



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.01 P.M.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Diana Asmar (Mayor)
Cr. Stanley Chiang
Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Nick Katsis
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Ben Morgan
Cr. Steven Tsitas

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive
Michael Ballock – Director City Works and Development
Vijaya Vaidyanath – Director Corporate and Business Services
Daniel Freer – Director City Design and Environment
Rhys Thomas – Governance and Corporate Planning Manager
Ron Downes – Council Business Coordinator

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Katsis disclosed a conflict of interest in 'General Business' Item 10.4 (Penders Park - Rubbish Bins) – see Page 54.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 7 February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 46

5.1 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Standing Committee on Local Government and Cultural Diversity meeting.
- Meetings with new Council Directors/Group Managers.
- 2011 Wine Festival Steering Committee meeting.
- Darebin Interfaith Council meeting.
- Full Moon Lunar New Year Festival at the Linh Son Buddhist Temple.
- Planning Committee meeting.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council meeting.
- "Telling our Stories" Workshop.
- Darebin Backyard Harvest Festival.
- 31st Annual Greek Community of Northcote Festival.
- East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Steering Committee meeting.
- Council Budget discussions.
- Meeting to discuss the Financial Report for the 6 month period to 31 December 2010.
- Resident issues.

5.2 REPORT OF CR. BEN MORGAN

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

- Council Briefing Session.
- Resident matters.

5.3 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS

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

- 31st Annual Greek Community of Northcote Festival.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Planning Committee meeting.
- Resident issues, including the Bell City Development.

5.4 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Consultation with residents regarding safety issues in Hughes Parade Reservoir.
- Consultation with residents regarding sewerage overflows in Edgars Creek.
- Consultation with residents regarding damaged trees in various streets.
- Meetings with new Council Directors/Group Managers.
- Consultation with Objectors to several planning permit applications.

5.5 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA

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

- 'Mayors for Peace' workshop.
- Friends of Baucau community meeting.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Planning Committee meeting.
- Australian Bravery Association Conference.
- Service of Remembrance at Government House, Canberra.
- Informal meeting with the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory, Mr Jon Stanhope MLA.

- 38th Dinner Dance for the IBLEO Club.
- Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network Inc meeting.
- South Asian Community Link Group fundraiser dinner for flood victims.

5.6 REPORT OF CR. NICK KATSI

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

- Planning Committee meeting.
- Onsite meetings with various residents regarding laneway issues.
- 31st Annual Greek Community of Northcote Festival.
- Resident issues.

5.7 REPORT OF CR. STANLEY CHIANG

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

- Various Chinese community celebrations for the Chinese New Year.
- Resident issues.

5.8 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Raleigh Street Childrens Centre.
- High Street Northcote Traders Committee meeting.
- Bell City Development – site visit with residents.
- Planning consultation – Gadd Street Northcote.
- Climate Emergency Network roundtable.
- Reception for the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP involving the South Sudanese Community.
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness event.
- Route 86 meeting regarding cycling issues.
- Traffic issues across the Rucker Ward.
- Penders Park regarding a rubbish bin issue.

- Various residents and trader issues including speeding and traffic issues along Victoria Road and rubbish bin collection.
- Meeting with Batman Park Kindergarten representatives.

5.9 REPORT OF THE MAYOR, CR. ASMAR

The Mayor, Cr. Asmar, reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Press Briefing.
- Transport management issues involving the Rucker Ward.
- Official Opening of White Gums and Ramoxes Ceramics Exhibition.
- South Asian Community Link Group fundraiser dinner for flood victims.
- Meeting with Craig Ondarchie MP, Northern Metropolitan Region.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Meeting with Alfred Nuttall Kindergarten representatives regarding traffic issues.
- Bell City Development – meetings with affected residents.
- International Women’s Day Committee meeting.
- Multicultural Press Briefing.
- Meeting with Katrina Knox, Acting Group Manager Community Services, regarding Batman Park Kindergarten.
- 31st Annual Greek Community of Northcote Festival.
- Meetings with Council Officers regarding various issues.
- Council Budget discussions.
- Resident matters.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 47

The Mayor, Cr. Asmar, invited questions from members of the public gallery:

The following questions were submitted:

- Pietro Liuzzi of Reservoir asked a question about the \$250 fee to reserve a picnic shelter/rotunda at Bundoora Park. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar and the Director City Design and Environment, Daniel Freer.
- Dr Catherine McNab of Preston asked a question about community consultation in relation to proposed amendments to the Bell City Development Plan. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar.
- David Manenti of Preston asked a question about the proposed rezoning of 1 Garnet Street Preston, application of the Road Closure Overlay to the abutting right of way and variation of the schedule to Clause 52.03. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar, who indicated that a written response would be forwarded.
- Annie Bolitho of Preston asked a question about the possibility of Council asking the Minister for Planning to call in the Bell City Development proposal. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar.
- Mary Soumbasis of Preston asked a question about Council consideration of residents' concerns and issues in relation to the Bell City Development proposal. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar.
- Mary Soumbasis of Preston asked a question about the alleged use by a neighbour of harmful spray chemicals. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar.
- Andonia Michalakakos of Thornbury asked a question about rate valuations involving properties she owns in the City. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar.

After Public Question Time had concluded, two further questions were submitted in writing.

7. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 48

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- DAREBINhealth Steering Committee – 2 February 2011
- Preston Business Advisory Committee – 2 February 2011
- Northland Structure Plan Project Steering Committee – 3 February 2011
- Council Briefing Session – 14 February 2011

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Morgan
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT the records of Assemblies of Councillors held on 2, 3 and 14 February 2011 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	DAREBINhealth (Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) Steering Committee
	Date:	Wednesday 2 February 2011
	Location:	Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Gaetano Greco, Cr Stanley Chiang
	Council Staff:	Tennille Bradley, Jess Fraser, Che Sutherland
	Other:	Representatives of Darebin Community Health, Northern Area Mental Health Service, Darebin Progress Association, Women's Health in the North, Northern Division of General Practice, PANCH Health Service, North East Primary Care Partnership, Mental Illness Fellowship of Victoria and Urban Trans.
APOLOGIES:		Planning for a Healthier North, Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre, Department of Health, Neami and Austin Health.

The Assembly commenced at 3.30pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Healthy Communities Local Government Area Grant	No disclosures were made
2	Review of the 2011 Action Plan for the Darebin Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009-2013	No disclosures were made
3	Planning for the Inaugural Health and Wellbeing Forum 2011	No disclosures were made
4	Member updates – Activity for 2011	No disclosures were made
5	Update from Darebin Local Safety Committee	No disclosures were made
6	Review of the Terms of Reference	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 5.00pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Tennille Bradley
	Officer Title:	Coordinator Community Access, Health and Safety



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Preston Business Advisory Committee
	Date:	Wednesday 2 December 2011
	Location:	Red Room – Level 1, 274 Gower Street Preston.
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Vince Fontana
	Council Staff:	Eddy Boscarior, Vanessa Gashtasbi
	Other:	Representatives of Bell City, Bullants Football Club, Preston Marketing Coordinator, Old Fire Station Café, Preston Eye Care, Preston Market, Snap Printing, Westpac, and Bendigo Bank.
APOLOGIES:		Bendigo Bank, Commonwealth Bank, Cheaper Party Supplies, Preston Girls Secondary College, Commonwealth Bank, National Bank and CGU.

The Assembly commenced at 4.05pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Marketing Report	No disclosures were made
2	Capital Works (information only)	No disclosures were made
2	Financial report (information only)	No disclosures were made
3	Newsletter (information only)	No disclosures were made
4	Expression of Interest for PBAC membership	No disclosures were made
5	Other business	Cr. Vince Fontana left the meeting at 5 pm.

The Assembly concluded at 5.15pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Eddy Boscarior
	Officer Title:	Manager Economic Development and Employment



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Northland Structure Plan Project Steering Committee
	Date:	Thursday 3 February 2011
	Location:	Council Chambers
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Vince Fontana, Cr Nick Katsis
	Council Staff:	Darren Rudd, Gilda Di Vincenzo
	Other:	Department of Planning and Community Development officer, Colonial First State Global Asset Management representative, Northland Secondary College representative, City of Banyule council officer
APOLOGIES:		Cr Ben Morgan

The Assembly commenced at 4.30pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Northland vision scenarios (presentation and discussion)	No disclosures were made
2	Next steps for project	No disclosures were made
3	Other Matters	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 5.50pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Gilda Di Vincenzo
	Officer Title:	Senior Strategic Planner



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Briefing Session
	Date:	14 February 2011
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Diana Asmar (Mayor), Cr Vince Fontana, Cr Gaetano Greco, Cr Ben Morgan and Cr Steven Tsitas
	Council Staff:	Michael Ballock, Daniel Freer, Vijaya Vaidyanath, Kerrie Jordan, Pradeep Agrawal and Sylvia Vucetic
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Stanley Chiang, Cr Nick Katsis, Cr Tim Laurence, and Cr Trent McCarthy

The Assembly commenced at 7.05pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Mid-Year Review	None
2	New Darebin website	None
3	Community Kite Festival	None

The Assembly concluded at 8.30pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Michael Ballock
	Officer Title:	Director City Works and Development

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 FINANCIAL REPORT – 6 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

MINUTE NO. 49

AUTHOR: Financial Accountant – Michael O’Riordan

REVIEWED BY: Director Corporate and Business Services – Vijaya Vaidyanath

SUMMARY:

A comprehensive mid-year financial review has been undertaken for the six months ended 31 December 2010 to assess the financial performance of Council year-to-date and the forecast financial position as at 30 June 2011. The outcome of the review indicates that Council has achieved a year-to-date operating surplus of \$43.9 million, which is \$4.2 million ahead of budget and a capital works expenditure of \$9.3 million, which is \$7.7 million behind the budget. The forecast actual results for the year ending 30 June 2011 are an operating surplus of \$5.3 million and capital works expenditure of \$36.2 million. All material variations have been explained in the report.

CONSULTATION:

Managers and Co-ordinators.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

THAT the contents of the “Financial Report for the six months ended 31 December 2010” included as **Appendix A** to this report be received and the year-to-date and full-year forecast actual and budget operating and capital results be noted.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Under the Local Government Act 1989, at least every three months the Chief Executive Officer is required to present to the Council a statement comparing the budgeted with the actual revenues and expenses for the financial year to date. In complying with the Act, the attached report (**Appendix A**) compares the actual and budgeted operating revenues and expenses and the actual and budgeted capital revenues and expenses for the six months

ended 31 December 2010. It also compares the actual and budgeted movements in the Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement for that period.

In addition, a detailed review of the estimated financial results for the year ending 30 June 2011 has been performed as part of Council's mid-year review process. The outcomes of this review are included within the report as the forecast financial results.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Operating Performance

The Operating Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2010 is an operating surplus before capital revenue and other items of \$43.2 million, which is \$4.8 million ahead of budget. The main items contributing to this favorable variance are rates, contributions, operating grants and contributions, other revenue, employee benefits, material and services and depreciation offset by unfavorable variances in capital grants and contributions. After capital and other items, the operating surplus is \$43.9 million, which is \$4.2 million ahead of budget. The forecast Operating Performance for the year ending 30 June 2011 is an operating surplus of \$5.3 million, which is \$5.0 million more than budget.

Capital Performance

The Capital Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2010 shows that a total of \$9.3 million has been expended on the capital works program, which is \$7.7 million behind the budget. The variance is due mainly to timing differences on the roads, building and open space works projects and purchase of plant and equipment. The forecast total to be expended on capital works for the year ending 30 June 2011 is \$36.2 million, which is \$1.1 million less than budget. A total of \$1.7 million is forecast to be carried forward into the 2011/2012 year for capital works expected to be incomplete as at 30 June 2011.

Financial Position

The Financial Position as at 31 December 2010 shows a cash balance of \$42.3 million which is \$10.7 million ahead of budget. The variance is due mainly to the higher opening cash position compared with budget and timing differences in payments to suppliers and employees, purchase of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment and government receipts. The net current asset position is \$66.2 million which is \$13.3 million more than budget. The variance is due mainly to the higher cash position and lower trade and other payables compared with budget. The net asset position is \$964.6 million, which is \$6.5 million ahead of budget. The forecast Financial Position as at 30 June 2011 shows a cash position of \$30.2 million and net current assets of \$13.4 million.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Nil.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Nil.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

The Financial Report for the six months ended 31 December 2010 shows that Council's year-to-date operating result is a surplus of \$43.9 million and \$9.3 million has been expended on capital works. The forecast actual results for year ending 30 June 2011 are an operating surplus of \$5.3 million and capital works expenditure of \$36.2 million.

FUTURE ACTIONS

A further financial report will be presented to Council for the eight months ending 28 February 2011.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

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

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

8.2 DAREBIN WEBSITE / REPLACEMENT OF CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**MINUTE NO. 50****AUTHOR: Internet/Intranet Development Officer – Sylvia Vucetic****REVIEWED BY: Director Corporate and Business Services – Vijaya Vaidyanath****SUMMARY:**

The *Darebin Web Strategy 2009-2013* identified that the current Content Management System (CMS) in use at Darebin, the Webcomm CMS by Aussoft Solutions Pty Ltd, was reaching the end of its lifespan and would require replacement in order to ensure our websites could integrate Web 2.0 technologies in the future. The Webcomm CMS has been in use at Darebin since 2003, and manages 9 Council Websites: Darebin City Council Website, Darebin Intranet, Darebin Community Portal, Bundoora Park, Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Northcote Town Hall, Reservoir Leisure Centre, Darebin International Sports Centre and Sustainable Homes.

The purchase of a replacement CMS will significantly improve the ability to deliver improved features and functionality for website visitors, Web Authors and Administrators. Selection of a new system can provide collaborative tools for our websites (e.g. wikis, forums, blogs) and user generated content (eg. commenting, ratings, tagging) which will allow our websites to interact further with our customers (eg. video, instant messaging, SMS, map integration), and allow staff to mutually work together across the organisation on projects. The new CMS also provides an opportunity to integrate with supporting systems, such as our Geographic Information System (GIS) and Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).

A tender process has been undertaken by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), on behalf of Councils, including Darebin. This report recommends the purchase of the IgnitionSuite CMS provided by The Blue Arc Group as the product most suited to Darebin's needs.

The report recommends that The Blue Arc Group be selected for the following websites to be upgraded: Darebin City Council Website, Darebin Intranet, Darebin Community Portal and a new website is proposed for Darebin Venues and Facilities.

CONSULTATION:

- Internet/Intranet Steering Committee
- Chief Information Officer
- Senior Coordinator Communications and Marketing
- Website Communications Officer

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council resolve to enter into a contract with The Blue Arc Group under the Municipal Association of Victoria Web Content Management System contract for the supply of the IgnitionSuite Content Management System, including services and support for a transition to a new Content Management System at a cost of \$160,000, and \$28,000 in implementation costs for a total expenditure of \$188,000 over two years.
- (2) The Chief Information Officer be authorised to negotiate and execute the contract documentation for this contract.

CARRIED

REPORT**INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) conducted a group tender process for a new Web CMS in 2010 and invited all Councils who were interested to take part, of which 24 responded. Darebin was represented on the Tender Evaluation Panel by Council's Internet/Intranet Development Officer, Sylvia Vucetic.

The MAV selected two preferred suppliers, and both were provided with the opportunity to demonstrate their products to Council staff. Two additional CMS products (Sitecore and Elcom Community Manager) were also evaluated. After the initial demonstrations the preferred supplier for Darebin's requirements was identified as The Blue Arc Group.

As the replacement of the Content Management System is undertaken under the MAV Web Content Management System Tender CM4323, it conforms with and is compliant with Section 186(A) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**Company Overview**

The Blue Arc Group has been operating for 12 years, and currently has 33 staff, with 11 years experience working with Local Government. The IgnitionSuite CMS they provide was originally developed in 1999 for Manly Council, and the IgnitionSuite CMS accounts for a large proportion of their business. The IgnitionSuite CMS is currently used on over 1,000 websites, and the latest version of the product (version 4.0) was released in December 2010. The Blue Arc Group provide services to design and develop websites, and can assist with content migration where requested. IgnitionSuite is a .Net based product, which suits our Microsoft centric IT environment at Darebin. A Microsoft Gold Certified Partner since 2005, The Blue Arc Group can help develop and design SharePoint based websites if required in the future.

The Blue Arc Group is based in Sydney, however their staff visit Melbourne weekly and reference checking has found them to be easily contactable for face-to-face meetings and support requirements. All change requests and any problems with the CMS are logged in an online system that can be checked at any time to track progress.

Government Clients Include: Whitehorse City Council, City of Yarra, Stonnington City Council, Leichardt City Council, The Hills Shire Council, Willoughby Council, Townsville Council, Penrith Council, Campbelltown Council, Wyong Shire and Port Stephens Council.

Corporate Clients Include: Sydney Airport, Freedom Furniture, Sensis, VLine, Bridge Climb, Sydney Cricket Ground Trust, Westpac Ruby Connection, Pulse Pharmacy, David Lawrence, MARCS, Lion Wines, Blanco.

IgnitionSuite CMS Modules/Features

- Community Directory
- Event Calendar
- Tenders
- Multilingual Content
- Reporting
- Extranet
- eNewsletters
- Online Forms/Surveys
- Web 2.0 Functionality (wikis, forums, blogs, commenting).

CMS Key Functionality

- Document Library
- Image Library
- Web Editing
- Publishing and Archiving
- Security Permissions
- Map Integration (possible with development)
- Accessibility Standards
- Search Engine Optimisation Friendly
- Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) Integration - possible with development.

Discussion

The IgnitionSuite solution provided by The Blue Arc Group has been assessed as suitable to meet Darebin's basic CMS requirements, without sacrificing major functionality of our existing websites (eg. Community Directory, Tenders, Event Calendar). The integration of external systems such as the EDMS, Geographic Information System (GIS) and Active Directory will allow us to extend the current functionality of the CMS for the benefit of Web Authors and the public in the future. The product will provide most of the Web 2.0

functionality our websites are currently missing (eg. wikis, blogs, commenting), and will allow our sites to be more interactive, and serve user generated content (including encouraging publishing from staff without CMS training).

The What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get (WYSIWYG) editing tool will assist Web Authors to easily update pages, and as a result will also be easier to train staff to use (as the WYSIWYG toolbar functions are similar to the Microsoft Office Suite). The IgnitionSuite CMS will prevent staff from accidentally modifying the website look and feel, providing greater consistency. The granular security permissions will also enable the CMS Administrators to allocate additional rights for staff who show advanced understanding and capability. The built-in conversion tools for documents and images will save CMS Administrators and Web Authors alike, as they will not require additional programs to convert files into the appropriate web file formats.

Implementation Consideration

At present, the nine existing websites have their own individual design and specific features and are independent of the main Council website. This allows for greater flexibility for each site, but adds to the cost. It is proposed that a specific web design for each website will be developed for the Darebin City Council Website, Darebin Intranet, and Darebin Community Portal.

At this stage, the intention is that the remaining four arts and leisure related sites be accommodated in one specifically designed website or retained on the existing Content Management System. This will require four separate website designs in total for the new system over two years, and the project is costed on this basis.

CMS IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

Existing Website	Proposed Action
Darebin Council Website	Upgrade to IgnitionSuite CMS
Darebin Staff Intranet	Upgrade to IgnitionSuite CMS
Darebin Community Portal	Upgrade to IgnitionSuite CMS
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre	Merged into Darebin Venues & Facilities Website
Northcote Town Hall	Merged into Darebin Venues & Facilities Website
Bundoora Park	Merged into Darebin Venues & Facilities Website
Reservoir Leisure Centre	Merged into Darebin Venues & Facilities Website
Darebin International Sports Centre	Not Upgraded to IgnitionSuite CMS
Sustainable Homes	Not Upgraded to IgnitionSuite CMS

Other Considerations

The extensive experience of The Blue Arc Group in Local Government and within the web industry should be a major advantage for ongoing support and future developments. The Blue Arc Group provides a range of support options available to Darebin and the support offered by the company can be easily monitored via the online logging system. The Blue Arc Group offer a complete end-to-end product as they offer a CMS, support, website development and website design services.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

The Internet has been a great medium to disseminate information and undertake simple transactions online. To the extent that our revamped website further improves these services, it may reduce travel needs of stakeholders and residents, and therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions within our community.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

In Australia, the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 governs Local Government responsibilities in regards to web accessibility and the Australian Human Rights Commission generally recommends a minimum conformance to Level AA of Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 1.0 guidelines, until they provide an official recommendation on the new guidelines for WCAG 2.0. The Australian Government have outlined a transition phase for all government agency websites that web content created after July 2010 must meet WCAG 2.0 to at least Single A level by December 2012, and must meet WCAG 2.0 to Double A by December 2014.

The proposed CMS will help to ensure Darebin's websites are accessible and comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines which work to ensure that both website structure and content are suitable and are accessible for all people, including those with disabilities who may have trouble accessing visual and audio content due to vision or auditory impairments, or people with motor skill difficulties or intellectual and cognitive disabilities.

The IgnitionSuite CMS will enable the translations Darebin provides in 12 languages on the Darebin Website (Chinese, Arabic, Croatian, Bosnian, Italian, Macedonian, Greek, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese) to be correctly displayed, particularly the correct representation of non-Latin based character sets such as Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese.

The opportunity to utilise automated translation tools on the Darebin Website to save on translations cost is unlikely due to the potential quality of meaning to be poorly misrepresented to readers on the site. One misrepresented word can negatively affect the meaning of the translated text, and due to the breadth and nature of subject matter Council is responsible for providing, it would be difficult to ensure the accuracy of the subject matter. Key concerns are translations relating to planning and building regulations, local laws, and community services and the negative impact it may result in if text was translated incorrectly by a third party tool. Therefore, translations provided on the Darebin Website will continue to be managed manually with translations sourced by human translators.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Council Budget allocation in the 2010/2011 financial year for the replacement of the Content Management System is \$132,000 (including GST). \$78,000 was flagged in the Capital Budget Submission for costs to be incurred in the 2011/2012 financial year. The commitment from Council to approve the IgnitionSuite CMS contract is \$188,000 over two years, the current year capital expenditure of \$110,000 is within the expected level of the 2010/2011 budget.

CMS Pricing			
COSTS (Incl. GST)	Year 1	Year 2	
Software and Additional Modules:	\$ 28,600	\$	13,200
Planning, Development, Website Design:	\$ 53,586	\$	53,586
Support and Maintenance:	\$ 7,700	\$	-
Other Costs:	\$ 16,500	\$	11,000
TOTAL	\$ 106,386	\$	77,786
ROUNDED UP TO	\$ 110,000	\$	78,000
2 YEAR COST		\$	188,000

Planning, development and website design costs are based on MAV specifications appropriate for a base Council's needs, allowing for some variations. The specific requirements will need to be confirmed during the planning phase once a functional specification is outlined for each website. If additional functionality or multiple designs are required additional costs may be incurred for the required development.

Other Costs includes:

- Other optional modules (eg. Active Directory integration).
- System integration (eg. GIS IntraMaps integration).
- Other services in relation to the setup of the websites.
- Contingency planning.

CONCLUSION

In summary, the IgnitionSuite CMS product will be an appropriate replacement for the Webcomm Content Management System in use at Darebin, as it can match most of the existing functionality, as well as lead us into the future with Web 2.0 functions. The Blue Arc Group have been assessed to be a professional company with a well resourced development and support team which should greatly assist Darebin's website development strategy in the years to come. The cost of the project with the Blue Arc Group is \$188,000 over 2 years.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Meeting to be held with the Blue Arc Group to discuss contract arrangements under the MAV Web Content Management System contract.
- Contract to be signed by Chief Information Officer (CIO) for provision of the IgnitionSuite Content Management System.
- Initial planning meeting with vendors to discuss technical specifications and design requirements.
- A workshop organised with Councillors to understand expectations and requirements of the new website.
- Implementation Plan devised for replacement of websites.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

The Author of the Briefing Paper, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this briefing paper.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- CM4323 Provision of a Web Content Management System Recommendation Report
- CM4323 Content Management System Evaluation Matrix
- Content Management System Recommendation Report for Darebin City Council
- Venue Website Management Benchmark Across Local Government
- 2009-2013 Web Strategy
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Guidelines

8.3 AMENDMENT C109 – COMBINED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT AND PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REZONE 1 GARNET FROM THE RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE TO THE BUSINESS 2 ZONE AND TO APPLY A ROAD CLOSURE OVERLAY.

MINUTE NO. 51

AUTHOR: Strategic Planner – Long Nguyen

REVIEWED BY: Director City Works and Development – Michael Ballock

SUMMARY:

SK Planning on behalf of Summerhill Crash Repairs lodged a combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit to:

- Rezone 1 Garnet Street Preston from the Residential 1 Zone (R1Z) to the Business 2 Zone (B2Z).
- Apply the Road Closure Overlay (RXO) to the laneway abutting 1 Garnet Street Preston.
- Vary the schedule to Clause 52.03 to identify the Summerhill Crash Repairs land as land which may be developed and used in accordance with the document titled "*Summerhill Crash Repairs Master Plan, August 2009*".
- Construction of a workshop building to be used for Motor Vehicle repairs and associated alterations to panel beating and motor vehicle repair premises on adjoining lands and create associated easements for carriageway, light, drainage and sewerage.

The site is a vacant lot located in a residential precinct in Preston between High Street, Plenty Road and Bell Street. The area around the subject land contains a mix of commercial and service industrial businesses fronting Plenty Road.

Garnet Street Preston itself is predominantly residential for the 200 metres that it stretches between High Street and Plenty Road.

The concurrent planning application seeks approval for the use and development of a 42.44m² x 5.6 metre high workshop for motor vehicle repairs including the dismantling and rebuilding of vehicles. It is understood the proposal does not involve any spray painting or panel repair activities. The planning application component cannot be considered unless the site is rezoned to the B2Z due to the fact a motor vehicle repair business is a prohibited use under the R1Z.

Before undertaking a detailed assessment of the development proposal, an assessment needs to be made of whether rezoning 1 Garnet Street Preston from R1Z to B2Z can be strategically justified.

CONSULTATION:

- Statutory Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Asset Management

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council not support the request to rezone 1 Garnet Street, Preston from Residential 1 to Business 2 and construct a vehicle workshop.

MOTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana

SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT Council request authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an amendment to:

- (1) Rezone 1 Garnet Street Preston from Residential 1 zone to Business 2 zone.
- (2) Apply the Road Closure Overlay to the laneway abutting 1 Garnet Street Preston.
- (3) Vary the schedule to Clause 52.03 to identify the Summerhill Crash Repairs land as land which may be developed and used in accordance with the document titled 'Summerhill Crash Repairs Master Plan, August 2009'.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred to enable further information to be provided.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT Council request authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an amendment to:

- (1) Rezone 1 Garnet Street Preston from Residential 1 zone to Business 2 zone.
- (2) Apply the Road Closure Overlay to the laneway abutting 1 Garnet Street Preston.
- (3) Vary the schedule to Clause 52.03 to identify the Summerhill Crash Repairs land as land which may be developed and used in accordance with the document titled 'Summerhill Crash Repairs Master Plan, August 2009'.

CARRIED

REPORT**INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The site has an area of 346m² and is zoned Residential 1. It adjoins a right-of-way that provides rear access to 159-173 Plenty Road Preston and to 1 and 3 Garnet Street Preston. Land to the south and east is zoned Business 2 and is occupied by a large panel beating business (Summerhill Crash Repairs) fronting Plenty Road.

In March 2007, a single storey house on the site experienced irreparable fire damage. The house has been demolished, leaving the site vacant.

The site is located in the Junction area which is characterised by a mix of commercial and service industrial businesses addressing the major transport routes of Plenty Road and High Street. Housing is located behind these properties and fronts the streets running east-west. A right-of-way separates the commercial properties from the dwellings in R1Z. A number of larger, former industrial sites are located near the junction of High Street and Plenty Road in Preston, approximately 300 metres south of Raglan Street. These sites have been redeveloped or will be redeveloped for a mix of retail, office and residential activities. The commercial properties on High Street and Plenty Road, north of Raglan Street are smaller in scale.

Garnet Street Preston is one of four residential streets running east-west between High Street and Plenty Road. The housing in these streets is a mix of Victorian, Edwardian and other inter-war styles.



Figure 1&2: 1 Garnet Street and Council owned laneway (Source: Darebin City Council)

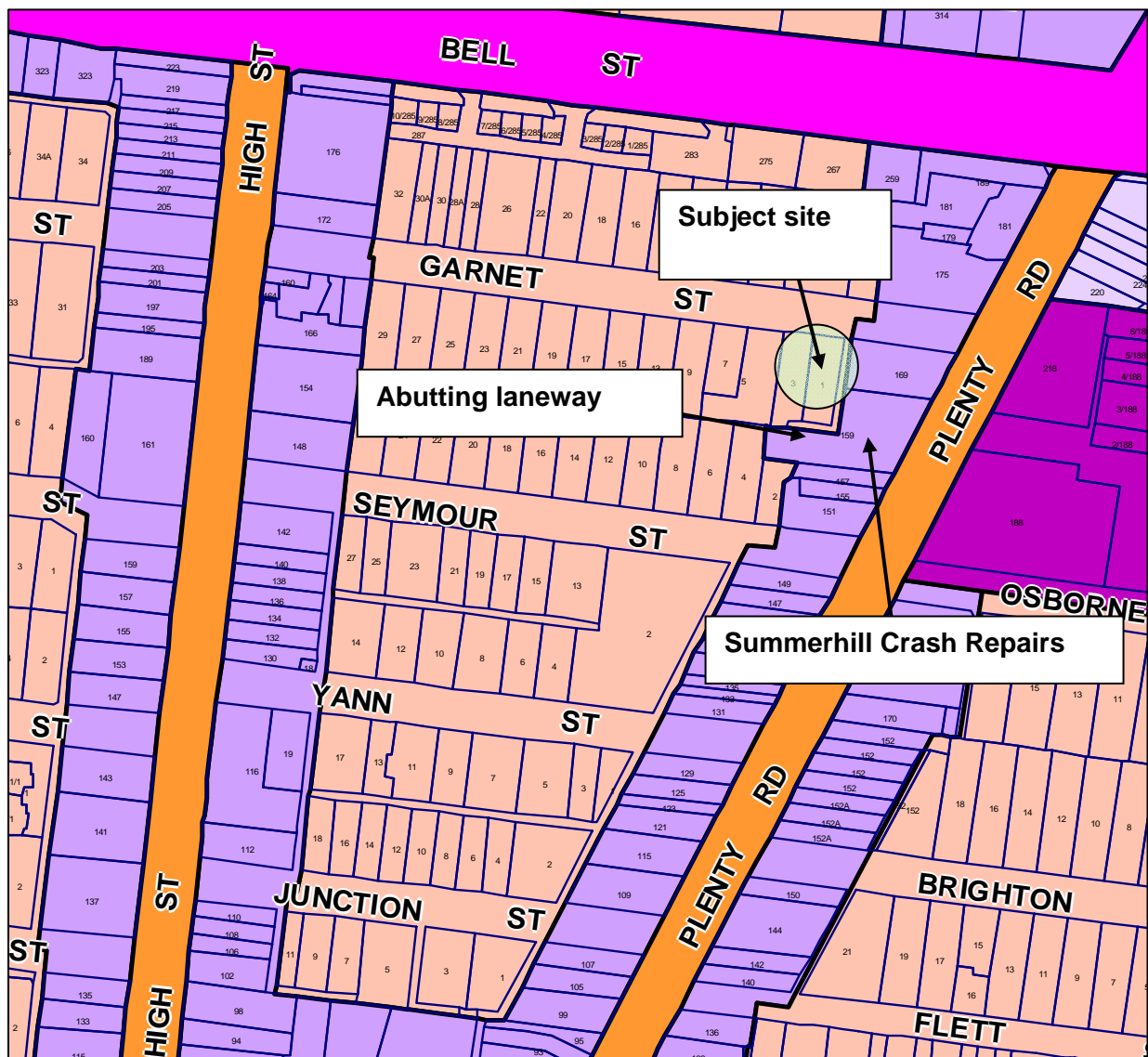


Figure 3: Subject site and surrounding environment (Source: Darebin City Council)

A similar request for the same site to initiate a combined planning scheme amendment and permit was put before Council in its meeting on 6 August 2007 in the form of Amendment C78 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.

Amendment C78 was not supported and Council resolved to refuse the request in its meeting 6 August 2007.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The proposal

A request has been made for a combined permit and amendment request pursuant to *Section 96(A) of the Planning and Environment Act (1987)* (the 'Act').

The amendment proposes to:

- Rezone 1 Garnet Street Preston from R1Z to B2Z.
- Apply the Road Closure Overlay (RXO) to the laneway abutting 1 Garnet Street Preston.
- Vary the schedule to Clause 52.03 to identify the Summerhill Crash Repairs land as land which may be developed and used in accordance with the document titled "*Summerhill Crash Repairs Master Plan, August 2009*".

The permit is for:

- Construction of a workshop building to be used for motor vehicle repairs and associated alterations to panel beating and motor vehicle repair premises on adjoining lands and create associated easements for carriageway, light, drainage and sewerage.

Prohibited uses in the R1Z

The proposal to construct a workshop building for motor vehicle repairs is prohibited under the R1Z. The proposed development relies on the rezoning of 1 Garnet Street Preston. The proposal cannot be considered unless the site is rezoned.

Before undertaking a detailed assessment of the development proposal, an assessment needs to be made of whether rezoning 1 Garnet Street Preston from R1Z to B2Z can be supported by Council's land use planning policies.

Junction Integrated Development Plan (2001)

The Junction Integrated Development Plan (JIDP) was developed and adopted by Council in 2001 to set a future direction for land use in the Junction area. The plan and its recommendations were implemented via Amendment C16 to the Darebin Planning Scheme in 2002.

The JIDP identified 10 precincts within the Junction including:

- A Multi-Purpose precinct covering properties along Plenty Road and High Street
- 4 residential precincts including the area north of Raglan Street between Plenty Road and High Street.

The aim of the precinct approach was to set a future direction that would allow for a strengthening of land uses in particular areas.

The JIDP encourages a mix of small businesses fronting High Street and Plenty Road; and consolidating the residential precincts. 1 Garnet Street Preston is located in a residential precinct next to the Multi-Purpose precinct (see figure 4 below).

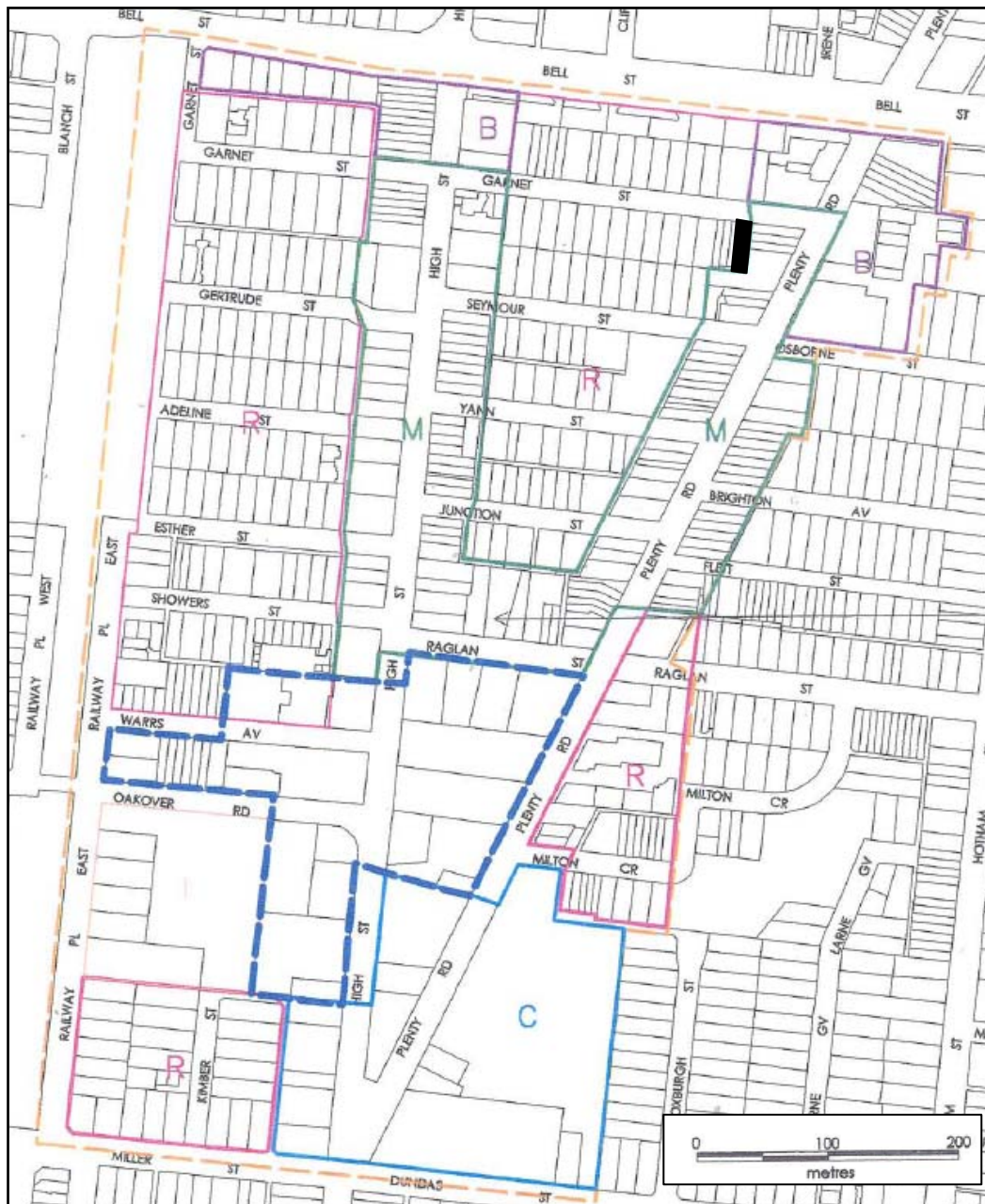


Figure 4: JUNCTION INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRECINCT PLAN (Source: Darebin City Council)

R	Residential
M	Multi-Purpose
B	Business
I	Industrial
C	Commercial & Retail
	1 Garnet Street

Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS)

Clause 21.05-5 (Economic Development) of the MSS encourages the protection of viable industrial and commercial uses in the City of Darebin however it includes a strategy to *encourage the revitalisation of the Junction area for a range of business and residential development through implementing the Junction Integrated Development Plan.*

The JIDP is implemented through Clause 22.02 – The Junction Local Area Plan local planning policy (described below) which is Council's most important guide for decision-making in the Junction. It anticipates redevelopment and reuse of former industrial land in precincts identified for future commercial, industrial and mixed use development, rather than in the residential precincts in the Junction. It is important to note that this strategic direction encourages a transition from industrial land uses in favour of uses which can co-exist with more intense residential development.

Local Planning Policy Framework

Clause 22.02 The Junction Local Area Plan local planning policy describes the Junction area as being characterised by a mix of commercial, retail and industrial properties fronting Plenty Road and High Street.

It states that the preferred future for The Junction is a vibrant mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses.

The key objectives of The Junction Local Area Plan local planning policy are:

- To enhance the existing commercial spine along High Street and Plenty Road by encouraging a mix of uses.
- To improve the safety and amenity of High Street and Plenty Road.
- To encourage redevelopment of selected underutilised and redundant industrial sites for commercial and medium to higher density residential purposes.
- To recognise existing residential areas and to consolidate and improve the amenity of these areas and ensure new development does not unreasonably impact upon the amenity of existing residences.
- To stimulate opportunities for job creation.

The amendment site is located in a residential precinct adjacent to a mixed use precinct facing Plenty Road. The rezoning request is clearly at odds with Objective 4 of the Junction policy which seeks to consolidate and improve the amenity of the residential areas and so this policy does not support the application to rezone.

The introduction of an industrial use within a street that is composed entirely of residential uses is difficult to justify against this policy.

The B2Z

It is proposed to rezone the land to the B2Z to match the zoning of 159 – 167 Plenty Road.

The purpose of the B2Z is:

- *To encourage the development of offices and associated commercial uses.*

A permit can be obtained under the B2Z to use the land for 'industry'; however it cannot be a use that is listed under Clause 52.10 '*Uses with adverse amenity effects*'. The B2Z, in this instance, must be read in conjunction with Clause 52.10.

Clause 52.10 – Use with adverse amenity potential

The purpose of Clause 52.10 is to define types of industries and warehouses that if not appropriately designed and located may raise amenity issues or create an unacceptable risk to the neighbourhood. The proposal to use the site for panel beating services is inconsistent with the clause as the recommended threshold distance for this type of industry is 100 metres from an existing residential zone.

Clause 52.03 - Specific Sites and Exclusions

As the proposal is prohibited under the R1Z and the B2Z, amending Clause 52.03 may permit a use that is otherwise prohibited under the zones which can allow for the construction of the vehicle workshop for panel beating services on 1 Garnet Street, Preston.

The purpose of Clause 52.03 is:

- *To recognise specific controls designed to achieve a particular land use and development outcome existing on the approval date.*
- *To provide in extraordinary circumstances specific controls designed to achieve a particular land use and development outcome.*

Discussions with the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD)

Amendment C109 was discussed with DPCD on 29 November 2010. There was concern regarding the proposed use of clause 52.03 as this clause should only be amended for matters of State and Regional significance. Whilst Council is entitled to proceed with requesting authorisation to prepare the amendment, it was advised that authorisation may be granted subject to the following conditions:

- Removal of the request to amend Clause 52.03.
- Amend the request to show a change in the rezoning proposal, that 159 – 167 Plenty Road and 1 Garnet Street Preston be rezoned to the Industrial 3 Zone (IN3Z).

Rezoning 159 – 167 Plenty Road and 1 Garnet Street Preston will conflict with the Local Planning Policy Framework and raise issues with amenity for existing residential properties. It will also compromise the body of work Council prepared and introduced as part of Amendment C16 which rezoned this section (including the Summerhill Crash Repair site) of Plenty Road from IN3Z to B2Z in 2002.

Junction Area Development Plan (2001)

The *Junction Area Development Plan* rezoned properties located in the Junction Area from the Industrial Zones (IN1Z and IN3Z) to a combination of Business Zones (B1Z and B2Z) in 2002. It was envisaged that the rezoning would facilitate:

- A shift from the traditional manufacturing industrial uses to a business and services use.
- A resurgence of the precinct as a viable residential location and a market requirement for higher density residential development.
- Redevelopment of the precinct.

- Enhance the existing residential areas and reduce potential conflict with industry over time.

Rezoning 159 – 167 Plenty Road and 1 Garnet Street Preston to IN3Z is inconsistent with the Junction Area Development Plan (2001) and cannot be strategically justified.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

The extension and expansion of industry in a residential area may raise issues with amenity for existing residents.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

The refusal of the request to proceed with Amendment C109 to the Darebin Planning Scheme will not raise tensions with social inclusion and diversity issues.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are provisions within the Strategic Planning budget for the exhibition and processing of a planning scheme amendment.

CONCLUSION

The proposal is dependant on the rezoning of 1 Garnet Street Preston to B2Z and a change to Clause 52.03 to allow for the use of a land that is otherwise prohibited under the zone. As the site is separated from Summerhill Crash Repairs by a Council owned laneway, it is also required to close off, sell and apply the RXO to the laneway in order to proceed with construction.

The process to determine whether Council would support the sale of the laneway has not been made and it is not necessary unless the rezoning of the site is supported.

A critical element to Amendment C109 is whether DPCD will support the proposed zoning and changes to Clause 52.03. As discussed in the body of this report, the clause should only be amended for matters of State and Regional Significance. DPCD has advised Council Authorisation may be granted, subject to the following conditions;

- Removal of the request to amend Clause 52.03. and;
- Rezone 1 Garnet Street and 159 – 167 Plenty Road to the Industrial 3 Zone.

Rezoning the sites to the former Industrial 3 Zone would represent as a contradiction of Amendment C16 which rezoned the Summerhill Crash Repairs site from IN3Z to B2Z in 2002. The proposal is also inconsistent with the Junction Area and is likely to generate amenity issues with the adjoining residential area.

While Council is free to proceed with the amendment request, there is little strategic justification for the support of the proposal. For this reason, it is recommended that Council refuse to initiate the proposed combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit application for 1 Garnet Street, Preston.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- The applicants will be notified of Council's decision.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 2006 Municipal Strategic Statement
- Linking Economic Development to Land-Use Planning – An Issues Paper, Essential Economics, 1999
- Industrial Land Use Strategy 2001
- Junction Integrated Development Plan, Pinnacle Property Group & KLM Gerner, 2001

**8.4 DAREBIN PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW PROJECT
CT1110****MINUTE NO. 52****AUTHOR: Principal Strategic Planner (Projects) - Vige Satkunarajah****REVIEWED BY: Director City Works and Development - Michael Ballock****SUMMARY:**

Following the Council briefing on the project on the 28 June 2010, the Council at its meeting on 5 July 2010 endorsed the planning scheme review process for the Darebin Planning Scheme. The Strategic Planning Unit has since undertaken the Darebin Planning Scheme Review (the review).

For Stage 1 of the project, key issues associated with the current planning scheme and the land use issues confronting Darebin were identified and the Background and Key Issues Paper (B&KIP) was presented to Council at its meeting on 7 December 2011. Based on the findings from the B&KIP, the Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 has been prepared.

The purpose of this report is to:

- Submit the Council the findings from the Darebin Planning Scheme Review 2010
- Request the Council adopt each of the recommendations in the final review report
- Request the Council to adopt the final review report, and
- Seek Council's approval to forward the final review report to the Minister for Planning.

CONSULTATION:

A series of workshops and questionnaire surveys were conducted in June and July 2010 with Council's internal units including:

- Darebin Planning Scheme Review Project Management Team
- Statutory Planning Unit – questionnaire survey, workshop and one to one meetings where necessary
- Strategic Planning Unit – questionnaire survey, workshop and one to one meetings where necessary
- Other internal units – mini - questionnaire survey, workshop and one to one meetings where necessary, and
- The final draft review report was sent to all internal units for comments.

In addition, there has been ongoing consultation with the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) at the key stages of the project including:

- At the early stage to receive DPCD's directions for the review
- The Key Issues Paper was discussed with DPCD and their comments were incorporated

- The third draft review report was consulted with DPCD for comments, and
- The final Draft Review Report was sent to DPCD for comments.

Comments received from consultations have been incorporated as appropriate.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT Council:

- Adopt each of the recommendations as put forward in the body of the final Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 (**Appendix A**)
- Adopt the final Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 pursuant to Section 12B(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- Forward the final Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 to the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 12B(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The review comprises the following 3 Stages.

- Stage 1 of the process involves audit analysis of the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- Stage 2 of the project will review the vision for the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) including land use policies to reflect the current and future land use and development needs of the community.
- Stage 3 of the project will involve implementation process including planning scheme amendments to give statutory effect to the policies and changes made through the review process. This will include measures to simplify the planning scheme and reduce the number of minor planning applications that need to be processed. This will be of major benefit to home owners or the mum and dad developers and free up the planning permit approval process to focus more on major planning applications.

As part of Stage 1 of the project the B&KIP was prepared. The B&KIP informed the development of the draft Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 which was circulated internally and to DPCD for comments. The comments received were incorporated as appropriate in the final report.

The review recommendations form the basis and provide direction for the remainder of the project including the re-write of the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS), and revision of the local section of the planning scheme.

The purpose of this report is to present the Council with the findings of the review and request the Council to adopt the Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 in accordance with the Section 12B(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the *Act*) and to seek approval to forward the review report to the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 12B(1) of the *Act*.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The findings of the Darebin Planning Scheme Review is summarised below.

Effectiveness of the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) (Clauses 10-19)

The SPPF covers strategic issues of State importance. It provide policies under nine headings - settlement, environmental and landscape values, environmental risks, natural resource management, built environment and heritage, housing, economic development, transport and infrastructure.

Whilst a broad range of issues are covered and provided with state-wide strategic directions there are a number of policy gaps identified in the State policies which require direction and statutory controls to address issues of specific relevance to Darebin. Key policy gaps for Darebin include:

- Social and affordable housing issues
- Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) requirements, and
- Lack of planning tools to encourage housing for the ageing population (including accessible homes).

Considering the urgency of the above issues and the responsibility and expectations placed on local governments it is recommended that the Council lobby the State Government to amend the Victorian Planning Provisions with appropriate planning tools to enable local government to address these issues at a local level. The use of inclusionary zoning for affordable housing and mandatory ESD requirements, and housing for ageing population including accessible home requirements are the changes that Darebin should pursue.

Effectiveness of the Municipal Strategic Statement (Clause 21)

Whilst the MSS provides strong policy directions in some areas (such as Activity Centres, Preston Central area and the High Street corridor) the research and consultation process revealed that the MSS is an overly lengthy document, containing outdated information, ambiguous and uncertain statements/directions and inconsistencies between policies.

The MSS re-write will remove the descriptive details and the materials that do not directly assist decision making. The structure of the new MSS will follow the structure of the new SPPF and will include clear objectives, strategies and policy directions.

- The objectives will set out clear aims and objectives for each respective clause.
- The strategies will outline how the aims and objectives can be achieved, and
- The policy guidelines section will list the relevant strategies, policies and other relevant background documents that provide the strategic basis and justification for the aims, objectives and directions given in each section.

The MSS will guide and direct decisions on planning applications, rezoning requests and further strategic studies that may be required.

Effectiveness of Local Policies (Clause 22)

There are 12 local planning policies covering a broad range of land use and development issues in the planning scheme. Some of the local policies contain land use policy directions that are best accommodated in the revised MSS, whilst other policies that contain descriptive development requirements should be translated into suitable overlays or schedule to overlays to ensure the preferred outcomes are achieved.

Effectiveness of Zones and Schedules

There are 15 zones in the Darebin Planning Scheme. Internal consultations and desktop research suggest that the zone selection is generally appropriate as is the content of schedules. However the following observations are made.

- The Council could investigate the potential use of Activity Centre Zone (ACZ) to its activity centres as appropriate.
- Another issue identified by the Council is the extent to which residential use and development is occurring on land zoned Business 1, often to the exclusion of other uses. Whilst residential use and development is encouraged in activity centres (provided it does not occur at ground level where active frontages are promoted), its location outside activity centres raises questions about the appropriateness of the zoning in those areas. Appropriateness of Residential 2 Zone to some of the outside areas should be explored.
- The Council continues to receive requests to rezone industrial zoned land to enable residential use and development (predominantly) as well as for business use. Whilst the Council supports rezoning it also need to ensure current and future employment opportunities are retained and that former industrial land is not solely used and developed for residential purposes. Given the likely continuation of requests for the rezoning of industrial land, it is considered that the MSS should provide clear direction for both the industrial land that should be kept for economic and employment generation activities and land that can be rezoned for other uses. However as a long term solution an economic land use strategy, which includes a detailed review of existing zones that are to be retained and encouraged for economic development and employment generation activities, needs to be undertaken as a priority. While doing so other associated issues with rezoning such as amenity, urban design, environmental impacts, traffic and car parking issues should also be addressed concurrently.
- It is also recommended that the Council keep a record of any zoning anomalies as they become known and undertake housekeeping amendments regularly.

Effectiveness of Overlays and Schedules

There are 12 overlays in the Darebin Planning Scheme. Most of the overlays have at least one schedule varying in complexity. Internal consultations and desktop research suggest most of the overlays and schedules are generally appropriate.

However the application and appropriateness of some overlays such as Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO), Special Building Overlay (SBO), Environmental Audit Overlay and Vegetation Protection Overlay in some areas requires review.

In addition, some of the overlays while trigger permit requirements the planning process does not add any value (for example minor buildings and works in SBO and LSIO). Similarly there are opportunities to provide permit exemptions for minor developments without compromising the purpose of the overlay. This will reduce the number of minor planning permit applications needed to be processed.

The Council needs to discuss these issues with respective agencies and undertake necessary amendments to the planning scheme and/or enter into agreements with these agencies to introduce more effective alternative arrangements into the development assessment process.

Effectiveness of Schedules to the Particular Provisions

There are 10 opportunities in Clause 52 of the Darebin Planning Scheme for the Council to specify local variations to the particular provisions. Seven of the clauses function appropriately and are recommended to be retained. The following three clauses require review or further actions.

- Clause 52.06 – Car Parking: This clause sets out permit requirements in relation to the provision of car parking for specified land uses and has a ‘default schedule’ with no local content. The Council uses the default schedule for parking rates for assessments which is outdated and excessive. The State Government has undertaken a review to this clause and it appears this work has been delayed and unlikely to be concluded in the near future. The Council has the opportunity to include a schedule detailing its own car parking requirements however, prior to doing so, a car parking precinct plan is required. This will also reduce the need for minor planning applications or changes of use within the business zones.
- Clause 52.27 - Licensed Premises: The schedule to the clause includes local content, specifically that a permit is not required for a general licence for a hotel, bar and tavern or for an on-premises licence for a café or restaurant. It is noted that use of the terms ‘café’ and ‘bar’ are not defined under Clause 74 of the planning scheme. The schedule should be rewritten to use the ‘land use terms’ to conform to Clause 74 and to ensure consistency with the recent changes made to the liquor licensing regulations.
- Clause 52.28 – Gaming: The purpose of the clause is to ensure that gaming machines are situated in appropriate locations and premises. The Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine Policy and Strategic Action Plan 2010 – 2014 was adopted by the Council in August 2010 and sets out Council’s position on electronic gaming. As it currently stands there is no opportunity for a Council to provide its own prohibition of gaming machines in the planning scheme or provide a local control which overrides the State provisions. It is therefore recommended that the Council lobby the State Government to amend Clause 52.28 to enable more localised and responsible approach to gaming.

Other issues and actions required

- Existing ‘internal’ policies need to be reviewed to determine if there is justification for them being introduced in the MSS.
- There are a range of strategies being prepared by units across the Council that are not strictly planning strategies but have land use and development elements to them. These strategies need to be reviewed to determine which should be referenced or referred to in the MSS.
- There is a need for regular discussion with internal units to monitor the performance of the planning scheme and to identify any issues that need to be addressed.

All the above issues are discussed in detail and specific recommendations are provided in the Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report (**Appendix A**).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

The new MSS and the improved provisions will encourage environmentally sustainable developments and transport oriented developments which will reduce car dependency and associated environmental impacts.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Amongst other issues the new MSS will emphasise and provide strategic directions for housing needs for Darebin's ageing population, people with special housing needs and low income earners. Similarly the MSS would encourage employment generating land use activities to increase job opportunities for local communities.

Other

In addition the project will contribute to achieve the following shared goals outlined in the Council Plan 2009-2013:

Liveability and Regeneration:

- We will undertake considered and proactive land use planning that is responsive to the community's changing needs and reflects the ongoing development of our city and our place within wider Melbourne.

Environmental Sustainability:

- We will develop and implement land use and transport policies that achieve good environmental outcomes while responding to the municipality's ongoing development.
- We will undertake long term planning to ensure our municipality continues to function effectively in the face of the impacts of climate change and peak oil.

Community Wellbeing:

- We will support local employment and education opportunities through training, employment and economic development programs, supported by effective advocacy efforts.

Prudence and Prosperity:

- We will assist Darebin's business sector through support to industry groups and employer organisations to encourage local employment and economic activity.
- We will work closely with Darebin's small business sector, and provide meaningful and practical support to Darebin's vibrant local strip shopping centres.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Within budget.

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Planning Scheme Review audited the performance of the planning scheme, discussed the key issues in the context of changing community needs and provided recommendations for the required amendments to the Darebin Planning Scheme. It also identified the policy gaps, and further strategic works required. The report to the Council includes the following recommendations:

- That Council adopt each of the recommendations as put forward in the body of the final Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010.
- That Council adopt the final review report pursuant to s12B (1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- That Council forward the final review report to the Minister for Planning pursuant to s12B (1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Upon adoption, the Darebin Planning Scheme Review Report 2010 will be sent to the Minister for Planning.

A visioning workshop with Councillors will be held in March 2011 prior to consultation with other stakeholders for developing the vision for the new MSS.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

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

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Northcote Major Activity Centre Structure Plan, 2007
- Preston Central Principal Activity Centre Structure Plan, 2006
- Responding to Housing Stress: a Local Action Plan 2010-2013, 2010
- Melbourne 2030 Strategy and Melbourne @ 5 million – update to Melbourne 2030 Strategy.

8.5 PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON STATION STREET FAIRFIELD, NORTH OF THE RAIL LINE**MINUTE NO. 53****AUTHOR: Transport Engineer – Daniel Neave****DIRECTOR: Director City Works and Development – Michael Ballock****SUMMARY:**

At the Council meeting on 16 August 2010, Council requested that officers report on the potential to install a new pedestrian crossing on Station Street Fairfield, just north of the railway line.

A detailed traffic investigation has been completed and the results have been submitted to VicRoads for their consideration.

CONSULTATION:

VicRoads.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy**SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco****THAT** Council note this report.**CARRIED**

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The intersection of Station Street Fairfield with Wingrove Street, Railway Place and the rail crossing is a complex intersection with only the rail crossing being fully controlled.

Council officers have undertaken investigations into the volume of pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicle traffic at the intersection. The traffic data can be found in **Appendix A**.

In March 2008, Council submitted an application to VicRoads for the existing school crossing on the south side of the rail crossing to be upgraded to Pedestrian Operated Signals, without success.

VicRoads CrashStats has three recorded minor injury crashes at the intersection of Station Street and Wingrove Street in the last five years. Two involving the vehicle leaving the carriageway into the central island and one where a vehicle did not give way to another.



ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Traffic

Approximately 17,000 vehicles per day utilise this section of Station Street Fairfield with approximately 2,100 vehicles (1 vehicle every 2 seconds) in the morning peak hour. This amount of vehicular traffic creates a major barrier crossing Station Street at an uncontrolled location.

Pedestrians

As the intersection of Station Street and Wingrove Street Fairfield is in close proximity Fairfield Railway Station, two primary schools and numerous places of interest along Station Street, pedestrian numbers are very high with over 300 pedestrian movements at this intersection in the morning peak hour.

Pedestrian Operated Signals

Due to the high cost of installing Pedestrian Operated Signals (POS), Darebin Council along with all other Council's in Victoria, submit applications to VicRoads on potential sites. This submission process has recently become a two stage process with the first being based on vehicle and pedestrian data, and the second stage factors in the surrounding environment.

Stage 1 requirement require that:

- the number of pedestrians crossing within 20 metres of the proposed site must exceed 100, and

- the number of vehicles which pedestrians have to cross must exceed 500 on an undivided road, or 1,000 where there is a median or pedestrian refuge.

Council investigations show that the current situation is more than double Stage 1 Requirements and as such VicRoads has accepted this location as a possible signalised crossing to be assessed against other sites in Melbourne.

Stage 2 requirements require that the site is scored using the VicRoads matrix below:

Access to Activity Centres and Transit Cities.	Score
Provides access to Specialist Activity Centre	4 points for each centre
Provides access to Major Activity Centre	6 points for each centre
Provides access to Principal Activity Centre	8 points for each centre
Provides access to Transit City	8 points for each centre
Provides access to Central Activity District	12 points

Route Importance.	Score
Provides access across a State Road	0 or 4 points
Provides access across a Municipal Road and local Council is contributing funds to the project	0 or 4 points

Project Benefits.	Score
AM peak pedestrian flows per hour:	20/hr = 1 point, greater or equal to 200/hr = 10 points
Indicative cost.	POS - 0 point. Zebra - 2 points. Refuge or fencing - 3 points.
Effectiveness of treatment	POS = 5, Refuge = 3, Zebra = 2, Fencing = 1
No. of pedestrian casualty crashes per km over the section of works for a 3 year period.	1 point per casualty
No. of schools that are within 500 m of the project.	2 point for each school served
No. of shopping centre served that are within 1km of the project.	2 point for each shopping centre served
No. of community or recreational facility served that are within 1km of the project.	2 points for each community or recreational facility served
Improves access for aged and/or disabled pedestrians.	0 or 2 points
Improves access to public transport.	0 or 2 points

Government Commitment and Community Support	Score
Level of support for the project from the local Council, community and any Government Commitments. Funding from other agencies.	Local Council Support - 1 point. Government Support/ Commitment – 5 points, Other agency funding – 5 points

A proposed crossing on the north side of Wingrove Street would have the following score:

Site Aspects	Comments	Score
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Access to Activity Centre	Fairfield is a Primary Neighbourhood Activity Centre	0 points
Route Importance	Station Street is a State Road	4 points
Project Benefits	300 pedestrians, 0 pedestrian casualties, 2 schools, 1 shopping centre, 5 community and recreation facilities, improves access for the aged and people with a disability, improves access to public transport	35 points
Government Commitment and Community Support		1 point
TOTAL SCORE		40 points

VicRoads will not provide any early information on how this score for a proposed pedestrian operated signal compares with other sites across Melbourne until they make a determination in March 2011.

If VicRoads determines this site as meeting Stage 2 requirements, then they will list it on their prioritised program for the installation of pedestrian operated signals and advise us when funding could be available.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

There are no environmental sustainability issues.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

A pedestrian operated signal will improve access and pedestrian safety in Station Street.

Other

This report has considered the *Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Traffic studies were undertaken within existing budgets.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Follow up VicRoads regarding their determination of installing pedestrian operated signals in Station Street Fairfield, south of the railway line.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

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

8.6 DAREBIN MEALS KITCHEN – BUSINESS CASE FOR BUILDING USE

MINUTE NO. 54

AUTHOR: Manager Economic Development and Employment – Eddy Boscariol

REVIEWED BY: Director Corporate and Business Services – Vijaya Vaidyanath

SUMMARY:

The property at 8 Robinson Road, Reservoir, ('Darebin Meals Kitchen'), has long been used for the production of meals for residents under Council's community care programs. The production component of the existing meals service will transfer across to a new regional kitchen facility being operated by Community Chef on or about 1 March 2011, leaving Council's kitchen space vacant.

A business case has been prepared to identify a financially viable and appropriate food related use for the Darebin Meals Kitchen. The business case details three options for Council consideration (**Appendix A**). These options were assessed and evaluated with Option 3 being considered the most favourable as indicated in the table below.

	Capital Works Upgrade	Annual Occupancy Cost to Council (including depreciation)	Total Cost to Council Over 5 Years (including capital costs and excluding depreciation)
OPTION 1 Meals Dispatch Centre Only	\$37,000	\$103,000	\$371,000
OPTION 2 Meals Dispatch Centre and Darebin Enterprise Centre Ltd	\$124,000	\$91,000 - \$107,000	\$366,000 - \$451,000
OPTION 3 Meals Dispatch Centre and Food Production	\$115,000	\$33,000 - \$73,000	\$60,000 - \$272,000

The current value of the property is estimated to be \$1.5 million, increasing to \$1.9 million in five years. With a residential 1 zoning, the property offers considerable redevelopment potential.

Council has not formally resolved for the Darebin Meals Kitchen to continue to be used as a satellite distribution centre, however it is considered appropriate for Council to maintain the dispatch service at this location in the short term. This will enable the new service and processes to be implemented in a manner that will minimise disruption to staff and customers. Once the current changes have been implemented and operating for a period, Council will be in a better position to fully understand the future requirements of the service in the long term.

CONSULTATION:

Meals/Transport Coordinator
Manager Aged and Disability
Manager Major Projects and Transport
Co-ordinator Building Design
Manager Facilities Maintenance
Hobsons Bay City Council
My Own Kitchen
Cooking Space
Pip's Cooking School

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT Council endorse Option 3 of the Darebin Meals Kitchen Business Case for Building Use allowing Council to market the facility to potential food production businesses.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Council owned property at 8 Robinson Road, Reservoir is a purpose built facility which has long been used for the production and distribution of community meals for residents of Darebin and other Melbourne metropolitan regions.

The property is zoned Residential 1 under the Darebin Planning Scheme with an estimated market value of \$1.5 million, increasing to \$1.9 million over 5 years, as assessed by Council's City Valuer.

Commonly known as the 'Darebin Meals Kitchen', the property has, for the past 10 years, been licensed to Hobsons Bay City Council. As of March 2011, Hobson Bay City Council's production of community meals will transfer to the new regional kitchen facility being operated by Community Chef in Altona and Council's kitchen space will become vacant. Council's Meals and Transport Unit will continue to utilise part of the premises for administration, and storage and distribution of meals received from Community Chef.

There has been no formal Council resolution to determine the continued use of the property as a satellite distribution centre for Community Chef prepared meals. However, from an operational management perspective, this use is expected to continue in the short term and a capital works allocation in the 2010/2011 financial year has been approved to enable required building modifications to enable meals to be provided to residents.

The change in business model to a regional centralised kitchen will involve significant change in operational processes for Council's meals distribution service. As such, it is considered appropriate for Council to maintain the dispatch service at this location in the short term whilst the new service and processes are being implemented and in so doing, minimise disruption to staff and customers. Once the current changes have been implemented and operating for a period, Council will be in a better position to fully understand and plan for the future requirements of the service in the long term. This study would be undertaken as an entirely separate project.

Council's Economic Development and Employment Branch has investigated options for a financially viable and appropriate food-related use for the kitchen that can be appropriately integrated with Council's continuing meals and transport services in the short term. As such, a business case (see **Appendix A**) has been developed that puts forward three options for Council consideration.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Options Analysis

Three options have been developed for consideration in the business case.

- *Option 1 – Meals Dispatch Centre*

Under this option, Council's Meals and Transport Unit will occupy the entire premises as a meals dispatch centre. Minor capital upgrade is required to satisfy food safety and audit requirements of Community Chef and Council will absorb the full annual occupancy cost of the premises.

- *Option 2 – Meals Dispatch Centre and Darebin Enterprise Centre Limited (DECL)*

This option proposes an expansion of the business incubation services of DECL to enable use by start up and expanding food related businesses within Darebin. DECL is currently unable to accommodate interest from food-related enterprises at the Wingrove Street, Alphington site as the site does not contain any commercial kitchen facilities.

It is proposed that DECL lease approximately 45% of the premises at a less than market rental to assist in the creation of economic and employment opportunities within Darebin. Capital expenditure would be required to isolate DECL's kitchen operations from that of Council's Meals and Transport Unit and to appropriately fit out the kitchen for this use.

- *Option 3 – Meals Dispatch Centre and Food Production*

Option 3 seeks to obtain a financial return to Council by leasing the premises to one or more operators of a food related business. The premises are purpose built for the production of meals and are ideally suited to small and/or expanding food production businesses providing them an opportunity to 'incubate' at the site by way of a short term tenancy arrangement (ie. 3-5 years).

It is proposed that under this option approximately 45% of the premises, including kitchen, coolroom and office space, be leased at market rental. Again, capital expenditure would be required to isolate the operations of any lessee from that of Council's Meals and Transport Unit.

Key Assumptions and Constraints

It is recognised that Council's City Works and Development Directorate is currently investigating the potential redevelopment of this and adjoining Council owned sites. As such, options requiring significant long term capital investment have not been considered in the business case. It has been assumed that the existing use of the kitchen for food manufacturing or similar purposes will continue in the short to medium term.

The options presented in the business case require minimal support from Council's Meals and Transport Unit, however adhoc support and assistance to business operators may be required on occasion (for example, reporting faulty equipment and replacing utensils, etc).

An allocation of funding has been made in the 2010/2011 capital works program, however due to the time required to find an appropriate tenant, works may not be completed and funds fully expended within the 2010/2011 financial year. A carry over of funds or new capital works funding may be required in the 2011/2012 financial year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS**Environmental Sustainability**

There are no environmental sustainability issues.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

There are no social inclusion and diversity issues.

Other

The options presented in the business case are considered to positively contribute to the delivery of Council's commitment under the Council Plan 2009-2013 through the support of local employment opportunities and the objective of underpinning decisions with sound financial planning and modelling to achieve the greatest value from Council resources.

Additional non-financial economic and social benefits to the Darebin community may be attained through the nurturing of start up or expanding food related businesses and the benefit of business growth which has a multiplier effect through the economy.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications for Council of the three options contained within the business case are as follows:

Option 1 – Meals Dispatch Centre

- Capital works expenditure of approximately \$37,000.
- Annual occupancy cost (inclusive of depreciation) estimated to be slightly more than \$100,000 per annum.
- The total cost to Council over five years (including capital costs and excluding depreciation) is estimated to be \$371,000.

Option 2 – Meals Dispatch Centre and Darebin Enterprise Centre Limited (DECL)

- Capital works expenditure of approximately \$124,000.
- Annual occupancy cost (inclusive of depreciation) estimated to be \$91,000 - \$107,000 per annum.
- The total cost to Council over five years (including capital costs and excluding depreciation) is estimated to be between \$366,000 and \$451,000 depending on the level of rental subsidy provided to DECL.

Option 3 – Meals Dispatch Centre and Food Production

- Capital works expenditure of approximately \$115,000.
- Annual occupancy cost (inclusive of depreciation) estimated to be \$33,000 - \$73,000 per annum.
- The total cost to Council over five years (including capital costs and excluding depreciation) is estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$272,000. The higher estimate is thought to be conservative as the premises are somewhat unique and commercial kitchens of this size and scale and fully fitted are not readily available for lease.

There is a funding allocation of \$133,000 in the 2010/2011 capital works program to upgrade the premises as a result of meals production ceasing in early 2011. This will be required to satisfy food safety and audit requirements of Community Chef, including the need to isolate the food components of different user groups.

The estimated annual occupancy cost to Council is expected to be paid out of Council's recurrent budget.

Additional staff is not required under any option considered in the business case.

The current value of the property, as assessed by Council's City Valuer, is estimated to be \$1.5 million, increasing to \$1.9 million in five years.

CONCLUSION

Under the business case prepared, Option 3 achieves the lowest cost to Council over a five year period. With a small level of infrastructure upgrade, this option can be successfully integrated with Council's Meals and Transport Unit operations and provide a valuable opportunity for small and expanding food production businesses to 'incubate' at the site by way of a short term tenancy arrangement.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Subject to Council approval, Council officers will test the market to gauge potential interest from food production businesses.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

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

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A1018674 – Briefing Paper – Council Briefing Session on 14 February 2011 – Darebin Meals Kitchen Business Case for Building Use
- A1001467 - Darebin Meals Kitchen Business Case (attached as **Appendix A**)

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

(Cr. Fontana left the meeting – 8.40pm)

10. GENERAL BUSINESS**10.1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MULTICULTURAL POLICY AND
POSSIBLE RACISM INQUIRY IN DAREBIN****MINUTE NO. 55**

MOTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council express its support and endorsement of the federal government Multicultural Policy by writing to the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP and Federal Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Chris Brown MP.
- (2) Council support and participate in the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) initiative to organise a forum in the coming month on the federal government's new Multicultural Policy.
- (3) Council conduct a Racism Inquiry within the City of Darebin and Council Officers draft the Scope and Terms of Reference for such an enquiry and the report be brought back to Council within the next two months.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: -

THAT the words 'Racism Inquiry' in Clause (3) of the above Motion be replaced by the words 'Racism and Sports Participation Inquiry'.

THE AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THAT CLAUSE (3) OF THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- “(3) Council Officers draft the Scope and Terms of Reference for a possible Racism Inquiry within the City of Darebin and the report be brought back to Council within the next two months.”

THE ABOVE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY CR. MCCARTHY TO CLAUSE (3) OF THE MOTION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MOVER, CR. GRECO, AND SECONDER, CR. CHIANG.

FURTHER AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: -

THAT the word 'Racism' in Clause (3) of the (agreed to) amended Motion above be replaced by the word 'Anti-Racism'.

THE FURTHER AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

(Cr. Laurence left the meeting – 9.02pm)

CR KATSIS PROPOSED THAT CLAUSE (3) OF THE (AGREED TO) AMENDED MOTION ABOVE BE FURTHER AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS AT COMMENCEMENT:

"Following the federal government's new Multicultural Policy,"

THE ABOVE FURTHER AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY CR KATSIS TO CLAUSE (3) OF THE (AGREED TO) AMENDED MOTION ABOVE WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MOVER, CR GRECO, AND SECONDER, CR CHIANG.

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT:

- (1) Council express its support and endorsement of the federal government Multicultural Policy by writing to the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP and Federal Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Chris Brown MP.
- (2) Council support and participate in the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) initiative to organise a forum in the coming month on the federal government's new Multicultural Policy.
- (3) Following the federal government's new Multicultural Policy, Council Officers draft the Scope and Terms of Reference for a possible Racism Inquiry within the City of Darebin and the report be brought back to Council within two months.

CARRIED

(Cr. Tsitas wished to be recorded as voting against the Motion.)

**10.2 DIFFERENTIAL RATE FOR ELECTRONIC GAMING
MACHINE VENUES**

MINUTE NO. 56

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. B. Morgan

THAT Council officers provide a report to Council on the feasibility of introducing a differential rate for Electronic Gaming Machine venues in the City of Darebin as part of Council's 2011/2012 Annual Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

10.3 EARLY YEARS FACILITIES

MINUTE NO. 57

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT the Mayor write to the Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development to advocate that the State Government introduces safer access and crossing to early years facilities.

CARRIED

10.4 PENDERS PARK – RUBBISH BINS**MINUTE NO. 58**

Cr. Katsis disclosed a conflict of interest in the following matter classifying the type of interest as an indirect interest because of impact on residential amenity and describing the nature of the interest as that he lives opposite Penders Park and there is a reasonable likelihood that his residential amenity will be altered if the matter is decided in a particular way.

He left the meeting prior to consideration of the matter – 9.17pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT Officers report to a Council meeting on the potential to introduce additional rubbish bins in Penders Park.

CARRIED

(Cr. Katsis returned to the meeting – 9.18pm)

10.5 OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS**MINUTE NO. 59****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT:

- (1) Council include in an upcoming Mayor's column a community alert regarding ovarian cancer, the symptoms to look out for and information about local health services offering early detection programs.
- (2) Council consider holding a community event in February 2012 to raise awareness about ovarian cancer.

CARRIED**11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.