plan action plan process.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-025

**MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

That the Public Question Time be extended for a further 30 minutes.

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- **Annette Kalkbrenner of Thornbury**

1. In 2013 neighbours of Northcote Golf Course were considered stakeholders. Why have we not been included or consulted?
2. Why hasn't Darebin Council applied for the Sports Grant the Local Government Minister wrote to you about and invited you to?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Council undertook extensive community engagement regarding the future of the Northcote Golf course. More than 7,000 people took up the opportunity to participate and their views have been carefully considered by Council.**

I can also confirm that Council received your survey response.

2. **Council is in discussions with the Department of Sport and Rec regarding the grant the State Government has offered towards the re-imagination of the Northcote Golf course.**

- **Carolyn Lunt of Northcote**

In regard to the new waste charges what steps will be undertaken to reduce waste?

I produce 30 grams of rubbish a week that's 2.08 kilos a year. What will my charge be and can I opt out?

How will council prevent contamination of bins as many properties keep their bins permanently on the street?

I submitted 3 questions on 17.3.2021 regarding changes made to Jika Jika in the Park. The infrastructure removed included a climbing frame, sand pit and cubby house. I have no record of a reply and ask that council respond to this request. My councillor Tom Hannan and Manager of Governance Jodie Watson did express to me that the agreement with Jika Jika management needed to be tightened. My question is has this happened and could I have a reply please?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. **Council runs ongoing education and programs to help our community reduce waste. We are currently focusing on food waste. Around half of a Darebin rubbish bin is food waste.**

Helping Darebin residents use their green and food waste bin is our biggest opportunity to reduce landfill, which will reduce costs and pollution.

2. **The Kerbside Waste Collection Services charge will be \$267.55 in the 2022/23 year – with concessions applied to properties of lower value to make it fairer and equitable.**

There is not an opt out option for kerbside collection services. Councils must provide these services according to state government legislation.

3. **Many councils have rolled out similar food and green waste services and have achieved very low contamination rates. We are not expecting contamination to be a major challenge.**

4. The question in relation to Jika Jika was answered at the meeting on 17 March 2021.

The response provided was:

“As you have noted, the Oldis Gardens Community Centre is managed by Jika Jika community centre. While Council provides annual funding and facility use to Jika Jika, Council is not involved in decisions regarding program delivery at this centre or their other sites. These are matters for the Jika Jika Committee of Management.

Council understands that the centre is not closing and the Jika Jika Committee of Management is planning to make changes to how the space is used.

Council also understands that the garden is being planned by the Jika Jika Committee of Management to enhance the current outdoor space at the centre. Decisions regarding the garden will be made by the Committee of Management, in consultation with Council for matters which are relevant to the current lease agreement in place.

The decisions have not been made about the specific choice of plants, however Council officers will work closely with Jika Jika staff to ensure the selection of plants is suitable for this area. “

Regarding the lease, one of the connections we had was between creating the connection we have with Council property leases and how we ensure they enshrine the principals with the new Local Government Act into those leases. This is work that will happen progressively as leases come to the end of their life and we will include those elements within new leases.

- **Ruby of Thornbury**

As a student I can only play golf after 3pm. Why has the decision been made to close the Golf Course at 3pm?

What studies have been done to justify closing the golf course at 3pm?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council has not made a decision to close the course after 3pm. Council called for a briefing by Council Officers on whether that was a feasible option and has not yet formed a position. Council will consider its options at a future Council meeting.

- **John Nugent of Epping**

Question 1.

My question is about the Special Council Meeting on 24 November 2021 to elect a Mayor for the 2021/2022 Council Year. It was closed to the public. A small number of family members were able to attend and adhere to the requirements of the pandemic order (of the time).

How many Council Staff were present including Hall Keepers and catering staff?

How many family members were invited and attended?

Could Council post a copy of the pandemic order which allow family members to attend?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

1. You asked similar questions at the last meeting, and my understanding is the CEO at the time, Ms Wilkinson followed Government directives. These questions will be taken on notice.

Question 2.

You know I cancelled my meeting with you, the CEO and the General Manager as I could not have Mr Brian Sanaghan as my observer. No one has advised me why I cannot have Mr Brian Sanaghan as my observer.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance & Engagement , Jodie Watson

2. It is not appropriate that we discuss this matter publicly.

Question 3.

My question is about Council's last meeting held on the 23 May 2022. Could you please advise why the police were called when Mr Brian Sanaghan was standing on the footpath? Also why are Council wasting police resources?

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

3. In those situations of which there have been several, the police have only been called when there has been a refusal to leave the premises and not cause a disturbance. At times it has included behaviour towards our staff, security staff and the general public that has been inappropriate and offensive.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

In addition to that Mr Nugent we have received several complaints and emails from members of the public that have attended the gallery about how they felt unsafe based on his inappropriate behaviour.

- Nalliah Suriyakumaran made a submission in relation to the Budget Item (specifically the funding for a 50 metre pool in reservoir) and called for support from the leaders of the Community.
- Keith Coffey of Reservoir

I represent the Men's shed in Reservoir and the men are getting worried. For the last two years, with the virus and the construction. The plans have been submitted to Council. We all want to know how long it is going to take to get the plans through. Council have looked after the Shed and the Community Centre for years. Two years, nothing has been done and the community has missed out on the asset of the Men's shed.

Three months ago, at the last meeting I attended the staff came to my rescue when I needed help and it was very touching. I wanted to make sure I said this in public, the staff here are wonderful. That is all, thank you.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

I will ask the relevant General Manager to contact you tomorrow regarding the application from the Mens shed at Reservoir.

- **Jessica Sullivan of Reservoir**

The Pensioner Rebate for General Rates hasn't increased since the 2013/14 budget, despite cost of living spiralling out of control in the last eight years, this rebate is only available to aged pensioners, disability pensioners and Dept of Veteran Affairs card holders. The new waste charges outside of the rates only offer concessions if a property is valued below \$500,000, but does not take into account the income of the ratepayer to provide relief to those experiencing financial hardship. A high income person in a \$499,000 apartment gets the concession, but a low income person in a \$501,000 unit will be charged up to \$100 year more.

Why doesn't Darebin City Council offer any rate relief for those experiencing financial hardship who are not also a pensioner? Why won't Council extend the pensioner rebate to include those on Low Income Cards? Why has Council introduced the waste charge without any relief available to financially vulnerable people, such as pensioners and low income earners? And why isn't the pensioner rebate increasing with the costs of inflation?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

In relation to some of these questions, Council will be considering the adoption of the Council Plan this evening and some of these areas will be discussed by Council. In relation to a financial hardship policy, Council does have a financial hardship policy that is being endorsed this evening as well it was submitted and extended during the Covid period last year.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

Jessica, in relation to financial hardship and the provisions available with regards to waste I can confirm that the safety net concession is the concession that captures the cohort of people that your concerned about. It is not just a concession for pensioners it essentially nets out impact of the waste charge implementation, so for those on low income they are eligible to apply for that safety net concession. Where there is genuine hardship it is simplified process subject to declaration and decision of Council tonight.

With regard to the pensioner rebate I will take that on notice and come back to you separately.

- **Carolyn Lunt of Northcote**

Would you consider Seniors card holder having a reduction in the costs for waste?

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

From a pensioner perspective I can confirm the safety net is automatically applied to anybody we know who is a pensioner. Regarding Seniors Card holders which is

separate from a pensioner concession, that is something we would have to take away and look at on notice but at the moment it is not included.

- **Tony Sullivan of Reservoir**

In reference to behaviour of people within gallery, earlier you mentioned a particular person and their behaviour warranted them being ejected. I attended the Council meeting regarding the Golf Course. My question is, why was the behaviour of the unlocked group, one of whom when he got up to speak said 'can you feel the anger in the room'. Why was that person not sanctioned for behaviour which was threatening to me as a golfer and made my wife feel sick. Yet no consequence for him.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Mr Sullivan, I do not recall that statement being made, however I am sorry that it was made and I reiterate our commitment to manage these meetings in a manner that ensure all participants feel safe.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

Mr Sullivan, I would like to add to the Mayors comments - I was aware of some behaviour of that nature, however did not hear the specific comment you mentioned. I took action by requesting security to sit in the front row of the meeting for the remainder of the meeting and requested that some individuals who were making comments to be polite and respectful.

We are sorry you were exposed to that behaviour Mr Sullivan.

7. PETITIONS

7.1 TABLING OF PETITION – MINOR STREETSCAPES WORKS IN MASSEY AND GLASGOW AVENUES IN RESERVOIR

Cr Greco sought leave of Council to present a petition concerning minor streetscapes works in Massey and Glasgow Avenues in Reservoir

Leave was granted

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 22-026

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

That the petition signed by approx. 20 persons (noting that the petition was also submitted with a further 65 signatures that did not comply with the petition rules) stating :

We the tenants, patients and customers of North Reservoir Medical centre and Reservoir Pharmacy, on Glasgow and Massey Avenue, Reservoir, petition regarding the removal of parking spaces and the placement of garden beds.

Removal of existing parking spaces, this area is a is a very busy precinct and requires more parking spaces not less. The extra garden beds created could have been 3 extra parking

spaces or more

The high concrete edging of the garden beds, on the outer car space on Glasgow Ave, makes it impossible for people trying to get out of their cars safely as there is insufficient space for them to exit their cars, especially if they have mobility aids or are frail or disabled.

We ask you to consider these factors and install the extra parking spaces as soon as possible, and removal of three large garden beds

be received and referred to the CEO for consideration and response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 2022-23 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* ('the Act') to prepare a Council Plan that contains: the strategic direction of Council; strategic objectives for achieving the strategic direction; strategies for achieving the objectives for a period of at least the next four financial years; strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives and a description of Council's initiatives and priorities for services, infrastructure and amenity.

The 2021-25 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) was adopted by Council on 28 June 2021. Historically, Council has adopted an annual Council Plan Action Plan that sets out in more detail how the objectives of the Council Plan will be achieved during the forthcoming year of the plan. Whilst this is not required by the Local Government Act 2020, Council intends to continue this best practice approach to ensure transparency and accountability to the Darebin community as it fulfils its commitment to deliver the 2021-25 Council Plan. This further supports feedback received from the Secretary to include a commitment in the Council Plan to develop an action plan for the health and wellbeing priorities.

The 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan (refer **Appendix A**) addresses the second year of the Council Plan 2021-25 and clearly articulates Council's priorities and initiatives towards achieving the 2041 Darebin Community Vision. The 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan is predominately a continuation of the 2021-22 Council Plan Actions, to ensure the four-year strategic actions are achieved. Also included are deferred actions from 2021-22 Council Plan Action Plan and there are several new strategic actions commencing

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That Council:

- (1) Endorses the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan), noting the:
 - a. inclusion of seven year one only strategic actions from 2021-22;
 - b. inclusion of two new strategic actions as per the 2021-25 Council Plan;
 - c. inclusion of six new actions arising from the consultation on the draft 2022/23 Budget, Hearing of Submissions on 26 May 2022 and further considerations;
 - d. the deferral of three strategic actions to year three and year four of the 2021-25 Council Plan.
- (2) Notes that the inclusions and deferrals of strategic actions for the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan will be amended in the 2021-25 Council Plan

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-027****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan), noting the:
 - a. inclusion of seven year one only strategic actions from 2021-22;
 - b. inclusion of two new strategic actions as per the 2021-25 Council Plan;
 - c. inclusion of six new actions arising from the consultation on the draft 2022/23 Budget, Hearing of Submissions on 26 May 2022 and further considerations;
 - d. the deferral of three strategic actions to year three and year four of the 2021-25 Council Plan.
- (2) Notes that the inclusions and deferrals of strategic actions for the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan will be amended in the 2021-25 Council Plan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Submission

The following person made a submission in relation to item 8.2 –Adoption Budget 2022–23 (Incorporating The 4 Year Budget),Revenue & Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy And Declaration Of A Special Charge For Reservoir Village Business Precinct, A Public Waste Collection Service Rate, Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge And Associated Concessions.

- *Louise Kenny-Shen , Reservoir*

**8.2 ADOPTION BUDGET 2022–23 (INCORPORATING THE 4 YEAR BUDGET),
REVENUE & RATING PLAN, RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY AND DECLARATION OF A SPECIAL CHARGE FOR RESERVOIR VILLAGE BUSINESS PRECINCT, A PUBLIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE RATE, KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGE AND ASSOCIATED CONCESSIONS.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 28 March 2022, Council adopted the draft 2022-23 budget and associated elements. The draft 2022-23 budget (with associated elements) was put on public display, seeking community input over what is important to them and what they would like to prioritise in the budget. Community consultation was open for a thirty-three (33) day period, commencing Wednesday 30 March 2022 through to Sunday 1 May 2022. Council received fifty-four (54) submissions over multiple themes and topics and a meeting of Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee was held on Thursday 26 May 2022, to hear those submitters wanting to be heard in support of their budget submission.

In response to these submissions changes to the draft budget have been made. These budget changes are as follows:

- \$650,000 funding to deliver urgently needed capital & operating works to the Northcote Golf Course
- \$200,000 funding to deliver work toward critical gender inclusive Sporting Facilities
- \$41,000 reduction to Fees & Charges – Freezing of specific concession Fees and Charges relating to Reservoir Leisure Centre, Aged Care and Animal Control services.
- \$15,000 additional funding to support the Reservoir Neighbourhood Emergency Relief program.

The following key items are now presented for Council adoption, declaration and endorsement.

- The 2022-23 Budget (incorporating the 4 year budget) (**Appendix A**) is an essential planning and resource tool produced each year. The development of a considered budget is vital to the ongoing operational and financial viability of Council. The budget sets out the expected income and expenditure of operational, strategic and capital activities for the coming 4 years and also incorporates Council's rating strategies.
- The Revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25 (**Appendix B**) to incorporate the decision of Council to introduce a service charge for kerbside waste collection services,

a service rate for public waste collection services and concessions aligned to equity principles that was reported to Council alongside the draft Budget in March 2022.

- The Revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy (Appendix C) to incorporate concessions aligned to equity principles (with benefit to approx. 40,000 households) and the Safety Net for kerbside waste collection services for those experiencing disadvantage through the separation of waste cost recovery from general rates as outlined in this report and reported to Council alongside the draft Budget in March 2022.
- Declare the following Rates & Charges:
 - a. A service rate for public waste services in the 2022/23 year levied in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2022/23 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- Granting various Rebates & Concessions as detailed below.
- Granting of a special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district.

The budget documentation forms part of a comprehensive public accountability process and reporting that includes:

- A 20-year Community Vision
- A 4-year Council Plan incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- A 10-year Financial Plan
- A 4-year Rating and Revenue Plan
- An Annual Report

It is important to acknowledge that Council's financial position has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In responding to this challenging period, it is critical that Council maintains a sound financial position so that it can meet its financial obligations and ensure that it is in a position to support the needs of the Darebin community into the future.

Key features of the budget include:

- \$66.2 million Capital Works Program
- Borrowings of \$39 million
- \$7.8 million Operating initiatives / Projects
- No changes to current service levels (increased in some areas to continue to respond to the ongoing pandemic)
- An overall average rate increase of 1.75% in line with the rate cap set by the Victorian State government

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the summary of the submissions received, prepared on behalf of the Hearing of Submissions Committee (**Appendix D**);
- (2) Advises all submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Draft Budget 2022-23 (incorporating the 4 year budget) and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission and thank them for their contributions.

DECLARATION OF THE SPECIAL RATE FOR RESERVOIR BUSINESS DISTRICT

- (3) In accordance with section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* declares a Special Rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district (for all rateable land in the geographic area identified in **Appendix B** for this Special Rate) for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027 to levy an amount of \$75,000 in year one, increasing by CPI in each subsequent year.
- (4) Declares that for the period of the Special Rate Scheme, the Special Rate will be assessed on the rateable properties in the geographic area and the land for which the Special Rate is declared, as follows:
 - a) The contributions to the Special Rate are calculated as outlined in **Appendix B** and are declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts set out alongside each property in the attachment forming a part of this declaration at **Appendix E**.
 - b) Properties enjoying a special benefit will be subject to a Special Rate of 0.00104116 cents in the dollar of the CIV of the property, and for the first second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme a CPI increase applied.
- (5) Authorises the Manager Economic Recovery and Resilience to prepare the funding agreement between the Council and the Reservoir Village Business Association by which administrative arrangements in relation to the Special Rate are confirmed, such agreement being to ensure that at all times, and as a precondition to the payment of any funds by Council to the Association, Council is, and remains, legally responsible for approving, directing and controlling the expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Rate in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 1989* to do so, and such funding agreement to be executed by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

DECLARATION OF THE KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE CHARGE AND PUBLIC WASTE SERVICE RATE AND ASSOCIATED CONCESSIONS

- (6) In accordance with section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989* declares:
 - a. A service rate for Public Waste in the 2022-23 year levied at \$0.00005715 per rateable property in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Waste Collection Services of \$267.55 in the 2022/23 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan and noting that this charge is subject to concessions to support its implementation.
- (7) In accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, grants the following Concessions to support the implementation of the service rate for public

waste and service charge for kerbside waste collection services as follows:

- a. A concession aligned to equity principles in the 2022-23 year for the primary residence for residential properties with a CIV of \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General that equates to no net increase as a result of the removal of waste management cost recovery from general rates.
- b. A concession aligned to equity principles in the 2022-23 year for the primary residence for residential properties with a CIV of more than \$500,000 by the Valuer General that caps the impact of the introduction of the kerbside waste collection service fee to a maximum of \$100 increase for residential properties that currently receive the green waste collection service or a maximum of \$157.00 for residential properties that do not currently receive the green waste collection service.
- c. A Safety Net concession in the 2022-23 year to offset the direct impact of the above change to ratepayers in their principal place of residence experiencing financial hardship available upon application. Noting, this concession will be applied automatically to pensioners in receipt of the Pensioner Rebate, without requiring an application and simplified access to the Safety Net for eligible Health Care Cardholders.

DECLARATION OF PENSIONER REBATE AND CONCESSION FOR PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY ABORIGINAL HOUSING VICTORIA.

- (8) In accordance with section 169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework', grants a concession of 100% for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing.
- (9) In accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, grants a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2022–23 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* and is being granted because Council considers that it provides a benefit to the Darebin community in that it provides some relief on rates to elderly and other eligible residents in addition to the State Government rates concession and is consistent with principles of fairness and equity;

ADOPTION OF BUDGET, REVENUE AND RATING PLAN, RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

- (10) In accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* adopts the draft Budget 2022-23 (incorporating the 4 year budget) (**Appendix A**);
 - (11) In accordance with section 93 the *Local Government Act 2020* adopts the revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2022-2026 (**Appendix B – version for adoption**);
 - (12) Note that the *Local Government Legislation Amendment (Rating and Other Matters) Bill 2022* was introduced to Parliament on 7 June 2022 and implications for Revenue and Rating Plan and Rates Financial Hardship Policy have been factored into these revised documents;
 - (13) Adopt the revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy (**Appendix C – version for adoption**);
 - (14) In accordance with section 94 (2)(e) and (h) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, declares the Rates and Annual Service Charges for the 2022-23 rating year commencing 1 July 2022 and ending 30 June 2023 as detailed in the Budget 2022-23;
 - (15) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide public notice through Council's website and any other communication channels, of Council's decision to adopt the following
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documents, rates and charges and financial policy positions and arrangements:

- a. The Budget 2022-23 (incorporating the 4 year Budget).
- b. Revised Revenue & Rating Plan 2022-26.
- c. Revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy.
- d. Declaration of the public waste service rate.
- e. Declaration of the service charge for kerbside collection services.
- f. Granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, granting of two concessions aligned to equity principles to support the separation of waste management cost recovery from general rates.
- g. Granting of a safety net concession for ratepayers experiencing hardship as a result of the service rate and service charge.
- h. Granting a concession of 100% for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency'.
- i. The introduction of the Special Rate for Reservoir Village Business Precinct.

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

Councillor Laurence moved the Officer Recommendation with an additional point as below:

16. That Council includes broad community consultation on the need for a 50 metre pool as part of the planning and design work for the Reservoir Leisure Centre redevelopment that is included in the capital works budget for 2022/23 as outlined on page 75 of Appendix A of the Adoption Budget 2022-23 Report.

The Mayor sought advice on the status of the additional point

The Coordinator Council Business advised that the additional point could not be accepted as in accordance with the Governance Rules, specifically Clause 3.3 (1) which details the Chairpersons duties, includes 1(f) which states

'The Chairperson must not accept any motion or amendment which is determined by the Chairperson to be:... the same as, or similar in intent to, a Notice of Motion or other motion (including lost and lapsed motions) that has been considered by Council in the preceding six (6) months, unless the majority of the whole Council consents to it being accepted and debated.'

The Coordinator Council Business advised that a similar motion was moved at the Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2022 and was lost.

The admission of the proposed additional point was put to vote and lost.

LOST

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams (4)

Against: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (5)

Councillor Laurence withdrew his moving of the motion.

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

That the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

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| Amendment |
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MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to include a point 16 to read:

- 16) Resolves to apply for State and Federal Government grants including, but not limited to the 2022 Local Sport Infrastructure Fund in order to grow community sport through improved Council facilities for projects, not limited to the following:
- a. Female friendly facilities and new lighting for the tennis courts to support Northcote Tennis Club at McDonnell Park, Northcote which currently has only one portaloo.
 - b. Female friendly facilities to support Northcote City Football Club at John Cain Memorial Park, Thornbury.
 - c. Female friendly facilities to support Keon Park Football Club at JC Donath Reserve, Reservoir.
 - d. Accessibility upgrades to support Parkside Sports Club at Pitcher Park, Alphington.
 - e. Pavilion and baseball facility upgrades to support Fitzroy Baseball Club at Merri Park, Northcote.
 - f. Club house upgrades to facilitate wider community use at Northcote Golf Course.
 - g. Construction of a 50 metre pool at Reservoir Leisure Centre.

The mover and seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

Amendment was put and lost.

LOST

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams (4)

Against: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (5)

The substantive motion before the Council ie. the Officer Recommendation was put to the vote in separate parts as follows.

Recommendation 1 and 2**Recommendations 3-5** Declaration of the Special Rate for Reservoir Business District**Recommendations 6-7** Declaration of the Kerbside Waste Service Charge and Public Waste Service Rate and Associated Concessions**Recommendations 8-9** Declaration of Pensioner Rebate and Concession for Properties owned and managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria**Recommendation 10-15** Adoption of Budget, Revenue and Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy

And carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-028****MOVED: Cr. S Rennie**
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- 1) Notes the summary of the submissions received, prepared on behalf of the Hearing of Submissions Committee (Appendix D);
- 2) Advises all submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Draft Budget 2022-23 (incorporating the 4 year budget) and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission and thank them for their contributions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-029****MOVED: Cr. S Rennie**
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**DECLARATION OF THE SPECIAL RATE FOR RESERVOIR BUSINESS DISTRICT**

- 3) In accordance with section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* declares a Special Rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district (for all rateable land in the geographic area identified in **Appendix B** for this Special Rate) for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027 to levy an amount of \$75,000 in year one, increasing by CPI in each subsequent year.
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- 5) Authorises the Manager Economic Recovery and Resilience to prepare the funding agreement between the Council and the Reservoir Village Business Association by which administrative arrangements in relation to the Special Rate are confirmed, such agreement being to ensure that at all times, and as a precondition to the payment of any funds by Council to the Association, Council is, and remains, legally responsible for approving, directing and controlling the expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Rate in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 1989* to do so, and such funding agreement to be executed by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-030

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

DECLARATION OF THE KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE CHARGE AND PUBLIC WASTE SERVICE RATE AND ASSOCIATED CONCESSIONS

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 - A concession aligned to equity principles in the 2022-23 year for the primary residence for residential properties with a CIV of more than \$500,000 by the Valuer General that caps the impact of the introduction of the kerbside waste collection service fee to a maximum of \$100 increase for residential properties that currently receive the green waste collection service or a maximum of \$157.00 for residential properties that do not currently receive the green waste collection service.
 - A Safety Net concession in the 2022-23 year to offset the direct impact of the above change to ratepayers in their principal place of residence experiencing financial hardship available upon application. Noting, this concession will be applied automatically to pensioners in receipt of the Pensioner Rebate, without requiring an application and simplified access to the Safety Net for eligible Health Care Cardholders.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (5)

Against: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams (4)

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-031**

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

DECLARATION OF PENSIONER REBATE AND CONCESSION FOR PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY ABORIGINAL HOUSING VICTORIA.

- 8) In accordance with section 169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework', grants a concession of 100% for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing.
- 9) In accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, grants a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2022–23 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* and is being granted because Council considers that it provides a benefit to the Darebin community in that it provides some relief on rates to elderly and other eligible residents in addition to the State Government rates concession and is consistent with principles of fairness and equity;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-032**

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

ADOPTION OF BUDGET, REVENUE AND RATING PLAN, RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

- 10) In accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* adopts the draft Budget 2022-23 (incorporating the 4 year budget) (Appendix A);
- 11) In accordance with section 93 the *Local Government Act 2020* adopts the revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2022-2026 (Appendix B – version for adoption);
- 12) Note that the *Local Government Legislation Amendment (Rating and Other Matters) Bill 2022* was introduced to Parliament on 7 June 2022 and implications for Revenue and Rating Plan and Rates Financial Hardship Policy have been factored into these revised documents;
- 13) Adopt the revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy (Appendix C – version for adoption);
- 14) In accordance with section 94 (2)(e) and (h) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, declares the Rates and Annual Service Charges for the 2022-23 rating year commencing 1 July 2022 and ending 30 June 2023 as detailed in the Budget 2022-23;
- 15) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide public notice through Council's website and any other communication channels, of Council's decision to adopt the following documents, rates and charges and financial policy positions and arrangements:
 - a) The Budget 2022-23 (incorporating the 4 year Budget).

- b) Revised Revenue & Rating Plan 2022-26.
- c) Revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy.
- d) Declaration of the public waste service rate.
- e) Declaration of the service charge for kerbside collection services.
- f) Granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, granting of two concessions aligned to equity principles to support the separation of waste management cost recovery from general rates.
- g) Granting of a safety net concession for ratepayers experiencing hardship as a result of the service rate and service charge.
- h) Granting a concession of 100% for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency'.
- i) The introduction of the Special Rate for Reservoir Village Business Precinct.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (5)

Against: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams (4)

8.17 pm *The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break*

8.29 pm *The meeting resumed*

8.3 ADOPTION OF ASSET PLAN 2022-32

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Asset Plan 2022-2032 is a strategic public facing document that informs our community on how the Council-controlled (infrastructure) assets are to be managed in a financially sustainable manner, to achieve the Community Vision. The Asset Plan is a new requirement introduced in the *Local Government Act 2020* and is required to be in place by 30 June 2022. It provides a 10-year strategic and financial outlook and forms a key part of Council's Integrated Planning Framework and links asset planning with the Darebin 2041 Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan and 10-year Capital Works Plan.

It has also been developed using the context of the Asset Management Policy, Asset Management Strategy 2021-25, Towards Equality Framework, Climate Emergency Plan and the strategic planning principles, financial management principles, engagement principles and service performance principles outlined in the *Act*. Its development has also been informed by the community engagement undertaken from 22 March 2022 to 5 June 2022. The community engagement included specific community surveys to understand community priorities relating to assets, in-person community information sessions and community feedback on the public exhibition of the draft Asset Plan.

The Asset Plan will demonstrate that Council is responsibly managing its assets to meet the current and future service delivery needs of the community in a cost-effective way. It also improves effectiveness of asset management planning through a more engaged community and informed Council.

The Asset Plan 2022-32 outlines, at a high level, the challenges, opportunities and community identified asset priorities, as well as summarising our asset performance and approach to managing and investing in assets. It indicates that overall, our infrastructure assets are performing well with some areas requiring improvement and that asset expenditure in the order of \$754 M may be required over the next 10 years to meet the changing needs of our diverse community. This includes:

- \$434 M capital investments for asset renewals and growth of the asset portfolio; and
- \$320 M for ongoing operational expenditure for asset maintenance.

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That Council:

- (1) In accordance with section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020* adopts the Asset Plan 2022-2032 (attached as **Appendix A**):
- (2) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the decision to adopt the Asset Plan 2022 -2032 and to submit a copy to the Minister for Local Government.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-033

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

That Council:

- (1) In accordance with section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020* adopts the Asset Plan 2022-2032 (attached as **Appendix A**):
- (2) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the decision to adopt the Asset Plan 2022 -2032 and to submit a copy to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (5)

Against: Cr's. Greco and Laurence (2)

Abstained: Cr's. Dimitriadis and Williams (2)

8.4 PROPOSED LEASE TO 3KND FOR THE USE OF THE FORMER PRESTON POLICE STATION LAND AND BUILDING AT 59B ROSEBERRY AVENUE, PRESTON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to inform Council that 3KND and council officers are jointly formalising the construction of the proposed 20 year lease to 3KND for the use of the former Preston police station land and building at 59B Roseberry, Preston and to request that Council commence community consultation for the proposed 20 year lease.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note the former resolutions of Council on 23 September 2019 and 7 August 2017 regarding Council's intention to provide 3KND with a lease for the former Preston Police Station.
- (2) Note the requirement for community consultation to establish a lease for Council property in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020.
- (3) Endorse the proposal to proceed to community engagement for the proposed 20 year lease with 3KND for the use of the former Preston police station land and building at 59B Roseberry Street, Preston.
- (4) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make any necessary changes to

the lease, other than rent, term, further term and permitted use to ensure that it clearly documents the intent of the Parties as detailed in previous Council Resolutions.

- (5) Note that a further report will be provided to Council for a decision following community consultation.

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MINUTE NO. 22-034

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

That Council:

- (1) Note the former resolutions of Council on 23 September 2019 and 7 August 2017 regarding Council's intention to provide 3KND with a lease for the former Preston Police Station.
- (2) Note the requirement for community consultation to establish a lease for Council property in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020.
- (3) Endorse the proposal to proceed to community engagement for the proposed 20 year lease with 3KND for the use of the former Preston police station land and building at 59B Roseberry Street, Preston.
- (4) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make any necessary changes to the lease, other than rent, term, further term and permitted use to ensure that it clearly documents the intent of the Parties as detailed in previous Council Resolutions.
- (5) Note that a further report will be provided to Council for a decision following community consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 PROPOSED LEASE OF PART OF BUNDOORA PARK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONOPOLE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide information on a proposal received from Amplitel Pty Ltd for a new 20-year lease to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications monopole and battery extension cabinet at Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora Park, as well as to request Council commence community consultation for the proposal.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note the proposal received from Amplitel Ltd to lease part of Bundoora Park for the purposes on constructing, operating and maintaining a telecommunications monopole.
- (2) Endorse the proposal to proceed to community engagement.
- (3) Note that a further report will be provided to Council for decision following community consultation.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-035**

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

That Council:

- (1) Note the proposal received from Amplitel Ltd to lease part of Bundoora Park for the purposes on constructing, operating and maintaining a telecommunications monopole.
- (2) Endorse the proposal to proceed to community engagement.
- (3) Note that a further report will be provided to Council for decision following community consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 PROPERTY MATTERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to proceed with the statutory processes to discontinue and sell the road adjoining 212-214 High Street, Northcote.

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That Council:

- (1) Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining 212-214 High Street, Northcote, shown hatched in the site plan in **Appendix A**, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989;
- (2) Has formed the opinion that the road shown hatched in the site plan in **Appendix A** is no longer required for road purposes;
- (3) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989;
- (4) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (5) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property in accordance with section 206 and clause 3(b) of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 and section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold in accordance with Council policy; and
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining property and to do all other acts to enable any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner to be transferred to Council.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-036**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining 212-214 High Street, Northcote, shown hatched in the site plan in **Appendix A**, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989;
- (2) Has formed the opinion that the road shown hatched in the site plan in **Appendix A** is no longer required for road purposes;
- (3) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989;
- (4) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (5) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property in accordance with section 206 and clause 3(b) of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 and section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold in accordance with Council policy; and
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining property and to do all other acts to enable any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 DAREBIN TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027 was created to ensure our community can access its needs conveniently, safely and in a sustainable way. It contains actions for improving transport in Darebin, including public transport, freight, bike riding, walking, private vehicles (cars), parking and more. Societal changes, State Government strategies like the Movement and Place Framework, and our own projects such as Your Street, Your Say have changed the transport landscape in Darebin. The Darebin Transport Strategy Refresh responds to these various policies and societal changes with new and updated policies and actions.

The new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Policy is an innovative document that demonstrates Council's commitment to supporting Darebin residents to transition away from petroleum powered vehicles and into electric powered vehicles. The EV Charging Policy is a key output of the Darebin Transport Strategy Refresh. The EV Charging Policy will provide certainty to property developers on our planning requirements for electric vehicle charging in new developments. It will also help promote convenient charging options for all residents and visitors and expand our network of convenient EV charging stations across Darebin, making it easier to make the switch from petrol vehicles.

The two documents will help ensure that Council progressively develops a quality sustainable transport network.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the updated Darebin Transport Strategy included at **Attachment A**.
- (2) Adopts the Electric Vehicle Charging Policy (Part A and Part B) included at **Attachment B**.
- (3) Thanks the community and key stakeholders for providing valuable feedback to the process of developing the Darebin Transport Strategy Refresh and Electric Vehicle Charging Policy.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-037**

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the updated Darebin Transport Strategy included at **Attachment A**.
- (2) Adopts the Electric Vehicle Charging Policy (Part A and Part B) included at **Attachment B**.
- (3) Thanks the community and key stakeholders for providing valuable feedback to the process of developing the Darebin Transport Strategy Refresh and Electric Vehicle Charging Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 KEON PARK - LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT (LXRP) - URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Government has announced that it will remove the Keon Park level crossing in mid-2021. It proposes to remove the level crossing through a 750m rail bridge over road solution, which will also involve moving the station from north of Keon Parade (in Whittlesea) to the south side of the road (in Darebin) in proximity to the Keon Park shops.

The State Government will start early works will start later this year, and construction will escalate in 2023. The level crossing will be removed and the new station opened in 2025.

The project is expected to achieve positive outcomes for the Keon Park neighbourhood and the municipality more broadly: removing a level crossing from a major road and creating economic benefits through-out construction.

The creation of a new station in proximity to the Keon Park shops and recreational facilities provides an opportunity to integrate and benefit this local shopping centre, leading to longer term economic benefits and urban renewal. As with other State Government level crossing removal projects, there are also likely to be other benefits for the local community through new recreational, arts and community assets.

Strong and concerted advocacy – from Council and the community - will be required to ensure the State Government's design fully realises the benefits of this project for the local community and minimises disruption to their enjoyment of the area.

To maximise Council's influence on the design of the project, particularly the interface between the station and the surrounding neighbourhood, Council commenced an urban design analysis of the Keon Park area and have prepared a draft, independent set of urban design guidelines (**Attachment A**) to inform Council's advocacy to the State Government's Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) team and to other Victorian State Government decision makers. The draft guidelines identify key projects/improvements which are recommended to become the focus of Council's advocacy on behalf of the local community.

It is recommended that Council undertake a 4 week period of inclusive community engagement to build support for and hear any feedback on the draft Urban Design Guidelines, prior to adopting a revised, final version of these guidelines. This engagement will help identify and amplify community needs and ideas and support Council's advocacy work.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the draft 'Design Guidelines for the LXP Keon Park' (Keon Park Design Guidelines) (**Appendix A**) for the purpose of community engagement.
- (2) Notes the range of inclusive community engagement activities proposed to be conducted as outlined within this report.
- (3) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor changes and clarifications to documents and engagement approach if required.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-038**

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the draft 'Design Guidelines for the LXP Keon Park' (Keon Park Design Guidelines) (**Appendix A**) for the purpose of community engagement.
- (2) Notes the range of inclusive community engagement activities proposed to be conducted as outlined within this report.
- (3) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor changes and clarifications to documents and engagement approach if required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 GOVERNANCE REPORT - JUNE 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The matters covered under the Governance Report for the month of June 2022 are:

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors.
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors.
- Responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council Meeting held on 23 May 2022.
- Summary Report of Hearing of Submissions Committee meetings held on 26 May 2022
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Minutes
- Audit and Risk Committee Matters
- Extension of the 'Public Transparency Policy' for 2 years.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Governance and Engagement & advised Council that there was an error in the Governance report relating to the minutes of the CEO Employment Matters Committee listed for confirmation at point 6 of the Officer Recommendation. It should refer to the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2022 and not 15 March 2022. She also advised that in published agenda number 10 was missing in front of point 10. Accordingly the Officer Recommendation has been adjusted to correct these errors. The Revised Officer Recommendation is shown below:

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That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – June 2022.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 23 May 2022, at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (5) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2022 at **Appendix C** to this report.
- (6) Notes the Minutes of the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2022 (as distributed to Councillors on 2 June and endorsed by the CEO Employment Matters Committee at its meeting on 20 June) and 6 June 2022.
- (7) Notes and receives the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period from December 2021 to May 2022 at **Appendix D** to this Report.
- (8) Endorses a fee of \$2,108.90 per meeting for the Chairperson and \$1,662.75 per meeting for external Members of the Audit and Risk Committee for Financial year 2022-23 and back payment to a total of \$755.55 for the Independent Chair for 2021/22 and
- (9) Appoints _____ as an independent member on Council's Audit & Risk

Committee for a term of three years (from the date of resolution to June 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, with an option of a further three-year term by mutual consent (concluding June 2028).

- (10) Endorses the extension of 'Public Transparency Policy' for two years until June 2024 at **Appendix G** to this report.

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MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – June 2022.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 23 May 2022, at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (5) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2022 at **Appendix C** to this report.
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- (7) Notes and receives the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period from December 2021 to May 2022 at **Appendix D** to this Report.
- (8) Endorses a fee of \$2,108.90 per meeting for the Chairperson and \$1,662.75 per meeting for external Members of the Audit and Risk Committee for Financial year 2022-23 and back payment to a total of \$755.55 for the Independent Chair for 2021/22 and
- (9) Appoints Jonathan Kyvelidis as an independent member on Council's Audit & Risk Committee for a term of three years (from the date of resolution to June 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, with an option of a further three-year term by mutual consent (concluding June 2028).
- (10) Endorses the extension of the 'Public Transparency Policy' to 26 September 2022, and undertakes a review to be presented to Council at its September meeting to improve our good governance practice and to reinforce trust between Council and the community.

9.07 pm *The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break*

9.13 pm *The meeting resumed*

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-039

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – June 2022.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 23 May 2022, at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (5) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2022 at **Appendix C** to this report.
- (6) Notes the Minutes of the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2022 (as distributed to Councillors on 2 June and endorsed by the CEO Employment Matters Committee at its meeting on 20 June) and 6 June 2022.
- (7) Notes and receives the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period from December 2021 to May 2022 at **Appendix D** to this Report.
- (8) Endorses a fee of \$2,108.90 per meeting for the Chairperson and \$1,662.75 per meeting for external Members of the Audit and Risk Committee for Financial year 2022-23 and back payment to a total of \$755.55 for the Independent Chair for 2021/22 and
- (9) Appoints Jonathan Kyvelidis as an independent member on Council's Audit & Risk Committee for a term of three years (from the date of resolution to June 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, with an option of a further three-year term by mutual consent (concluding June 2028).
- (10) Endorses the extension of the 'Public Transparency Policy' to 26 September 2022, and undertakes a review to be presented to Council at its September meeting to improve our good governance practice and to reinforce trust between Council and the community.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Hannan, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Rennie and Williams (8)

Against: Cr. Newton (1)

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- Councillor briefings

- Councillor only meetings
- Monthly Council meeting
- Planning meeting
- Councillor session with David Bryson
- Regular meetings with CEO
- Regular meetings with CE Office Staff
- Good Governance Action Plan Meetings
- CEO employment meetings
- Meeting with Labor Candidate Mr Nathan Lambert
- State Wide Waste Forum
- Filming for Delivering for Victoria: Reservoir Revitalisation
- Meeting with MAV, ALGWA, VLGA
- Meeting with Mayor and Preston Traders
- Resident meeting re Go West / Bell station car park access
- SPAG-TARG Meeting
- Meeting to discuss Safe Access Over Bell Street Bridge
- Hearing of Submissions
- Indigenous Round at PBJFC
- Bullants VAFA Women's Curtain Raiser
- Universal food and green waste launch video
- Meeting to discuss Open Space Levy with internal work area
- Northcote Plaza Discussion
- Coffee with Rosa Vasseghi - CALD Leader of the Year Winner
- Northern Metropolitan Partnership Meeting
- Inner North Community Foundation - 2022 Named Funds Grants Showcase
- Northern Business Achievement Awards (NBAA)
- Bridge Project Reconciliation Week Morning Tea
- Festa Della Repubblica Celebrations
- Metropolitan Local Government Forum Finale
- Melbourne's North Food Group 4th birthday
- Meeting with Mayor Lina Messina and Ged Kearney MP
- Meeting with Mayor Lina Messina and Samantha Ratnam MP
- John Dewar, Vice-Chancellor La Trobe University Meeting
- Preston City Lions 75th Birthday Event
- Darebin Mayor's Writing Awards 2022 – Announcement of winner's event

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco did not submit a report

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

- Council Meeting
- 2 x Council Briefing session
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of submissions
- East Preston Community Centre open day
- Good Governance Action Plan
- Weekly online Councillor Teams meetings
- Weekly Councillors Online Meeting
- Interim CEO Interviews
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- AHAAC meeting 2
- Councillor Briefing Session – Budget
- 2 x CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Meeting with the Monitor
- Fisher presentation
- Workshop - CEO Recruitment
- Good Governance Action Plan
- Attended to matters and discussions with residents regarding: Preston Market, Shopping strip shops, Graffiti, Preston level crossing, Defibs, St.John's , home help, CEO, Diversity concerns.

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Councillor report 27/6/22
- Council meeting
- Councillor briefing Meeting with external mediator
- CEO performance committee
- Consultation with residents regarding garbage tax
- Meeting with Darebin Residents Group

- Meeting with Unlock Northcote Golf course parents and children
- Consultation with save Northcote golf course members
- Consultation with traders
- Consultation with Kingsbury residents
- Consultation with DECC
- Refugee dinner in refugee week at Preston Townhall
- Meeting with family facing hardship on bridging visa
- Meeting with victim of attack at a shop
- Meeting with Yarra councillor
- Meeting with Moreland councillor
- Consultation with charity on \$50,000 free toys project

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Discussion with facilitator David Bryson
- Meeting with Moreland Mayor Riley and officers regarding Safe Access Over Bell Street Bridge for Everyone x2
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2022, Canberra
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum morning tea and information session
- Ran a masterclass for new female Councillors in NSW through the Pathways to Politics for Women program
- Discussion of longlist of CEO candidates
- Participated in facilitated discussion about Council budget
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) board meeting
- One on one with Mayor Messina
- Darebin Neighbourhood House Network - Climate Action and Resilience Plan launch
- Councillor briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Councillor only session with facilitator
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Meeting
- 2022 Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria (ALGWA Vic) Conference, Shepparton
- Interviews for interim CEO position
- Special Council Meeting

- Meeting with John Pappas, Preston Bullants
- Inner North Community Foundation, Named Fund Grants Showcase at Free to Feed
- Good governance action plan workshop
- One on one with Rachel Ollivier, interim CEO
- ICAN Australia 'What the election results mean for the nuclear weapon ban treaty' post federal election wrap up
- Indonesian Diaspora Network Victoria - When Merdeka came to Australia exhibition launch, Immigration Museum
- Hearing of Submissions committee meeting
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Opening Night of 'Security' by Michelle Law at Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre
- Meeting with Kate Jost, Friends of Edwardes Lake

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Discussion with facilitator David Bryson
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2022, Canberra
- Discussion of longlist of CEO candidates
- Participated in facilitated discussion about Council budget
- One on one with Mayor Messina
- Darebin Neighbourhood House Network - Climate Action and Resilience Plan launch
- Councillor briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Councillor only session with facilitator
- Interviews for interim CEO position
- Special Council Meeting
- Inner North Community Foundation, Named Fund Grants Showcase at Free to Feed
- Good governance action plan workshop
- One on one with Rachel Ollivier, interim CEO
- Hearing of Submissions committee meeting
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Opening Night of 'Security' by Michelle Law at Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre
- Community Planting Day Ray Braham Gardens
- East Preston Community Centre Open Day
- MAV Metro Group meeting
- Darebin Mayors Writing Awards

- Cities Power Partnership Breakfast in Canberra
- MAV State Council

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Discussion with facilitator David Bryson
- Meeting with Moreland Mayor Riley and officers regarding Safe Access Over Bell Street Bridge for Everyone
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2022, Canberra
- Discussion of longlist of CEO candidates
- Participated in facilitated discussion about Council budget
- Councillor briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Councillor only session with facilitator
- Special Council Meeting
- Good governance action plan workshop
- Hearing of Submissions committee meeting
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action meetings and interviews
- Climate Emergency Australia AGM
- Opening and closing of Darebin Chess Tournament
- Cities Power Partnership Campaign Launch
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee
- Merri Merri Wayi Workshop

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended Council briefings (in-person and online)
- Attended Councillor-only meetings (in-person and online)
- Attended official Council meeting (in-person)
- Attended planning meeting (online)
- Attended Papaflessas dinner dance (in-person)
- Attended meeting with Hunt & Hunt lawyer and Steve Cooper from VLGA re good governance (in-person)
- Attended Welcoming Cities Advisory Committee meeting (in-person)
- Attended Interfaith Advisory Committee meeting (in-person)

- Attended Special Meeting (online)
- Attended meeting with David (council mediator) (in-person)
- Attended CEO Employment Matters Committee (in- person)
- Attended Interim CEO interviews (in-person)
- Attended meeting with Mediator and all Councillors
- Attended budget meetings (online)
- Attended FECCA conference (in-person)
- Attended meeting with Fisher regarding CEO recruitment (online)
- Attended meeting with Acting CEO Rachel Olivier (in-person)
- Attended Everybody Welcome: Refugee Week event (in-person)
- Contact from residents regarding: outcome of Kalamata Place in Thornbury, female friendly facilities at Northcote Tennis Club and John Cain Memorial Park, residential parking concerns, Reservoir Leisure Centre concerns particularly not having a 50 meter pool, Allegations of racism at Darebin Council, lack of lighting in residential streets, wrong trees planted on residential nature strips, sealing car park at Pitcher Park, the budget not addressing resident's needs, waste charge concerns, certain sporting clubs not having access to State Government grants because Council is not applying for grants on their behalf, e.g. for Parkside Sporting Club, Fairfield Bowls, Northcote Tennis Club

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, e.g., public lighting, traffic management, parking permits, planning developments, Northcote Plaza, wildlife protection, Bill Lawry Oval, Northcote Public Golf Course, animal management.
- Hearing of submissions on the draft Council Budget
- Merri Creek Management Committee meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust
- Governance training session
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meetings
- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Monthly Council meeting
- Special Council meeting

**8.10 STATUTORY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANTS
PANEL**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is recommended that Council appoint a panel of qualified and experienced consultants to provide statutory and strategic planning services to the City of Darebin. The current panel of consultants has run for five and a half years and is due to expire at the end of this financial year.

Interest for the panel was sought from experienced planning service providers via an open public tender in accordance with Council's Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy. Planning services requested were categorised under the following: Strategic Planning, Urban Design, VCAT Advocacy, Statutory Planning report writing and Heritage. A tender evaluation panel has completed a detailed evaluation process and has put forward a recommendation. The proposed contract arrangement is to run for a period of three (3) years, with options for one (1) plus one (1) year extensions.

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That Council:

- (1) Approves the engagement of the following tenderers for the provision of specialist planning, heritage, and urban design consultancy services at a total amount of up to \$_____ (incl. GST) each year and \$_____ (incl. GST) over three years for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 under Contract CT202219:

- (2) Authorises the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
- (3) Authorises the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy to review and approve options for one (1) plus one (1) year extensions subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Approves the engagement of the following tenderers for the provision of specialist planning, heritage, and urban design consultancy services at a total amount of up to **\$400,000** (incl. GST) each year and **\$1,200,000 (incl. GST)** over three years for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 under Contract CT202219:
 - i. Calibre Planning Pty Ltd (Report writing, VCAT services)
 - ii. Clement Stone Town Planners (Report writing, VCAT services)
 - iii. Currie & Brown (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services)
 - iv. Ethos Urban (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services, Urban design)
 - v. Extent Heritage Pty Ltd (Heritage)
 - vi. Hansen Partnership (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services, Urban design)
 - vii. JLP Melbourne (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services)
 - viii. Lat Studios (Urban design)
 - ix. Louise Lunn Planning (Report writing, VCAT services)
 - x. Mecone (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services)
 - xi. Ricardo Energy Environment and Planning (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services)
 - xii. SGS Economics (Strategic Planning)
 - xiii. Tamara Orrlov Consulting (VCAT services)
 - xiv. Three Thirds Group (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services)
 - xv. Tomkinson (Strategic planning, Report writing, VCAT services)
 - xvi. Windsor Planning (Report writing, VCAT services)
- (2) Authorises the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
- (3) Authorises the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy to review and approve options for one (1) plus one (1) year extensions subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-040**

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

That Council:

- (1) Approves the engagement of the following tenderers for the provision of specialist planning, heritage, and urban design consultancy services at a total amount of up to **\$400,000** (incl. GST) each year and **\$1,200,000 (incl. GST)** over three years for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 under Contract CT202219:
 - i. Calibre Planning Pty Ltd (Report writing, VCAT services)
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- (2) Authorises the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11 CT202225 CONTRACT AWARD - SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF BULK FUEL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to access Procurement Australia (PA) contract 2403-0109: Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel.

The recommendation in this report will replace the previous PA contract 2003/0107 which expired in March 2022. Council use of this PA contract also satisfies and complies with Darebin's procurement processes and the *Local Government Act 2020*. The expected aggregated cost, likely to be somewhere between \$2.5m - \$3m, is in excess of operational delegations, therefore requires Council endorsement.

The advantages of accessing this contract include but is not limited to:

1. Compliance with the *Local Government 2020 Act*.
2. Fixed discounted pricing, which would not be available if solely tendered by Darebin Council.
3. Ongoing support and assistance from PA for the duration of the contract.
4. Consistent supply of fuel over the long term.
5. Operational efficiency, saving time otherwise wasted travelling to off-site locations in order to fill up, and largely avoiding or minimising detours to refuel.
6. Effective fuel management and record keeping.

Councils have the option to elect and participate in various aggregated tendering and subsequent contracting opportunities by appointing Procurement Australia (PA) as its tendering agent. This permits all Local Governments to aggregate their expenditures and achieve greater economies of scale, resulting in improved efficiencies and cost savings across the local government sector.

Council has been progressively increasing the use of electric and hybrid vehicles to reduce its use of fossil fuel as part of responding to the Climate Emergency. Over time it aims to switch its fleet entirely off fossil fuels, however in the near term there are not vehicles suitable for all council functions and use of fuel remains essential to running day to day operations.

Council offsets emissions from fuel and is carbon neutral.

Officer Recommendation

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses use of PA Contract 2403-0109 (Darebin reference No. CT202225) Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel from _____ for two years plus two 1-year extensions at a bulk rate cost of ex-terminal price per litre less a fixed discounted rate of ___ cents per litre delivered to Council.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to notify PA and the supplier, of Council's formal endorsement to utilise PA contract 2403-0109 as required, to fulfil its operational requirements.
- (3) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital, to review and approve options for two by one-year extensions, subject to satisfactory performance and operational requirements.
- (4) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital, to review and approve variations arising due to fluctuations in international oil pricing for the contract term.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses use of PA Contract 2403-0109 (Darebin reference No. CT202225) Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel from Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd for two years plus two 1-year extensions at a bulk rate cost of ex-terminal price per litre less a fixed discounted rate of 9.5 cents per litre delivered to Council.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to notify PA and the supplier, of Council's formal endorsement to utilise PA contract 2403-0109 as required, to fulfil its operational requirements.
- (3) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital, to review and approve options for two by one-year extensions, subject to satisfactory performance and operational requirements.
- (4) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital, to review and approve variations arising due to fluctuations in international oil pricing for the contract term.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-041**

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses use of PA Contract 2403-0109 (Darebin reference No. CT202225) Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel from Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd for two years plus two 1-year extensions at a bulk rate cost of ex-terminal price per litre less a fixed discounted rate of 9.5 cents per litre delivered to Council.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to notify PA and the supplier, of Council's formal endorsement to utilise PA contract 2403-0109 as required, to fulfil its operational requirements.
- (3) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital, to review and approve options for two by one-year extensions, subject to satisfactory performance and operational requirements.
- (4) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital, to review and approve variations arising due to fluctuations in international oil pricing for the contract term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 DAREBIN COUNCIL CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

That Council:

- 1) *Congratulates the incoming Albanese Federal Government on their election, and in particular Prime Minister Albanese's commitment to pledge a referendum to enshrine a voice for First Nations people in the Constitution. In Council's Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Council acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.*
- 2) *Notes that Darebin Council's right to conduct citizenship ceremonies was removed in August 2017 following Council's decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January and to acknowledge that this day marks the beginning of the British invasion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and oppression of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and is therefore not an appropriate date for an inclusive national celebration.*
- 3) *Notes that the August 2017 resolution included reaffirming a commitment to holding citizenship ceremonies in a positive and timely way on dates as required that will not include 26 January.*
- 4) *Requests the Federal Government through the Minister for Indigenous Australians, and the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to work with Darebin (Local Government) to enable Council to fulfil their obligations in conferring citizenship on their residents on days other than the 26 January.*
- 5) *Authorises the Mayor to write to the Minister for Indigenous Australians and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, notifying them of Council's decision on this matter and copy in local Federal Parliamentarians.*
- 6) *Seek involvement from Traditional Owners and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the formation and delivery of any future citizenship ceremonies*

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| Motion |
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MOVED: Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- 1) *Congratulates the incoming Albanese Federal Government on their election, and in particular Prime Minister Albanese's commitment to pledge a referendum to enshrine a voice for First Nations people in the Constitution. In Council's Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Council acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.*
- 2) *Notes that Darebin Council's right to conduct citizenship ceremonies was removed in August 2017 following Council's decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January and to acknowledge that this day marks the beginning of the British invasion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and oppression of the Aboriginal and Torres*

Strait Islander people, and is therefore not an appropriate date for an inclusive national celebration.

- 3) Notes that the August 2017 resolution included reaffirming a commitment to holding citizenship ceremonies in a positive and timely way on dates as required that will not include 26 January.
- 4) Requests the Federal Government through the Minister for Indigenous Australians, and the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to work with Darebin (Local Government) to enable Council to fulfil their obligations in conferring citizenship on their residents on days other than the 26 January.
- 5) Authorises the Mayor to write to the Minister for Indigenous Australians and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, notifying them of Council's decision on this matter and copy in local Federal Parliamentarians.
- 6) Seek involvement from Traditional Owners and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the formation and delivery of any future citizenship ceremonies

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MINUTE NO. 22-042

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

That Council:

- 1) Congratulates the incoming Albanese Federal Government on their election, and in particular Prime Minister Albanese's commitment to pledge a referendum to enshrine a voice for First Nations people in the Constitution. In Council's Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Council acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.
- 2) Notes that Darebin Council's right to conduct citizenship ceremonies was removed in August 2017 following Council's decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January and to acknowledge that this day marks the beginning of the British invasion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and oppression of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and is therefore not an appropriate date for an inclusive national celebration.
- 3) Notes that the August 2017 resolution included reaffirming a commitment to holding citizenship ceremonies in a positive and timely way on dates as required that will not include 26 January.
- 4) Requests the Federal Government through the Minister for Indigenous Australians, and the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to work with Darebin (Local Government) to enable Council to fulfil their obligations in conferring citizenship on their residents on days other than the 26 January.
- 5) Authorises the Mayor to write to the Minister for Indigenous Australians and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, notifying them of Council's decision on this matter and copy in local Federal Parliamentarians.
- 6) Seek involvement from Traditional Owners and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the formation and delivery of any future citizenship ceremonies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2

LIBRARY FINES

That Council

- 1) *Receives a report at the October 2022 Council meeting addressing library overdue fines and the implications of Darebin Council removing these fines from its budget on an ongoing basis, and that the report addresses all relevant matters including but not limited to:*
 - a. *the approach to library fines across the sector.*
 - b. *the equity and accessibility benefits for communities at risk of exclusion of removing library fines on overdue collection items.*
 - c. *the budget implications of removing library fines from February 2023 as part of the 2022-23 mid-year budget review.*
 - d. *the implications of removing library fines in the 2023-24 Council budget.*

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

That Council

- 1) *Receives a report at the October 2022 Council meeting addressing library overdue fines and the implications of Darebin Council removing these fines from its budget on an ongoing basis, and that the report addresses all relevant matters including but not limited to:*
 - a. *the approach to library fines across the sector.*
 - b. *the equity and accessibility benefits for communities at risk of exclusion of removing library fines on overdue collection items.*
 - c. *the budget implications of removing library fines from February 2023 as part of the 2022-23 mid-year budget review.*
 - d. *the implications of removing library fines in the 2023-24 Council budget.*
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Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-043**

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

That Council

- 1) Receives a report at the October 2022 Council meeting addressing library overdue fines and the implications of Darebin Council removing these fines from its budget on an ongoing basis, and that the report addresses all relevant matters including but not limited to:
 - a. the approach to library fines across the sector.
 - b. the equity and accessibility benefits for communities at risk of exclusion of removing library fines on overdue collection items.
 - c. the budget implications of removing library fines from February 2023 as part of the 2022-23 mid-year budget review.
 - d. the implications of removing library fines in the 2023-24 Council budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that an Item of Urgent Business regarding calling for a report to the July Council meeting on the Northcote Golf Course Operating Model had been accepted by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to the Governance Rules and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

ADMISSION OF ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 22-044

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

That the matter of the calling for a report to the July Council meeting on the 'Northcote Golf Course Operating Model' be admitted as urgent business.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Hannan, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Rennie and Williams (8)

Against: Cr. Newton (1)

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| Urgent Business Motion |
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MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

Resolves to receive a report at its Ordinary Council meeting in July 2022 to consider the operating model for the Northcote Golf course, which includes options that might activate the course for golf prior to 3pm with non-golf options after 3pm.

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 22-045

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

That Council:

Resolves to receive a report at its Ordinary Council meeting in July 2022 to consider the operating model for the Northcote Golf course, which includes options that might activate the course for golf prior to 3pm with non-golf options after 3pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

12. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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