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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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2022

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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 28 MARCH 2022 AND
TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2022**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.30 PM ON THE 28 MARCH 2022.

The Deputy Mayor Councillor McCarthy opened the meeting at 6.30 pm.

Councillors

Cr. Trent McCarthy (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
Cr. Tom Hannan
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Susan Rennie

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-044

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

6.31 pm That the meeting be adjourned for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.00 pm The Chief Executive Officer adjourned the meeting to 5.00 pm Tuesday 29th March 2022 in accordance with clause 1.1.5 (1) (d) of the Governance Rules 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.00 pm .

**RESUMPTION OF ADJOURNED MEETING AT 5.02 PM ON TUESDAY 29 MARCH
2022**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-045

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

That the Council meeting adjourned on 28 March 2022 be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The adjourned meeting resumed on Tuesday, 29th March 2022 at 5.02 pm

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

1. RESUMPTION 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 (*arrived at 5.35pm*)
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Susan Rennie
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Shadi Hanna – Acting General Manager Communities
Chad Griffiths – Manager City Futures
Srini Vasan – Manager Finance
Dean Gibbons – Coordinator Management Accountant
Anthea Kypreos – Manager Capital and Major Projects
Chris Ryan – Manager Property and Asset Strategy
Andrew George – Manager Recreation and Libraries
Wendy Mason – Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy
Allan Middlemast – Coordinator Transport Engineering
Stevie Meyer – Coordinator Strategic Planning
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 Service Desk Officer

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

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3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hannan declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.5 Darebin Advocacy Strategy 2022 -2026 - specifically the Theme 1 Area of - Environment, Climate Change and Renewable Energy due to his employment with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Councillor Newton advised that she did not have any conflicts of interest on matters listed on the agenda however would be making a statement in relation to Item 8.2 – Thornbury Park Estate proposed Heritage Precinct - Planning Scheme Amendment C191dare and C207dare and Item 8.3 - Your Street Your Say Consultation findings and draft proposals to go to Community Consultation Round 2.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-046

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Messina, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Andrew Pattison of Thornbury**

Darebin City Council prides itself on its 'climate emergency declaration' status, yet, the TPE heritage overlay will not only prevent a significant number of home renovating to enable passive house standards to address climate risk at an individual, local level, but there are also a large number of homes within a SBO relating to flood areas; with recent and devastating 'unprecedented' climate change induced flood events in this country and the increasing likelihood that they will continue to get worse; how can this council seriously consider this blanket overlay which puts at risk the safety and viability of over 1000 home owners, their families and their futures?

Response

Council will consider this matter tonight and I will take your question as a comment.

However, I will clarify two matters you raised as part of your question.

Firstly, its important that I clarify that a Heritage Overlay does not prevent flood risk being addressed by home owners. Whatever Council's decision tonight, all properties can address flood risk.

Also, a Heritage Overlay does not stop the climate emergency being addressed. Whatever Council's decision tonight, all houses in this area can be renovated to high efficiency standards and can achieve net zero emissions.

- **Catherine Maguire of Thornbury.**

I'd be very interested in learning from where the submissions pertaining to C191 came.

1. Is there a breakdown of numbers between those from within the TPE and those from the greater Darebin area?
2. I'd also like to know, for submissions from within the TPE, what the split was between for HO and against it?
3. Further to this, how many submissions, and of what type, came from non-contributory or already renovated properties within the TPE?

Response

I understand an Officer has contacted you directly.

We don't have full address data from every submission to complete this analysis in full. In line with the Planning and Environment Act, Council has accepted all submissions and analysed them to understand views in depth.

I will answer your questions to the extent I can. Please note this answer is up to date to midday today.

1. **In regard to the breakdown of where submissions came from I can confirm:**

- Around 880 households in the Estate have not made a submission either supporting or objecting to the HO.
 - 98 submitters live within the precinct.
 - 66 may live inside the precinct or outside the precinct.
 - 14 live outside the precinct
2. Of the 98 submitters who are known to live in the Estate, 35 supported the proposal and 63 opposed.
- Of the 66 submitters who may live in the precinct or may not, 23 supported the proposal and 43 opposed.
3. We don't have data about whether submitters have previously renovated. 11 submissions were made from non-contributory properties.

This matter will be considered later tonight.

- **Ruth Jelley of Northcote**

1. Will Council give assurance to Darebin residents and commuters that dissolving the Darebin Cycling Strategy, which for many years sat alongside the Transport Strategy 2007–2027, does not indicate it is now dumping its commitment to cycling and other forms of sustainable transport?
2. Will Council commit to publicly releasing a full evaluation report on its Octopus Schools program, to demonstrate its commitment to transparency of funding distributed under the program, and also give its reasons for cancelling the program in 2021?
3. The Darebin Transport Strategy refresh released last month, refers to the introduction of the state government's Strategic Cycling Corridors network. Is Council implementing any improvements along these corridors, such as separated bicycle lanes along Cramer St Preston or Dundas St Thornbury?

Response

1. **Darebin is strongly committed to supporting more cycling and walking. Council hasn't dissolved the Cycling Strategy. what we are doing is embedding cycling as a core part of the Transport Strategy. We are currently seeking community views on a refresh of the Darebin Transport Strategy and I encourage you to take part.**
 2. **We don't have plans to publish an evaluation report, but I can confirm that the Octopus Schools program is an effective way of helping a school to change travel behaviour. We did not run the program in 2021 because schools were learning from home and focused on returning to School – it wasn't the right time. What we have been doing in 2021 is working with schools in Thornbury, Preston and Reservoir West to plan for safety, walking and cycling improvements as part of the Your Street, Your Say program which is being considered tonight.**
 3. **We identify specific improvements for streets in a third of the City each year through the Your Street, Your Say program. Tonight, we are considering a report that proposes draft priority improvements for community consultation in the area that includes Cramer Street, West Preston. Improvements for the area that covers Dundas St Thornbury, will be investigated in the 22/23 financial year.**
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- **Serena O'Meley of Reservoir**

Can you please give a progress report on the purchase of three parcels of VicRoads land within Clements Reserve, including whether a new Valuer General valuation has been sought, whether a sale price has been fixed and when the land is likely to be acquired?

Can you please provide an update on whether the EPA has accepted either of Darebin Council's remediation proposals for contamination at Clements Reserve, and if so, which one has been accepted?

Response

To assist in advancing discussions with Vic Roads, Officers instructed Council's valuer to update its previous valuation obtained in 2021.

The updated valuation (March 2022) has regard to the independent planning advice which contends that the highest and best use of the land is continuing as an area of informal open space and a biodiversity asset in forming part of the wider Darebin Creek Corridor. Council Officers are due to meet with Vic Roads officers on 29 March to discuss the respective valuations and the next steps toward acquisition.

Since formally lodging Council's proposed Clements Reserve Management Plan and associated documentation, Council has had a number of discussions with the EPA on this matter and is still awaiting a formal response.

- **David Isdale of Preston**

Development next door to me at 254-256 Murray Road, Preston has a quite serious Planning Permit breach. It has been acknowledged by Darebin Council that the concrete slab has been poured too high making ground level of the development significantly higher than for my property. There is now a serious privacy issue with Unit 1 of the development overlooking into my son's bedroom window. In practical terms, this can now only be resolved by the Developer replacing the boundary fence to a height that will provide privacy.

This ticket has been with Darebin Council since November 2021 and there has been no support forthcoming in enforcement with the Developer.

Can you please outline what Darebin Council's process is and what enforcement steps have been taken re. this breach?

Response

I understand our Officers have been in touch with you regularly and spoke to you most recently on the 23rd of March.

Since then they have spoken to the developer who confirmed that they would address the issue by attaching a trellis. We expect the works to be completed by the 8th of April.

This is an ongoing planning enforcement investigation. We are progressing enforcement action regarding the construction breach.

An Officer will call you tomorrow to confirm next steps.

- **Tim Holdsworth of Northcote**

1. Erected in 1927 to commemorate the opening of the Merri Park Sports Ground by then Mayor A. V. Peters Jr., the gates to Merri Park have fallen into disrepair and are currently supported by timber scaffold and are fenced off. Can council please advise the status of these gates, if and when they will be restored?
2. Regarding the Northcote Public Golf Course, council committed to release the results of the community consultation survey undertaken in the last quarter of 2021, with officers to complete 'analysis of feedback' by 22 December 2021. Can I please receive a copy of the feedback results?

Response

1. **Quotations have been called for the repair of the Merri Park gates. Being subject of heritage controls, there are additional approvals required before construction can begin. Council hopes that the renewal of the gates will take place in the next few months.**
2. **Council made a commitment to release the results of consultation when the analysis had taken place. The projected timeline of this consultation was that officers would complete an analysis of feedback in December 2021 and present that to Council to assist its deliberations in early 2022 with a report intended to be tabled at Council in March. That report has been delayed while further work is undertaken. A summary of the consultation will be included with a future Council report.**

Council wishes to thank the following people who have asked questions about the Northcote Public Golf Course – Mr Holdsworth, Ms Baulch, Ms Green, Ms Spooner & Mr Jennings.

- **Shelley Baulch of Thornbury**

Regarding the Northcote Public Golf Course, has an officer's recommendation or report been completed and if so, can this be released to the public?

Is Council aware of the annual Bunyip Cup that has been played between local disadvantaged indigenous youth and senior police officers at the Northcote Public Golf Course? This is an event that has been run for many years before the consultation on the future shared use of the golf course.

Response

Officers have not made a recommendation to Council yet. An Officer Recommendation will be tabled at a future Council meeting for Council to consider.

Officers are aware of the Bunyip Cup event and applaud all those involved for its success.

- **Linda Green of Coburg**

Is Council aware of the special event which happened at Northcote Public Golf Course on 27 February, namely the Rainbow Cup Day, an inclusive golf competition for the LGBTIQ+ community and that due to the evolution of this group during the consultation period, , will they now be added to a key list of stakeholders?

As a representative and member of both golf clubs based at Northcote Golf Course, I wish to know when and how as key stakeholders we will now be involved in meaningful discussions with Darebin Council on maintaining a viable golf course within any proposals for shared use?

Can Council identify the key stakeholders, and will they be included in meaningful discussions? So, my further question is asking for clarification of that?

Response

Officers are aware of the event and congratulates everyone involved on its success. This group will be added to the list of stakeholders we have compiled.

Council has received the feedback from all stakeholders and individual community members who responded to Council's shared-use feedback request and also heard from those who spoke directly to their submissions over two sessions in February. Officers will continue to communicate with all stakeholders once Council has agreed on the next steps.

Council will need to determine who they consider the major stakeholders to be as part of the consideration through the next stage and in any future steps. The process that has occurred to date has reached its conclusion and the outcomes of that process will be reported to Council, if Council want to do further engagement that is an option available to them. Council consider anyone that shows an interest or an opinion in the site is regarded as a stakeholder.

- **Kylie Spooner of Northcote**

Regarding the Northcote Public Golf Course, can council advise specifically which key stakeholders are currently the subject of ongoing consultation with council?

In the December video information sessions on the Consultation on the Northcote Public Golf Course, the Manager of Parks and Open Space said that the Northcote Community and Golf Hub and the Northcote Golf Club had been contacted as stakeholders. Both groups maintain they weren't contacted. Can Council indicate who was contacted, when they were contacted and how they were contacted?

Response

Further consultation has recently been undertaken with Golf Australia and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

Golf clubs from Northcote were contacted via email on 4, 5 and 8 November 2021. Those emails were sent to Angela, Helen and Phil (surnames have been withheld for privacy reasons). In addition, Mr Jennings (as the representative of the Northcote Community and Golf Hub) has been contacted a number of times by officers.

- **Bill Jennings of Preston West**

Regarding the Northcote Public Golf Course consultation, can council please update the community of the current financial cost and human resource cost to date for the consultation?

Please note - I am asking Linda Green to proxy for me at the Council meeting tonight and to read out my question as she will be attending in person.

Response

A small number of staff have been directly involved in the consultation process. The cost of the consultation has been incorporated into existing operational budgets. It is not possible to give a precise costing of the consultation stage, but the cost of the activities led by the consultant who helped with the consultation process cost approximately \$50,000.

- **Justin Passaportis of Preston**

At the Darebin Council Meeting of 26 April 2021, Councillors voted unanimously to commence the formal process towards achieving road closures that will fully block access to the future Bell Station Car Park from the east and advised LXP that Council will enable access from local roads at the west of Bell Station and are seeking State Government approval to introduce no right hand turn signs on High Street for vehicles traveling south on High Street.

Residents are concerned that we haven't received an update since that time. Please could you tell us exactly what actions have been taken to close these local streets and where we stand in the process?

If the State Government has already been approached on this matter what other proactive steps can Council take to achieve the outcome that both Darebin Council and local residents know we need to achieve?

Thanks.

Response from GM City Sustainability & Strategy, Rachel Olivier

Council has formally requested both of those changes to the State Government, and in both cases, they have refused Councils request. Council does not have the power to make these changes on local roads.

Council has continued to advocate on this issue through our relationship with Level Crossing Removal Authority. I will ask my team to contact you and talk about where we go to from here.

- **Joe Bucknell of Thornbury**

Who is going to wear the costs for property devaluation?

Why is this part of Thornbury in question suddenly after City of Darebin has allowed so many different developments to happen throughout all of Thornbury for many years? If this is just -it should be the entire suburb listen to the owners not the renters!

Smith Street is an example, one side is heritage the other side is not heritage, I want to ask why?

Also, I request that City of Darebin send out all correspondence in all languages so everyone can understand it.

Response

Council is considering this matter in Item 8.2 regarding the Thornbury Park Estate on tonight's Agenda. But I would like to add that Council have sent out a significant amount of letters in different languages to homes in that particular area.

- **John Nugent of Epping**

1. Why doesn't this Council have an internal process to give people a fair hearing, not one person's opinion and not the Ombudsman. I believe this is a serious misconduct by your senior officers.
2. Could you please advise how many people does this Council employ in the Council Administration? How many are women? And how many of these women are Managers? How many are men and how many of these men are Managers?
3. Why was Mr Brian Sanaghan and myself not allowed into the meeting?

Response

1. **This question will be taken on notice and an officer will get back to you.**
2. **These are operational matters that I do not have the statistical data on but I assure you that Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our priority is gender equality, it is part of our strategy. Yours questions will be taken on notice.**
3. **Our priority is to keep members of gallery, Officers and Councillors safe. It was an unsafe situation yesterday, so we adjourned the meeting to keep members of the public safe as they were distressed and secondly our Officers and Councillors**

Response from the CEO, Sue Wilkinson

The Chief Executive Officer advised of the circumstances surrounding the banning of Mr Sanaghan and her obligations to keep community members, Councillors and staff attending meetings safe.

- **Paul Vascotto of Thornbury**

My first question relates to the Thornbury Park Estate, are Councillors and Officers aware that one of the significant houses in Harold Street Thornbury is a replica and not an original period home. There is only five significant houses in the area and one is a replica.

What sort of research has Council undertaken to make the claim that net zero, 7 stars is achievable when renovating a period home?

Are Councillors aware that during the submission process we had written to Officers with specific questions and then received answers to these questions, only to be told, at a later stage, that those answers were incorrect?

Response from the CEO, Sue Wilkinson

As you know Council is considering the Thornbury Park Estate Amendment tonight and your questions will be the subject of debate and will be explored during this Item.

A Council Officer will contact you directly tomorrow.

- Georgia Bucknell of Thornbury

I live in Smith Street, Thornbury and my Neighbour, next door are building a container house. I have been into Council and call Council many times to find out what they are building next door to my house and no one has told us what is being built next door.

The building works are noise and my fence has been damaged, where is the Council?

Why are the Council not doing anything?

The Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson advised that the General Manager Sustainability & Strategy will contact Mrs Bucknell after the meeting.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-047

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following persons made submissions in relation to:

Item 8.2 - Thornbury Park Estate proposed Heritage Precinct Planning Scheme Amendment C191DARE AND C207DARE

- Ana Rachman
- Paul Vascotto

item 8.3 - Your Street Your Say consultation findings and draft proposals to go to community consultations round 2

- Ruth Jelley

7. PETITIONS

PROPOSED THORNBURY PARK ESTATE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

Cr. McCarthy sought leave of Council to present a petition regarding the proposed Thornbury Park Estate Planning Scheme Amendment.

Leave was granted

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-048

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That the petition signed by approx. 200 persons stating:

Darebin Council is proposing a Heritage Overlay that will affect over 1000 homes in the Thornbury Park Estate and Council is planning to assess other areas in Darebin next!

"what we are hoping to do in the next couple of years is undertake a more proactive heritage gaps analysis - so the whole municipality - and try and find out if there is (sic) actually any other precincts like the Thornbury Park Estate elsewhere in the municipality that need protecting" (<https://youtu.be/UvtJ8eS49Dk?t=3035>)

Residents have serious concerns that the proposed Amendment (C191) flies in the face of the environment; the Council's declared "Climate Emergency"; current building science; and places aesthetics ahead of sustainability.

Making changes like solar panels, ensuites, fences, etc. may be more difficult, more time consuming, and more expensive!

"Property owners within a heritage overlay may require permission from Council to demolish, construct, alter or extend..." and "A heritage overlay... does mean the heritage impacts have to be considered first" (<https://youtu.be/6PTOGDdZJbY?t=131>)

By signing this petition, we demand that Darebin Council withdraw their Interim Heritage Overlay and consult with the Thornbury Park Estate community to devise a better approach to maintaining the Estate.

be received, referred to the Chief Executive Officer and considered in conjunction with Item 8.2 on tonight's agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-049

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That an Item of Urgent Business concerning the Northcote Golf Course be considered before the consideration of other reports listed on the Agenda.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)

Against: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

8. URGENT BUSINESS**ADMISSION OF ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-051

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That an Urgent Business item regarding the Northcote Golf Course consultation results be admitted to the agenda.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)

Against: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 6.12 pm.

The Meeting recommenced at 6.29 pm

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

In relation to the item of Urgent Business, Councillor Newton advised that she owns a property in the subject area of the Northcote Golf Course and whilst the ownership is an interest she holds in common with hundreds of property owners and it is arguable that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors, she had determined that she will remove herself from any debate and decision making on the issue as a precaution against any general conflict of interest she have or may be perceived to have

Councillor Newton left the meeting at 6.31pm

Urgent Business Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- 1) Acknowledges Darebin has previously informed stakeholders and the community that the Northcote Golf Course consultation results and report would return to the Council meeting in March 2022.
- 2) Notes that Darebin informed stakeholders and consultation participants of the change in these plans on the 24th of March 2022 to not release the results of the community consultation.
- 3) Thanks everyone who has participated in the consultation to date.
- 4) Authorises within 7 days of this urgent business passing, the publishing of findings of the Community Consultation Process that begun in late October 2021.
- 5) Notes Darebin Council's commitment to making a determination with regards to the future shared use of the Northcote Golf Course as soon as possible

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 6.42pm.

The motion was put and lost.

LOST

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco and Laurence (3)

Against: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina and Rennie (4)

Councillor Newton returned to the meeting at 6.51pm

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Statement by Councillor Newton

Councillor Newton advised Council that she wish to have it noted in the minutes of this meeting that whilst she owns property in the area of this proposed Planning Scheme Amendment she does so in common with a large number of other property owners and as the property cannot readily be redeveloped, due to it being part of a body corporate and a relatively recent construction, and additionally as her interest was so remote or insignificant, it could not reasonably be regarded as capable of influencing her decisions in relation to the matter.

8.2 THORBURY PARK ESTATE PROPOSED HERITAGE PRECINCT - PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C191DARE AND C207DARE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved at its meeting on 13 December 2021 to defer consideration of submissions received in relation to Amendment C191, to allow for further engagement with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in the local area.

Amendment C191 proposes to apply the Heritage Overlay to the Thornbury Park Estate Heritage Precinct, which is a large area of historic dwellings to the south of Miller Street and west of St Georges Road. The area, comprising 1052 properties, was developed as part of the 1911 Thornbury Park Estate subdivision and contains a high percentage of intact properties (72% of places contributory or significant), representing workers' housing during the late Federation and Interwar periods.

Further engagement was conducted in February 2022 and this report outlines the findings from this additional consultation. This report also responds to concerns expressed by objectors about the perceived conflict between managing both heritage and potential flooding design objectives.

The amendment was first formally exhibited from 5 August 2021 to 15 October 2021, a period of 10 weeks, where 166 submissions were received (of the 1,052 properties affected).

The further engagement conducted in February 2022 involved 92 participants including 45 from CALD communities (of which 15 live in thornbury and five within Thornbury Park Estate). Overall the extended consultation resulted in seven new submissions (two from the CALD community) and five updated submissions. Of the seven new submissions, four were in support of the Heritage Overlay and three were opposed.

Of the 173 submissions received, 68 submissions are supportive of the proposal and 105 submissions are not supportive.

Flooding issues and environmentally sustainable design can be addressed sucessfully in heritage developments and should not deter Council from applying the hetritage overlay to protect Darbin's heritage for the enjoyment of current and future generations. Council officers and heritage consultants have considered submissions and evaluated the issues raised against recognised heritage criteria and have determined that none affect the heritage merit

of the amendment, the integrity of the precinct nor require any significant changes to the overlay.

It is recommended that Council refer all submissions to an independent Planning Panel for further consideration. This will enable Amendment C191 to progress and for their issues to be heard by an independent planning panel.

The current interim Heritage Overlay expires on 29 April 2022. It is recommended that Council seek an extension to the interim Heritage Overlay to ensure it continues to protect heritage properties from being demolished while permanent provisions are being considered.

It is not uncommon for Heritage Overlays to be contentious in the community, and the independent Planning Panel will provide submitters an appropriate independent and expert forum to present their submissions and have their issues considered further.

Officers advised Council of several minor changes to the Officer's Recommendation. The revised officer recommendation is shown below:

Revised Officer Recommendation

That Council, having prepared and exhibited Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:

- (1) Formally considers all written submissions received in response to Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) Endorses the response to submissions as outlined in this report and attached at **Appendix A and Appendix H**, and recommended minor changes to the amendment, at **Appendix B and C**, which will form part of the basis of Council's submission to the independent Planning Panel.
- (3) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint a Planning Panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider submissions to Amendment C191dare.
- (4) Refers all submissions to Amendment C191dare to the Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning for its independent consideration.
- (5) Requests that the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Planning Scheme Amendment C207dare to extend the interim control HO318 to 29 April 2023 to ensure the heritage fabric is retained while the permanent provisions are being considered, pursuant to section 20A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendix G**).
- (6) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to Amendment C191dare and C207dare as required.
- (7) Writes to all submitters thanking them for their submissions and to inform them of Council's decision to proceed to the Panel stage and how to participate in the Panel Hearing.

Motion

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

That Council

- 1) Abandon the Thornbury Park Estate Proposed Heritage Precinct - Planning Scheme Amendment (C191DARE).
- 2) Requests that the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Planning Scheme Amendment C207dare to extend the interim control HO318 to 29 April 2023 to ensure the heritage fabric is retained while the permanent provisions are being re-considered, pursuant to section 20A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendix G**).

Amendment**MOVED: Cr. G Greco****That Council**

- 1) Abandon the Thornbury Park Estate Proposed Heritage Precinct - Planning Scheme Amendment (C191DARE).
- 2) Having considered submissions, pursuant to sections 23 and 28:
 - a) notifies the Minister for Planning of its decision, and;
 - b) publishes a notice on its website including the following stated reason for the decision:
 - i. After considering community submissions, Council has decided to abandon Amendment C191dare due to concerns raised by submitters.
- 3) Continues to work on improving and strengthening the built form and neighbourhood character provisions for the Thornbury Park Estate as part of the implementation of the Darebin Neighbourhood Character Study and residential development framework.
- 4) Writes to all submitters thanking them for their submissions and to inform them of Council's decision to abandon the amendment.

Amendment was not seconded and lapsed.

Further Amendment**MOVED: Cr. G Greco****That Council**

- 1) Abandon the Thornbury Park Estate Proposed Heritage Precinct - Planning Scheme Amendment (C191DARE).
- 2) Requests that the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Planning Scheme Amendment C207dare to extend the interim control HO318 to 29 April 2023 to ensure the heritage fabric is retained, pursuant to section 20A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Appendix G).
- 3) Having considered submissions, pursuant to sections 23 and 28:
 - a) notifies the Minister for Planning of its decision, and;
 - b) publishes a notice on its website including the following stated reason for the decision:
 - i. After considering community submissions, Council has decided to abandon Amendment C191dare due to concerns raised by submitters.
- 4) Continues to work on improving and strengthening the built form and neighbourhood character provisions for the Thornbury Park Estate as part of the implementation of the Darebin Neighbourhood Character Study and residential development framework.
- 5) Writes to all submitters thanking them for their submissions and to inform them of Council's decision to abandon the amendment.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put and lost.

LOST

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco and Laurence (3)

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

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

That Council having prepared and exhibited Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987:

- 1) Formally considers all written submissions received in response to Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme
- 2) Endorses the response to submissions as outlined in this report and attached at Appendix A, and recommended minor changes to the amendment, at Appendix B and C, which will form part of the basis of Council's submission to the independent Planning Panel.
- 3) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoints a Planning Panel under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to consider submissions to Amendment C191dare, and that the Minister appoints a Panel that includes a member(s) with expertise and/or experience with environmentally sustainable design for residential development.
- 4) Requests advice from the Planning Panel on the best approach to evaluate planning applications for high performing sustainable homes in the context of a Heritage Overlay.
- 5) Refers all submissions to Amendment C191dare to the Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning for its independent consideration.
- 6) Requests the preparation of a report from a suitably qualified consultant, and asks them to seek feedback from Sustainability Victoria, on the design and adaptation of heritage listed residential buildings to achieve net zero emissions on a stand alone basis for individual households using a whole of house approach without the need to buy off-sets, and good ESD ratings (7+ NatHER), and that the findings from this report be presented to the Planning Panel with recommendations on where heritage requirements can be adjusted.
- 7) Requests that the Minister for Planning prepares and approves Planning Scheme Amendment C207dare to extend the interim control HO318 to 29 April 2023 to ensure the heritage fabric is retained while the permanent provisions are being considered, pursuant to section 20A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Appendix G).
- 8) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to Amendment C191dare and C207dare as required.
- 9) Writes to all submitters thanking them for their submissions and informing them of Council's decision to proceed to the Panel stage and how to participate in the Panel Hearing.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 7.50 pm.

The Meeting recommenced at 8.00 pm

Amendment**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**

That point 6 of the motion be amended as follows:

- (6) Requests the preparation of a report from a suitably qualified consultant, and asks them to seek feedback from Sustainability Victoria, **CSIRO and the Green Building Council**, on the design and adaptation of heritage listed residential buildings to achieve net zero emissions on a stand alone basis for individual households using a whole of house approach without the need to buy off-sets, and good ESD ratings (7+ NatHER), and that the findings from this report be presented to the Planning Panel with recommendations on where heritage requirements can be adjusted.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion before Council was put and carried.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-052****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

That Council having prepared and exhibited Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987:

- 1) Formally considers all written submissions received in response to Amendment C191dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme
- 2) Endorses the response to submissions as outlined in this report and attached at **Appendix A and Appendix H**, and recommended minor changes to the amendment, at Appendix B and C, which will form part of the basis of Council's submission to the independent Planning Panel.
- 3) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoints a Planning Panel under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to consider submissions to Amendment C191dare, and that the Minister appoints a Panel that includes a member(s) with expertise and/or experience with environmentally sustainable design for residential development.
- 4) Requests advice from the Planning Panel on the best approach to evaluate planning applications for high performing sustainable homes in the context of a Heritage Overlay.
- 5) Refers all submissions to Amendment C191dare to the Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning for its independent consideration.
- 6) Requests the preparation of a report from a suitably qualified consultant, and asks them to seek feedback from Sustainability Victoria, CSIRO and the Green Building Council, on the design and adaptation of heritage listed residential buildings to achieve net zero emissions on a standalone basis for individual households using a whole of house approach without the need to buy off-sets, and good ESD ratings (7+ NatHER),

and that the findings from this report be presented to the Planning Panel with recommendations on where heritage requirements can be adjusted.

- 7) Requests that the Minister for Planning prepares and approves Planning Scheme Amendment C207dare to extend the interim control HO318 to 29 April 2023 to ensure the heritage fabric is retained while the permanent provisions are being considered, pursuant to section 20A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Appendix G).
- 8) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to Amendment C191dare and C207dare as required.
- 9) Writes to all submitters thanking them for their submissions and informing them of Council's decision to proceed to the Panel stage and how to participate in the Panel Hearing.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Hannan, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (6)

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

**8.1 DRAFT BUDGET 2022–23,
DRAFT REVENUE & RATING PLAN,
DRAFT RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE
FOR RESERVOIR VILLAGE BUSINESS PRECINCT, A
PUBLIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE RATE, KERBSIDE
WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGE AND
ASSOCIATED CONCESSIONS.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

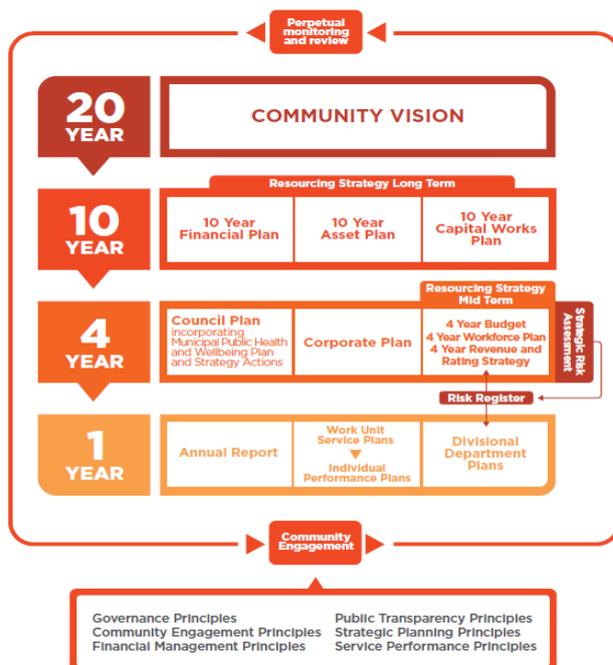
The annual budget is an essential planning and resource tool and is vital to the ongoing operational and financial viability of Council. The budget sets out the expected income and expenditure for operational, strategic and capital activities for the coming year and also incorporates Council's rating strategies. The draft budget 2022/23 has been developed to implement the Community Vision 2041, Financial Plan 2021-31, Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) 2021-25 and is informed by the revised Rating and Revenue Plan 2021-25.

The budget is community focused, delivering projects and services that are highly valued by residents, businesses and visitors, including, but not limited to:

- Approximately 20,000 immunisations
- Approximately 130,000 hours of aged care services, programs and assistance
- Improvements to accessibility arrangements for people living with a disability
- Planting of 1,200 trees, as well as 100,000 indigenous plants in bushland and parkland
- Maintenance of more than 56 sporting ovals and fields
- Emptying of 6.1 million bins, and collection of 21,000 tonnes of green waste and 15,000 tonnes of recycling each year
- Introduction of green organic and food organic (FOGO) waste recycling service for all residential ratepayers, excluding multi-unit dwellings
- Animal registrations for around 17,000 pets
- Maintenance of more than 30km of shared bike paths
- Direct employment of over 1000 creative professionals, enabling a diverse range of performances, exhibitions, shows, festivals and events, reaching 300,000-plus audiences in venues, in the public realm and online.
- Four library branches open seven days a week (227 hours) with spaces to work, study, and read with access to free wifi, PC's and laptops to help bridge the digital divide.
- Physical and digital library collections to meet the needs of our community, including language collections in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Macedonian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

It is important to acknowledge that Council's own financial position has been impacted by the pandemic, which is reflected in the draft 2022-23 budget. It is critical that Council maintains a sound financial position so that it can meet its financial obligations and ensure it is in a position to support the needs of the Darebin community into the future.

The budget documentation forms part of the integrated planning and reporting framework adopted by Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*:



The draft budget contains the information specified in the *Local Government Act 2020* ('the Act') and all details required by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 ('the Regulations'). The financial statements included in the draft budget have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Model Financial Report.

This budget implements Council's decision from November 2021 to stop charging waste costs via general rates and instead set a specific waste charge for waste services users, based on cost recovery. The principle of separating waste service cost recovery from general rates has already been undertaken by 71 of the 79 Victorian Councils. The effect of this change can be seen in the draft budget as reduced revenue from rates and increased revenue from charges.

Proposed waste services charges are set on a cost recovery basis:

- the kerbside waste collection service charge
- the service rate for public waste collection services

A range of concessions are being proposed to offset the financial impact on community members experiencing hardship:

- there will be no net increase for the primary residence for residential properties with a Valuer General CIV of \$500,000 or less.
- a concession for the primary residence for residential properties with a Valuer General CIV property value of more than \$500,000 that ensures any 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 \$156.50 for residential properties that do not currently receive the green waste collection service.
- a Safety Net concession for ratepayers experiencing financial hardship, including automatic application to all pensioners in receipt of the pensioner rebate. There will be no financial impact as a result of the new charges at the primary residence.

There are several other associated policies, charges and special rates proposed alongside the draft budget, including to assist businesses and people in hardship. These include:

- The introduction and declaration of a special rate levy for the Reservoir Village Business Precinct
- The revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25 to proceed to community consultation
- The revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy to proceed to community consultation

These changes are associated with the draft 2022-23 budget, and these have incorporated into this report in the interests of transparency

The Manager Finance advised Council of several minor changes to the Officer's Recommendation to incorporate the draft four year budget. The revised officer recommendation is shown below:

Revised Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes that the draft budget 2022-23 incorporates the draft four year budget (2022/23 – 2025/26) outlook required by the Local Government Act 2020, which has been informed by the Financial Plan 2021-2031 adopted by Council on 28 June 2021 and that the title page of **Appendix A** will be updated to reflect this.
- (2) Endorses the draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget) to proceed to community consultation,
- (3) Endorses the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community consultation;
- (4) Endorses the draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy to proceed to community consultation,
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022, the Budget 2022–23 incorporating the four year budget outlook (**Appendix A**), Revenue and Rating Plan (**Appendix B**) and Rates Financial Hardship Policy (**Appendix D**).
- (6) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - 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.
- (7) Gives notice in accordance with section 163(1), (1A), (1B) and (1C), and Section 163B(3) of the Local government Act 1989 ("the Act"), of Councils intention to make a declaration of a special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district and that a copy of the public notice be sent to each person who will be liable to pay the Special Rate.
- (8) Notes the total amount of the Special Rate to be levied is \$75,000 in the first year and for each of the subsequent years the Special Rate remains in force - the previous year's amount to be levied plus that amount multiplied by the Consumer Price Index Rate provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year.
- (9) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - 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 collections 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

\$156.50 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, noting that this will be applied automatically to pensioners in receipt of the Pensioner Rebate.
- d. A concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
- e. 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.

(10) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:

- a. draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget)
- b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan
- c. draft 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
- g. granting of the two concessions aligned to equity principles to support the separation of waste cost recovery from general rates
- h. granting of a Safety Net concession for ratepayers experiencing hardship as a result of the service rate and service charge,
- i. the introduction of the Special Rate for Reservoir Village Business Precinct, and

requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 26 May 2022.

(11) Notes that the adoption of the draft Budget (incorporating the four year budget), Revenue and Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy and declaration of associated service rate, service charge, special rate and fees and concessions charges, with consideration to community engagement outcomes, will be considered at the Council meeting on 27 June 2022.

Motion

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

That the revised Officer Recommendation be adopted.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting at 8.18 pm

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- 1) Endorses the draft Budget 2022–23 to proceed to community consultation with the following change that council removes the controversial and regressive waste charge from the 2022-2023 draft budget referred to the budget in 2023-2024.
- 2) Endorses the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community consultation with the deletion of a separate waste charge;
- 3) Endorses the draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy to proceed to community consultation,
- 4) Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the Local Government Act 2020 of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022, the Budget 2022–23 (**Appendix A**), Revenue and Rating Plan (**Appendix B**) and Rates Financial Hardship Policy (**Appendix D**).
- (5) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - 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.

The Mayor sought advice on the status of the amendment

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the amendment could not be accepted as in accordance with the Governance Rules, specifically Clause 3.3 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 Chief Executive Officer advised that a similar motion was moved at the Ordinary Council Meeting in November 2021

The admission of the proposed amendment 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)

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- 1) Notes that the draft budget 2022-23 incorporates the draft four year budget (2022/23 – 2025/26) outlook required by the Local Government Act 2020, which has been informed by the Financial Plan 2021-2031 adopted by Council on 28 June 2021 and that the title page of Appendix A will be updated to reflect this.
- 2) Endorses the draft Budget 2022–23 to proceed to community consultation, subject to the following changes
 - a. Applying the no net increase concession for the primary residence for residential properties with a Valuer General CIV of \$850,000 or less;
 - b. Developing preparatory design work and concepts plans for the rebuilding of the Reservoir Leisure Centre, inclusive of a 50-meter pool;
 - c. Freeze Council concession fees and charges by not applying the proposed increases as per the 2022/23 fees and charges schedule
 - d. Increase the Council Pension Rebate from \$150 to \$200 and convert the pension rebate into a concession of the equivalent amount for pensioners
 - e. Notes that the draft 2022/23 Budget will be adjusted to reflect the changes required to support the above points, including a change to the average rate.
- 3) Endorses the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community consultation with the necessary revisions to reflect:
 - a. the 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 collections cost recovery from general rates, be increased from \$500,000 to \$850,000, on the basis of existing eligibility.
 - b. the concession aligned to equity principles in the 2022/23 year for the primary residence for residential properties with a CIV of more than \$850,000 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 \$156.50 for residential properties that do not currently receive the green waste collection service, on the basis of existing eligibility.
 - c. a concession of \$200 be introduced for Pensioners for general rates in place of the existing \$150 Pensioner Rebate for general rates, on the same basis of eligibility for the existing Pensioner Rebate.
 - d. Adjust the kerbside waste collection service charge accordingly
- 4) Endorses the draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy to proceed to community consultation, *with the necessary revisions to reflect a concession of \$200 for Pensioners for general rates in place of the existing \$150 Pensioner Rebate for general rates, on the same basis of eligibility for the existing Pensioner Rebate.*
- 5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022, the Budget 2022–23 incorporating the

- four year budget outlook (Appendix A with amendments), Revenue and Rating Plan (Appendix B with amendments) and Rates Financial Hardship Policy (Appendix D with amendments).
- 6) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - 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.
 - 7) Gives notice in accordance with section 163(1), (1A), (1B) and (1C), and Section 163B(3) of the Local government Act 1989 ("the Act"), of Councils intention to make a declaration of a special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district and that a copy of the public notice be sent to each person who will be liable to pay the Special Rate.
 - 8) Notes the total amount of the Special Rate to be levied is \$75,000 in the first year and for each of the subsequent years the Special Rate remains in force - the previous year's amount to be levied plus that amount multiplied by the Consumer Price Index Rate provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year.
 - 9) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - a. A concession aligned to equity principles in the 2022/23 year for the primary residence for residential properties with a CIV of \$850,000 or less by the Valuer General that equates to no net increase as a result of the removal of waste collections 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 \$850,000 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 \$156.50 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, noting that this will be applied automatically to pensioners in receipt of the Pensioner Concession.
 - d. A concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
 - e. A concession to pensioners in the 2022–23 year in the amount of \$ 200 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.
 - 10) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:
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- a. draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget)
- b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan
- c. draft 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 concession for general rates to pensioners
- g. granting of the two concessions aligned to equity principles to support the separation of waste cost recovery from general rates
- h. granting of a Safety Net concession for ratepayers experiencing hardship as a result of the service rate and service charge,
- i. the introduction of the Special Rate for Reservoir Village Business Precinct, and

requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 26 May 2022.

- 11) Notes that the adoption of the draft Budget (incorporating the four year budget), Revenue and Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy and declaration of associated service rate, service charge, special rate and fees and concessions, with consideration to community engagement outcomes, will be considered at the Council meeting on 27 June 2022.

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

The 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)

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-053

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

8.51 pm That the Council meeting continue after 9.00pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Williams (7)

Abstained: Cr. Greco and Laurence (2)

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes that the draft budget 2022-23 incorporates the draft four year budget (2022/23 – 2025/26) outlook required by the Local Government Act 2020, which has been informed by the Financial Plan 2021-2031 adopted by Council on 28 June 2021 and that the title page of Appendix A will be updated to reflect this.
- (2) Includes in the Draft Budget 2022-23:
 - a) The construction of female friendly facilities at John Cain Memorial Park, Pitch 2 which currently has no facilities whatsoever;
 - b) The construction of female friendly facilities at Northcote Tennis Club which currently has only ONE portaloos;
 - c) Sealing the car park surface at Pitcher Park in Alphington;
 - d) Safety gates to be installed at Hayes Park in Thornbury for child and dog safety.
- (3) Endorses the draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget) to proceed to community consultation,
- (4) Endorses the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community consultation;
- (5) Endorses the draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy to proceed to community consultation,
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022, the Budget 2022–23 incorporating the four year budget outlook (Appendix A), Revenue and Rating Plan (Appendix B) and Rates Financial Hardship Policy (Appendix D).
- (7) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - 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.
- (8) Gives notice in accordance with section 163(1), (1A), (1B) and (1C), and Section 163B(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("the Act"), of Council's intention to make a declaration of a special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district and that a copy of the public notice be sent to each person who will be liable to pay the Special Rate.
- (9) Notes the total amount of the Special Rate to be levied is \$75,000 in the first year and for each of the subsequent years the Special Rate remains in force - the previous year's amount to be levied plus that amount multiplied by the Consumer Price Index Rate provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year.
- (10) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:
 - 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 collections 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 \$156.50 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, noting that this will be applied automatically to pensioners in receipt of the Pensioner Rebate.
 - d. A concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
 - e. 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*.
- (11) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:
- a. draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget)
 - b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan
 - c. draft 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
 - g. granting of the two concessions aligned to equity principles to support the separation of waste cost recovery from general rates
 - h. granting of a Safety Net concession for ratepayers experiencing hardship as a result of the service rate and service charge,
 - i. the introduction of the Special Rate for Reservoir Village Business Precinct, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 26 May 2022.
- (12) Notes that the adoption of the draft Budget (incorporating the four year budget), Revenue and Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy and declaration of associated service rate, service charge, special rate and fees and concessions charges, with consideration to community engagement outcomes, will be considered at the Council meeting on 27 June 2022.

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

The 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. Revised Officer Recommendation was put and carried.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-054

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that the draft budget 2022-23 incorporates the draft four year budget (2022/23 – 2025/26) outlook required by the Local Government Act 2020, which has been informed by the Financial Plan 2021-2031 adopted by Council on 28 June 2021 and that the title page of **Appendix A** will be updated to reflect this.
- (2) Endorses the draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget) to proceed to community consultation,
- (3) Endorses the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–25 to proceed to community consultation;
- (4) Endorses the draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy to proceed to community consultation,
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022, the Budget 2022–23 incorporating the four year budget outlook (**Appendix A**), Revenue and Rating Plan (**Appendix B**) and Rates Financial Hardship Policy (**Appendix D**).
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 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2022/23 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- (7) Gives notice in accordance with section 163(1), (1A), (1B) and (1C), and Section 163B(3) of the Local government Act 1989 ("the Act"), of Councils intention to make a declaration of a special rate for the encouragement of business and commerce in the Reservoir Village Business district and that a copy of the public notice be sent to each person who will be liable to pay the Special Rate.
- (8) Notes the total amount of the Special Rate to be levied is \$75,000 in the first year and for each of the subsequent years the Special Rate remains in force - the previous year's amount to be levied plus that amount multiplied by the Consumer Price Index Rate provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year.
- (9) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022:

- 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 collections 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 \$156.50 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, noting that this will be applied automatically to pensioners in receipt of the Pensioner Rebate.
 - d. A concession for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
 - e. 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.
- (10) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the:
- a. draft Budget 2022–23 (incorporating the draft four year budget)
 - b. draft Revenue and Rating Plan
 - c. draft 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
 - g. granting of the two concessions aligned to equity principles to support the separation of waste cost recovery from general rates
 - h. granting of a Safety Net concession for ratepayers experiencing hardship as a result of the service rate and service charge,
- ii. the introduction of the Special Rate for Reservoir Village Business Precinct, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 26 May 2022.
- (11) Notes that the adoption of the draft Budget (incorporating the four year budget), Revenue and Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy and declaration of associated service rate, service charge, special rate and fees and concessions charges, with consideration to community engagement outcomes, will be considered at the Council meeting on 27 June 2022.

CARRIED

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

Against: Cr's Dimitriadis, Greco and Laurence (3)

Abstained : Cr. Williams (1)

CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-055

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

That the order of business be amended to consider the reports as follows:

- Item 11.1 – Confidential item - NARC Operational Management Model
- Item 8.8 – Governance Report – March 2022
- Item 9.1 – Notice of Motion
- Other items listed on the agenda

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Hannan, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Newton, Rennie and Williams (7)

Abstained : Cr's Dimitriadis and Greco (2)

10. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-056

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

That in accordance with section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider the following item on the basis that this matters are confidential for the following reasons :

11.1 NARC Operational Management Model

This item is confidential because it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, pursuant to Section 3(1) (g(ii)) of the Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 9.21pm

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 11.1 - NARC Operational Management Model in the closed meeting.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-057

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

That the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 9.25pm

8.8

GOVERNANCE REPORT - MARCH 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors;
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors;
- Notes no questions were taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council Meeting held on 28 February 2022;
- Appointment of a Councillor delegate to the CEO Employment Matters Committee; and
- Notification of the increases to the Mayor's, Deputy Mayor's and Councillors' Allowances.
- Approach to engagement for the 10 year Asset Plan

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – March 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 resignation of Councillor Williams from the CEO Employment Matters Committee.
- (5) Appoints one Councillor representative to the CEO Employment Matters Committee to December 2022, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (6) Notes the increases to the Mayor's and Councillors' Allowances and the introduction of a Deputy Mayor's Allowance.
- (7) Notes the updated implementation guidance from Local Government Victoria and approach to engagement for the 10 year Asset Plan.

Motion

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes the Governance Report – March 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 resignation of Councillor Williams from the CEO Employment Matters Committee.
- 5) Appoints Councillor Tom Hannan to the CEO Employment Matters Committee to December 2022, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- 6) Notes the increases to the Mayor's and Councillors' Allowances and the introduction of a Deputy Mayor's Allowance.
- 7) Notes the updated implementation guidance from Local Government Victoria and approach to engagement for the 10 year Asset Plan.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-058

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

9.28 pm That the Council meeting continue after 9.30pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- 1) Notes the Governance Report – March 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 resignation of Councillor Williams from the CEO Employment Matters Committee.
- 5) Appoints all Councillors (except Cr. Williams) to the CEO Employment Matters Committee to December 2022, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- 6) Notes the increases to the Mayor's and Councillors' Allowances and the introduction of a Deputy Mayor's Allowance.
- 7) Notes the updated implementation guidance from Local Government Victoria and approach to engagement for the 10 year Asset Plan.

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)

PROCEDURAL MOTION**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 22-059

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

That the motion be put.

CARRIED

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

Against: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Laurence and Williams (3)

Abstained: Cr Greco (1)

Councillors Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams left the meeting at 9.48pm and did not return.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-060

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes the Governance Report – March 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 resignation of Councillor Williams from the CEO Employment Matters Committee.
- 5) Appoints Councillor Tom Hannan to the CEO Employment Matters Committee to December 2022, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- 6) Notes the increases to the Mayor's and Councillors' Allowances and the introduction of a Deputy Mayor's Allowance.
- 7) Notes the updated implementation guidance from Local Government Victoria and approach to engagement for the 10 year Asset Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- Community calls, emails
- One on One with Cr Hannan
- Meeting with the Preston Lions President
- Out of the Park Picnic - Edwardes Lake Park
- Leaders - Children's art exhibition - Reservoir West Primary School
- Work by Amber 1st Birthday - coworking serviced office space in Preston
- Darebin Community Awards Presentation Night - Darebin Arts Centre
- UDIA Victoria 2021 Awards for Excellence Gala Ceremony
- Northern Councils Alliance - Councillor and CEO

- Made in Rezza/Live in Hi Rez Promo - Photo shoot
- Youth Jobs Forum - The Hub, Northland Shopping Centre
- Meeting to discuss the Northcote Golf Course
- Meeting with Paul Vascotto and Members re Thornbury Park Estate
- Brief - Meeting with Paul Vascotto and Thornbury Park Estate members
- Brief for Darebin Community Awards - MC for Darebin Community Awards Carol Cook
- Meeting with Mayor Sophie Wade City Of Yarra
- Strategic Stakeholder Engagement Evening- Your Community Health
- Councillor Briefing
- Meeting with Serena O'Melley
- International Womens Day Event Agapi Care
- Weekly Councillors Online Meeting
- Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
- Victorian Multicultural Gala Dinner 2022
- Fitzroy Stars Gala Ball
- FUSE Outdoor Movie Night TW Andrews Reserve
- The Williamson Leadership Program | Speak on topic of Belonging and Community – Islamic Museum of Australia
- Circular Economy Leadership Course – Metro waste Forum x3
- State Wide Waste Forum Meeting
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting
- Mayor and Councillor Meeting
- State Wide Waste Forum Discussion
- 2022/23 Budget Process Briefing Three
- NCFC 2022 Senior Season Launch & Jersey Presentation Night
- Forum Motion Discussion – State Wide waste Forum
- Mayor & Sue – catch up
- Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sports and Wellness Centre
- One-on-one session with Movement & Place Consulting regarding current parking review
- Meeting with Mayor to discuss Fuse and an update on Out of the Park event
- Business Achievement Award breakfast of 2022
- Prerecording of FUSE Opening Night Speech
- Council Meeting – Part 2
- Hon Robin Scott MP, Mayor Cr Messina and CEO Sue Wilkinson
- Monday weekly briefing meeting with Mayor and CEO office staff
- Weekly Councillors Online Meeting
- Understanding responding to Homeslessness – Preston Cricket Club Event

- Discussing Planning matters with community

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

- Edwardes lake Task Force meeting
- Budget Process Briefing
- Local Govt Mayoral Taskforce Supporting Asylum Seekers
- AHAAC meeting
- Mayor and Councillor meeting X2
- Opening Event Molly Hadfield social Justice Oration
- Refugee Alternatives Webinar
- Weekly Councillor online meeting
- Councillor Briefing X2
- Planning Meeting
- Fitzroy Stars Gala Ball
- Victorian Multicultural Gala Dinner 2022
- A fight for survival Dardi Munwurro
- Strategic Stakeholders Evening
- Out of the Park Picnic

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Council Meeting
- Council Briefing session
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Weekly Councillor Teams meetings
- Emily's List for International Women day
- Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony - Aboriginal Women's & Girls' Sports & Wellness Centre
- Darebin Arts Presents the Summer Series
- African Drumming & Dancing
- 2022-23 Budget process Briefing
- AHACC meeting
- International women's event MP Kat Theophanous & MP Gabrielle Williams
- Fuse Launch - Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration
- Anything you can Do
- Council Plan Priority Workshops

- Fuse event
- Fuse – Out door Movie night at TW Andrews
- Fitzroy Stars Gala Ball
- Victorian Multicultural Gala Dinner
- Newroz – Kurdish National Day and New Year Festival
- Strategic Stakeholder Engagement Evening with Your Community Health
- Youth Jobs Forum at the Hub
- ACD – Assoc. Children with disabilities
- Fuse – Closing ceremony – Out of the Park Picnic at Edwardes lake
- ICAN - Nuclear weapons and divestment
- Attended to matter and discussions with residents regarding: Preston Market, Shopping strip shops, graffiti, Preston level crossing, safety lighting, Ice rink, St.John's St. Marys Church, community garden, CEO, Diversity concerns.

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council meeting online
- Planning meeting Preston
- Councillor briefing
- Stake holder dinner your community health
- Gala dinner VMC
- Annual awards Fitzroy All Stars
Resident planning consultation Reservoir

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Nuclear weapons and divestment: ICAN update for Councillors
- Out of the Park Picnic at Edwardes Lake Park
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Launch of the Inner North Report #2 - Who We Want to Be, Inner North Community Foundation
- Victorian Local Government Grants Commission information session
- Meeting with Denise Massoud, Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) President
- Mentoring session with Pathways to Politics for Women mentee Courtney May
- Meeting with CEO
- Public housing discussion with residents
- Councillor briefings

- Strategic Stakeholder Engagement Evening with Your Community Health
- Victorian Multicultural Gala Dinner 2022
- Planning Committee Meeting
- One on one meeting with Movement & Place consulting
- Budget briefings
- Darebin Arts Speak Easy - 'Let's Take Over'
- Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) General Meeting

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Monthly Council meeting
- Northern Business Achievement Awards Breakfast
- Fitzroy Stars / Aboriginal Women and Girls Building commencement celebration
- African Drumming celebration TW Andrews
- Briefing with Hon Jason Clare
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum
- Budget Process Briefing
- WHIN International Women's Day celebration – Women in the North Go to the Movies
- FUSE – Anything you can do
- FUSE – I liked it but
- Catch up with CEO
- Islamic Museum Open Day Tour
- VLGCC information session
- Darebin Community Awards Presentation Night
- Youth Jobs Forum Northland Hub
- Fitzroy Stars Gala Ball
- Victorian Multicultural Gala Dinner 2022
- Iranian Women's Group New Year celebration
- CED Advisory Committee
- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns
- Tour of Northcote Public Golf Course with staff and other Councillors
- Fuse launch and Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration
- Stakeholder dinner with Your Community Health

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

- Darebin Community Awards
- Youth Jobs Forum
- Weekly Councillors Meetings
- Councillor Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Site Visit - Northcote Public Golf Course
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin Meeting
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Budget Briefings
- Merri Creek Visioning Project
- Meetings with local MPs

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

Cr. Dimitriadis did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, eg, public housing, planning and building works, public safety, waste management, heritage.
- Merri Creek and Surrounds Visioning – hosted by Moreland Council and CERES
- Tour of Northcote Public Golf Course with staff and other Councillors
- Darebin Arts Summer Series - Mick Thomas
- Fuse launch and Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration
- Fuse closing ceremony and Out of the Park Picnic
- Stakeholder dinner with Your Community Health
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Darebin Nature Trust meeting
- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Monthly Council meeting

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 DEFIBRILLATORS IN DAREBIN

That Council:

- 1) *Receives a report at the May 2022 Council meeting addressing:*
 - 1.1 *The location of all Council-owned defibrillators in Darebin and where there are gaps ie shopping strips.*
 - 1.2 *The benefits and opportunities of registering all the defibrillators located at council buildings in Darebin with the Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry.*
 - 1.3 *The relocation of defibrillators to be externally located on council assets, so that they are accessible to the public 24/7.*
 - 1.4 *What budget funding is needed to secure the relocation of defibrillators externally for the benefits of the community.*
 - 1.5 *The promotion and further advocacy of the St.John's free course on defibrillator use via social media on the Darebin council website and to the local schools, clubs, and committees to reach our diverse community groups.*

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- 1) *Receives a report at the May 2022 Council meeting addressing:*
 - 1.1 *The location of all Council-owned defibrillators in Darebin and where there are gaps ie shopping strips.*
 - 1.2 *The benefits and opportunities of registering all the defibrillators located at council buildings in Darebin with the Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry.*
 - 1.3 *The relocation of defibrillators to be externally located on council assets, so that they are accessible to the public 24/7.*
 - 1.4 *What budget funding is needed to secure the relocation of defibrillators externally for the benefits of the community.*
 - 1.5 *The promotion and further advocacy of the St.John's free course on defibrillator use via social media on the Darebin council website and to the local schools, clubs, and committees to reach our diverse community groups.*
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Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-061

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- 1) Receives a report at the May 2022 Council meeting addressing:
 - 1.1 The location of all Council-owned defibrillators in Darebin and where there are gaps ie shopping strips.
 - 1.2 The benefits and opportunities of registering all the defibrillators located at council buildings in Darebin with the Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry.
 - 1.3 The relocation of defibrillators to be externally located on council assets, so that they are accessible to the public 24/7.
 - 1.4 What budget funding is needed to secure the relocation of defibrillators externally for the benefits of the community.
 - 1.5 The promotion and further advocacy of the St.John's free course on defibrillator use via social media on the Darebin council website and to the local schools, clubs, and committees to reach our diverse community groups.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PROCEDURAL MOTION****Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 22-062

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

That Item 8.5 - Advocacy Report- Darebin Advocacy Strategy (2022 to 2026) listed on the agenda be considered after consideration of all reports in agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Statement by Councillor Newton

Councillor Newton advised Council, that she wish to have it noted in the minutes of this meeting that whilst she own property in the vicinity of the intersection at Newman Street and Comas Grove Intersection which is mentioned in Item 8.3, she does so in common with a large number of other residents, ratepayers and electors who may use the road infrastructure and she had formed the view that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other property owners, residents and electors.

Additionally, any conflict of interest arising is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as capable of influencing her decisions in relation to the matter – particularly noting that as Councillors resident in Darebin and considering road infrastructure improvements regularly, we are all incidentally affected by such infrastructure improvements.”

8.3 YOUR STREET YOUR SAY CONSULTATION FINDINGS AND DRAFT PROPOSALS TO GO TO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ROUND 2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first round of accessible and inclusive community engagement for the *Your Street Your Say* local area place-making project is now complete. One third of the Darebin community were asked to provide feedback on streets in their area. Over 7,000 pieces of information were recorded with 1,671 unique locations of interest. The engagement was open for 8 weeks during October – December 2021. Feedback was collected through a web-based map portal, customer pathways, phone calls with the project team, meetings with community leaders and groups, and drop-in sessions.

The community engagement was planned and delivered to ensure it was welcoming, accessible and inclusive for all community members. Analysis of participation shows that most key demographic groups have been reached, with participation rates aligning with what we know from ABS data. The exception is young people and Arabic speaking community members, with lock-down potentially impacting participation. The second stage of consultation will prioritise reaching these two groups.

Transport experts were engaged to analyse community feedback, transport data (eg traffic volume, speed, crash history), and Darebin transport networks. Their assessment applied local and international considerations and standards relating to inclusiveness, accessibility and place-making, with a focus on road safety. They have recommended 8 high priority treatments, and 12 other treatments.

This report recommends progressing to the second round of community consultation to seek feedback on the draft concept designs for these recommended treatments.

The draft concept designs that have been identified for Council investment are planned to be supplemented with operational transport works to improve road safety and access like speed limit reductions, maintenance and changes to signs and lines, and localised parking changes. These changes will be implemented by following existing operational policies and processes – which importantly includes consulting with the local community.

Some locations on arterial roads managed by the Department of Transport (DoT) received lots of community input. These will be referred to DoT for action, and will form the basis of Council advocacy for improving transport in Darebin. If the draft concept designs are

endorsed by Council to progress with community consultation, it is likely the round 2 of engagement activities will be run through May 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Approves the release of the Group A - Your Street Your Say project round 1 community consultation summary reports in **Appendix A-C** to be public.
- (2) Endorses the draft concept designs with 8 priorities as included in the **Appendix E** to be used in the next round of community engagement.
- (3) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining key advocacy items stated in the report, including the need to reduce speed limits to 40 Km/hr.
- (4) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-063

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Approves the release of the Group A - Your Street Your Say project round 1 community consultation summary reports in **Appendix A-C** to be public.
- (2) Endorses the draft concept designs with 8 priorities as included in the **Appendix E** to be used in the next round of community engagement.
- (3) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining key advocacy items stated in the report, including the need to reduce speed limits to 40 Km/hr.
- (4) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 INTERIM REPORT ON THE LOVE LOCAL CARD PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to a resolution of Council on 31 January 2022, officers have reviewed the participation data and local spend and this report provides some insight into the accessibility and reach of the program to date. Of note is the success of the program in suburbs with lower SEIFA index and the good level of participation of pensioners registering for the Love Local Card when compared to other eligible residents. In total, 55% of eligible rate payers have registered for the program, representing more than \$750,000 in value if spent in full. As of 15 March, more than \$260,000 has been spent with local businesses.

The interim report addresses concerns around ease of participation in the program and considers the suitability of the cashless debit card system in response to the risk of fraud and misuse of public funds. Based on participation rates and having regards to minimising misuse of the program, the two-step process of first registering for a card followed by card activation is considered appropriate and the security of the card system ensures all unspent funds are returned to Council at the end of the program. A full evaluation of the program will occur at the end of the program in September 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes:

- (1) The data contained in the interim report on the Love Local Card Program, specifically that:
 - i. 55% of eligible rate payers have registered for the program;
 - ii. Preston and Reservoir account for 60% of total spend;
 - iii. Spend per card is higher among pensioners than other ratepayers; and
 - iv. that majority of card usage has occurred in the general retail sector (47%) and café/hospitality sectors (48%).
- (2) That a full evaluation of the program will be undertaken upon its conclusion and the finding made available to the public via a report to Council in September 2022.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-064**

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

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 - i. 55% of eligible rate payers have registered for the program;
 - ii. Preston and Reservoir account for 60% of total spend;
 - iii. Spend per card is higher among pensioners than other ratepayers; and
 - iv. that majority of card usage has occurred in the general retail sector (47%) and café/hospitality sectors (48%).
- (2) That a full evaluation of the program will be undertaken upon its conclusion and the finding made available to the public via a report to Council in September 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 CONTRACT AWARD - CT202132 PROVISION OF CIVIL WORKS PANEL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The construction and upgrading of road, bridge and drainage assets across the City of Darebin is an essential service of Council. To optimise the management of these assets, Council sought to partner with suitable contractors to deliver these core services.

The City of Darebin sought tenders from suitably experienced, responsive and reliable contractors through a public tender process provide civil works services via a panel arrangement.

The civil works panel proposes contractors be appointed to five categories, with contractors being appointed to one or many of the categories, subject to the evaluation panel's recommendation. The categories are:

- Category 1- Construction of Footpaths & Shared paths
- Category 2 - Streetscape Improvement Works
- Category 3 - Construction of Road & Drainage Works
- Category 4 - Traffic Signal Improvement Works (not recommended proceeding as submissions demonstrated lack of specialised expertise)
- Category 5 - Bridge Improvement Works

The civil works panel contract has an initial term of three years, with an option to extend for a further two years. The successful contractors will work closely with various Council teams to ensure that Darebin's road, bridge and drainage assets are well maintained and perform reliably and efficiently.

The tender evaluation panel (TEP) has recommended a number of qualified and experienced contractors to deliver the services across 4 categories – the TEP is not recommending any companies be appointed to category 4 given the response Council received through the tender.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 1, Construction of Footpaths & Shared Paths services, via a panel arrangement for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 (fixed costs with annual adjusted CPI) to _____
- (2) Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 2, Streetscape Improvement Works services via a panel arrangement for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 to _____
- (3) Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 3, Road & Drainage Works services via a panel arrangement, for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 to _____
- (4) Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 5, Bridge Maintenance Works services via a panel arrangement, for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July _____

2022 to _____

- (5) Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council and to exercise options for extension if and when required.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate approval of works to officers under Contract CT202132 subject to a head deed agreement.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 1, Construction of Footpaths & Shared Paths services, via a panel arrangement for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 (fixed costs with annual adjusted CPI) to:

	Company		Company
1	Simpson Construction	6	ADP construction
2	Prestige Paving	7	Petrolo Construction P/L
3	Rapid Paving	8	Lucania Constructions P/L
4	Fercon P/L	9	Evergreen Civil
5	Bosco Civil P/L	10	Yarra Contracting P/L

2. Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 2, Streetscape Improvement Works services via a panel arrangement for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 to:

	Company		
1	Petrolo Construction P/L	5	Fercon P/L
2	Prestige Paving	6	ADP Construction
3	Rapid Paving	7	Bosco Civil P/L
4	Citywide	8	Yarra Contracting P/L

3. Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 3, Road & Drainage Works services via a panel arrangement, for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 to:

	Company		Company
1	Bosco Civil P/L	6	Axis Infrastructure P/L
2	Prestige Paving	7	Fercon P/L
3	Petrolo Construction P/L	8	Evergreen Civil P/L
4	Rapid Paving	9	ADP Construction
5	Citywide		

4. Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 5, Bridge Maintenance Works services via a panel arrangement, for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 to:

	Company
1	Citywide
2	Simpson Construction
3	Axis Infrastructure P/L

5. Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council and to exercise options for extensions if and when required.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate approval of works to officers under Contract CT202132 subject to a head deed agreement.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-065

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

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CT202132 for Category 1, Construction of Footpaths & Shared Paths services, via a panel arrangement for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 July 2022 (fixed costs with annual adjusted CPI) to:

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	Company
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5. Authorises the General Manager Operations & Capital to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council and to exercise options for extensions if and when required.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate approval of works to officers under Contract CT202132 subject to a head deed agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to commence statutory procedures for the following property matter:

- (1) The proposed declaration of road at the rear of 955 to 961 High Street and adjoining 2 Barry Street, Reservoir.

Officer Recommendation

Recommendation 1:**Road at the rear of 955 to 961 High Street and adjoining 2 Barry Street, Reservoir**

That Council:

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to declare the 3.05m wide road adjoining the rear of 955 to 961 High Street and adjoining 2 Barry Street, Reservoir, shown hatched in the site plan in Appendix A, to be a public highway for the purposes of the Act.
- (2) In accordance with sections 207A(c) and 223 of the Act, gives public notice in a Melbourne newspaper and on the Internet website of Council of the proposal to declare the road shown hatched in the site plan in Appendix A to be a public highway.
- (3) As part of Council's community engagement process, give separate notices to interested/affected/impacted persons of the proposal to declare the road shown hatched in the site plan in Appendix A to be a public highway.
- (4) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee on 16 May 2022.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-066

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

Road at the rear of 955 to 961 High Street and adjoining 2 Barry Street, Reservoir

That Council:

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to declare the 3.05m wide road adjoining the rear of 955 to 961 High Street and adjoining 2 Barry Street, Reservoir, shown hatched in the site plan in Appendix A, to be a public highway for the purposes of the Act.
- (2) In accordance with sections 207A(c) and 223 of the Act, gives public notice in a Melbourne newspaper and on the Internet website of Council of the proposal to declare the road shown hatched in the site plan in Appendix A to be a public highway.

- (3) As part of Council's community engagement process, give separate notices to interested/affected/impacted persons of the proposal to declare the road shown hatched in the site plan in Appendix A to be a public highway.
- (4) That any submissions received be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee on 16 May 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5

**ADVOCACY REPORT- DAREBIN ADVOCACY STRATEGY
(2022 TO 2026)**

This item was withdrawn by the Chief Executive Officer.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.59 pm.

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