

STATUS REPORT

PART A

REPORTS OUTSTANDING INCLUDING "GENERAL BUSINESS" ITEMS AS AT DECEMBER 2011

Item	Meeting			Report / Action	Action Officer	Director / Group Manager	Comments
	Date	Item.	Cr.				
1.	20.07.09	10.5	VF	Council receive a report within the next three months on the Vehicle Crossover Policy to review the long term direction in managing the placement of crossovers in the municipality.	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Reported to Council on 6 April 2010 (matter deferred by Council). Further information and clarification sought from Councillors and City Works (Vehicle Crossing Officer). A revised Vehicle Crossing Guideline will be prepared and reported back to Council in June 2012.
2.	19.04.2010	7.14		Officers review the progress of travel behaviour change initiatives within Darebin and develop a future directions plan.	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Report to Council in March 2012.
3.	7.06.2010	11.2	TL	Council invite local television retailers and consult with local electrical repair businesses and other organisations recycling electronic goods to commence dialogue around local solutions to recycling of television sets in Darebin.	Libby Hynes	Daniel Freer	Awaiting details of Government Scheme implementation.
4.	03.11.10	8.5		Officers undertake a review of Council's participation in the Programme within 12 months and report back with an evaluation of the Programme including an evaluation of the Innovating Cities Programme and its relevance to the City of Darebin.	Michael Ballock	Michael Ballock	Report to Council in April 2012.
5.	03.11.10	10.2	NK	Council officers attend a briefing session to explain the process with respect to the preparation of speeches for the Mayor and Councillors in the relevant language of the group that they are presenting to.	Tiffany White	Vijaya Vaidyanath	A briefing memo has been prepared outlining the outcome of investigating feasibility.
6.	15.11.10	10.1	TMcC	Councillors receive a briefing on a new proposal to build low cost housing on vacant Council land.	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council Briefing Session on 26 March 2012 (in conjunction with Item 17).

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7.	21.03.11	11.3	NK	Council write to the State Government requesting the feasibility of implementing and enforcing a number plate system or recognition system for bicycles that commute on VicRoads' roads and furthermore, whether an indicator system is available for adoption on bicycles commuting on VicRoads' roads and the implementation of a 'Ride Smart' policy that ensures bicycle riders are educated in proper riding etiquette, clothing attire and footwear.	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Letter prepared awaiting Mayor's signature.
8.	04.04.11	11.1	TL	<p>Council:</p> <p>(1) Note with alarm that despite a high representation of older migrants, refugees and international students in road trauma, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) has failed to implement effective multilingual road safety awareness campaigns for these groups.</p> <p>(2) Further note that this failure is demonstrated by the state-wide over representation of these groups in accidents and is compounded by decades of under investment in road safety by VicRoads in high migrant areas like Darebin.</p> <p>(3) Advocate to the TAC to fund multilingual programs to target the languages and culture of our elderly pedestrians and of our most recently arrived young and adult drivers in Darebin.</p> <p>(4) Stress that once such a local Darebin-based TAC awareness plan is developed, it could be used in other ethnically diverse cities that also share our high road trauma statistics.</p>	Ben Grounds / Angela del Monte	Michael Ballock	Items (1) and (3) will be addressed by a study that will commence this year (subject to capital works funding).
9.	04.04.11	11.2	TL	<p>Officers report to Council on the following short-term actions that could be referred to the 2011/2012 budget that would further Council's objective of safer roads:</p> <p>(1) Implementation of an east-west Copenhagen style bike lane along Westgarth Street, Northcote (including that part of Merri Parade between High Street and Merri Parade Railway Bridge) and that other east/west routes be considered in the future after a trial of the Westgarth Street route.</p> <p>(2)</p>	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	(1) Report to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 10 and 18).

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10.	04.04.11	11.13	ST	<p>(1) Council officers prepare a report on what strategic direction Darebin's advocacy will take to VicRoads with respect to the 'Main Road' status category attributed to Merri Parade once the full effects of Tram Route 86 are felt.</p> <p>(2) In light of the Council report of 21 March 2011 noting 18,000 passenger vehicle movements per day on Merri Parade that we seek to engage the community to advocate for the duplication of Merri Parade to alleviate the traffic congestion in this key area linking the two major entrances to the city to the south, namely High Street and St Georges Road, Northcote.</p>	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Report to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 9 and 18).
11.	18.04.11	8.5		This report be noted and Council officers report back to Council on the completion of the Bundoora Park business review and masterplan and on the results of discussion with the Department of Sustainability and Environment when these are completed.	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Report to Council in March 2012.
12.	04.07.11	10.8	TMcC	<p>(1) A review of Council's community consultation methods be conducted as soon as practicable.</p> <p>(2) The review make recommendations about what minimum standards of consultation Council should commit to, as well as what methods of consultation should be used, depending on the issue, impact and audience (and any other relevant factors).</p> <p>(3) The scope of the review be developed and overseen by a Consultation Review Committee, comprising the Mayor, Cr. Asmar and Crs. Chiang, Greco, Katsis and McCarthy, supported by the appropriate Council officers.</p> <p>(4) The Consultation Review Committee report to a future Council meeting on the proposed scope of the review and any resources required to undertake the review.</p>	Dalal Smiley	Fred Warner	Report to Council in March 2012.

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13.	18.07.11	9.9		Council undertake a further public consultation process on the modified heritage overlay and on the design and built form controls as outlined in this report and report back to Council (Amendment C108).	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	Interim report to Council on 5 September 2011. Report from consultant received. Update report to Council on 6 February 2012. Further report to be submitted to Council in March 2012 following the consultation process.
14.	18.07.11	11.6	GG	That: (1) Council Officers prepare a report on conducting a review and evaluation of Darebin Library Services from a social inclusion and diversity perspective. (2) The purpose of such a review would be to identify barriers and limitations that may be inadvertently excluding certain Darebin groups from accessing and benefiting from Darebin Libraries. (3) An interim report be presented to Council within the next two months outlining a Terms of Reference, a steering committee structure and a detailed evaluation methodology.	Margherita Barbante	Katrina Knox	Interim report submitted to Council on 19 December 2011. Substantive report to Council in May 2012.
15.	01.08.11	8.3		That following market testing and evaluation of the proposals, a further report be presented to Council for decision (Darebin Meals Kitchen).	Eddy Boscarol	Vijaya Vaidyanath	Report to Council in March 2012.
16.	15.08.11	10.1	TL	That Council write to the Hon Terry Mulder MLA, the Victorian Minister for Roads, urging him to introduce legislation to make high visibility jackets mandatory for all cyclists using the Victorian road network and associated bike paths.	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Letter prepared awaiting Mayor's signature.

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17.	15.08.11	10.2	TL	<p>That:</p> <p>(1) Officers report to Council on the social inclusion benefits of Council adopting a low income housing pledge of 15% for future residential developments on Council-owned land.</p> <p>(2) The report also outline how Council can put in place tender criteria and development principles that give greater weight to development plans and development partners who can exceed and supplement this 15% social housing pledge with additional forms of state or federally funded subsidised housing.</p> <p>(3) This policy position be referred to relevant committees of Council and used to frame development opportunities across the city.</p>	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council Briefing Session on 26 March 2012 (in conjunction with Item 6).
18.	15.08.11	10.3	ST	That a report be submitted to Council on the proposal to establish at the earliest opportunity a community consultation process to inform a final report regarding proposed duplication of Merri Parade Northcote for Council adoption as part of our lobbying efforts to the relevant State authorities.	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Report to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 9 and 10).
19.	15.08.11	10.5	VF	That Council officers report on the status and possible discontinuance of the right of way (road) adjacent to 205 Dundas Street Preston.	Chris Meulblok	Vijaya Vaidyanath	Investigations have commenced into this matter. Questionnaires have been sent to all abutting property owners to gauge interest and issues with the proposal. Awaiting responses. A report to Council will follow.
20.	5.09.11	9.5		Council officers report back on the outcomes of this project and its conclusions. (Free Exercise Program in Parks)	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Program implementation commenced. To be reported to Council in April 2012 after the trial period.

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21.	5.09.11	9.7		Council note this report and receive a further report prior to the introduction of the Australian Government Clean Energy Future Plan, when legislation and details have been finalised.	Libby Hynes	Daniel Freer	Report to Council in April 2012.
22.	5.09.11	11.7	NK	<p>Officers prepare a report for Council examining the implications of:</p> <p>(1) Council committing to providing increased local cycling infrastructure and facilities that acknowledge cyclists as equal users of the road network as per the Victorian Road Management Act (2004).</p> <p>(2) Council establishing a Cycling Advisory Committee to provide ongoing community input to the State Government and Council into the provision of cycling infrastructure facilities and education programs. This committee will include Councillors, local community members and Council officers.</p> <p>(3) Council holding a bicycle festival or similar major event in 2012 to coincide with the launch of its new cycling strategy which is currently in development.</p>	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	<p>(1) To be addressed in the Cycling Strategy report expected to be submitted in May 2012.</p> <p>(2) Report to Council in March 2012.</p> <p>(3) To be addressed in the Cycling Strategy report expected to be submitted in May 2012.</p>
23.	19.09.11	8.7		Council note that a further report, following consultation with the community, will consider new policy wording for the future use of venues facilities (Venue Hiring Policy).	Vanessa Pigrum	Daniel Freer	Community consultation completed. Report to Council on 20 February 2012.
24.	19.09.11	8.8		Council receive a further report with findings of the expression of interest process and shortlist of proponents to be invited to tender for the ongoing use of the Edwardes Lake Boathouse as a food service facility.	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Report presented to Council Briefing on 28 November 2011. Further advertising being conducted with report back to Council in March 2012.
25.	19.09.11	10.2	TMcC	Council write to VicRoads to receive an update on the status review of Station Street Fairfield, from Darebin Road to Heidelberg Road. The letter should also request State Government financial contribution to the asset maintenance and traffic improvement of this road, if it is reclassified as a local road (with Council to be the responsible authority).	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Awaiting response from VicRoads and copy of VicRoads Review – Status of Arterial Roads.

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26.	19.09.11	10.5	NK	Council receive a comprehensive report on the feasibility, cost and the complexity of undertaking a city-wide survey to gauge all resident opinions on reducing speed limits and other traffic management concerns or issues pertaining to Darebin and their respective local areas	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	This issue has been addressed in the recent 4 th quarterly community survey.
27.	3.10.11	8.2		A further detailed report be provided to Council when the Australian Government formally responds to the Productivity Commission report into aged care.	Bridget Monro-Hobbs	Katrina Knox	Report to Council in November 2012.
28.	17.10.11	10.1	NK	That: 1) Council officers undertake an investigation of complaints relating to rubbish, vermin and odour in the carpark in Arthurton Road Northcote and undertake any necessary enforcement action without delay. 2) Council officers prepare a report for Council to identify a long term solution for these issues and propose a management plan for the land and its future issues.	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council Briefing Session on 26 March 2012.
29.	17.10.11	10.2	TL	That as part of the community campaign to restore bus stops in East Reservoir, Council erect permanent signs saying 'BRING BACK OUR BUSES BAILLIEU' at all 11 bus stops that have been removed.	Ben Grounds	Michael Ballock	Signs have been made. Currently awaiting permission to have the signs installed.
30.	17.10.11	10.7	TMcC	That Council receive a report on what minimum requirements for consultation can be introduced for all planning permit applications, including reporting on the situation involving other Councils.	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 33, 40 and 41).

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31.	7.11.11	11.1	TL	<p>That Council Officers report back to Council in February 2012 with a report outlining a possible framework for a Darebin Community Forest Strategy that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Aims to increase tree coverage on public lands by 25% or more over 15 years in the City of Darebin. (2) Can act as a city-wide policy framework for tree planting by Council departments, community based land management groups and other public land holders such as VicTrack, VicRoads, Melbourne Water, and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in the City of Darebin. (3) Increases indigenous and native plant diversity on public lands to enhance local habitats for native animals and birds. (4) Features extensive community consultation. (5) Incorporates collaboration with community planting groups. (6) Creates a large scale community owned carbon reduction project. 	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Report to Council on 20 February 2012.
32.	7.11.11	11.2	TMcC	<p>That Council receive a report at its next meeting regarding possible regulatory measures to deal with amenity disturbances resulting from short term and holiday accommodation located in residential streets.</p>	<p>Ellie Mandritis</p> <p>Darren Rudd</p>	<p>Vijaya Vaidyanath</p> <p>Michael Ballock</p>	<p>Reported to Council Briefing Session on 28 November 2011.</p> <p>Further report to Council on 20 February 2012.</p>
33.	21.11.11	8.2		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Officers provide a further report at the proposed Councillor workshop on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How the relevant advisory committees of Council will be actively engaged in the consultation process eg. Aboriginal, Women's Disability, Aged Advisory Committees etc. b) An articulated strategy to directly engage Darebin's CALD community. c) Strategy to involve local trader associations. 	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 30, 40 and 41).

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34.	21.11.11	8.5		Officers prepare a further report to endorse the agreed-on requirements of gaming venues to reduce the risks of problem gambling and the proposed strategies for compliance.	Natalie McGlone	Fred Warner	Report to Council in March 2012.
35.	21.11.11	8.6		That consideration of the matter be deferred for further information regarding the organisations/services/programs the subject of Part B funding as detailed in the report, and the selection criteria used.	Natalie McGlone	Fred Warner	Report to Council in March 2012.
36.	21.11.11	10.1	TL	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Reaffirms its commitment to work in partnership with the community and other organisations to prevent violence against women. (2) Welcomes and notes the <i>"Building a Respectful Community – Preventing Violence against Women"</i> report released by Women's Health in the North. (3) Makes copies of the report available at Council's customer service centres and community facilities. (4) Invites representatives from Women's Health in the North to meet with Council in the new year to discuss partnership opportunities for the Darebin Region. (5) Receives a report in early 2012 on how Council can ensure the ongoing sustainability of its work in this area at both a local and regional level. 	Dalal Smiley	Fred Warner	Report to Council in March 2012.

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37.	21.11.11	10.3	GG	<p>That Officers:</p> <p>Provide a report to Council by February/March 2012 on preventative measures that can be taken by Council to help curb the increase in people with type 2 diabetes in Darebin. The report should explore various options available to Council including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning controls to stop the spread of fast food chain outlets in Darebin. b) Varying the rating strategies applicable to fast food chain outlets. c) Strategies to encourage local fast food outlets to promote healthy eating. d) Community education campaign. e) Extending free exercise in the parks program. f) Developing partnerships with local, state and federal health providers/advocates. 	Dalal Smiley/Elle Mandritis	Fred Warner	Report to Council in March 2012.
38.	21.11.11	10.4	TL	That Council Officers report to Council at its February 2012 workshop regarding the possibility of establishing a health services hub in Ralph Street Reservoir.	Fred Warner Michael Ballock	Fred Warner Michael Ballock	Report to March 2012 Councillor Workshop.
39.	19.12.11	12.2	NK	That Council officers report to Council early in the new year on whether there is an expected dress-code for the Special (Statutory) Council Meeting for the election of the Mayor and also provide a report why the appropriate dress-code was not enforced on 5 December 2011 during the election of the Mayor if there is in fact one.	Rhys Thomas	Vijaya Vaidyanath	To be reported to the Council Briefing Session on 13 February 2012.

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40.	19.12.11	12.3	TL	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Council affirms the right of residents to express their views about planning changes in Darebin to their elected representatives as a fundamental democratic human right. (2) To help further enshrine the basic human right that Council officers prepare a report outlining a procedural change for the Darebin Planning Committee to give both objectors and applicants the option to nominate a spokesperson to have three minutes time to make verbal submissions to the Planning Committee on planning items. (3) Council officers also report back on practices and procedures at the City of Melbourne Planning Committee and other best practice Councils in relation to objectors' speaking rights and the ability of Councillors to question both applicants and objectors. (4) This report be presented to Council for a formal decision at the first full Council meeting in 2012. 	Michael Ballock	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 30, 33 and 41).
41.	19.12.11	12.5	TMcC	That Council receive a report at its next meeting on the possible new requirement to provide a consultation meeting for all planning permit applications that attract objections.	Michael Ballock	Michael Ballock	To be reported to Council in March 2012 (in conjunction with Items 30, 33 and 40).

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PART B

PERIODICAL REPORTS AS AT DECEMBER 2011

Item	Meeting			Report / Action	Action Officer	Director / Group Manager	Comments
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42.	5.07.10	7.4		Officers provide Council with an annual report on the progress of the Playspace Strategy implementation.	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Report to Council on 20 February 2012.
43.	5.07.10	7.6		The situation (traffic issues in Arthur Street Fairfield) be monitored and reviewed in 12 months time.	Daniel Neave	Michael Ballock	Review to be undertaken administratively at the appropriate time.
44.	6.09.10	8.9		Officers prepare an Annual Report for the Open Space Strategy for the 2010-2011 financial year.	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Report to Council on 20 February 2012.
45.	20.09.10	7.8		Officers provide Council with annual progress reports on the strategy (Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011-2021) and its action plans.	Bridget Monro-Hobbs	Katrina Knox	Report to Council on 20 February 2012.
46.	18.10.10	8.7		Officers provide Council with an annual report on the progress of the Leisure Strategy implementation	Daniel Freer	Daniel Freer	Report to Council on 20 February 2012.
47.	07.02.11	8.4		Council receive further report on progress towards achieving Council's paper reduction target in twelve months time.	Libby Hynes	Daniel Freer	To be addressed in 'Waste Management Strategy update report to Council on 20 February 2012.
48.	16.05.11	11.1		A 12 month review be undertaken on the successful tenderers and the funding presented to Council on their performance in relation to their respective key performance indicators (Cleaning Services Umbrella Contract).	Kerrie Jordan	Vijaya Vaidyanath	Report is due in July 2012.
49.	18.07.11	9.5		Receive a report on the progress of the scheme in a further 12 months (Carer Card Scheme)	Christine Mulholland	Fred Warner	Next report is due in July 2012.

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PART C

RECENTLY COMPLETED REPORTS/ACTIONS AS AT DECEMBER 2011

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50.	19.12.11	12.1	DA	That Council officers prepare a report for the first Council meeting in 2012 with a review of the Differential Rate for vacant residential land and an examination of the impact of reducing or removing the differential rate.	Kerrie Jordan	Vijaya Vaidyanath	Reported to Council on 6 February 2012.
51.	19.12.11	12.4	TMc C	That Council note the petition containing 294 signatures regarding the currently designated dogs off lead area at All Nations Park and that a report be presented to the first Council meeting of 2012 regarding what actions will be taken in response.	Flynn Hart	Daniel Freer	Reported to Council on 6 February 2012.
52.	19.12.11	12.6	GG	That: (1) Officers, including Council's VCAT specialist, arrange a meeting with the residents of Dyson Street, Reservoir and provide advice on the options available to residents with respect to Planning Permit Application D/605/2011, 6 Plateau Road, Reservoir.	Darren Rudd	Michael Ballock	Reported to Council on 6 February 2012.

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				(2) Officers investigate reasons why appropriate signage was not provided at the site and why Council failed to consult with all residents in Dyson Street. Further, Council ensure measures are put in place to correct errors of this nature in future and that a report be provided to Councillors at a briefing session in early 2012.			