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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2020

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01pm

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website on Tuesday 30 June 2020.

### WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie 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

All Councillors confirmed their presence online.

#### **Councillors**

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

#### **Council Officers**

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Steven Sagona – Acting Manager Governance

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Lisa Thomas-Bates - Governance Project Officer

Michelle Martin - Council Business Officer

Georgina Steele – Council Business Officer

Nick Van – Council Business Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

CR. KIM LECERF

## 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Amir disclosed an indirect conflict of interest in Notice of Motion 9.2 due to a conflicting duty created between her role as a Councillor and her employment as a Federal Public Servant.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-099**

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted, noting that the meeting was held in the Town Hall, not the Council Chamber.

**CARRIED**

## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Cr Rennie, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Carlie Mead, Reservoir**

The group are working on an updated 'A-Z of recycling' which will now extend to a comprehensive list of charities and information on recycling, ideally meaning that items being left kerbside is a last resort. Can the Council please outline exactly what they would need from this list to endorse it and communicate it to residents?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you, Ms Mead, for your questions.

**On 9 June 2020 Council adopted its new Waste and Recycling Strategy with the goal of reducing waste and maximising recycling outcomes throughout the municipality. This strategy aims to assist the Darebin community to understand how it can contribute to these goals through appropriate education and advocacy programs as well as a direct action.**

**Council would be pleased to hear from, and work with, the Darebin Hard Rubbish Heroes to assist Council to educate Darebin's residents, businesses and visitors about reducing the volume of waste that ends up in landfill.**

In particular, as a number of key waste contracts are due for expiry in the next 12 months, including the Hard Waste Collection contract and the management of the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre, Council plans to review these services and consult the community about the service changes it would like to see.

Communicating with the community about recycling options is very important, and we appreciate the leadership of the Darebin Hard Rubbish Heroes on this topic. Council officers would be pleased to work with you on developing a list of places where hard waste can be recycled.

- **Carlie Mead, Reservoir**

Why aren't the items left kerbside for collection taken to the waste transfer station in complete condition and then sorted for distribution to charities / recyclers including the Outlook Centre (Tip Shop) instead of it going to landfill?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

In its current form, Council's hard waste collection service is entering its seventh and final contract period (subject to a Council decision tonight) and Council agrees that service improvements should be made to continue to reduce waste volumes ending up in landfill and to meet contemporary community standards.

A Hard Waste Collection Service review is planned for late 2020 which will include how Council can encourage better recycling of items, including furniture, that might still have value. The community will be consulted through this service review.

- **Carlie Mead, Reservoir**

What information would the Council need from the group to provide us with a "Clean & Mend" storage space for the turnaround of donated items. We propose that this would be operated in collaboration with Darebin Repair Café, then the items would be distributed to households and charities from there (including Outlook).

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Council would be interested in hearing more about the group's plans to turnaround donated items and redistributing them to households and charities.

Officers will make contact with you to understand your plans and to determine how Council may support these plans, particularly as they relate to supporting Council's overall vision in the Waste and Recycling Strategy.

- **Nataly Matijevic, Thornbury**

When will Council improve the safety of pedestrians using the crossing at St Mary's Primary School on High Street, Thornbury? The area is not marked as a school zone and vehicles (and sometime trams) often drive through red light signals. Last week a 6 year old girl was hit by a driver who did not stop at the red light. She was taken by ambulance to hospital with minor injuries. Unfortunately, the other young children and parents who witnessed this incident are now concerned that the next time might be fatal - it has left many young children traumatised and fearful to cross the road. The crossing needs better signage, flashing lights and some early warning for drivers. Please, please help keep our kids safe!



**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

I am terribly sorry to hear of the incident regarding one of the students at St Mary's Primary School. I hope they are doing ok now.

Officers have advised that they understand that the main factor in the collision last Tuesday 23 June was driver behaviour.

The driver went past 3 vehicles waiting at the stop line on the kerbside to go through the red light and struck the student.

There is currently a 40km/h speed limit in place along the length of High Street. There are also flashing speed signs that run between 8am and midnight every day.

Our specialist officers are looking at whether there are opportunities to increase the number of flashing 40km/h signs or upgrade the traffic signals to make the lights brighter. They will follow this up with the Department of Transport because this location is under their control and they will need consider any changes.

As Mayor, I will also write to the Department of Transport in the next few days and you may wish to consider also writing to them directly.

- **Penelope Bennett, Thornbury**

Why has the section of High Street, Thornbury that is a declared road been excluded from the proposal (investigation) for space reallocation, when MANY shops are on this stretch of road, and the footpath space is totally inadequate and prohibitive even in normal times?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question and interest in this topic.

Council is considering a report on this tonight and I need to be careful in my response not to pre-empt Council's decision. I know you have also made a submission to Council on this topic and I can confirm that this has been circulated to Councillors.

In response to question 1, officers have advised me that the main reason this section of High Street wasn't included in the investigation proposal, is that this section of High Street is under State Government control. That means it's not a road that Council can make adjustments to – rather Council would have to advocate to the State Government to make changes.

- **Penelope Bennett, Thornbury**

What is the commitment beyond "investigation" for the High Street (Westgarth Street to Darebin Road and Normanby Avenue to Dundas Street) to reallocate car parking space for people walking, cycling and using local businesses? Can budget be allocated now for trial bicycle lanes (space for walking, dining / bicycle parking) and engagement, for the extent (including the declared part) pending DOT agreement as the need for space for health is urgent?

Could Council please commit extra budget for engagement, including a component of child friendly city engagement, for High street and other streets, so the needs of children and families walking and cycling are better incorporated?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

In regards to questions 2 and 3, officers advise that at this point in time they don't have a clear estimate of the costs that would be required. Investigation is needed to estimate costs.

In regard to what Council's commitments are, that will be a matter that Council considers tonight in its decision and I will therefore take the rest of your questions as a submission.

Pursuant to the Council's *Governance Local Law 2017*, the response to a question from the public taken on notice must be recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council meeting.

At the Council meeting held on 9 June 2020, the following question was taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

- **Darren Dellapostas, Preston**

Mr. Dellapostas' question related to his own property in Williams Street and his desire to improve his existing dwelling, develop units and or relocate his existing dwelling.

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 11 JUNE 2020 WAS PROVIDED BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.**

Dear Darren

Re: Question taken on notice

Further to your question to Council on 9 June 2020, I understand officers from both the Building and Planning departments of Council have been in touch with and provided the information you require in relation to the extension of your home. They have advised that a building permit is required and have provided details on the process you need to follow to gain consent from Council's Municipal Building Surveyor to construct a wall on the boundary above the default regulatory height. Importantly, you now have a point of contact within our Building Services team that can assist should you have any further questions. They can be contacted on 8470 8899 or by email at [building@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:building@darebin.vic.gov.au)

The Mayor advised that submissions had been received by the following persons on these issues. The Mayor summarised each submission prior to the item.

- **Serena O'Malley**  
Report No: 7.4 – Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan Adoption and Release of Draft Playspace Concept Design for Consultation
- **Penelope Bennett, Thornbury**  
Report No: 7.9 – Darebin's Response to Support Transport and Businesses During COVID-19
- **Carlie Mead, Reservoir**  
Report No: 7.12 – Extension of Contract CT 201336 – Provision of Hard Waste Collection Service

## 6. PETITIONS

### 6.1 TABLING OF PETITIONS

Cr Laurence sought leave of Council to table four petitions.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-100**

**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**

**SECONDED: Cr. J Williams**

**That** the following petitions be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for actioning:-

1. **Save Reservoir Pool**

We the undersigned residents call on the Darebin Council to consider a full \$36 million upgrade of Reservoir Leisure Centre in the 2020 Council Budget. The Reservoir Leisure Centre needs to be urgently upgraded to catch up with the current Northcote Aquatic Centre that already has both a 25 metre indoor pool and a 50 metres outdoor pool. The \$63.5 million Northcote Pool mega project should be scaled back and the Auditor General should fully investigate the costing blowout

2. **Strathallan Open Space**

We the undersigned residents and users of Strathallan Open Space call on Darebin Council to set aside an initial \$1.5 million ( the independent valuation of this public open space ) from the open space reserves in the 2020/2021 budget to purchase the La Trobe university's owned section on the Strathallan Open Space so that this vital open space is never threatened with residential development again

3. **Car Spaces at Banff Street, Reservoir**

We the undersigned residents, traders and shoppers call on the Darebin Council to remove these rubbish traps in Banff Street and restore our car spaces so we can shop locally without these ugly hazards

4. **Darebin Creek**

We the undersigned residents call on Darebin Council to urgently work with police to make our Parklands safe and create a 'Northern Darebin Creek Parklands Fund' in the 2020 budget to fix broken fencing to keep motor bike hoons out, and fund park rangers, expand plantings, more seats, toilets, water fountains, shelters, BBQ's, exercise and kids play equipment, and safer and better linked walking trails for Darebin Creek in Bundoora, Reservoir and Kingsbury.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.24pm Cr Laurence left the meeting.

Cr Williams and Cr Greco sought leave of Council to each table a petition.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-101**

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

**That** the following petitions be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for actioning:-

1. **Reservoir Pool (Cr Williams)**

We the undersigned residents call on Darebin Council to consider a full \$36 million upgrade to Reservoir Leisure Pool in the 2020 Council Budget. The Reservoir Leisure Centre needs to be urgently upgraded to catch up with the current Northcote Aquatic Centre that already has both the 25 metre indoor pool and 50 metre outdoor pool.

2. **Stop the Rate Rise / Fees and Charges (Cr Greco)**

We the undersigned residents call on Darebin Council to show compassion during the Corona virus crisis and stop the 2% rate rise and freeze all fees and charges for the 2020-2021 financial year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 7.1 CAT CURFEW

**Author:** Manager City Safety & Compliance

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council consults the community on a proposal to introduce a dusk till dawn cat curfew (7pm to 7am). The curfew is proposed to address cases of cats trespassing and nuisance and to also limit the impact of cats on the environment and local wildlife. Cat curfews are commonly used for this purpose.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses a draft proposal for a dusk till dawn cat curfew for consultation with the community.
- (2) Receives a further report summarising the outcome of community consultation and providing a recommendation for Council adoption.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-102

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses a draft proposal for a dusk till dawn cat curfew for consultation with the community.
- (2) Receives a further report summarising the outcome of community consultation and providing a recommendation for Council adoption.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.2 OUTDOOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK**

**Author:** Recreation Planning and Participation Co-ordinator

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update on the final round of public consultation for the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework (Framework).

The Framework will inform infrastructure investment, development and renewal of Council's outdoor sports facilities for the next 10 years. This Framework will replace the current Outdoor Sports Venues Infrastructure Policy 2012 and provides an evidence base to inform future decision making.

Infrastructure investment choices is one of several strategies that Council utilises to leverage outcomes to maximise social and environmental outcomes. Other strategies (that sit outside of the Framework) that are currently being implemented include: annual and seasonal occupancy (licence) agreements, community grants, sports club capacity building workshops, the Performance Subsidy Program and the COVID-19 Business and Community Resilience Package. Together the strategies form a platform for supporting community sport, encouraging physical activity, maximising participation and connecting and strengthening communities.

**Recommendation**

**That Council adopt the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework.**

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

1. Adopts the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework, with the inclusion of an acknowledgement of Traditional Owners, specific references to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents and replacement of “both genders” with “all genders” in the participation outcomes section.
2. Receives an annual report on recreation and leisure participation outcomes for target groups over the next decade, along with health and community benefits and key challenges and opportunities. Target groups will include women, CALD communities, multicultural groups, people of all age groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability and people from socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds.
3. Notes that Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand will co-host the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup, and that John Cain Memorial Park has been included as a possible training site in line with Council’s commitment to increasing the participation of women and girls in all aspects of sport.
4. Receives regular updates on any new opportunities to fast-track improvements to outdoor sports infrastructure to help increase target group participation.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-103****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That Council:-**

1. Adopts the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework, with the inclusion of an acknowledgement of Traditional Owners, specific references to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents and replacement of “both genders” with “all genders” in the participation outcomes section.
2. Receives an annual report on recreation and leisure participation outcomes for target groups over the next decade, along with health and community benefits and key challenges and opportunities. Target groups will include women, CALD communities, multicultural groups, people of all age groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability and people from socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds.
3. Notes that Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand will co-host the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup, and that John Cain Memorial Park has been included as a possible training site in line with Council’s commitment to increasing the participation of women and girls in all aspects of sport.
4. Receives regular updates on any new opportunities to fast-track improvements to outdoor sports infrastructure to help increase target group participation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.3 STREETS FOR PEOPLE PRESTON ACTIVITY LINK (JAMES STREET)

**Author:** Senior Transport Planner & Urban Designer

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council recently consulted community in regards to a proposed concept design for the *Preston Activity Link (West) 'Streets for People'*. Feedback from community has been considered and a final concept design is proposed in this report for Council consideration.

This includes the section from Cramer Street to Elizabeth Street, and incorporates a trial pocket park / road closure at James Street. The trial pocket park / road closure is included in a package of *Preston Activity Link* priority street improvements proposed for 2020-21 and has been referred to the Council budget process for consideration. If Council endorses the concept designs proposed in this report and if funding is allocated, construction of the trial is expected to start in early 2021.

The final concept design presented incorporates significant community feedback that was gathered during the third round of engagement.

The concept designs will better manage traffic volume, enable convenient local trips for residents, and, support a better connection across Elizabeth Street.

It is proposed that the James Street pocket park / road closure be trialled for 12 months. This will allow further community feedback to be gathered about how well the new safety treatment is working. An evaluation will be completed to help determine whether the road closure / pocket park should be made permanent. The final design would then be completed if the trial is successful, and if budget is available.

Opportunities for external funding will be explored, with funding for further design stages and construction to be considered in future Council budgets.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the *'Streets for People' Preston Activity Link (James Street)* concept designs, including a trial road closure and pocket park, attached as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation throughout consultation.
- (3) Notes that the engagement summary for all three rounds of community engagement for *'Streets for People' Preston Activity Link (West)* will be made publicly available, attached as **Appendix D**.
- (4) Requests a further report on the effectiveness of the road closure / pocket park after the 12-month trial period is completed.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-104

**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the '*Streets for People*' Preston Activity Link (James Street) concept designs, including a trial road closure and pocket park, attached as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation throughout consultation.
- (3) Notes that the engagement summary for all three rounds of community engagement for '*Streets for People*' Preston Activity Link (West) will be made publicly available, attached as **Appendix D**.
- (4) Requests a further report on the effectiveness of the road closure / pocket park after the 12-month trial period is completed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor summarised a written submission from Serena O'Malley.

#### **7.4 REIMAGINING RUTHVEN MASTER PLAN ADOPTION AND RELEASE OF DRAFT PLAYSPACE CONCEPT DESIGN FOR CONSULTATION**

**Author:** Team Leader City Design

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Creating a bushland sanctuary, a natural place of welcome, play and retreat in the heart of Reservoir West is the community vision for Darebin's newest park. The draft Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan (**Appendix A**) is a culmination of two years of site analysis, design and investigative work including community input, to inform the transformation of the former Ruthven Primary School to a three-hectare natural park.

The project has been developed in house by officers, with support from a Community Reference Group (CRG). This group officially came to an end in February 2020 in line with their terms of reference. However, their involvement in two key pieces of work, the planting plan and naming of the park, will continue until November 2020.

The draft master plan was released to the wider community for feedback over a four-week period in late 2019. Over 81 pieces of feedback were collected during this time with strong support for the overall nature-based vision of the new Ruthven park. The creation of a new playspace was strongly supported by the local community, with over 25 comments and ideas submitted.



Community feedback has informed the draft playspace concept design (**Appendix E**) and it is proposed that council consult the community about this draft concept design in late July.

**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopts the Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan (**Appendix A**).
- (2) Congratulates and thanks the members of the Ruthven Community Reference Group, community members and stakeholders for their effort, time, feedback and advice in developing the *Reimagining Ruthven* Master Plan.
- (3) Endorses the draft Ruthven playspace concept design for community consultation (**Appendix E**).

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopts the Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan (**Appendix A**).
- (2) Congratulates and thanks the members of the Ruthven Community Reference Group, community members and stakeholders for their effort, time, feedback and advice in developing the *Reimagining Ruthven* Master Plan.
- (3) Endorses the draft Ruthven playspace concept design for community consultation (**Appendix E**).

**Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** -

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopts the Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan (**Appendix A**).
- (2) Congratulates and thanks the members of the Ruthven Community Reference Group, community members and stakeholders for their effort, time, feedback and advice in developing the *Reimagining Ruthven* Master Plan.
- (3) Notes the formation of the Friends of Ruthven Park by CRG members.
- (4) Endorses the draft Ruthven playspace concept design for community consultation (**Appendix E**).

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion, was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-105

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopts the Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan (**Appendix A**).
- (2) Congratulates and thanks the members of the Ruthven Community Reference Group, community members and stakeholders for their effort, time, feedback and advice in developing the *Reimagining Ruthven* Master Plan.
- (3) Notes the formation of the Friends of Ruthven park by CRG members.
- (4) Endorses the draft Ruthven playspace concept design for community consultation (**Appendix E**).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.5 NEW MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN – CONSIDER SEEKING AUTHORISATION TO PREPARE A PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT**

**Author:** Senior Strategic Planner

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A new *Draft Darebin Development Contributions Plan 2019* (new DCP) has been prepared to introduce a levy on new development to help fund physical and social infrastructure required to meet the needs of the growing Darebin population over the next 20 years.

The new DCP will be implemented into the Darebin Planning Scheme through proposed Amendment C170dare. Officers seek Council's endorsement to formally request the Minister's authorisation to commence the planning scheme amendment process for Amendment C170d are.

The new municipal-wide development contributions levy applies to residential and non-residential development that proposes to increase dwellings or floor space. The new DCP has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation, directions and guidelines which form the DCP system in Victoria and has been peer reviewed.

Projects to be part funded by the new DCP have been selected based on Council's long-term capital works program. Many of the projects selected for the new DCP have undergone consultation processes or have a basis in Council plans and strategies that have undergone their own community consultation process. Project selection has also been subject to the criteria set out in the Victorian Government guidelines and the need for projects to be well-defined and have robust cost estimates.

The new DCP through Amendment C170dare will be exhibited publicly, during which time the community and stakeholders will be invited to make written submissions.

It is acknowledged that the development industry is likely to be adversely affected by economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic and may not welcome a development levy during this time. However these development contribution rates reflect the need to equitably share the cost of providing the infrastructure required by the community in the long term, over the next 20 years, and where there is a direct nexus with increased population as a result of new development. Further, these particular contribution rates are considered modest and aren't anticipated to unduly impact on development. The DCP will support delivery of key capital works projects, and opportunity to provide important stimulus for the local economy from the impacts of COVID-19.

There are some state exemptions from the levy, such as development of public housing, schools and hospitals. Further local development exclusions are proposed in this DCP to include Council delivered projects, social housing delivered for or by registered housing associations, and common-sense exemptions normally in DCPs such as replacement of a dwelling, alterations or additions to an existing dwelling, outbuildings and fences normal to a dwelling and utilities.

Darebin's existing DCP is no longer collecting contributions but remains in the Darebin Planning Scheme to allow levies previously collected to be expended on the development of the Darebin Multi-Sport Stadium (MSS).

### Recommendation

**That** Council:

- (1) Requests the Minister for Planning authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendix A and B**)
- (2) When authorised by the Minister for Planning, exhibit Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme in accordance with notice requirements under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- (3) Seeks community and stakeholder feedback as part of the exhibition period, on the proposed changes to the planning scheme to implement the *Darebin Development Contributions Plan 2019, June 2020* (**Appendix A**)
- (4) Authorise the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to the Amendment C170dare material as attached at **Appendix A and B** prior to the lodgement of the authorisation request with the Minister for Planning and/or exhibition period

### Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-106

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Requests the Minister for Planning authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendix A and B**).

- (2) When authorised by the Minister for Planning, exhibit Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme in accordance with notice requirements under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- (3) Seeks community and stakeholder feedback as part of the exhibition period, on the proposed changes to the planning scheme to implement the *Darebin Development Contributions Plan 2019, June 2020 (Appendix A)*
- (4) Authorise the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to the Amendment C170dare material as attached at **Appendix A and B** prior to the lodgement of the authorisation request with the Minister for Planning and/or exhibition period

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.6 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE - SOLAR SAVER RESIDENTIAL (BATCH 4)**

**Author:** Residential Program Officer  
Coordinator Solar Saver

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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### **PURPOSE**

To recommend that Council give notice of its intent to declare a Special Charge for the second batch of the residential Solar Saver program for the 2020-21 financial year (fourth batch for this round).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Solar Saver program is a key action of Council's Climate Emergency Plan.

The proposed Special Charge scheme relates to the 2020-21 program. The Declaration of this Special Charge will be considered by Council in August, after the public advertising period has closed.

The 13 households included in this batch have received and accepted quotes for their properties. The installations for this batch would add a total of **62.37kW** of solar capacity in Darebin. In line with Council's planned focus in 2020-21 (as included in the draft budget), these are all residential and low-income households.

The proposed Special Charge scheme totals **\$78,218.90 (Special Charge Amount** - see also Appendices A and B) (The gross amount is \$115,334.89 which includes GST and the Pre Small-Scale Technology Certificate [STC] claim).

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems as listed in **Appendix C**. Council will be repaid these costs, also detailed in Appendix C. Around 30% to 40% of this cost is returned to Council when works are invoiced and the STC credits generated by the solar systems are applied. The balance is repaid by beneficiaries of the Special Charge Scheme over 10 years.

All participants are expected to be eligible for state government rebates and this is expected to reduce the upfront cost to Council and Special Charges to be raised. Officers estimate that the total upfront cost will be reduced by approximately \$22,075.21 after rebates are confirmed.

No interest is charged to ratepayers on Special Charge repayments. Annual repayments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits to participants from the outset.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Council hereby gives notice of its intention to declare a Special Charge in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* as follows:
  - (a) Council declares a Special Charge for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
  - (b) We declare this Special Charge for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
    - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons or organisations required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
    - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
  - (c) The total:
    - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$78,218.90; and
    - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$78,218.90, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
  - (d) We declare the Special Charge in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as Appendix B to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
  - (e) Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution is the basis of the Special Charge.
  - (f) The Special Charge will be assessed and levied as follows:
    - i. Each Special Charge is calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Owner Agreement has been executed, totalling \$78,218.90, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
    - ii. The Special Charge will be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
  - (g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it is recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:

- i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
  - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons or organisations required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons or organisations that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons or organisations who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
  - (a) Council considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
  - (b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Council will give public notice in The Age newspaper of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 17 August 2020, the Special Charge in the form set out above.
- (5) Council will send separate letters, enclosing a copy of: this resolution; Appendix B to this report; and the public notice referred to in Paragraph 4 of this resolution, to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the Special Charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the Special Charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
- (6) Council will convene a meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear any persons or organisations who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
- (7) Council authorises the Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-107**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That Council:**

- (1) Council hereby gives notice of its intention to declare a Special Charge in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* as follows:
  - (a) Council declares a Special Charge for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
  - (b) We declare this Special Charge for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
    - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons or organisations required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
    - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
  - (c) The total:
    - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$78,218.90; and
    - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$78,218.90, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
  - (d) We declare the Special Charge in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as Appendix B to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
  - (e) Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution is the basis of the Special Charge.
  - (f) The Special Charge will be assessed and levied as follows:
    - i. Each Special Charge is calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Owner Agreement has been executed, totalling \$78,218.90, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
    - ii. The Special Charge will be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
  - (g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it is recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
    - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or

- ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons or organisations required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons or organisations that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons or organisations who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
  - (3) For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
    - (a) Council considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
    - (b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
  - (4) Council will give public notice in The Age newspaper of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 17 August 2020, the Special Charge in the form set out above.
  - (5) Council will send separate letters, enclosing a copy of: this resolution; Appendix B to this report; and the public notice referred to in Paragraph 4 of this resolution, to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the Special Charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the Special Charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
  - (6) Council will convene a meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear any persons or organisations who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
  - (7) Council authorises the Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7.7 SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP****Author:** Senior Transport Planner**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Suburban Rail Loop is a proposed new railway line connecting Werribee to Cheltenham without traversing the CBD. The North-East Section plans two new stations in Darebin at Reservoir and Bundoora.

Council does not yet have an adopted position on this project. Officers have assessed the project for benefits to local communities in Darebin and believe that it would represent a significant improvement on existing transport options.

This report recommends that Council adopt a position in support of the project to ensure that local benefits are maximised.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Supports the construction of the Suburban Rail Loop including new stations at Reservoir and Bundoora.
- (2) Advocates to the Victorian Government that:
  - (a) The North-East Section of the Suburban Rail Loop (Melbourne Airport to Box Hill) be constructed following the completion of Stage 1.
  - (b) The Suburban Rail Loop Authority work in partnership with Council during planning, construction and evaluation phases and that new station locations be used as opportunities for community infrastructure.
  - (c) The Route 11 tram be extended to Reservoir Station to act as a feeder service for the Suburban Rail Loop.
  - (d) High-frequency bus services be introduced along the proposed North-East Section as an interim transport solution until the Suburban Rail Loop is built.
  - (e) It commits to achieving infrastructure sustainability excellence throughout design, construction and use.
  - (f) The development of the projects include comprehensive community engagement to develop designs and seek feedback that reaches Darebin's diverse community.
- (3) Writes to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the State Members for Preston and Bundoora, Federal Member for Cooper and the Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University advising them of Council's decision.
- (4) Writes to all CEOs of local governments on the proposed route of the Suburban Rail Loop advising them of Council's decision.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-108**

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That Council:**

- (1) Supports the construction of the Suburban Rail Loop including new stations at Reservoir and Bundoora.
- (2) Advocates to the Victorian Government that:
  - (a) The North-East Section of the Suburban Rail Loop (Melbourne Airport to Box Hill) be constructed following the completion of Stage 1.
  - (b) The Suburban Rail Loop Authority work in partnership with Council during planning, construction and evaluation phases and that new station locations be used as opportunities for community infrastructure.
  - (c) The Route 11 tram be extended to Reservoir Station to act as a feeder service for the Suburban Rail Loop.
  - (d) High-frequency bus services be introduced along the proposed North-East Section as an interim transport solution until the Suburban Rail Loop is built.
  - (e) It commits to achieving infrastructure sustainability excellence throughout design, construction and use.
  - (f) The development of the projects include comprehensive community engagement to develop designs and seek feedback that reaches Darebin's diverse community.
- (3) Writes to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the State Members for Preston and Bundoora, Federal Member for Cooper and the Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University advising them of Council's decision.
- (4) Writes to all CEOs of local governments on the proposed route of the Suburban Rail Loop advising them of Council's decision.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.8 EDWARDES LAKE PLAYSPACE CONCEPT DESIGN**

**Author:** Team Leader City Design

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends that Council release for community consultation a draft concept design for a new playspace at Edwardes Lake Park as part of its work to improve the park. It also recommends Council update community and produce an updated site plan for the Park that reflects recent improvements and the proposed playspace.

Edwardes Lake Park is located in Reservoir, is of regional significance, and serves a critical role in providing 'green lungs' for the Darebin community. It is also an important connector for local habitat along Edgars Creek and is a popular regional destination for informal community gatherings and recreation.

Council has been considering further improvements to the park over a number of years and undertook community engagement in 2016 and 2017 for the purpose of helping with long term planning and with the intention of reviewing the previous Master Plan for the site.

This work is now completed and the key improvement that this work identified is a clear aspiration to activate the western section of the park, and construction of a new playspace in that area to achieve this. Therefore, in its 2019-20 budget, Council provided for the concept design of this new playspace.

This report seeks endorsement to release the concept plan for community consultation. Consulting on the playspace now would give Council the option to progress with detailed design of the playspace in 2020-21 which is proposed in Council's draft budget. Due to ongoing restrictions around Covid-19, consultation plans include a video that has been prepared to enable the greatest level of engagement by the community. If restrictions ease, face to face methods will also be used.

Council has also progressed a number of improvements in the Park in parallel. Recent improvements have included new park furniture, upgrades to the athletics track, new trees and a new public toilet building including a Changing Places facility adjacent to the existing all-abilities playground, near Griffiths Street.

Other than the proposed new playspace in the western section, many of the improvements identified were straightforward and could be easily incorporated into Council's annual renewal, open space workplan and budget processes. They didn't require the long term functions, uses or policy to change and are consistent with Council's existing directions. Therefore, officers advise that producing a full new Master Plan document is not necessary or warranted.

Community feedback identified an ongoing desire to consider long term opportunities including activating the boathouse and in the long run aspiring to have the lake be able to accommodate water recreation. Council has been exploring both these in parallel processes.

- Water recreation is not currently feasible and Council decided in April 2020 to advocate for State Government support to progress what would, if it is feasible at all, require very significant funding and many years work to realise this long term aspiration. This advocacy is ongoing.
- Similarly, Council has been in parallel progressing work to explore the feasibility of activating the boathouse and this will be considered by Council separately. This does not have a material impact on the layout or function of the park and does not need to be resolved for Council to make a decision in relation to this report.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes recent improvements to Edwardes Lake Park, based on community feedback
- (2) Endorses the draft Edwardes Lake Seaver Grove Playspace playspace concept design for community consultation (**Appendix A**)
- (3) Requests that a community update be provided which includes an updated Park site plan reflecting the proposed new playspace and recent improvements.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-109

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes recent improvements to Edwardes Lake Park, based on community feedback
- (2) Endorses the draft Edwardes Lake Seaver Grove Playspace playspace concept design for community consultation (**Appendix A**)
- (3) Requests that a community update be provided which includes an updated Park site plan reflecting the proposed new playspace and recent improvements.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor summarised a written submission from Penelope Bennett

## **7.9 DAREBIN'S RESPONSE TO SUPPORT TRANSPORT AND BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19**

**Author:** Coordinator Transport Engineering

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to a resolution of council on 9 June calling for “a report outlining opportunities, costs, budget impacts and the process regarding the establishment of temporary new kerb outstands and park lets for use by traders for footpath trading”. It also covers the new needs of commuters that are emerging in response to the pandemic.

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has had significant impacts on transport and businesses in Darebin.

While people have been working from home and many businesses have been closed or operating at reduced hours, there has been significantly less congestion and parking pressure and at the same time there have been increases in pedestrians and cyclists.

With commuting, education, some trade and other activities restarting we are seeing:

- businesses seeking additional space to help them socially distance including for things like managing queues or footpath dining.
- an increase in the number of cyclists and cars on our roads as commuters aim to socially distance by avoiding public transport.

To avoid an increase in chronic congestion in our city, enable a vibrant local economy and safely support the wellbeing of our community, this report proposes that Council:

- Advocates for temporary protected bicycle lanes in key State Government roads in Darebin, and for policy changes to help support community at this time.
- Implements temporary bicycle lanes in two locations in Darebin and investigates further options.

- Visits businesses to offer them a 'fast track' assessment to help facilitate improvements to their footpath trading arrangements.
- Invites requests from interested in businesses to repurpose carparking bays and other road space to help them extend dining areas, with a view to understanding demand and trialling it in up to five locations.

Our understanding of need has been changing rapidly and this report recommends that Council prioritise the following activities ahead of some of the activities proposed in the draft budget:

- To support changes around schools and fast track reviews of footpath trading permits, officers would reprioritise operating programs.
- To implement temporary bicycle lanes in South Crescent between Plant Street and Simpson Street and in Cramer St between St Georges Road and Gilbert St, and to investigate the same in High St between Westgarth St and Darebin Road and Normanby Ave to Dundas St, Council would need to reduce the scope of other projects by a total of \$130,000.
- To support trial of introduction of up to five dining areas on road space, \$15,000 would be needed.
- This report recommends a mix of programs be reduced to accommodate this.

Depending on specific circumstances, changes near schools, or trials of using road space for dining could require some council funding to proceed.

After investigation, if it is found feasible and to have merit, implementing a temporary bicycle lane in High St would also require funding. Should this be identified, a report would be brought to Council at that time. Generally, officers expect possible future costs could be in the order of \$100,000 to \$400,000.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Advocates for the following temporary protected bicycle lanes along key cycling corridors to be implemented by the Victorian State Government to provide safe alternatives for people who are no longer able to take public transport:
  - (a) Heidelberg Road between Ivanhoe and Clifton Hill
  - (b) Westgarth Street between South Crescent and Rucker Street
  - (c) Station Street between Darebin Road and Railway Place
  - (d) St Georges Road between Merri Parade and Fitzroy North.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Roads and Minister for Transport Infrastructure to advocate for the Victorian Government to urgently implement items listed in Appendix D.
- (3) Writes to the Minister for Public Transport to strongly advocate for the Victorian Government to urgently implement items listed in Appendix E.
- (4) Endorses a program to facilitate requests from local schools to implement temporary changes to traffic and parking near schools to help children, parents and staff to socially distance on the following basis:
  - (a) That the school principal supports the changes.
  - (b) These would apply during school start and finish times.

- (c) Reasonable efforts must be made to contact occupiers of all properties directly abutting affected areas.
  - (d) It must meet safety and access requirements as assessed by an appropriately qualified Council officer before implementation.
  - (e) Any approvals required are secured (for example from the Department of Transport).
- (5) Endorses a program to support local businesses and community visiting shopping areas to safely socially distance, in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines where necessary, by:
- (a) Visiting businesses and offering them a 'fast track' assessment in regard to footpath trading including as to whether their trading area can be extended into other areas of the footpath.
  - (b) Inviting business to raise requests with Council to repurpose car parking bays or otherwise use road space for trading or open space, with a view to initially trialling this in up to five locations, and allocates \$15,000 for this purpose
- (6) Allocates \$130,000 for planning and implementation of short-term temporary bicycle projects on Darebin-managed roads, including those outlined in **Appendix A** for the 2020-21 financial year:
- (a) South Crescent (in sections between Victoria Road and Westgarth Street);
  - (b) Cramer St between St Georges Road and Gilbert Road; and
  - (c) To investigate the same in further locations, including High Street between Westgarth Street and Darebin Road and Normanby Avenue to Dundas Street.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-110****MOVED: Cr. L Messina****SECONDED: Cr. S Amir****That Council:**

- (1) Advocates for the following temporary protected bicycle lanes along key cycling corridors to be implemented by the Victorian State Government to provide safe alternatives for people who are no longer able to take public transport:
  - (a) Heidelberg Road between Ivanhoe and Clifton Hill
  - (b) Westgarth Street between South Crescent and Rucker Street
  - (c) Station Street between Darebin Road and Railway Place
  - (d) St Georges Road between Merri Parade and Fitzroy North.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Roads and Minister for Transport Infrastructure to advocate for the Victorian Government to urgently implement items listed in Appendix D.
- (3) Writes to the Minister for Public Transport to strongly advocate for the Victorian Government to urgently implement items listed in Appendix E.

- (4) Endorses a program to facilitate requests from local schools to implement temporary changes to traffic and parking near schools to help children, parents and staff to socially distance on the following basis:
- (a) That the school principal supports the changes
  - (b) These would apply during school start and finish times
  - (c) Reasonable efforts must be made to contact occupiers of all properties directly abutting affected areas
  - (d) It must meet safety and access requirements as assessed by an appropriately qualified Council officer before implementation.
  - (e) Any approvals required are secured (for example from the Department of Transport)
- (5) Endorses a program to support local businesses and community visiting shopping areas to safely socially distance, in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines where necessary, by:
- (a) Visiting businesses and offering them a 'fast track' assessment in regard to footpath trading including as to whether their trading area can be extended into other areas of the footpath.
  - (b) Inviting business to raise requests with Council to repurpose car parking bays or otherwise use road space for trading or open space, with a view to initially trialling this in up to five locations, and allocates \$15,000 for this purpose
- (6) Allocates \$130,000 for planning and implementation of short-term temporary bicycle projects on Darebin-managed roads, including those outlined in **Appendix A** for the 2020-21 financial year:
- (a) South Crescent (in sections between Victoria Road and Westgarth Street);
  - (b) Cramer St between St Georges Road and Gilbert Road; and
  - (c) To investigate the same in further locations, including High Street between Westgarth Street and Darebin Road and Normanby Avenue to Dundas Street.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 - IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents to Council six compliance matters introduced by the new *Local Government Act 2020*, which are required to be implemented by 1 September 2020; namely:

- a) Councillor Support and Expenses Policy
- b) Public Transparency Policy
- c) Audit & Risk Committee Charter
- d) Instrument of Delegation - Council to CEO
- e) Delegated Committees (Planning Committee)
- f) Draft Governance Rules

Items A – E are presented to Council for adoption. The draft Governance Rules are presented to Council for endorsement for public exhibition. The intention is that the draft Governance Rules will return to Council for adoption at the 20 July Ordinary Council Meeting.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

**Part A - Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2020**

- (1) Adopts the *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2020* as provided at **Appendix A**, with an effective date of 29 June 2020.

**Part B - Public Transparency Policy 2020**

- (2) Adopts the *Public Transparency Policy 2020* as provided at **Appendix B**, with an effective date of 29 June 2020.

**Part C - Audit & Risk Committee Charter**

- (3) Adopts the *Audit & Risk Committee Charter* as provided at **Appendix C**, with an effective date of 29 June 2020.

**Part D – Instrument of Delegation – Council to the Chief Executive Officer**

- (4) In the exercise of the power conferred by Section 11(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, resolves that:-
  - (a) There be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer*, as provided as **Appendix D**, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
  - (b) The instrument comes into force immediately the Common Seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument.
  - (c) On the coming into force of the Instrument all previous delegations to the Chief Executive Officer are revoked.
  - (d) The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instruments must be executed, in accordance with the schedule set out in the instrument and any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

**Part E – Delegated Committees (Planning Committee)**

- (5) Pursuant to Section 63 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, resolves to establish the Planning Committee as a 'Delegated Committee' until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.



- (6) Approves the *Planning Committee Instrument of Delegation* as provided at **Appendix E** to ensure the Planning Committee has the power to make decisions on relevant matters and notes that:
- (a) the Instrument of delegation comes into force immediately the Common Seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument; and
  - (b) remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
  - (c) The powers discretions and authorities conferred on the Planning Committee by the Instrument must be exercised in accordance with the schedule set out in the Instrument and with any guidelines or policies Council may from time to time adopt.

#### **Part F – Draft Governance Rules**

- (7) In accordance with Section 60(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, endorses the Draft Governance Rules 2020 as provided at **Appendix F**, places the draft Governance Rules on public exhibition and invites written submissions for a period of 2 weeks.
- (8) Receives a final report considering any submissions on the Draft Governance Rules 2020 at the Council meeting to be held on 20 July 2020.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

That Council:

#### **Part A - Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2020**

- (1) Adopts the *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2020* as provided at **Appendix A**, with an effective date of 29 June 2020.

#### **Part B - Public Transparency Policy 2020**

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#### **Part C - Audit & Risk Committee Charter**

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- (8) Receives a final report considering any submissions on the Draft Governance Rules 2020 at the Council meeting to be held on 20 July 2020.

#### **Amendment**

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

**That** the financial limit in the Instrument of Delegation – Council to the Chief Executive Officer be set at \$700,000.

The Amendment was put and lost.

**LOST**

**For:** Cr's Williams, Greco and Messina (3)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Amir and McCarthy (4)

#### **Amendment**

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

**That** the 2 week consultation period be changed to a 4 week consultation process.

The Amendment was put and lost.

LOST

**For:** Cr's Williams and Greco, (2)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Amir, McCarthy and Messina (5)

**Amendment**

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

**That** Council include the policies and matters in Part A, B, C, D and E in the 2 week consultation period.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion, was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-111

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That** Council:

Place the policies and matters listed below on public consultation for a 2 week period viz

**Part A - Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2020**

(1) The *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2020* as provided at **Appendix A**,

**Part B - Public Transparency Policy 2020**

(2) The *Public Transparency Policy 2020* as provided at **Appendix B**,

**Part C - Audit & Risk Committee Charter**

(3) The *Audit & Risk Committee Charter* as provided at **Appendix C**,

**Part D – Instrument of Delegation – Council to the Chief Executive Officer**

(4) The Instrument of Delegation – Council to the Chief Executive Officer as provided at **Appendix D**

**Part E – Delegated Committees (Planning Committee)**

(5) the Planning Committee Instrument of Delegation as provided at **Appendix E**

**Part F – Draft Governance Rules**

(7) The Draft Governance Rules 2020 as provided at **Appendix F**, and

(8) Receives a final report considering any submissions on these policies and matters at the Council meeting to be held on 20 July 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.37pm The Council meeting adjourned for a break until 8.45pm.

8.45pm The Council meeting resumed.

**7.11 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND FROM A DISCONTINUED ROAD REAR 65 SOUTHERNHAY STREET AND REAR 60 KING WILLIAM STREET, RESERVOIR**

**Author:** Property Officer

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In April 2019, Council received an enquiry from an adjacent owner of the 3.66-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 63-69 Southernhay Street and 58-64 King William Street, Reservoir, who was seeking to purchase the land abutting their property, being part of the unsold land from a previously discontinued road.

The land shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** is known as Lot 6 on Title Plan 896344C shown in **Appendix B**, and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix C**.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed sale, with the property owners of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir indicating their interest by signing an in-principle agreement to purchase the land from the discontinued road at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process.

It is therefore recommended that Council commences the statutory process to sell the land from this former road and to take title of any unsold land.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to:
  - (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir shown as Lot 6 on Title Plan 896344C in **Appendix B**, to the owners of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (2) Gives public notice under Sections 189, 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed sale in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website, and in such notice, state that Council proposes to:
  - (a) Sell the land from the former road to the owners of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir by private treaty
  - (b) Transfer to itself any land that remains unsold.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-112

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That Council:**

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to:
  - (a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir shown as Lot 6 on Title Plan 896344C in **Appendix B**, to the owners of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (2) Gives public notice under Sections 189, 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed sale in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website, and in such notice, state that Council proposes to:
  - (a) Sell the land from the former road to the owners of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir by private treaty
  - (b) Transfer to itself any land that remains unsold.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor summarised a written submission from Carlie Mead.

**7.12 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT CT 201336 - PROVISION OF  
HARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

**Author:** Coordinator Waste Operations

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The contract for the existing hard waste collection service was awarded by Council in 2014 for an initial term of five (5) years with two (2) one (1) year extension options. Exercising extension periods was to be at the sole discretion of Council and subject to the contractor's satisfactory performance during the initial term of the contract.

In April 2019, Council approved the first of the extension options which expires on 31 July 2020.

Given the satisfactory performance of the current contractor over the life of the contract, this report recommends that Council exercise the second and final contract extension until July 2021.

**Recommendation****That Council:**

- (1) Exercises the second and final extension of one year for contract CT201336 – Provision of Hard Waste Collection Services with WM Waste Management Services for the booked hard waste collection at an estimated cost of \$120,000 and the June 2021 area-based collection at an estimated cost of \$1,100,000 completing all available extensions under this contract on 31 July 2021.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract extension on behalf of the Council.

**Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. L Messina**  
**SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

**That Council:**

- (1) Exercises the second and final extension of one year for contract CT201336 – Provision of Hard Waste Collection Services with WM Waste Management Services for the booked hard waste collection at an estimated cost of \$120,000 and the June 2021 area-based collection at an estimated cost of \$1,100,000 completing all available extensions under this contract on 31 July 2021.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract extension on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Undertakes a thorough and comprehensive review of the hard waste collection service, consults the community on options and briefs Council on any proposed options before any new service model is tendered.
- (4) This review should include options to reduce volumes going to landfill including options for prevention, reuse, recycle and recovery:-
  - (a) Furniture and toys
  - (b) Crockery and glassware
  - (c) Whitegoods, mattresses and household appliances
  - (d) Clothing and textiles
  - (e) Metal, steel and iron
- (5) The review should also include how a hard waste collection service can complement other waste services offered by Council including the operations at the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre and the dumped rubbish service.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-113**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) Exercises the second and final extension of one year for contract CT201336 – Provision of Hard Waste Collection Services with WM Waste Management Services for the booked hard waste collection at an estimated cost of \$120,000 and the June 2021 area-based collection at an estimated cost of \$1,100,000 completing all available extensions under this contract on 31 July 2021.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract extension on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Undertakes a thorough and comprehensive review of the hard waste collection service, consults the community on options and briefs Council on any proposed options before any new service model is tendered.
- (4) This review should include options to reduce volumes going to landfill including options for prevention, reuse, recycle and recovery:-
  - (a) Furniture and toys
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  - (d) Clothing and textiles
  - (e) Metal, steel and iron
- (5) The review should also include how a hard waste collection service can complement other waste services offered by Council including the operations at the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre and the dumped rubbish service.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **8. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 ADVOCACY REPORT ON EXTENSION OF TRAM ROUTE 11

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 480

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 June 2020, it is my intention to move:

*'That Council receives an urgent report on an articulated strategy plan to advocate for the extension of Tram Route 11.'*

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-114**

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

**That** Council receives an urgent report on an articulated strategy plan to advocate for the extension of Tram Route 11.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Declaration of Conflict of Interest

9.11pm Cr Amir declared a conflict of interest in the following item due to a conflicting duty created between her role as a Councillor and her employment as a Federal Public Servant and was removed from the virtual meeting for the duration of Council's determination of the matter.

### 9.2 CALL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FREE CHILDCARE PROGRAM

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 481

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 June 2020, it is my intention to move:

*'That Council writes to the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Greens calling for an initial 3 months extension of the Federal Government's free childcare program which will now end on 12 July 2020. Council also calls for an overhaul of the childcare system after September with a view of adopting a modern free childcare scheme into the future.'*

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**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-115

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

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.18pm Cr Amir was re-admitted to the virtual meeting.

**9.3 RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE BY DR JANE STANLEY REGARDING PRESTON MARKET**

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 482

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 29 June 2020, it is my intention to move:

**'That Council:**

- (1) *Notes the presentation provided to Councillors by Dr Jane Stanley, a renowned expert on markets around the world, regarding the future of Preston Market.*
- (2) *That subject to Dr Jane Stanley's approval, the presentation she made to the Councillor Briefing on the 25 May 2020 regarding Preston Market be publicly released for transparency reasons.*
- (3) *Urgently forwards Dr Stanley's presentation to the Planning Minister and the Victorian Planning Authority (noting that Dr Stanley's presentation was not commissioned by or endorsed by Council) to ensure they have a range of expert perspectives on the future of Preston Market.'*

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-116

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the presentation provided to Councillors by Dr Jane Stanley, a renowned expert on markets around the world, regarding the future of Preston Market.

- (2) That subject to Dr Jane Stanley's approval, the presentation she made to the Councillor Briefing on the 25 May 2020 regarding Preston Market be publicly released for transparency reasons.
- (3) Urgently forwards Dr Stanley's presentation to the Planning Minister and the Victorian Planning Authority (noting that Dr Stanley's presentation was not commissioned by or endorsed by Council) to ensure they have a range of expert perspectives on the future of Preston Market.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's Rennie, Greco, Williams and Messina (4)

**Against:** Cr's McCarthy, Amir and Newton (3)

## **10. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## **11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Nil

## **12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS**

### **12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD**

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Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 which outlined the requirements to be observed in respect to Assemblies i.e.

*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.*

was repealed on the 1 May 2020 by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

An Assembly of Councillors was defined in the Act 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.

Officers anticipate that the issue of public transparency and accountability in relation to forums involving Councillors previously defined as Assemblies of Councillors will be addressed in the Councils Governance Rules which must be adopted by the 1 September 2020.

Until the Governance Rules are developed and adopted by Council the 'regime' previously followed will continue in the interests of good governance.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Councillor Briefing – 15 June 2020
- Councillor Briefing – 22 June 2020

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-117**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 15 & 22 June 2020 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-118**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

**That** Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

CR. RENNIE REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- EXEC SUPPORT DAILY MEETINGS
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR MEETING – KIM LE CERF
- CITY OF DAREBIN – COMMUNITY PETITION [DAREBIN, DELWP & EPA] MEETING
- NEIGHBOURING MAYORS' MEETING
- SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS – JUNE WEBINAR SERIES - REDUCING WASTE
- MEETING - ON SITE WITH CAROLYN LUNT
- ONE ON ONE WITH THE DEPUTY MAYOR
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR MEETING – STEPH AMIR
- AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING



- ONE ON ONE WITH THE CEO
- DINNER PRIOR TO PLANNING COMMITTEE
- PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- COUNCIL BRIEFING
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR MEETING – JULIE WILLIAMS
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR MEETING – TRENT MCCARTHY
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR MEETING – LINA MESSINA
- SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS – JUNE WEBINAR SERIES - CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- DECC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- REGULAR INFORMAL COUNCILLOR GROUP MEETING
- ONE ON ONE WITH THE DEPUTY MAYOR
- INTRODUCTION - MAYOR SUSAN RENNIE AND CHIEF INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT OFFICER
- VIRTUAL PROGRESS CONFERENCE 2020 – 2-DAY EVENT CONCURRENT SESSIONS
- VIRTUAL COUNCILLOR BRIEFING TEST MEETING
- ONE ON ONE WITH THE CEO
- VIRTUAL COUNCILLOR BRIEFING MEETING
- MEETING WITH ALI TALEB AND MAYOR RENNIE - DAREBIN CITIZEN JURY
- DINNER WITH SUSAN RENNIE, FIONA PATTEN AND EMMA SINCLAIR
- NORTHERN COUNCILS ALLIANCE - MAYORS AND CEO MEETING
- INVITATION TO JOIN WEB SEMINAR: TEST EVENT WITH MAYOR
- MEETING BETWEEN MAYOR RENNIE AND VERY REV FATHER EVMENIOS - GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA
- VIRTUAL HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS MEETING – BUDGET
- RECORDED MAYORAL VIDEO MESSAGE FOR THE BRIDGE DAREBIN
- REGULAR INFORMAL COUNCILLOR GROUP MEETING
- ONE ON ONE WITH THE DEPUTY MAYOR
- MEET RESIDENT JOHNSON PARK NORTHCOTE - NEXT TO THE PLAYGROUND
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR MEETING – STEPH AMIR
- ONE ON ONE WITH THE CEO
- TEST BRIEFING – VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
- ONLINE COUNCIL MEETING

#### **REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR**

CR. AMIR REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- INTERVIEW WITH JOURNALISM STUDENT ABOUT THE DEMISE OF LOCAL MEDIA

- REGULAR COUNCILLOR PHONE CATCHUP 22 MAY 2020
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING 25 MAY 2020

- STREET-MEETING WITH RESIDENTS REGARDING PLANNING ISSUE
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING 1 JUNE 2020
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR PHONE CATCHUP 5 MAY 2020
- PHONE MEETING WITH SAMANTHA RATNAM MLC
- REGULAR CATCHUP WITH THE MAYOR 15 JUNE 2020
- PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING 15 JUNE 2020
- INTERVIEW FOR PODCAST RE: CLIMATE EMERGENCY MOVEMENT
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING 22 JUNE 2020
- TECH TESTS X2
- HEARING OF BUDGET SUBMISSIONS
- REGULAR COUNCILLOR PHONE CATCHUP 26 JUNE 2020
- REGULAR CATCHUP WITH THE MAYOR 29 JUNE 2020
- PHONE CALLS WITH RESIDENTS REGARDING DUMPED RUBBISH, NEW BUSINESSES, FOOTPATH CLEANING AND OTHER MATTERS

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

CR. GRECO REPORTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- PLANNING MEETING
- DAREBIN NATURE TRUST
- SUBMISSION TO MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL
- HEARING OF SUBMISSION HEARING
- ATTENDED TO RESIDENTS' ISSUES
- PRESTON MARKET
- PLANNING
- COUNCIL NATURE STRIP
- CHEDDAR LAPM
- PROPOSED RATE RISE
- RUBBISH DUMPING
- MANTRA REFUGEES
- PARKING

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

CR. MCCARTHY REPORTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- DAREBIN SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS WEBINAR ON REDUCING WASTE
- PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- COUNCIL BRIEFINGS
- PODCAST INTERVIEW RE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



- VIRTUAL PROGRESS CONFERENCE
- DAREBIN NATURE TRUST MEETING
- HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF**

CR. LE CERF REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- REGULAR FORTNIGHTLY CATCH UP WITH MAYOR
- DISCUSSION REGARDING GREEN RECOVERY FORUM SERIES
- AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
- FRIENDS OF BAUCAU COMMITTEE MEETING
- REGULAR INFORMAL COUNCILLOR GROUP CATCH UP X2
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING
- REGULAR CATCH UP WITH CEO
- HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – BUDGET 2020-21
- COUNCIL MEETING

**REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

CR. MESSINA REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH MAYOR RENNIE
- FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS WITH COUNCILLORS
- BUDGET HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS MEETING
- STRATEGIES AND POLICIES ADVISORY GROUP
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSION X2
- MEETING WITH ZAC GRUEVSKI, PRESTON LIONS

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

CR. NEWTON REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH MAYOR RENNIE
- FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS WITH COUNCILLORS
- BUDGET HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS MEETING
- VICTORIAN LOCAL GOVERNANCE ASSOCIATION (VLGA) BOARD MEETING
- PRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE/THE BRIDGE DAREBIN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSION X2
- MEETING WITH ZAC GRUEVSKI, PRESTON LIONS
- PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING



**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

CR. WILLIAMS REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- PLANNING MEETING
- COUNCIL BRIEFING X 2
- COUNCIL MEETING X 1
- TEST BRIEFING ONLINE WITH IT
- HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS
- CATCH UP WITH THE MAYOR

**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 9.31pm.

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