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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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 DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2023

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6:02PM

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Cr. Julie Williams (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
Cr. Gaetano Greco (virtual)
Cr. Tom Hannan
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Susan Rennie

Council Officers

Peter Smith - Chief Executive Officer
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital
Kylie Bennetts - General Manager Community
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Jacinta Stevens - Manager Corporate Governance

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Messina declared a conflict of interest in any item relating to aged care, in terms of the Council Plan and Council Budget, due to her role as founder and director of an approved aged care service provider company.

Cr. Hannan noted he would be declaring a conflict in the Urgent Business Item if it is tabled.

Cr. Laurence declared a conflict of interest in any item relating to the Northcote Golf Course, due to a family residential amenity located in close proximity to the Northcote Golf Course.

Cr. Rennie declared a conflict of interest in any item relating to the capital works at Jika Jika Community Centre, due to this being her place of employment.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-044

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Mayor made the following statement:

Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure everyone attending tonight's meeting, in person or online, feels safe both physical and emotionally.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FATHER ROBERT (BOB) MAGUIRE

The Mayor made the following statement:

Darebin City Council was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Father Robert (Bob) Maguire AM RFD, aged 88, and we express our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Father Bob was born in Thornbury and became a parish priest in the 1970's at Saint Peter and Paul's Church in South Melbourne where he remained for nearly 40 years.

He was not only a loved family member but was a social justice campaigner and "people's priest", who fought bravely for the underprivileged and homeless.

In 2003, he established the Father Bob Maguire Foundation, so that no one is left behind. Providing outreach programs, street-based community meals, education programs, community pantry, advocacy services and social inclusion programs - the foundation was styled on Maguire's "revolutionary approach to social justice", and its workers became known as the "Bob Squad".

One of the many testimonies of his work are recalled by community member Annette:

"It is a wonderful experience being involved with Father Bob's Foundation and the food van. I can say the benefits of being involved have also made a positive difference to my life. I was looking forward to each week, the wonderful mix of volunteers, the people we would serve, the familiar faces, the involvement around simple things such as making coffees for people or serving food and the positive conversations that follow".

His tireless work in social justice earned Father Bob a Member of the Order of Australia in 1989 and was named Victorian of the Year in 2011.

Council acknowledges the impact Father Bob had on society – a man who committed himself to a life of faith and stood up for those most vulnerable. May he Rest in Peace.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IDAHOBIT DAY

Mayor made the following statement:

On Wednesday 17 May 2023, Darebin City Council held several events to mark IDAHOBIT day, I'd like to say a big thank you to all our officers and all those who attended the events, for making IDAHOBIT day such a huge success this year, thank you .

7. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Cr. Williams referred to relevant General Managers to respond to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Zoe Zammit of Thornbury**

This question relates to Darebin libraries' historical newspapers. Late last year, Darebin Libraries removed all of the back-issues. When asked about this, they stated everything would be re-published in "early 2023". Their response now indicates these issues will not be re-published.

1. Could Council please inform the community as to why there was no warning or consultation about this, and
2. Why this important historical resource is no longer available?

Response from General Manager Community

Thank you for your question, Zoe.

Darebin Libraries recognises the importance of local newspapers for our community.

The Darebin Heritage website, which hosted these newspapers, migrated to a new system in May 2022. Unfortunately, this was not as seamless as we expected, and the newspapers were not able to be automatically transferred.

Our team are working to restore access to a range of content, including the Leader newspapers, as quickly as they are able.

In the meantime, library team members have been assisting community members with their searches. This can be requested via the Ask a Librarian function on our website, via email, telephone or in person while in branch.

- **Caitlin Sullivan of Reservoir**

1. Could Council please provide an update on the release of a public statement of support for the inclusion of trans and gender diverse people in all sports in the municipality, in line with the resolution of the December 2022 Council Meeting?
2. What is Council's position on extending anti-vilification provisions to cover more attributes, as recommended by the Victorian parliamentary inquiry into anti-vilification protections?
3. How many charge sheets have Council officers filed charging an offence against provisions of the Summary Offences Act, in accordance with section 56(1) of the Act?

Response from General Manager Community

Officers will take question 1 and 2 on notice and provide a response as soon as possible.

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

I can confirm that Council Officers have not filed any charging of offences against provisions of the Summary Offences Act.

- **Staci Timms of Preston**

1. Will Council fly the trans flag to mark Trans Day of Remembrance on 20 November this year?
2. Could Council please provide an update on the process of updating its Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan, which was originally to be presented for endorsement at the December 2022 Council Meeting?
3. Could Council please provide an update on Strategic Objective 1.3.1 of the Council Plan for Rainbow Tick accreditation to be achieved by 2023?

Response from General Manager Community

Thank you, Staci, for your questions. Council has flown the trans flag to mark Trans Day of Remembrance in previous years. Council is currently considering its Community Flag Schedule and will consider this request as part of finalising the schedule.

Council has commenced undertaking Rainbow Tick accreditation for four key services. Learnings from the accreditation will be incorporated into the draft Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diverse Action Plan which is outlined in the Council Plan to be developed in 23/24.

- **Ruth Jelley of Northcote**

At public question time in June last year, Council stated that “The Octopus Schools program is not proposed for 2022-23 financial year” after stating back in March last year that the Octopus Schools program was “an effective way of helping a school to change travel behaviour” but that it was being replaced with the Your Street Your Say program. I have three questions in relation to this.

1. Why has Council announced on Facebook in the past week that St Raphael’s Primary School in Preston is receiving funding under the Octopus Schools program?
2. How many projects have been budgeted under Your Street Your Say to address travel safety and travel behaviour change around schools?
3. Is the number of school-focused travel safety projects budgeted under Your Street Your Say keeping pace with what would have been funded or Octopus Schools, had the program not been “discontinued”?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Thank you for your questions Ruth

1. **We are supporting St Raphael Primary through a State Government Grant. We’re describing the work with the school as ‘Octopus Schools’ because it’s a term the community understands, a lot of the activities are very similar.**
2. **I can advise that 9 of the top 20 adopted priorities in the first investigation area for the Your Street, Your Say program, will improve access to schools. Safety around schools is a key element of the investigation work currently underway for the second area.**
3. **Yes, 50% of the draft capital works program for transport safety improvements in the draft 2023/24 Budget that Council will consider tonight, are near schools.**

- **Caitlin Jones of Melbourne**

1. Could we ask for council support in delaying the removal of 2 street trees in Gladstone avenue, Northcote?
2. Could we ask for council support in exploring (identified) options for an exemption for the trees from Energy Safe Victoria?
3. Could we ask for council support in exploring alternatives to removal such as brackets to reposition power lines?

Response from General Manager Operations & Capital

Thank you for your questions Caitlin.

We can confirm that the proposed tree removals have been put on hold until Councillors receive and consider additional advice from officers regarding this matter and will be dealt with as an urgent motion this evening.

- **Paul Zanatta of Preston South**

Will Council please provide a detailed budget and program of works for remediating AS1428.1 non-compliant and dangerous footpath crossovers at street intersections?

Response from General Manager Operations & Capital

Thanks for your question Paul.

Yes, we agree that there are several pram crossings that have been identified as in need of rectification. We typically fund those from Council's footpath renewal program. Council prioritised other works in the current financial year and will consider its investment in footpaths (along with other capital works investment) tonight.

- **Serena O'Meley of Reservoir**

1. Please provide attendance lists for all councillors (as applicable) for Advisory Committee (AC) meetings since the commencement of this term of Darebin Council. If the information will take some time to gather I would appreciate it if attendance at Darebin Nature Trust and Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee could be prioritised.
2. Can you please provide an update regarding the purchase of three parcels of VicRoads land within Clements Reserve?

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

Thank you for the questions Serena.

With regard to Advisory Committees, I can confirm that this information is reported publicly each month through an appendix to the Governance Report. This appendix includes the Councillor Attendance Record for meetings conducted with Councillors, including advisory committee. I would be happy to speak to you offline if you'd like some assistance in collating that information, and it is publicly available already.

With regard to your second question and the acquisition of the three parcels of land at Clements Reserve, I can confirm that we are still working through negotiations with the Department of Transport (VicRoads) and we are seeking to finalise those negotiations with regard to the Contract of Sale in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued interest.

- **Sean Nettleton of Fairfield**

1. Why has the footpath outside 78 Station St Fairfield, which has a huge hole in it that has grown in size after first being reported and can now fit a child's foot down it, not been fixed after being reported on the 23rd of January and was followed up with an email stating that a senior manager would contact me 2 months ago, has not occurred?
2. The cone that Darebin council has used to cover the large hole in the footpath outside 78 Station St Fairfield has moved multiple times and needed to be put back in place by residents over the last three months. Can Darebin council release the risk assessments showing that only a cone is needed to cover this hole for ongoing safety of children?
3. When, why and how did Darebin council make and communicate the decision to no longer process requests for larger bins for residents with additional needs such as multiple nappy using children, large multi-generational families or medical needs for increased waste?

Response from General Manager Operations & Capital

Thank you for your questions Sean.

1. **We would like to apologise for the delay in contacting you and responding to your request. The hole is in a service pit lid and officers have prioritised its repair which we hope will be in the next couple of days.**
2. **Officers considered how best to mitigate this risk at the time, with what we hoped would be a short term intervention and decided a bollard would suffice at that time, we are sorry that it has been delayed further.**
3. **Council is currently reviewing arrangements for the waste charges in 23/24 (which will be considered along with the budget by Council tonight) and baseline data is being worked through. Officers considered it necessary to temporarily halt additional services while this baseline data was prepared and considered. In addition, there is a sector wide shortage of waste bins, so we've have had to prioritise residents/households with medical waste requirements who are still able to apply.**

- **Matt Heafield of Northcote**

1. The State Government paid \$500k to Darebin City Council in 2017 towards the Bill Lawry Oval redevelopment, why has the current Bill Lawry Oval project not commenced?
2. Since the announcement in 2017 of the Bill Lawry Oval redevelopment, can I ask how much has this project alone cost the rate payers of Darebin?
3. The Darebin City Council website states the Bill Lawry Oval redevelopment will be postponed and will be considered as part of the 23/24 Budget, are you able to advise how a project that Council has supported since 2017, and has received \$500k in State Government funding and a commitment of \$200k from Cricket Victoria and AFL Victoria, was not included in the interim 23/24 Budget?

Response from General Manager Community

Thanks for your questions, Matthew.

The draft 2023-24 Council budget that Council are considering tonight, also incorporates the 4-year Capital Works program. This draft Capital Works program proposes that the Bill Lawry Oval Pavilion redevelopment project would re-commence in 2026-27.

Following Council endorsement of the draft budget, there will be an opportunity for community to provide input and feedback ahead of Council Making a final decision in June on the Budget and also the 4 Year Capital Works Program. Once Council has resolved it's position, it will then write to the State Government in relation to the funding received for that project.

In relation to question 2, we take this question on notice to allow officers time to prepare a reconciliation of costs incurred to date. We will write to you to provide a response following the completion of this reconciliation.

- **Marion Attwater of Pascoe Vale**

1. With regards to the Draft Budget Fees and Schedule in Report 9.1, there is no indication of the likely costs of the new types of parking permits that are in the Draft Parking Permit Policy (currently being consulted on). Can the proposed cost of each new parking permit please be made available to the public?
2. Did the Municipal Monitor attend meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee during his term as Municipal Monitor?
3. With regard to the Municipal Monitors' finding that the Council needs to give priority to securing the ongoing financial sustainability of the city, investment in information technology, and to suitable staff accommodation, has the Council's Audit and Risk Committee made similar recommendations in recent Biannual Reports, and if so in which reports?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Thanks for your question Marion.

1. While Council has proposed to change it's policy, community consultation is still underway on a draft and Council will make sure it understands community views first before making a final decision on that Policy. And for that reason, the draft budget that is on the Agenda tonight, has been prepared based on the current Policy and the current types of permits in place.

We are expecting Council to consider a decision about its new Policy and any next steps associated with that, in roughly July this year.

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

Thank you for your questions Marion.

2. I am pleased to confirm that the Monitor did attend Audit and Risk Committee meetings during his time at Council, and his attendance was recorded in our Attendance Records published through the cyclical Governance Report to Council monthly.
3. The Audit and Risk Committee has held six meetings over the past 6 months and the next Bi-Annual Report is due to be reported at the June Council meeting.

The Committee has made a number of recommendations to Council, several of which are referenced in tonight's Council Report for the Budget and draft Financial Plan, in addition to others which have informed the development of the work relating to the 10 year Financial Plan and the Revenue and Rating Plan which is being considered tonight.

- **Louise Kenney-Shen of Reservoir**

1. Can Council please provide information as to what the delay is in construction of new cricket nets for Preston Cricket Club?

Response from General Manager Community

Thank you for your question, Louise.

Council has received some community feedback and concerns about the construction of the Preston City Oval cricket nets. Officers have sought to understand those concerns while balancing the needs of the Preston Cricket Club and Preston City Oval's joint purpose as a sports field and public open space.

Officers are working with Council at the moment to brief councillors further on that and will be looking to call a Special Council Meeting as soon as possible for Council to consider the matter, and also for interested community members and stakeholders to speak to Councillors ahead of Council making a decision on that project.

- **John Nugent of Epping**

1. Could you please advise when will your officers send out the answers from the questions I have asked in previous Council Meetings regarding;
 - Asking Questions from the floor 27/2/23 & 2022
 - Number of male/female in Council buildings 27/2/2023
 - When will Council send out the acquittal for the lights
2. Could you please advise why adults are charged more than children when using a Council Swimming pool?
3. Could you please advise what was the cost spent on each ground from the State Government Grant (for the lighting).

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement

Thanks for your questions, John.

1. I am sincerely sorry if you haven't received a response to those questions, certainly I did believe the first two questions had been responded to, so one of my staff members will be in contact with you this week to discuss the information requested at previous Council meetings, and an officer from the relevant department will come back to you with regard to the other question.

Response from General Manager Community

2. This is common practice across a range of services, including Council swimming pools. The reduced fees are an incentive to support family usage and participation in these activities by young people.
3. The sports field lighting acquittals are still being finalised following their launches in early May 2023. Council expects to submit those in the next 3 months. The costs will be provided once those documents have been submitted to and accepted by the State Government.

8. PETITIONS**8.1 TABLING OF PETITION**

Cr. Messina sought leave of the Chairperson to table a petition for referral to the CEO for consideration regarding Preston City Oval Cricket Nets.

Petition

That the petition signed by approximately 175 people and which complies with the Councils Governance Rules, is noted and referred to the CEO for consideration and response:

This petition of residents of Darebin opposes to the demolition of mature trees and removal of publicly accessible open green space for the purpose of enclosed Cricket Nets on the corner of Bruce St and Mary St, Preston.

The proposed location of the cricket nets will create a hostile street edge not in keeping with the expectations of the community and will damage the character of the area.

The petitioners therefore request the Darebin City Council immediately stop the tender process and plans for the works on the corner of Bruce Street and Mary Street. We request that the council revise their documentation and engage with the community for a more appropriate resolution for the location of the Preston City Oval cricket nets

Submission

David Smith made a 2 minute submission in relation to Item 8.1 – Petition regarding Preston City Oval Cricket Nets.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9.1 **ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT 2023/24 BUDGET (INCORPORATING THE 4 YEAR BUDGET), 10 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, REVENUE AND RATING PLAN AND RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY TO PROCEED TO COMMUNITY EXHIBITION**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council endorse its draft 2023-24 budget (incorporating the 4-year Budget), Revenue and Rating Plan, Rates Financial Hardship Policy and 10-year Financial Plan to proceed to community exhibition. It is noted that the consultation on the draft Budget document follows the broad community engagement undertaken from 6 to 26 February 2023 and considered by the Hearing of Submissions Committee on 14 March 2023. All submissions received were considered as part of the development of the draft 2023-24 Budget (incorporating the 4 year budget). Deliberative consultation to inform the 10 year Financial Plan was undertaken in April – May 2023 and the outcome of this has been incorporated into the draft 10-year Financial Plan.

In the past two years, financial challenges have impacted us all. High inflation, increasing labour, materials and construction costs, coupled with rising interest rates, has placed significant pressures on Council's budget. As stewards of Government resources, these challenges have meant we have needed to review our strategic plans and priorities to ensure we can continue to deliver what matters most to the Darebin community, whilst being financially sustainable and fiscally responsible.

The need for financial sustainability has also been raised in the report from the Municipal Monitor, published on 26 April 2023 by the Minister for Local Government. As a result of the Municipal Monitor's recommendations contained in the report, the Minister for Local Government has provided governance Directions to Council to provide a number of assurances relating to financial sustainability, following receipt of the Monitor's report.

As a result, the 2023-24 budget package includes a draft mid-term review of the Financial Plan 2021-31 and a draft mid-term review of the Council Plan 2021-25. These reviews were necessary to enable Council to carefully consider the changing economic landscape and the new challenges these have presented to Council and our community. The draft 10 year Financial Plan recommended to proceed to community consultation is prudent and necessary to ensure financial sustainability, and to ensure Council keeps a clear focus on delivering the Community's Vision, key services people rely on and social and sustainability outcomes for our Community. It should be noted that the mid-term review of the Council Plan is reported separately on the Council meeting agenda.

We have carefully prioritised a financially responsible capital works program focused on renewing assets and addressing highest priority needs. This includes investing in new kindergartens. Our operating budget has also tightened and we have prioritised delivery of community services and programs people rely on, which have the highest impact towards our community's social and sustainability goals.

Our community has established a clear vision for Darebin in 2041 and our draft Council Plan and Budget for the years ahead are designed to work towards this. Our Community sees Darebin in 2041 as "an equitable, vibrant and connected community" which "respects and

supports First Nations People, values country, our diverse communities and places.” and our community’s vision is that “Darebin commits to mitigating the climate emergency, creating prosperity for current and future generations.

The 10-year Financial Plan incorporates provision for investment in improved technology and systems which will help us reduce costs in the medium and longer term, through improved integration and automation that will significantly enhance the community experience and enable achievement of Council goals and plans more efficiently. This aligns to the recommendation made by the Municipal Monitor in their report released in April 2023.

Once endorsed by Council, the draft 10-year Financial Plan, draft Revenue and Rating Plan, draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy and draft 2023-24 Budget (incorporating the 4 year budget) will be made available for community exhibition for two weeks from 23 May to 6 June 2023. Council will consider the adoption of the draft 2023-24 Budget, 10-year Financial Plan, Revenue and Rating Plan and Rates Financial Hardship Policy at the Council meeting on 26 June 2023.

The draft 2023-24 Budget is community focused, delivering projects and services that are highly valued by residents, businesses and visitors, including, but not limited to:

- Delivery of green organic and food organic (FOGO) waste recycling service for all residential ratepayers, excluding multi-unit dwellings
- Approximately 21,000 immunisations
- Three library branches open seven days a week and one six days a week, with spaces to work, study, and read with access to free wifi, PCs and laptops to help bridge the digital divide
- Physical and digital library collections to meet the needs of our community, including language collections in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Macedonian, Punjabi, Spanish, and Vietnamese
- Extensive event program to support literacy, reader development and community learning, celebrate cultural diversity, engage our community and reduce social isolation
- Approximately 150,000 hours of aged care services, programs and assistance
- Planting of 1,200 trees, as well as 100,000 indigenous plants in bushland and parkland
- Animal registrations for around 17,000 pets
- Maintenance of more than 56 sporting ovals and fields
- Maintenance of more than 30km of shared bike paths
- Support for the installation of 150 solar systems to residential homes
- Collection of over 50,000 tonnes of kerbside, recycling and organic waste, two hard waste collections and over 72,000 kilometers travelled by our streetsweepers delivering roadside cleaning
- Streetscape and Place improvements across the city

Adjusted Officer Recommendation

PART ONE**That Council:**

- (1) Note the deliberative engagement was undertaken pursuant to section 91(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to inform the draft 10-year Financial Plan and the report provided at Appendix A relating to this engagement.
- (2) Note the 10 year Financial Plan has been informed by an independent peer review of assumptions, a series of special Audit and Risk Committee meetings and Councillor workshops and briefings between January to May 2023.
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PART THREE

That Council:

- (15) Note that at its meeting on 10 May 2023, the Audit and Risk Committee recommended that Council endorse the Revenue and Rating Plan to proceed to community exhibition.
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PART FOUR

That Council:

- (19) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26 June 2023:
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 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2023-24 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
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- e. A concession of 100%(\$0) for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
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- (25) Note that Council will write to each person who is liable to pay the Special Rate or Special Charge for 2023/24 and that the Special Rates for Fairfield, Preston and Northcote expire on 30 June 2024.

Part One of the adjusted Officer Recommendation became the Council Resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-045

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

PART ONE

That Council:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10pm – The meeting adjourned for a break.

7.24pm – The meeting resumed.

Due to conflicts of Interest declared by Cr. Messina, Cr. Rennie and Cr. Laurence, each point of Part Two of the adjusted Officer Recommendation was resolved separately as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-046

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

PART TWO, point (8)

That Council:

- (8) Note that community submissions for the Draft 2023-24 Budget were invited through community consultation from 6 – 26 February 2023, with all submissions (Appendix C) having been considered for the Budget and separately at a Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 14 March 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Messina declared a conflict of interest in the following point (9) of the Recommendation, due to her role as founder and director of an approved aged care service provider company.

7.27pm – Cr. Messina left the Meeting.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-047

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**PART TWO, point (9)****That Council:**

- (9) Endorse expenditure in the draft 2023-24 Budget of \$80k for Aged Care Reforms and Council Plan Action 1-20, Aged Care and Home Support Fees and Charges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.29pm – Cr. Messina returned to the Meeting.

Cr. Rennie declared a conflict of interest in the following point (10) as it relates to capital works at Jika Jika Community Centre where she is employed.

7.29pm – Cr. Rennie left the meeting.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-048

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy**PART TWO, point (10)****That Council:**

- (10) Endorse capital expenditure in the draft 2023-24 Budget of \$150k, subject to scoping and market testing), for Jika Jika Community Centre for planned re-stumping works through the Building Renewal Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.30pm – Cr. Rennie returned to the meeting.

Cr. Laurence declared a conflict of interest in the following point (11) due to a family residential amenity located in close proximity to the Northcote Golf Course.

7.31pm – Cr. Laurence left the meeting.

Motion**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**PART TWO, point (11)****That Council:**

- (11) Endorse capital expenditure provision in the draft 2023-24 Budget of \$100k for Northcote Golf Course to begin construction of the eastern path, subject to finalising design and further decision by Council.

*7.41pm Cr Greco spoke against this item however the audio feed to the livestream cut out for about 1.5minutes (the audio was able to be heard in the Council Chamber).

LOST

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

Against: Cr's Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams and Greco (4)

The motion was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

Cr. Greco proposed the below alternate motion, to insert a new point (11) and point (12), which included amendments made following officer advice as underlined:

Alternate Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

PART TWO, points (11) and (12)

That Council:

(11) Endorse the removal of the \$100,000 from Council's draft capital works program for Northcote Golf Course.

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- i. Include \$30k to scope out lighting projects at BT Connor, carpark, street and Merri Creek lighting.**
- ii. Include \$20k for the scoping out for a migration monument.**
- iii. Allocate \$50k towards holding a scaled down Homemade Wine and Food Festival (meet the makers winemaking showcase and awards) at the Preston Town Hall and request officers provide options on this ahead of the June Council Meeting.**
- iv. Reduces the draft Capital Works budget for 23/24 by \$50k and increases the draft Operating Projects budget by \$50k to accommodate these changes**

(*Cr Greco's audio feed was interrupted again and did not come through to the livestream for approximately 1minute as he spoke, the audio was able to be heard in the Council Chamber).

8.15pm – The meeting adjourned for a break.

8.27pm – The meeting resumed.

Prior to putting Part Two points (11) and (12) to the vote, the Mayor, at her discretion, separated points (11) and (12) to enable Cr Laurence to return for debate on point (12).

Point (11) was then put to vote and carried as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-049

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

PART TWO, point (11)

That Council:

(11) Endorse the removal of the \$100,000 from Council's draft capital works program for Northcote Golf Course.

CARRIED

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

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

The motion was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor.

8.36pm – Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting.

Cr. Dimitriadis proposed an amendment to point (12) Cr. Greco's alternate motion, to insert the following points as iv. and v.:

- iv. Include \$50k to continue the lighting projects at John Cain and Preston City Oval*
- v. Include \$50k for the sealing of the carpark at Pitcher Park in Alphington in the 23-24 budget and receives a report at a briefing about what project if any can be deferred or stopped to ensure this project proceeds.*

The amendments were accepted by the mover and seconder, and became the motion below.

Motion

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

PART TWO, point (12)

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- i. Include \$30k to scope out lighting projects at BT Connor, carpark, street and Merri Creek lighting.
- ii. Include \$20k for the scoping out for a migration monument.
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- iv. **Include \$50k to continue the lighting projects at John Cain and Preston City Oval.**
- v. **Include \$50k for the sealing of the carpark at Pitcher Park in Alphington in the 23-24 budget and receives a report at a briefing about what project if any can be deferred or stopped to ensure this project proceeds.**

- vi. Increases the draft Capital Works budget for 23/24 by \$50k and increases the draft Operating Projects budget by \$50k to accommodate these changes.

Each sub-point was then voted on separately, with Cr. Greco as the mover and Cr. Messina as the seconder.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-050**

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

PART TWO, point (12) i

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- i. Include \$30k to scope out lighting projects at BT Connor, carpark, street and Merri Creek lighting.

CARRIED

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

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-051**

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

PART TWO, point (12) ii

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- ii. Include \$20k for the scoping out for a migration monument.

CARRIED

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

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-052**

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

PART TWO, point (12) iii

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- iii. Include \$50k towards holding a scaled down Homemade Wine and Food Festival (meet the makers winemaking showcase and awards) at the Preston Town Hall and request officers provide options on this ahead of the June Council Meeting.

CARRIED

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

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-053

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

PART TWO, point (12) iv

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- iv. Include \$50k to continue the lighting projects at John Cain and Preston City Oval.

LOST

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Laurence, Messina and Greco (4)

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

Abstained: Cr. Williams (1)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-054

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

PART TWO, point (12) v

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- v. Include \$50k for the sealing of the carpark at Pitcher Park in Alphington in the 23-24 budget and receives a report at a briefing about what project if any can be deferred or stopped to ensure this project proceeds.

LOST

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

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

Abstained: Cr's Messina and Williams (2)

The CEO, advised that due to the outcome of the previous sub-points, the next sub-point vi, would need to be amended as follows:

- vi. *Reduces ~~Increases~~ the draft Capital Works budget for 23/24 by \$50k and increases the draft Operating Projects budget by \$50k to accommodate these changes.*

The amended sub-point vi was put and carried as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-055

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

PART TWO, point (12) vi

That Council:

(12) Reallocates to the following:

- vi. Reduces the draft Capital Works budget for 23-24 by \$50k and increases the draft Operating Projects budget by \$50k to accommodate these changes.

CARRIED

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

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

Abstained: Cr Rennie (1)

Extension of Time

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

8.56pm - That the meeting be extended by 30minutes.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Hannan, Newton, McCarthy, Laurence, Messina, Greco and Williams (8)

Against: Cr. Rennie (1)

Cr. Hannan moved Items (13), (14) and (15) as per the adjusted officer recommendation, this motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Lapsed Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Nil

PART TWO, points (13), (14) and (15)

That Council:

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Cr. Greco moved point (13) of the recommendation with an amendment, to include sub-point i as follows:

- i. Amend the wording in the capital works program at Appendix E to 'Reservoir Leisure Centre (minor renewal works and scope development for a new build including consideration of options for rebuild of the centre in the context of a wellness hub as per Councils previous resolution in April 22)'.*

The amended point (13) then became the motion as follows:

Motion

PART TWO, point (13)

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Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-056

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

PART TWO, point (13)

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CARRIED

For: Cr's Hannan, McCarthy, Laurence, Messina, Williams and Greco (6)

Against: Cr Newton (1)

Abstained: Cr Rennie and Dimitriadis (2)

PART TWO - points (14) and (15), PART THREE – points (16)-(19) and PART FOUR - points (20)-(26), were then voted on together and became the council resolution as follows:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-057

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

PART TWO, points (14) and (15)

- (14) Note that the draft 2023-24 Budget (incorporating the 4 year Budget) will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26 June 2023.
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PART THREE, points (16) to (19)

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The complete Council Resolution of Item 9.1 as adopted, reads as follows:

ITEM 9.1 – ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT 2023/24 BUDGET (INCORPORATING THE 4 YEAR BUDGET), 10 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, REVENUE AND RATING PLAN AND RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY TO PROCEED TO COMMUNITY EXHIBITION**COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED (PART 1)**

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED (PART 2)

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- v. Include \$50k for the sealing of the carpark at Pitcher Park in Alphington in the 23-24 budget and receives a report at a briefing about what project if any can be deferred or stopped to ensure this project proceeds.
 - vi. Reduce the draft Capital Works budget for 23/24 by \$50K and increases the draft Operating Projects budget by \$50K to accommodate these changes.
- (13) Endorse the draft Budget 2023-24 (incorporating the 4 year Budget) and associated fees and charges (Appendix D), to resource the 2023/24 Council Plan Action Plan, Capital Works Program (Appendix E) and Operating Projects (Appendix F), to proceed to community exhibition upon the following amendments being made to either the Capital Works Program (Appendix E) and Operating Projects (Appendix F), and these amendments being reflected in the draft Budget 2023-24:
- i. Amend the wording in the capital works program at Appendix E to 'Reservoir Leisure Centre (minor renewal works and scope development for a new build including consideration of options for rebuild of the centre in the context of a wellness hub as per Councils previous resolution in April 22)'.
- (14) Note that the draft 2023-24 Budget (incorporating the 4 year Budget) will be considered for adoption at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26 June 2023.
- (15) Note as part of the 2023-24 budget submission process DIVRS sought \$30,000 funding for food relief. Officers have identified \$15,000 in the current 2022-23 budget that will be allocated as a one-off grant to DIVRS for food relief across our community.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED (PART 3)

That Council:

- (16) Note that at its meeting on 10 May 2023, the Audit and Risk Committee recommended that Council endorse the Revenue and Rating Plan to proceed to community exhibition.
- (17) Endorse the draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25 (Appendix G) to proceed to community exhibition.
- (18) Endorse the draft Rates Financial Hardship Policy (Appendix H) to proceed to community exhibition.
- (19) Gives notice in accordance with section 93 of the Local Government Act 2020 of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26 June 2023, the Revenue and Rating Plan (Appendix G).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED (PART 4)

That Council:

- (20) Gives notice in accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to declare, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26 June 2023:
 - a. A service rate for public waste services in the 2023-24 year levied in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
 - b. A service charge for Kerbside Collection Services in the 2023-24 year in accordance with the criteria in the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- (21) Gives notice in accordance with section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 26 June 2023:
 - a. A concession for residential properties with a CIV value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that equates to 100% of the public waste rate. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will not require an application.
 - b. A concession for residential properties with a CIV value at \$500,000 or less by the Valuer General of Victoria that caps the kerbside waste collection service fee to a maximum amount of \$50 for residential properties. This concession will automatically be applied to the principal place of residence for ratepayers and will

- not require an application.
- c. A Pensioner Concession of \$150 for pensioners who are holders of an eligible Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge. This concession will be provided by direct provision (without application where information is known) for the Kerbside Collection Service Charge on their principal place of residence only.
 - d. A Pensioner Safety Net Concession of \$150 for pensioners who are holders of a Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession Card or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card which stipulates TPI or War Widow and who are not eligible for the Pensioner Concession for the Kerbside Waste Collection Service Charge, for the principal place of residence. Ongoing eligibility is maintained, unless rejected by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs during the annual verification procedure. Upon confirmation of an eligible pensioner concession status, the pensioner concessions deducted from the rate account before payment is required by the ratepayer.
 - e. A concession of 100%(\$0) for general rates for all properties owned or managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria as a 'registered agency', relating to the provision of affordable housing, in accordance with s169 (1d) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council's 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' and 'Toward Equality Framework'.
- (22) Note the Special Charge for the Northcote Business Precinct for 2023/24 will be \$96,555 in accordance with Council's decision on 24 June 2019 as reflected in the revised draft Revenue and Rating Plan at Appendix G.
- (23) Note the Special Rate for the Preston Central Business Precinct for 2023/24 will be \$121,125 in accordance with Council's decision on 12 August 2019 as reflected in the revised draft Revenue and Rating Plan at Appendix G.
- (24) Note that the Special Rate for the Reservoir Village Business Precinct for 2023/24 will be \$78,900 in accordance with Council's decision on 26 June 2022 as reflected in the revised draft Revenue and Rating Plan at Appendix G.
- (25) Note that the Special Rate for the Fairfield Business Precinct for 2023/24 will be \$74,579 in accordance with Council's declaration of the Special Rate for 5 years on 24 June 2019 as reflected in the revised draft Revenue and Rating Plan at Appendix G.
- (26) Note that Council will write to each person who is liable to pay the Special Rate or Special Charge for 2023/24 and that the Special Rates for Fairfield, Preston and Northcote expire on 30 June 2024.

9.2 REVISED COUNCIL PLAN 2021-25 (INCORPORATING HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN) AND 2023-24 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan to proceed to community exhibition for a period of 14 days.

The Council Plan 2021-25 (the Plan) was adopted by Council on 28 June 2021 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

Each year, Council develops a Council Plan Action Plan based on the Strategic Actions contained in the Council Plan. A Draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan has been developed, based on the revised Council Plan 2021-25.

The past 24 months has been a challenging time for all levels of government to manage financial priorities in the context of global events, rates capping, increasing interest rates and significantly high inflation rates. As a result of the changed economic landscape, Council's long-term financial outlook has worsened significantly since its adoption in 2021, compelling a review of the adopted Council Plan to ensure it is affordable and deliverable.

Adjusted Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) **Endorses the following actions contained within the 2021-25 Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) (attached as Appendix A):**
 - a. **Big Action No.10 (p.39) Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year-old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin project, implementing aged care reforms, and registering to become a home care package provider.**
 - b. **Action 1-20 (p.46) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms**
- (2) **Endorses the following actions contained within the 2021-25 Council Plan Action Plan (attached as Appendix B):**
 - a. **Big Action No.10 (p.4) Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year-old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin project, implementing aged care reforms, and registering to become a home care package provider. of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.**
 - b. **Council Plan Action 1-20 (p.10) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms; Year 3 CPAP Action (p.10) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms.**
- (3) Note a form of deliberative engagement was undertaken pursuant to section 90(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 and the report provided at Appendix C relating to this

engagement.

- (4) Endorse the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) at Appendix A to proceed to community exhibition.
- (5) Endorse the draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan at Appendix B to proceed to community exhibition.
- (6) Authorises the CEO to amend the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 and draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan to reflect any amendments resolved by the Council in the draft 2023-24 budget document.
- (7) Note that a copy of the revised Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) has been provided to the Secretary of the Department of Health under section 27(6) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.
- (8) Note the revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan), and draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan will be brought back to Council at its scheduled meeting on Monday 26 June 2023 for adoption.

Cr. Newton and Cr Messina proposed to insert the following combined amendment to the Officer Recommendation as points (3), (4) and (5) which became the motion:

- (3) *At big action item 7, replace “Replaced ‘achieving Rainbow Tick accreditation (best practice in LGBTIQ+ inclusion) for our services and activities’ with ‘developing a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities’” with “Develop a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities, including Rainbow Tick accreditation for several services.”*
- (4) *Include the following items as actions to continue being reported on through the Council Plan:*
 - a. *2-15 Improve road safety, and the cycling, walking and wheeling networks, by constructing high priority improvements*
 - b. *2-16 Investigate and prioritise road safety, accessibility, cycling, walking and wheeling improvements across Darebin by using a Local Area Placemaking approach – where one third of the city is reviewed, with community involvement, each year*
 - c. *2-19 With State Government approval, reduce the speed limit in more local streets across our City*
 - d. *2-24 Continue our Traffic Blackspot Design and Construction Program*
 - e. *2-39 Create additional accessible car parking spaces in our city*
- (5) *Amend Council Plan Action 1-28 to state Deliver an annual cultural diversity and social cohesion oration in addition to the annual Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration.*

Motion

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the following actions contained within the 2021-25 Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) (attached as Appendix A):
 - a. Big Action No.10 (p.39) Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year-old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin project, implementing aged care reforms, and registering to become a home care package provider.

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- b. Action 1-20 (p.46) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms
- (2) Endorses the following actions contained within the 2021-25 Council Plan Action Plan (attached as Appendix B):
- a. Big Action No.10 (p.4) Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year-old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin project, implementing aged care reforms, and registering to become a home care package provider. of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.
 - b. Council Plan Action 1-20 (p.10) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms; Year 3 CPAP Action (p.10) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms.
- (3) **At big action item 7, replace “Replaced ‘achieving Rainbow Tick accreditation (best practice in LGBTIQA+ inclusion) for our services and activities’ with ‘developing a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ communities’” with “Develop a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ communities, including Rainbow Tick accreditation for several services.”**
- (4) **Include the following items as actions to continue being reported on through the Council Plan:**
- a. **2-15 Improve road safety, and the cycling, walking and wheeling networks, by constructing high priority improvements**
 - b. **2-16 Investigate and prioritise road safety, accessibility, cycling, walking and wheeling improvements across Darebin by using a Local Area Placemaking approach – where one third of the city is reviewed, with community involvement, each year**
 - c. **2-19 With State Government approval, reduce the speed limit in more local streets across our City**
 - d. **2-24 Continue our Traffic Blackspot Design and Construction Program**
 - e. **2-39 Create additional accessible car parking spaces in our city**
- (5) **Amend Council Plan Action 1-28 to state Deliver an annual cultural diversity and social cohesion oration in addition to the annual Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration.**
- (6) Note a form of deliberative engagement was undertaken pursuant to section 90(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 and the report provided at Appendix C relating to this engagement.
- (7) Endorse the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) at Appendix A to proceed to community exhibition.
- (8) Endorse the draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan at Appendix B to proceed to community exhibition.
- (9) Authorise the CEO to amend the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 and draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan to reflect any amendments resolved by the Council in the draft 2023-24 budget document.
- (10) Note that a copy of the revised Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) has been provided to the Secretary of the Department of Health under section 27(6) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.
- (11) Note the revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and
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Wellbeing Plan), and draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan will be brought back to Council at its scheduled meeting on Monday 26 June 2023 for adoption.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-058**

MOVED: Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the following actions contained within the 2021-25 Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) (attached as Appendix A):
 - a. Big Action No.10 (p.39) Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year-old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin project, implementing aged care reforms, and registering to become a home care package provider.
 - b. Action 1-20 (p.46) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms
- (2) Endorses the following actions contained within the 2021-25 Council Plan Action Plan (attached as Appendix B):
 - a. Big Action No.10 (p.4) Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year-old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin project, implementing aged care reforms, and registering to become a home care package provider. of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.
 - b. Council Plan Action 1-20 (p.10) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms; Year 3 CPAP Action (p.10) Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms.
- (3) At big action item 7, replace “Replaced ‘achieving Rainbow Tick accreditation (best practice in LGBTIQ+ inclusion) for our services and activities’ with ‘developing a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities’” with “Develop a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities, including Rainbow Tick accreditation for several services.”
- (4) Include the following items as actions to continue being reported on through the Council Plan:
 - a. 2-15 Improve road safety, and the cycling, walking and wheeling networks, by constructing high priority improvements
 - b. 2-16 Investigate and prioritise road safety, accessibility, cycling, walking and wheeling improvements across Darebin by using a Local Area Placemaking approach – where one third of the city is reviewed, with community involvement, each year
 - c. 2-19 With State Government approval, reduce the speed limit in more local streets across our City
 - d. 2-24 Continue our Traffic Blackspot Design and Construction Program
 - e. 2-39 Create additional accessible car parking spaces in our city
- (5) Amend Council Plan Action 1-28 to state Deliver an annual cultural diversity and social cohesion oration in addition to the annual Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration.
- (6) Note a form of deliberative engagement was undertaken pursuant to section 90(3) of

the Local Government Act 2020 and the report provided at Appendix C relating to this engagement.

- (7) Endorse the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) at Appendix A to proceed to community exhibition.
- (8) Endorse the draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan at Appendix B to proceed to community exhibition.
- (9) Authorise the CEO to amend the Revised Council Plan 2021-25 and draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan to reflect any amendments resolved by the Council in the draft 2023-24 budget document.
- (10) Note that a copy of the revised Council Plan (incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) has been provided to the Secretary of the Department of Health under section 27(6) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.
- (11) Note the revised Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan), and draft 2023-24 Council Plan Action Plan will be brought back to Council at its scheduled meeting on Monday 26 June 2023 for adoption.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

9.31pm - That Council extend the meeting by 30minutes.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Newton, Laurence, Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Williams and Greco (8)
Against: Cr Rennie (1)

ADOPTION OF REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS 'EN BLOC'**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 23-059**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council agree to consider the adoption of the Recommendations 'en bloc', contained in Item 9.3 2022/23 Q3 Performance Report ending 31 March 2023, Item 9.6 State Government Inclusionary Housing Pilot, 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir - Submission to Planning Scheme Amendment C209dare and Item 9.7 Declaration of a Special Charge: Solar Saver Residential Round 4.2 (Batch 1),.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Hannan, Laurence, Messina, Greco and Williams (6)
Against: Cr's Rennie and Newton (2)
Abstained: Cr McCarthy

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-060**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the 'Recommendations' contained in Item 9.3 2022/23 Q3 Performance Report ending 31 March 2023, Item 9.6 State Government Inclusionary Housing Pilot, 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir - Submission to Planning Scheme Amendment C209dare and Item 9.7 Declaration of a Special Charge: Solar Saver Residential Round 4.2 (Batch 1), be adopted 'en bloc'.

CARRIED

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Hannan, Messina, Laurence, McCarthy, Greco and Williams (7)
Against: Cr Newton (1)
Abstained: Cr Rennie (1)

9.3 2022/23 Q3 PERFORMANCE REPORT ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) to prepare a Council Plan Action Plan containing the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives, and indicators to monitor the achievements of those objectives.

The 2022-23 Quarter Three (Q3) (Jan–Mar 23) Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report (**Appendix A**) provides an overview of Council's performance in delivering the year two actions that will contribute to the completion of the four-year strategic actions in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Overall, the Q3 results indicate that the organisation is progressing well to achieve the majority of the year three actions, however some risk, as identified in this report and **Appendix A**, have been identified that may affect deliverability of the full 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan this financial year.

The 2022-23 Quarter Three Financial Report provides an update of the Financial Report ending 31 March 2023 and mid-year annual forecast results.

To comply with *the Act*, the report includes the following comparisons for the nine months ended 31 March 2023:

- A comparison of actual and budgeted results to date (s.97(2)(a))
- An explanation of any material variations (s.97(2)(b))
- Any other matters prescribed by the regulations (s.97(2)(c))

For the nine months ended 31 March 2023, Council has recorded an operating surplus of \$39.45 million, which is \$3.21 million behind the year-to-date budget. After eliminating capital and other items, the adjusted underlying surplus is \$37.47 million, which is \$4.60 million less than the full-year budget.

The forecast operating result for the year ending 30 June 2023 is an operating surplus of \$1.02 million, which is \$7.25 million less than budget. The forecast adjusted underlying deficit is \$0.10 million, which is \$7.62 million less than the budget surplus of \$7.52 million. An underlying surplus is the net surplus for the year adjusted for non-recurrent capital grants and contributions. It is an accepted measure of financial sustainability as it is not impacted by non-recurring or once-off items of revenue and expenses that can often mask the operating results.

For the nine months ended 31 March 2023 Council's capital expenditures of \$44.92 m is behind the YTD adopted budget of \$49.53m. Main drivers behind the YTD variance represents timing differences attributed to building, plant, machinery and equipment and roads. Q2 annual forecast capital expenditure of \$62.6m is \$3.6m less than the budgeted capital expenditure of \$66.2m.

For the nine months ended 31 March 2023 Council's cash (\$24.4M) and investment (\$13.7M) balance of \$38.1m is ahead of the YTD adopted budget of \$37.8m. YTD net current assets of \$47.1m is ahead of the YTD adopted budget of \$45.2m. Q2 annual forecast financial position shows a cash and investment position of \$48.9m and net current assets of \$22.5m.

Also included in this report is a high-level Q3 progress update for the Capital Works program and a status update of Council resolutions.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-061

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the 2022-23 quarter three Performance Report 2022-23 including Council Plan Action Plan Progress at Appendix A.
 - (2) Note the quarter three update of the Capital Works program at Appendix A.
 - (3) Note quarter three update on Council resolutions contained within this report.
 - (4) Note the Financial Report for the nine months ended 31 March 2023, incorporating Mid-year annual forecast performance at Appendix B.
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CARRIED**REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-060**

9.4 MUNICIPAL MONITOR REPORT AND DIRECTIONS FROM THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DEFERRED TO 29 May 2023, REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-064

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a letter dated 7 April 2022, the former Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shaun Leane MP, informed Council that a municipal monitor would be appointed in accordance with section 179 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

On 22 April 2022, the former Minister for Local Government appointed John Watson as Municipal Monitor for Darebin Council effective from that date and ending 31 January 2023 (approximately 9 months). An overview of the Terms of Reference is provided on p. 20 of **Appendix A**.

John Watson, appointed Municipal Monitor, attended Council meetings, Councillor briefings, Councillor only sessions, Good Governance sessions, CEO Employment Matters Committee meetings and Audit and Risk Committee meetings throughout the course of his term with Council.

On 7 February 2023, the Municipal Monitor submitted his report to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP (**Appendix A**).

On 21 April 2023, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP, provided Council with the report from the Municipal Monitor (**Appendix A**) accompanied by correspondence containing Governance Directions from the Minister in accordance with s175 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The correspondence required response from Council no later than 24 April 2023 and outlined a series of actions requiring action from Council in the coming months with information to be provided within 4 weeks and 12 weeks in addition to quarterly reporting on Good Governance actions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note on 22 April 2022 the former Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shaun Leane MP, informed Council of the appointment of John Watson as Municipal Monitor and confirmed the terms of reference, effective from that date ending 31 January 2023.
- (2) Note the Terms of Reference for the appointment of the Municipal Monitor required a final report be provided to the Minister for Local Government after the end of the period of appointment, which outlined:
 - a. any steps or actions taken by the Council to improve its governance and the effectiveness of these steps and actions
 - b. any recommendations in relation to the exercise of any Ministerial power under the Act.
- (3) Note the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP, provided Council a copy of the report prepared by John Watson, Municipal Monitor on 21 April 2023 (**Appendix A**) and that a copy of this report is available on the Local Government Victoria website.
- (4) Note the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP provided

Direction to Council on 21 April 2023 in accordance with section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2020* relating to Council's financial status and governance processes, directing Council to:

- a. Inform the Minister within 12 weeks how the council intends to address concerns raised by the Municipal Monitor about prioritising investment in information technology and suitable staff accommodation;
 - b. Provide the Minister with quarterly reports on the implementation of the Council's Good Governance Action Plan until the actions contained in the Plan are complete; and
 - c. Prepare and submit to the Minister within 4 weeks:
 - i. Financial statements in respect of the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022;
 - ii. A detailed financial projection for the next 10 years of the Council's borrowing capacity and unrestricted cash; and
 - iii. An action plan on how Council proposes to address the financial sustainability issues contained in the report.
- (5) Note the Mayor was required to provide a response to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP, no later than 24 April. A response was provided confirming Council's intention to comply with the governance directions and confirming.
- (6) Note that Councillors have prepared an Action Plan in accordance with the Minister's governance direction, this Action Plan is due to be provided to the Minister on 18 May 2023 and will be published publicly as an Appendix to this report after submission.
- (7) Note the Minister for Local Government has confirmed they are considering options to implement the eight recommendations that have sector-wide implications through Local Government Victoria's future work program and legislative proposals and has noted one recommendation requires action from the Victorian Auditor-General and has provided a copy of the report to his effect.
- (8) Formally thank John Watson for his support to Council and Councillors during the term of his appointment as Municipal Monitor, through a letter from the Mayor.
- (9) Note the cost of the Municipal Monitor appointment to Council for the 1-2 days per week required during the term of appointment from 22 April 2022 to 31 January 2023 was \$100,958 incl. GST.
- (10) Note Minister Horne's Governance Direction and copy of the Municipal Monitor report was presented to Audit and Risk Committee at a special meeting on 10 May 2023.
- (11) Note the Audit and Risk Committee will receive status updates in relation to Minister Horne's governance Direction at their scheduled meetings.

9.5 PARKING MANAGEMENT OPERATING PROCEDURES

DEFERRED TO 29 May 2023, REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-064

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Council report:

- Provides information about Council's parking management operating procedure
- Recommends updating Council's procedure to:
 - Improve clarity about how decisions are made, while mitigating safety risks associated with parking demand.
 - Establish two distinct processes, depending on the level of parking demand in a street over a 4-hour period.
- Responds to two Council resolutions that called for reports that outline Council's current approach to parking management, provide advice for specific alternative options, and called for other alternatives to be considered.

Effectively managing on-street parking improves safety, access and the performance of Darebin's transport network.

In almost all cases, when officers consider parking changes, the affected community is asked for their input. Decisions are guided by what legislation requires Council to consider and do, by nationally accepted road management standards and codes, and by relevant Council policies and strategies (for example, the *Darebin Transport Strategy* and *Community Engagement Policy*).

Officer Recommendation

That Council

- (1) Notes this report.
- (2) Authorises the CEO to update the existing internal parking change operating procedure to:
 - a) Ensure clear and transparent consultation and communication when engaging the community about parking issues and potential parking changes
 - b) Update the process to align with *Austrroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 11: Parking*, so that when parking demand is measured at or above 85% for a 4-hour period, a change will be made to parking controls to mitigate safety risks and access challenges
 - c) Introduce a new process to support community-initiated changes to on-street parking where there is moderate demand, comprised of the following steps:
 - i. at least 2 properties on the affected street requests a parking change
 - ii. parking demand is measured, and if between 70% and 84% of parking spaces over a 4-hour period are occupied, an initial survey is sent to immediately affected properties asking if consideration of a change to parking is supported, and what parking issues are being experienced
 - iii. *immediately affected properties* are defined to be those properties within 100m of the proposed changes to parking

- iv. if at least $\geq 25\%$ of immediately affected properties respond to the survey and, $\geq 60\%$ of respondents confirm they would like a parking change, Council will prepare one parking change proposal option. If this response rate and level of support is not achieved, further consideration of a parking change would not proceed
 - v. If the test above is met, a second survey that puts forward the parking change proposal and asks if this change is supported or not, is sent to all immediately affected properties
 - vi. Council will implement the proposed parking change if $\geq 25\%$ of all immediately affected properties respond to the second survey, and, $\geq 60\%$ of survey respondents support the change
- (3) Ensure that Council's Transport Engineers continue to have discretion to investigate road safety and access risks, and to implement any transport and parking controls that are required to address safety risks.

**9.6 STATE GOVERNMENT INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PILOT,
16-20 DUMBARTON STREET, RESERVOIR - SUBMISSION
TO PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C209DARE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the Victorian Government's Inclusionary Housing Pilot Program, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) has prepared an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme for land at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.

The Inclusionary Housing Pilot Program seeks to deliver a mix of social, affordable and market (private) housing on surplus Government land with good access to jobs and transport. The program aims to see a minimum of 100 new social housing homes delivered across six sites in Victoria.

Amendment C209 to the Darebin Planning Scheme proposes to introduce a Development Plan Overlay (DPO) to guide future use and development, and to make the Minister for Planning the Responsible Authority (planning decision-maker) for the site. The proposed amendment is currently on public exhibition, concluding 25 May 2023. Council has the opportunity to provide a submission to the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee, outlining merits and concerns with the proposal as exhibited.

Council has long advocated for mandatory controls for affordable housing in the planning scheme. To this end, it is recommended that Council supports the purpose of the amendment and the Pilot program, to test approaches to inclusionary housing, and provide support for measures that increase the supply of social and affordable housing.

However, there are a number of concerns regarding the process, information available and quantum of social and affordable housing being delivered. Limited information is provided with the amendment documentation in relation to the provision of housing, including the mix, amount and typology. This lack of information makes providing meaningful feedback challenging and has limited the potential for meaningful community engagement.

Additionally, since 2017 Council has advocated for protection of native grasslands at the site, including objecting to the State Government's compulsory acquisition of a Right of Way (ROW) which runs through the site, and proposing that the State Government select an alternate site that is better suited to the purpose of the Inclusionary Housing Pilot.

It is recommended that Council adopts the draft submission to the advisory committee (**Attachment A**) including a proposed alternate version of the proposed DPO schedule 14 planning control (**Attachment B**) which addresses key issues outlined in this report.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-062**

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft submission to the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee (**Attachments A and B**), which provides support for the purpose of the amendment and the Inclusionary Housing Pilot Program, but which seeks:
 - a) 10% of housing to be provided as social and affordable housing, secured via a section 173 agreement
 - b) Protections for remnant vegetation, including application of an appropriate planning overlay
 - c) Improvements to the proposed Development Plan Overlay schedule to support quality planning outcomes
 - d) Financial contributions for traffic safety improvement works as identified in the Cheddar Road Local Area Place Making Project
 - e) Financial contributions for improvements to the East-West Power Easement Trail as identified in the 2022 Northern Region Trails Strategy
 - f) Re-exhibition of the Planning Scheme Amendment to allow for meaningful community engagement
 - g) That the Victorian Government publicly release the findings of the Inclusionary Housing Pilot, so that the information can be used to inform future approaches to the delivery of social and affordable housing
- (2) Lodges the submission at Attachments A and B with the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee by the close of public exhibition on 25 May and appears before the Committee in support of the submission in July 2023
- (3) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor administrative changes to the draft submission at Attachments A and B

CARRIED

REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-060

**9.7 DECLARATION OF A SPECIAL CHARGE: SOLAR SAVER
RESIDENTIAL ROUND 4.2 (BATCH 1)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The value of this proposed Special Charge scheme is \$287,481.83 excl. GST. This price is calculated pre-rebate, but after STC claim and excl. GST. (The gross amount, pre-rebate, pre-STC and incl. GST is \$489,524.48).

There are 52 installations in total, enabled through this special charge declaration batch. This is the first batch to install 3 energy efficient reverse cycle air conditioning devices.

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems and split systems at properties as listed in Appendix A. Council will be repaid these costs, as detailed in confidential Appendix B. Around 30-40% of the gross cost is returned to Council at the point that works are invoiced for the STCs generated by the solar systems. Most participants are eligible for State Government rebates and this will reduce the upfront cost to Council and the amount of the Special Charge that will be raised. This is estimated to be \$71,799.61 incl. GST.

No interest is charged 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.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Charge Scheme under Section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme. No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-063

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a. A Special Charge is declared 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. The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons 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 \$287,481.83; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$287,481.83, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
 - d. The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as confidential Appendix B to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e. The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f. The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge 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 Agreement has been executed, totalling \$287,481.83 for the residential batch, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To 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, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will 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) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge *because* there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those 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. 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 those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:

- a. There is no objection to the Scheme, and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
- b. Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the Local Government Act 1989, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its 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. All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.

Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

CARRIED

REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-060

9.8

GOVERNANCE REPORT MAY 2023

DEFERRED TO 29 May 2023, REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-064

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Summary of attendance at Councillor Briefings (**Appendix A**)
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors.
- Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January to 31 March 2023 (**Appendix B**)
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Summary Minutes (**Appendix C**)
- Attendance at the ALGWA National Conference by Mayor, Cr. Julie Williams
- Changes to Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday 13 June 2023 and Council meeting on Monday 24 July 2023
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting – Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 7.30pm
- Change to location of Council meeting – 24 July 2023
- Review of S6 Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (**Appendix D**)

**Amended Officer
Recommendation**

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – May 2023.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Councillor Briefings at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January to 31 March 2023 at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (5) Notes the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Summary Minutes at **Appendix C** to this Report.
- (6) Notes the attendance of Mayor, Cr. Julie Williams at the ALGWA National Conference held from 17 to 20 May 2023 at a total cost of \$2342, comprised of \$1400 conference fee and \$942 accommodation.
- (7) Notes that a fully virtual Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 13 June 2023 to hear submitters in relation to the proposed discontinuance and sale of the road at the rear of 34 to 54 May Street and 29 to 47 Bayliss Street and adjoining 2 Clara Street, Preston.
- (8) Resolves that the Planning Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 6.30pm be amended to be held as a fully virtual meeting.

- (9) Resolves to hold the Council meeting on 24 July 2023 at 6pm, in the Council Chamber as a wholly in person meeting.
- (10) In the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, resolves:
- a) To delegate to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the officers or positions referred to in the '*Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (S6)*' (**Appendix D**) the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
 - b) Adopts and affix Council's Common Seal to the following Instrument of Delegation provided as an attachment to this report:
 - Instrument of Delegation from Council to members of Council Staff (S6) (**Appendix D**);
 - c) That this instrument come into force immediately the Common Seal of Council is affixed.
- (11) **Resolves to hold a Special Council Meeting on Monday 29 May 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chamber as a hybrid meeting to consider a report relating to 'Preston City Oval Cricket Nets' and to allow submissions to be made prior to the item being considered.**

Cr. Messina proposed the following amendment, to add point (12) to the recommendation:

- (12) *Receives an urgent report to the June 2023 Council Meeting providing the options to undertake a naming process for Darebin's new leisure and recreation centre, known as NARC – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, before it's planned opening later in 2023 in addition to the renaming of Preston and Reservoir library.*

Due to time and questions from Councillors to officers, the Mayor sought for a procedural motion to carry over this item (item 9.8) and items 9.4, 9.5 and item 12, to a special Council meeting to be held on Monday 29 May 2023 at 6pm.

DEFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-064

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That the following Agenda Items be deferred to a Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday 29 May 2023 at 6pm:

- Item 9.4 Municipal Monitor Report and Directions from the Minister for Local Government
- Item 9.5 Parking Management Operating Procedures
- Item 9.8 Governance Report May 2023
- Item 12 Urgent Business

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS

DEFERRED TO 29 May 2023, REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-064.

13. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSE OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-065

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

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

13.1 CT202165 Contract variation for Dole Reserve Stormwater harvest wetland

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

13.2 Kerbside Recycling Services: Future Glass service considerations

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 9.45pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Report Items 13.1 and 13.2 which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-066

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 9.50pm.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 9.51pm.

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