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# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2017**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 5.01PM**

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf opened the meeting with the following statement:

*"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today."*

## **1. PRESENT**

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)  
Cr. Steph Amir  
Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr. Trent McCarthy  
Cr. Lina Messina  
Cr. Susanne Newton  
Cr. Susan Rennie

### ***Council Officers***

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Hamilton - Director City Futures and Assets  
Katrina Knox - Director Community Development  
Andrew McLeod - Director Corporate Services  
Jacinta Stevens - Director Civic Governance and Compliance  
Oliver Vido - Director Operations and Environment  
Allan Cochrane – Chief Financial Officer  
Katia Croce - Coordinator Council Business  
Jody Brodribb - Council Business and Governance Officer  
Dave Bell - Senior Media Advisor

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

An apology was lodged for Cr. Williams.

## **3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 4.1 DRAFT BUDGET REFERRALS 2017/2018

**Author:** Council Business and Governance Officer

**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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#### Report Background

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget.

#### Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

#### Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Not applicable

#### Summary

Funding is included in the Proposed Budget 2017/2018 for a diverse range of activities across the municipality. The need for Councillors to disclose a conflict or interest where one exists in relation to any of these activities requires that they be addressed separately as part of the Budget process.

Any items proposed for inclusion in the Budget in which a Councillor discloses a conflict of interest are to be dealt with by separate resolution under this 'Budget Referrals' process. Once all disclosures have been made and the items which are the subject of any disclosure are determined by the Council, all Councillors are able to vote on the Proposed Budget 2017/2018.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 17-170**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That:**

- (1) The Mayor invites Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to adoption of the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget by classifying the type and describing the nature of the interest in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Following each disclosure, Council approve the relevant project and the inclusion of associated funding in the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 2017/18 PROPOSED BUDGET: APPROVAL TO PLACE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY****Author:** Chief Financial Officer**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services

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**Report Background**

Council is required to adopt a Budget for each financial year. However, prior to adopting the Budget in its final form Council is required to place the Proposed Budget on public display inviting submissions, and after considering all submissions the Council can then formally adopt a Budget for the financial year.

This report proposes that Council approve the Proposed Budget for 2017/2018 for public display and invite submissions.

**Previous Council Resolution**

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Previous Briefing(s)**

- Councillor Briefing – 16 December 2016
- Councillor Briefing – 2 February 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 16 February 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 16 March 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 30 March 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 20 April 2017

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

- Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

**Summary**

The Council must prepare a Budget for each financial year. The Council must ensure that the Budget contains the information specified in the *Local Government Act 1989* (“the Act”) and all details required by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (“the Regulations”).

As soon as practicable after the Council has prepared a Budget it must give Public Notice. Any person has the right to make a submission under section 223 of the Act on any proposal contained in the Budget. Following the completion of the statutory obligations, Council may adopt the Budget.

The Act prescribes that Council must adopt its final budget by 30 June each year. This report presents the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget and recommends that public notice be given in accordance with the Act.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council adopts the proposed 2017/2018 Budget for the purposes of public consultation and that:

- (1) Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 22 June 2017, the proposed 2017/2018 Budget (**Appendix A**) presented to this meeting.
- (2) Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 22 June 2017, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2017/2018 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.
- (3) Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed 2017/2018 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 6.00 pm on Thursday 16 June 2017.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 17-171**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That** Council adopts the proposed 2017/2018 Budget for the purposes of public consultation with an amendment to page 123 that the submissions period closes on 8 June 2017 and that:

- (1) Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22 June 2017, the proposed 2017/2018 Budget (**Appendix A**).
- (2) Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22 June 2017, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2017/2018 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.
- (3) Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed 2017/2018 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on Thursday 15 June 2017.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Messina called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr. Gaetano Greco Cr. Susanne Newton Cr. Kim Le Cerf Cr. Steph Amir Cr. Trent McCarthy Cr. Susan Rennie	Cr. Lina Messina	-

The Chairperson, Cr. Kim Le Cerf, declared the motion to be carried.

**4.3 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021****Author:** Coordinator Council Plan and Performance**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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**Report Background**

The 'Council' is required by the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to prepare a Council Plan ('the Plan'). The Act requires that the Plan contain the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives and measures to monitor the achievement of those objectives. Further, the Council Plan is required to include a Strategic Resource Plan containing, among other things, a series of standard financial statements.

Following the development of a Council Plan, Councils are required to publish a public notice of the right to make a submission in relation to the adoption of a Council Plan, and of the right to appear at (or be represented at) a meeting in support of that submission.

This report presents the proposed City of Darebin 2017-2021 Council Plan and recommends that a public notice be given in accordance with the Act.

**Previous Council Resolution**

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 6 and 27 March and 26 April 2017

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Strategy 6.1 Good Governance

**Summary**

After extensive consultation with residents, businesses and other stakeholders, Council has developed a proposed Council Plan where it outlines the priorities and vision that will guide its four term. The City of Darebin faces a number of challenges in the coming years and the Council Plan sets out how council will address them. For the first time at Darebin, there is also an Action Plan that sets out in more detail how the objectives of the Council Plan will be achieved.

It is recommended that the proposed Council Plan, Action Plan and associated Strategic Resource Plan be placed on public exhibition according to section 223 of the Local Government Act. Responses to the proposed plan will be heard at a Hearing of Submissions on 15 June 2017.



**Recommendation**

**That** Council formally adopt the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 (**Appendix A**), the Action Plan 2017-2018 (**Appendix B**) and the Strategic Resource Plan (**Appendix C**) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with sections 125 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Motion**

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

**That** Council formally adopt the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 (**Appendix A**), the Action Plan 2017-2018 (**Appendix B**) and the Strategic Resource Plan (**Appendix C**) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with sections 125 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

*Cr. Amir proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Greco.*

**That** Council:

- (1) Formally adopts the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 (**Appendix A**), the Action Plan 2017-2018 (**Appendix B**) and the Strategic Resource Plan (**Appendix C**) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with sections 125 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Council Plan and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Councils Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street, Person at 7pm on Thursday 15 June 2017.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Formally adopts the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 (**Appendix A**), the Action Plan 2017-2018 (**Appendix B**) and the Strategic Resource Plan (**Appendix C**) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with sections 125 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Council Plan and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Councils Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street, Person at 7pm on Thursday 15 June 2017.

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

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 17-172

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco**That Council:**

- (1) Formally adopts the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 (**Appendix A**), the Action Plan 2017-2018 (**Appendix B**) and the Strategic Resource Plan (**Appendix C**) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with sections 125 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Council Plan and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Councils Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street, Person at 7pm on Thursday 15 June 2017.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Messina called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr. Kim Le Cerf Cr. Steph Amir Cr. Gaetano Greco Cr. Trent McCarthy Cr. Susanne Newton Cr. Susan Rennie	Cr. Lina Messina	-

The Chairperson, Cr. Kim Le Cerf, declared the motion to be carried.

**5. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 5.29pm.