

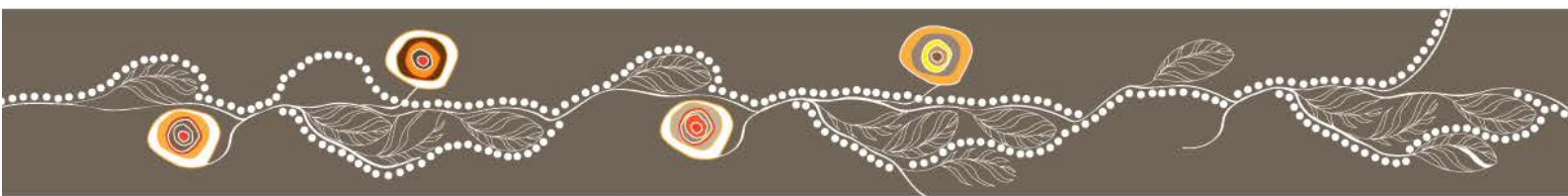


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Council pays respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

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

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



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02PM

WELCOME

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

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

1. PRESENT***Councillors***

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Steph Amir
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were lodged on behalf of Cr. Le Cerf and Cr. Rennie.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Phil Shanahan, Acting Chief Executive Officer, disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 6.10 – Extension of Interim Chief Executive Officer.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-207

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 5 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- Brian Sanaghan

“My question is in relation to the threats and intimidation made to football clubs in relation to the poker machines.

Those poker machines in those football clubs are licenced by the State Government and allow the community to raise funds for the running of a service in the community, a sports club. It seems to me, instead of threatening and intimidating why didn't Council make a submission if they were frightened about the possibility of the poker machines and gambling addiction and being easily available, why didn't Council make a submission to the State Government to assist these football clubs or because they were afraid of what the State Government might say/reply.”

Response

“Put simply, we have made lots of representations to the State Government over the years that I have been on Council. There hasn't been a year or six months that have gone by that we haven't made representations to the State Government. Those representations that we have made have just fallen on deaf ears with the State Government. The State Government has a policy in relation to gambling it protects the policy they have, it is also a source of revenue for the State Government and so the approach that Council took was that Council looked at what we could do in some capacity in relation to governing. Council determined because it is rate payer's money that if you were getting money from poker machines that entitled you to an equal amount of money from Council. Council has always had a policy against the gaming machines.”

- Brian Sanaghan

“Council has not made a submission to Local Government to have the licencing of these clubs revoked?”

Response

“To my knowledge in this term we (Council) have not made a specific submission but we have in the past made many submissions to the State Government.”

- Annette Kalkbrenner, written question and submit petition

In line with the Councils position to support social and public housing I would like to submit this petition with 31,367 signatures to keep Louise Goode safely in her Thornbury home and ask Darebin Council to petition the government to keep Louise safely in her home of 25 years.

RESPONSE

The Chairperson, Cr Greco thanked Annette Kalkbrenner for her question and referred to Cr McCarthy for a response.

Cr McCarthy stated he would receive the petition and table it later on in the meeting, he also informed the meeting that there would also be an additional point added to this item.

The following people made submissions in relation to Item 7.1 (Protection of Open Space Values at Strathallan Golf Course) and were thanked by the Chairperson, Cr. Greco.

All of the submissions made were in support of the protection of the open space at Strathallan Golf Course.

- John Berriman
- Peter Roberts
- Serena O'Meley
- Geoff Blackwood
- David Weatherill (not in attendance). The Chairperson, Cr. Greco read Mr Weatherill's submission on his behalf.
- Greg Sullivan
- Gary Cotchin
- Ken, resident of Bundoora

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 5 June 2017

At the Council meeting held on 5 June 2017, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson.

- **Chris Erlandsen: submitted questions regarding Amendment C137**

Steve Hamilton, Director City Futures and Assets provided the following response:

"Thank you for your questions submitted for Public Question Time.

Question 1 - I understand that Council has received endorsement of C137 from the Minister and wondering whether the rescinded amendment that was presented has been changed at all?

Amendment C137 was approved and gazetted on 1 June 2017. The gazetted documents do differ to those that were adopted by Council on 21 September 2015. The approved documents associated with Amendment C137 are available for viewing on Council's website.

Question 2 - Commensurate with C137 I am wondering if Council is demanding an upgrade to Route 86 particularly between Wood Street and South to the junction where tram get to considerable speed and defects in the track create excessive vibration and noise?

Transport Victoria recently completed a feasibility study to explore options for upgrading accessibility and interchange facilities along the Route 86 tram line. Unfortunately, funding to undertake tram stop upgrades for Route 86 was not provided in the 2017/18 budget.

Transport for Victoria is now investigating a process for prioritising funding for the upgrade of non-accessible tram stops on routes operated by low-floor trams.

Council consider the upgrade of this route to be a high priority and have included an action in our Council Plan to advocate to the State Government to deliver on fully accessible stops.”

- **Mandy Baird, Preston**

Amendment C137

“The minutes of the meeting on 21 September 2017 (page 91) record a division that was called by Cr. Greco at 10.59, with Cr. Walsh, Cr Laurence, Cr. Williams, Cr. Fontana, Cr. Tsitas voting for and Cr. Greco, Cr. Villella and Cr. McCarthy voting against.

How do I access the video footage of this meeting to confirm this division refers to the rescind or an extension of time?

If the video footage is not available, why does the Council not store archived meetings online in perpetuity?”

Jacinta Stevens, Director Civic Governance and Compliance provided the following written responses to Ms Baird.

“Thank you for your question submitted during public question time at the Council meeting held on 5 June 2017. Your question related to Amendment C137 and in particular, accessing the video footage related to a Council meeting held on 21 September 2015.

In relation to the storage of webcasts, section 44(3) of the City of Darebin Governance Local Law states, “A recording of a meeting that is webcast will be made available to the public for viewing or listening for a period of three (3) months from the date of the meeting.” To comply with the Governance Local Law, Council is unable to provide you with video footage.

Council’s meeting minutes, as published on Council’s website, are the permanent record of meetings held and must be retained as State Archives. The standard for retention and disposal authority for records of Local Government functions (PROS 09/05) states that audio recordings used in the development of the minutes are temporary records that can be destroyed ‘when administrative use concludes’. This administrative function concludes once the minutes of the relevant meeting have been prepared and confirmed at a subsequent Council meeting.

In saying the above, Council did make a decision to go beyond its formal obligations by keeping webcasts (audio) recordings for a period of three months for public viewing or listening.”

“Following on from my response to your public question, I can advise you that the division called for by Cr Greco (page 91 of the minutes and as referred to in your question) does relate to Amendment C137, who voted for it and against it. The division does not relate to the extension of time.

I hope the above information is of assistance to you and if you require any further clarification please let me know.”

- **John Nugent, Epping**

“Madam Mayor

Three meetings ago I asked a question (in relation to public toilets). So far I haven’t received a reply.

Madam Mayor, can you follow up so I do receive a reply.”

Katrina Knox, Director Community Development provided the following written response to Mr Nugent.

“Thank you for your questions raised at public question time at the Council meeting held on 3 April 2017 regarding Public Toilets at Donath West Reserve.

As previously communicated the toilets available within the Donath West pavilion are open when organised practices or games are in progress. At this time there are no plans to open the toilets at Donath West outside of these times.

There are public toilets nearby at Dole Reserve that are open daily.

Please find attached the previous correspondence regarding this matter:

- 2 May 2016 Ref: A2450378
- 21 June 2016 Ref: AA129999
- 23 September 2016 Ref: A3794684”

- **Geoff Richards: submitted a question regarding Storey Reserve**

Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services provided the following written response to Mr Richards.

“Thank you for your question submitted to public question time at the 5 June 2017 Council Meeting.

Question:

“I refer to Storey Reserve, Storey Road. I raised the issue at recent Ward meeting; lighting is bad at the entry, OK hallway, bad halfway along the laneway at far end.

Can spots be located to deal with this, it is winter and dark and the laneway is a used walkway/bike path access to Northernhay Street and beyond for people moving to Reservoir Station and beyond.

Can current budget be reviewed?"

We have also received your formal budget submission related to lighting at and around Storey Reserve, Storey Road which will be considered as part of the Hearing of Submissions process on 15 June 2017.

Council will be considering the adoption of the 17/18 budget on the 22 June 2017, and you will be notified of the outcome of your submission after the budget adoption."

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-208

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

That Council reorder the agenda to hear Items 7.1 – 7.3 (Consideration of Responses to Petitions, Notices of Motion and General Business) first, then revert to the original order of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE VALUES AT STRATHALLAN GOLF COURSE

Author: Manager Strategic Assets Management

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 329 from the Council meeting held on 13 February 2017.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 13 February 2017, Council resolved:

'That Darebin Council

- 1) *Supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.*
 - 2) *Request an officers report, seeking the following information:*
 - a) *Options and costs for the Council, State and/or Federal governments for, placing a caveat or covenant on the land to prevent development, for compulsorily acquiring the land, or, any other option which could be used to protect the land for future generations.*
 - b) *Clarify who the responsible authority/ies will be should an application for rezoning be received.*
 - c) *Include the circumstances of the transfer of the land from the Department of Health to La Trobe University, including the cost of the land at that time and any conditions or expectations that were attached to its transfer.*
 - d) *An indicative valuation of the land based upon its current public park/recreation zoning, and a general residential zoning.*
 - e) *Long-term protection of conservation areas and the public open space network in Bundoora and Macleod in La Trobe Ward for consideration by the new proposed Darebin Nature Trust. The report will cover flood mitigation issues for surrounding and downstream areas.*
 - 3) *Council will arrange a meeting with community stakeholders including the Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition Inc., the Springthorpe Owners Corporation and representatives from Strathallan Golf Club.*
 - 4) *That the Mayor write to the Vice Chancellor of La Trobe University seeking a meeting to discuss the university's intentions regarding the land.*
 - 5) *The Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Finance/Member for Preston and the Member for Bundoora expressing support for the retention of the open space to protect the environmental values of the land and retain the important recreation services provided to the community by the Strathallan Golf Course.'*
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Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

- 1.6 Amenity and heritage – ensure all new development respects neighbourhood character and protects local amenity and heritage

Goal 2 - Healthy and Connected Community

- 2.3 Quality of life – ensure our approach to policies, strategies and service delivery promotes positive social and health equity outcomes for all residents and, where possible, reduces the burden of disease

- 2.6 Community health and fitness and access to opportunities – promote policies, strategies, frameworks, initiatives and physical environments, that help improve the community's mental and physical health and fitness and provide opportunities to access parks and gardens, play spaces, festivals and events

Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

- 3.1 Environment Protection – place ecological sustainability at the heart of all decision making, including policy, service delivery and regulation
- 3.3 Land use, WSUD and transport planning – implement land use, Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) and sustainable transport policies and initiatives that achieve good environmental outcomes
- 3.7 Biodiversity, wildlife corridors, cultural heritage assets and waterways – protect and enhance biodiversity, natural and cultural heritage assets, wildlife corridors, local forests, waterways and the built and natural heritage areas
- 3.11 Advocacy and partnerships initiatives – form strategic alliances and partnerships and undertake advocacy and engagement in wider environment debates to further environmental objectives

Summary

The Strathallan Golf Course forms part of a large network of open space throughout Bundoora which also includes conservation reserves and a wildlife sanctuary. La Trobe University, the owner of the 18 hectare site, has advised the Strathallan Golf Club that their lease would not be renewed once it ends in January 2019. La Trobe University has further advised that they intend to develop the land, though details of the nature of the proposed development keep changing.

As the land is likely to have a current market value in excess of \$50,000,000 it is not considered feasible for Council to purchase the land to protect it from development. The land is zoned Public Park and Recreation Zone and a planning scheme amendment would be required to change the zoning prior to any development occurring – only Council and the Minister for Planning have the power to process such an amendment.

This report recommends that Council work with local community groups to advocate with the Victorian Government and La Trobe University to retain this land as open space.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Reaffirms that it supports the retention of the open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and re-emphasises the original intentions for this land to serve as a buffer between local conservation reserves and residential development when this land was first declared public open space by the Victorian Government.
- (2) Convenes a meeting with representatives of relevant community stakeholder groups to discuss a shared advocacy approach to protecting the open space value of the Strathallan Golf Course.
- (3) Provides a submission to the Victorian Government's consultation processes for both the Statewide Golf Course Strategy and the Metropolitan Open Space Strategy supporting its position that the land occupied by the Strathallan Golf Course positively contributes to open space values in the City of Darebin.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Notes that this land has inherent environmental, ecological and open space values.
- (2) Notes that a petition for the retention of this open space with over 4,700 signatures has already been submitted to the La Trobe University Council.
- (3) Reaffirms that it supports the retention of the open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course land and re-emphasises the original intentions for this land to serve as a habitat buffer between local conservation reserves and residential development when this land was first declared public open space by the Victorian Government.
- (4) Receives a report in July 2017 on the process and time lines to make an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce a Public Acquisition Overlay to the land which will require approval by the Planning Minister.
- (5) Writes to the Minister for Planning requesting that the state government consider using their Planning powers to compulsorily acquire the land due to its significance as a regional open space network.
- (6) Writes to all local MP requesting letters of support urging the Minister for Planning to compulsorily acquire the land.
- (7) Convenes an urgent meeting in June 2017 with representatives of relevant community stakeholder groups including the Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition Inc., the Springthorpe Owners Corporation and representatives from Strathallan Golf Club and other known interested parties to discuss a shared advocacy approach to protecting the open space value of the Strathallan Golf Course.
- (8) Based on the outcome of the above urgent stakeholder meeting Council officers prepare a report for Council in July 2017 on advocacy actions and appropriate funding and in-kind communication support which Council can provide to support the retention of the site.
- (9) Provides a submission to the Victorian Governments consultation processes for both the Statewide Golf Course Strategy and the Metropolitan Open Space Strategy supporting its position that the land occupied by the Strathallan Golf Course positively contributes to open space values in the City of Darebin.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that an additional point (to be numbered point 4) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Newton.

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- (4) **Recognises this green open space as an essential part of Darebin's Open Space network and ensures that this is emphasised in the new Open Space Strategy.**
- (5) Receives a report in July 2017 on the process and time lines to make an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce a Public Acquisition Overlay to the land which will require approval by the Planning Minister.
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- (10) Provides a submission to the Victorian Governments consultation processes for both the Statewide Golf Course Strategy and the Metropolitan Open Space Strategy supporting its position that the land occupied by the Strathallan Golf Course positively contributes to open space values in the City of Darebin.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-209

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

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- (7) Writes to all local MP requesting letters of support urging the Minister for Planning to compulsorily acquire the land.

- (8) Convenes an urgent meeting in June 2017 with representatives of relevant community stakeholder groups including the Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition Inc., the Springthorpe Owners Corporation and representatives from Strathallan Golf Club and other known interested parties to discuss a shared advocacy approach to protecting the open space value of the Strathallan Golf Course.
- (9) Based on the outcome of the above urgent stakeholder meeting Council officers prepare a report for Council in July 2017 on advocacy actions and appropriate funding and in-kind communication support which Council can provide to support the retention of the site.
- (10) Provides a submission to the Victorian Governments consultation processes for both the Statewide Golf Course Strategy and the Metropolitan Open Space Strategy supporting its position that the land occupied by the Strathallan Golf Course positively contributes to open space values in the City of Darebin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 CLEAN COUNCIL - STATUTORY PLANNING

Author: Manager Planning and Building

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Report Background

This report responds to Notice of Motion No. 312, resolved by Council on 5 December 2016.

The City of Darebin makes decisions on 1,700 planning applications per annum, including new, amendments to permits, secondary consents and extension of time requests. Most of these decisions are made under delegation in accordance with instruments of delegation that provide for timely and efficient decisions to be made.

Not all decisions can or should be made by officers. An inherent value of open and democratic decision making is to ensure that more contentious or significant decisions are afforded the opportunity to be made in the public arena, which increases transparency and accountability in the decision making processes. The key challenge is to achieve the right balance between decisions that are best put through the public decision making process of a Planning Committee and those decided under delegation.

The Planning Committee was established to provide an opportunity for Councillors to review the more significant or controversial planning applications lodged for consideration in the City of Darebin. Applications that are required to be referred to the Planning Committee for a decision are determined through the Planning Committee Charter which details a list of criteria that applies for applications to be considered by the Planning Committee for decision. For example, one current indicator is the number of objections received. The current Planning Committee Charter is attached as **Appendix A**.

The following statistics show the number of items considered by the Planning Committee during in the past four years.

- 2013 – 83 applications
- 2014 – 81 applications
- 2015 – 82 applications
- 2016 – 160 applications

An increase in the number of objections received in 2016 resulted in an increase in the number of items referred to the Planning Committee for decision. This increased number of referrals resulting in the 200 metre rule being introduced in July 2016. This meant that the 5 objections or more needed to be received from owners/residents of properties located within 200 metres of the land that was the subject of the planning application. The rationale for this requirement holds synergies with the Act which requires any objection to personally demonstrate how they were impacted by the development.

Previous Council Resolution

At its special meeting held on 5 December 2016, Council resolved:

***That** Council receives a report in early 2017 to facilitate the implementation of the following 'Clean Council' reforms to improve community confidence in statutory planning decisions:*

- 1) *Reverse the recent Council decision in relation to the recognition of residents who object to developments that are more than 200m away from their property;*
- 2) *Review the speaking time limits and other arrangements for applicants and objectors at the Planning Committee to ensure that objectors to major developments are not disadvantaged by the number and complexity of objections.*
- 3) *Require that all permit applications for electronic gaming machines or in locations that contain electronic gaming machines (pokies) and developments of four storeys or more, four dwellings or more on the one site come to the Planning Committee rather than being considered 'under delegation' by Council officers;*
- 4) *Provides free training workshops and online resources to assist community members to understand their rights in relation to statutory planning matters at Council and VCAT.*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillors were briefed on this issue at workshops held on 27 April 2017 and 22 May 2017.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy

- Provide a 'whole of organisation' response in the way we make decisions, develop policy and deliver programs and services; have a clear and transparent rationale for decisions and govern in a transparent and accountable manner in accordance with our Charter of Good Governance.

Summary

This report responds to the resolution of 5 December 2016 and to:

- Ensuring the Planning Committee continues to make decisions on applications that are of significant public interest or challenging to policies and strategies within the planning scheme.
- Meeting Council's obligations to make decisions on planning applications within 60 statutory days.
- Meeting the management of growth occurring in Darebin.
- Enabling the public more time to speak in relation to objections being considered by the Planning Committee.
- Work within the complexities of the planning system.

This report puts forward a revised Planning Committee Charter, and considers the practical implications of the matters raised in the Council resolution of the 5 December 2016. This report puts forward a process that empowers Councillors to call-up planning applications for decision by the Planning Committee. This process includes improved communication and access to a process of weekly reports to Councillors on a list of proposed planning of decisions that are ready to be made by officers under delegation that may be of interest to Councillors.

This is intended to illustrate transparency of decision making under delegation by officers and allow Councillors to pair agenda items to forthcoming Planning Committee meetings in a way that works within the schedule of meetings each year. This process would also provide the Mayor greater discretion in the hearing of submissions made to the Planning Committee.

Recommendation

That Council amends the Planning Committee Charter to align and enable the call up option for planning applications to apply from the next Planning Committee meeting as set out in both the revised Planning Committee Charter in **Appendix B** and supporting guidelines for the call-up procedure in **Appendix C** for this report.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Amends the Planning Committee Charter to align and enable the call up option for planning applications to apply from the next Planning Committee meeting as set out in both the revised Planning Committee Charter in **Appendix B** and supporting guidelines for the call-up procedure in **Appendix C** for this report.
- (2) The weekly report to Councillors also include matters where an officer is intending to form a view of whether a planning application is generally in accordance with an Incorporated Plan referenced in relation to the Priority Development Zone where both notice requirements and third party appeal opportunities are intended to be exempted as set out in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that point (1) of the motion be amended as follows.

- (1) Amends the Planning Committee Charter to align and enable the call up option for planning applications to apply from the next Planning Committee meeting as set out in both the revised Planning Committee Charter in **Appendix B** and supporting guidelines for the call-up procedure in **Appendix C** for this report **with the replacement of the '3 or more councillor call up process' with '2 or more councillor call-up process'**.

This was not accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Amir.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Amends the Planning Committee Charter to align and enable the call up option for planning applications to apply from the next Planning Committee meeting as set out in both the revised Planning Committee Charter in **Appendix B** and supporting guidelines for the call-up procedure in **Appendix C** for this report **with the replacement of the '3 or more councillor call up process' with '2 or more councillor call-up process'**.
- (2) The weekly report to Councillors also include matters where an officer is intending to form a view of whether a planning application is generally in accordance with an Incorporated Plan referenced in relation to the Priority Development Zone where both notice requirements and third party appeal opportunities are intended to be exempted as set out in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Amends the Planning Committee Charter to align and enable the call up option for planning applications to apply from the next Planning Committee meeting as set out in both the revised Planning Committee Charter in **Appendix B** and supporting guidelines for the call-up procedure in **Appendix C** for this report.
- (2) The weekly report to Councillors also include matters where an officer is intending to form a view of whether a planning application is generally in accordance with an Incorporated Plan referenced in relation to the Priority Development Zone where both notice requirements and third party appeal opportunities are intended to be exempted as set out in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-210

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

That Council:

- (1) Amends the Planning Committee Charter to align and enable the call up option for planning applications to apply from the next Planning Committee meeting as set out in both the revised Planning Committee Charter in **Appendix B** and supporting guidelines for the call-up procedure in **Appendix C** for this report.
- (2) The weekly report to Councillors also include matters where an officer is intending to form a view of whether a planning application is generally in accordance with an Incorporated Plan referenced in relation to the Priority Development Zone where both notice requirements and third party appeal opportunities are intended to be exempted as set out in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr. Steph Amir	Cr. Tim Laurence	
Cr. Gaetano Greco		
Cr. Trent McCarthy		
Cr. Lina Messina		
Cr. Susanne Newton		
Cr. Julie Williams		

The Chairperson, Cr. Greco, declared the motion to be carried.

7.3 CAR PARKING NUMBERS IN ARUNDEL AVENUE, RESERVOIR

Author: Transport Planner

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 3 from the Council meeting held on 21 September 2015.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 21 September 2015, Council resolved:

'That:

- (1) Officers continue to monitor parking in Arundel Avenue, Reservoir following the construction and occupation of the developments at 23 and 57 Johnson Street, Reservoir.*
- (2) Council write to residents informing them of the recent Council report and that the recommendation that Council monitor parking in Arundel Avenue after the construction and occupation of the developments at 23 and 57 Johnson Street, Reservoir.*
- (3) Officers report back to Council in 6 months on car parking numbers in this area.*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Council Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 2 - Healthy and Connected Community
- Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods
- Going Places Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027

Summary

A previous Council report was prepared in September 2015 detailing traffic and parking issues experienced in Arundel Avenue and the surrounding area. This report relied on parking surveys and a review of customer service requests and approved planning permits.

At its meeting on 21 September 2015 Council resolved that:

'Officers report back to Council in 6 months on car parking numbers in this area'

This report provides an update on car parking numbers in Arundel Avenue and the surrounding area following the completion of approved developments in the area and provides a comparison between the 2015 and 2017 parking surveys.

The findings of the report reveal parking numbers have remained consistent in Arundel Avenue since the original surveys were commissioned. This is considered to be a result of a reduction in parking demand by trade vehicles since the completion of the mixed use developments at 23 and 57 Johnson Street, Reservoir.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-211

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

That Council notes this report on car parking numbers in Arundel Avenue, Reservoir.

CARRIED

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 ANIMAL WELFARE AND TRANSPORT SHARED SERVICES OPPORTUNITY

Author: Manager Health and Compliance

Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

This report is to inform Council of a cost neutral shared service opportunity that has been identified between Darebin and Moreland City Council (**Moreland**). The opportunity is to provide Moreland with animal welfare and transport services for their impounded animals. This would be through an appropriate agreement that sits outside of the existing Shared Services Agreement for the Epping Animal Welfare Facility.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 29 May 2017

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

The contract awarded to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) to provide animal management services at Council's new Epping Animal Welfare Facility (EAWF) does not provide for animal after-hours collection nor the transfer of impounded animals from Council's temporary holding facility in Reservoir to EAWF.

A review of the options for animal welfare and transport services looking at a shared service model has been developed and costed in this report. The costed model includes turning Council's existing casual Animal Collections Officer (ACO) position into a fulltime role; and, purchasing a suitable animal transport vehicle to transport Darebin cats and dogs to EAWF.

The income derived from the arrangement will result in a cost neutral outcome for Darebin after year one. Council will also save \$83,000 annually from no longer requiring the service from the Lost Dogs Home.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-212

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

That Council resolves for Council officers to explore the opportunity for a cost neutral shared service model between the cities of Darebin and Moreland for the provision of animal welfare, holding and transport of animal services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phil Shanahan, Chief Executive Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.11 and returned at 7.13pm.

6.2 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**Author:** Manager Health and Compliance**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

Every four years, Council is required to update its Domestic Animal Management Plan (**Plan**). The review process has commenced and this report seeks to provide Council with an outline of the process guiding the development of the new Plan and the key themes identified for wider community consultation.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 29 May 2017.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 2 - Healthy and Connected Community

Summary

The Plan was developed in 2013 and is due to expire in November 2017.

In February 2017, Council commenced the review of the existing Plan. A project plan has been developed to guide the process for the development of the new Plan and a flow diagram outlining the process is included in this report.

An initial community consultation session was held on 23 May 2017 to identify some key issues. The results of the internal review and community consultation are included in this report.

The new plan will build on the current plan; additionally it will also focus on the following:

- Increasing registration/technology
- Reducing nuisance complaints – dogs/cats
- Increasing desexing rates
- Reducing dog attacks/menacing/dangerous
- Reducing euthanasia rates

Council will now consult more widely on these issues in line with the project plan detailed within this report.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the proposed process for the development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan and the key focus areas identified for wider community consultation.
- (2) Notes the results and outcomes achieved through the current Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013-2017 attached as **Appendix A**.

Motion

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

- (1) Endorses the proposed process for the development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan and the key focus areas identified for wider community consultation.
- (2) Notes the results and outcomes achieved through the current Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013-2017 attached as **Appendix A**.

Cr. Amir proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Williams and Cr. McCarthy.

- (3) Writes to rescue groups to thank them for their work in this space and invite them to a council thankyou event.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

- (1) Endorses the proposed process for the development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan and the key focus areas identified for wider community consultation.
- (2) Notes the results and outcomes achieved through the current Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013-2017 attached as **Appendix A**.
- (3) Writes to rescue groups to thank them for their work in this space and invite them to a council thankyou event.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-213**

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

- (1) Endorses the proposed process for the development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan and the key focus areas identified for wider community consultation.
- (2) Notes the results and outcomes achieved through the current Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013-2017 attached as **Appendix A**.

- (3) Writes to rescue groups to thank them for their work in this space and invite them to a council thankyou event.

CARRIED

6.3 BANKING WITH WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION**Author:** Chief Financial Officer**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services

Report Background

Council currently has a contract for the provision of cash and banking services with Westpac Banking Corporation and has been investing part of its surplus funds with Westpac and its subsidiaries.

This report is in response to Urgent Business No. 17-148 from the Council meeting held on 3 April 2017.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 3 April 2017, Council resolved:

That Council:

- (1) *Divests all funds currently with Westpac, Bank of Melbourne and any other subsidiaries held in term deposits at the investment's maturity and where possible invest these funds with fossil fuel free financial institutions whilst complying with the current risk profile established within Council's Investment Policy.*
 - (2) *Boycotts any future investment or borrowing with Westpac and its subsidiaries (once divested) until they publicly refuse financing Adani's Carmichael mine.*
 - (3) *Receives a report in May regarding Council's current contract with Westpac as the supplier of cash and banking services, including options to exit.*
 - (4) *Writes to the:*
 - *CEO and Chair of Westpac and Bank of Melbourne informing them of this decision and urging them to rule out support for the Adani mine.*
 - *Prime Minister, Federal Minister for Environment and Energy, Federal Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Queensland Premier expressing extreme disappointment with the decisions to not only approve, but spend \$1 billion of taxpayers' money on this devastating project.*
 - *Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Shadow Minister for Environment and Water and Federal Member for Batman urging them to publicly commit to opposing the Adani mine and withdrawing any Commonwealth funds that support this project in anyway (in the event they form government at the next election). The letter should also request they advocate to their Queensland Labor colleagues to reconsider their decision to approve the mine.*
 - *Victorian Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change urging them to publicly commit to opposing the Adani mine and introduce a ban to all new coal mines in Victoria.*
 - *Mayors and Councillors from Councils in the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action and other Victoria Greenhouse Alliances informing them of this decision and request they consider a similar decision.*
 - (5) *Co-hosts a screening of the Guarding the Galilee documentary, in partnership with Darebin Climate Action Now.*
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- (6) *Participates in future #StopAdani events and promotes the campaign to the community.*
- (7) *Reviews and integrates Council's Investment Policy and Fossil Fuel Investment Policy into one comprehensive policy. The review should identify and where possible remove any barriers to increasing the share of fossil fuel free investments.*
- (8) *Receives a half-yearly briefing on the status of Council's investments and reviews this decision in six months.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 5 - Excellent Service

Summary

Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) has been providing cash and banking services to Council since amalgamation. These services are currently provided to Council under the State Government contract that is due to expire 30 September 2018. While possible to exit the existing contractual arrangements, to do so would cause unnecessary disruption for Council's customers and suppliers and incur additional one off and ongoing expenditure that may be difficult to justify in the current rate capped environment.

On 28 April 2017, Westpac released its third Climate Change Position Statement and 2020 Action Plan. The detail within the Climate Change Position Statement and 2020 Action Plan has the effect of not enabling Westpac to provide financing to Adani's Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes Westpac has released its third Climate Change Action Plan on 28 April 2017 which has the effect of not enabling Westpac to provide finance to Adani's Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin.
- (2) Notes the revised Investment Policy (attached as **Appendix A**) incorporates both the previous Investment Policy and the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy.
- (3) Notes that the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy is superseded by the revised Investment Policy.
- (4) Notes the revised Investment Policy has eased the credit and counterparty credit frameworks to allow a greater percentage to be invested with institutions which do not finance fossil fuel projects.
- (5) Notes that Council will continue to invest with and borrow from Westpac and its subsidiaries in accordance with Council's strategies and policies.
- (6) Continues with the current Agreement for the Provision of Cash and Banking Services with Westpac until its expiry date 30 September 2018.
- (7) Notes that at the conclusion of the existing agreement, preference will be given to non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions to provide cash and banking services, where the value proposition is equivalent to that provided by other financial institutions.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes Westpac has released its third Climate Change Action Plan on 28 April 2017 which has the effect of not enabling Westpac to provide finance to Adani's Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin.
- (2) Notes the revised Investment Policy (attached as **Appendix A**) incorporates both the previous Investment Policy and the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy.
- (3) Notes that the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy is superseded by the revised Investment Policy.
- (4) Notes the revised Investment Policy has eased the credit and counterparty credit frameworks to allow a greater percentage to be invested with institutions which do not finance fossil fuel projects.
- (5) Notes that Council will continue to invest with and borrow from Westpac and its subsidiaries in accordance with Council's strategies and policies.
- (6) Continues with the current Agreement for the Provision of Cash and Banking Services with Westpac until its expiry date 30 September 2018.
- (7) Notes that at the conclusion of the existing agreement, preference will be given to non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions to provide cash and banking services, where the value proposition is equivalent to that provided by other financial institutions.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover that point (8) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Amir.

- (8) The Investment Policy returns to Council later in 2017, following consultation with NAGA and EAGA regarding their current investigation into zero fossil fuel divestment options for Victorian councils.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes Westpac has released its third Climate Change Action Plan on 28 April 2017 which has the effect of not enabling Westpac to provide finance to Adani's Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin.
- (2) Notes the revised Investment Policy (attached as **Appendix A**) incorporates both the previous Investment Policy and the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy.
- (3) Notes that the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy is superseded by the revised Investment Policy.
- (4) Notes the revised Investment Policy has eased the credit and counterparty credit frameworks to allow a greater percentage to be invested with institutions which do not finance fossil fuel projects.
- (5) Notes that Council will continue to invest with and borrow from Westpac and its subsidiaries in accordance with Council's strategies and policies.

- (6) Continues with the current Agreement for the Provision of Cash and Banking Services with Westpac until its expiry date 30 September 2018.
- (7) Notes that at the conclusion of the existing agreement, preference will be given to non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions to provide cash and banking services, where the value proposition is equivalent to that provided by other financial institutions.
- (8) The Investment Policy returns to Council later in 2017, following consultation with NAGA and EAGA regarding their current investigation into zero fossil fuel divestment options for Victorian councils.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-214

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes Westpac has released its third Climate Change Action Plan on 28 April 2017 which has the effect of not enabling Westpac to provide finance to Adani's Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin.
- (2) Notes the revised Investment Policy (attached as **Appendix A**) incorporates both the previous Investment Policy and the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy.
- (3) Notes that the Fossil Fuel Investment Policy is superceded by the revised Investment Policy.
- (4) Notes the revised Investment Policy has eased the credit and counterparty credit frameworks to allow a greater percentage to be invested with institutions which do not finance fossil fuel projects.
- (5) Notes that Council will continue to invest with and borrow from Westpac and its subsidiaries in accordance with Council's strategies and policies.
- (6) Continues with the current Agreement for the Provision of Cash and Banking Services with Westpac until its expiry date 30 September 2018.
- (7) Notes that at the conclusion of the existing agreement, preference will be given to non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions to provide cash and banking services, where the value proposition is equivalent to that provided by other financial institutions.
- (8) The Investment Policy returns to Council later in 2017, following consultation with NAGA and EAGA regarding their current investigation into zero fossil fuel divestment options for Victorian councils.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 LIFELONG LEARNING STRATEGY**Author:** Strategy and Business Advisor**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

Report Background

This report is to outline the delivery of a Lifelong Learning Strategy in 2018. The strategy development is a 2017/2018 action within the draft Council Plan 2017–2021.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 22 May 2017

Council Plan Goal

- Goal 2: We will improve the wellbeing of people in our community by providing opportunities for them to live their lives well.
- 2.3: We will expand lifelong-learning opportunities, to enable local people to learn, develop their interests, and secure good quality work.

Summary

UNESCO's Belém Framework for Action says 'the role of lifelong learning is critical in addressing global educational issues and challenges. Lifelong learning "from cradle to grave" is a philosophy, a conceptual framework and an organising principle of all forms of education, based on inclusive, emancipatory, humanistic and democratic values; it is all-encompassing and integral to the vision of a knowledge-based society.'

The development of a Lifelong Learning Strategy has the capacity to broaden and enhance Council's provision of learning opportunities across all ages and formats. Importantly, those opportunities can be extended by partnering with other agencies and organisations to leverage their capacity and expertise to meet the current and future lifelong learning needs of our community.

Community consultation and engagement is critical to the development of a successful and relevant Lifelong Learning Strategy.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Community consultation and engagement plan attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Endorses the establishment of a Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group and the Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix B** to this report.
- (3) Appoints Councillor/s as representative/s on the Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-215**

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Community consultation and engagement plan attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Endorses the establishment of a Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group and the Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix B** to this report.
- (3) Appoints Councillor/s McCarthy and Williams as representative/s on the Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 17-216**

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

That Council makes the following commitments as part of the 2017 INLLEN Jobs for Youth Campaign, in line with the Council Plan:

- (1) Incorporates a 'youth employment and participation dividend' in the Procurement policy, requiring all contracted providers across the organisation to include 10% of all Council-related work (or an appropriate equivalent of other workforce participation experiences) be provided to young people aged 15 to 25.
- (2) Signs on to INLLEN's recently launched 'Industry Mentoring Bank'
- (3) Establishes a single entry point within Council for all student work experience and work placement opportunities to ensure equity of access to local students and increase the provision of such opportunities across all Council areas.
- (4) Convenes a 'young citizens jury' in September and October comprised of local young people as part of the Jobs for Youth campaign. The young citizens jury will provide recommendations to:
 - a) Council and other relevant bodies on what young people want and need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.
 - b) Council's new Youth Strategy and other Council strategies where relevant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 'MAKING RENTING FAIR' CAMPAIGN**Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

Report Background

This report seeks Council's endorsement to support a state wide advocacy campaign to improve the safety, stability and privacy of renters in Victoria.

The Tenants Union of Victoria (TUV) has created the 'Making Renting Fair Campaign', a coalition of 44 community legal centres, consumer agencies, charities, advocacy peak bodies and community housing agencies to lobby the Victorian State Government to ensure that the review of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* strengthens consumer protection for renters.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Darebin Council has however made two previous submissions to the review of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* that primarily dealt with protecting vulnerable rooming house tenants.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

Responding to Housing Stress: A Local Action Plan 2013 - 2017

Summary

The three year review of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* triggered in June 2015 by the Minister for Consumer Affairs, the Hon Jane Garrett has concluded.

Although the date for submissions has closed, the State Government continues to be lobbied by influential peak bodies representing landlords and property owners in a final attempt to influence the drafting of the legislation. In response, the 'Making Renting Fair Campaign' is requesting that Council support their campaign and advocacy messages aimed at the State Government in an attempt to counter this influence, and a call for fairer measures to protect tenant rights.

The 'Making Renting Fair Campaign' provides a collective 'voice' to advocate for the rights of tenants, in particular those people most at risk of the unfair provisions that already exist in the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*.

The following person made a submission to Council in relation to this item and was thanked by the Chairperson, Cr. Greco.

- Mark O'Brien on behalf of the Tenants Union of Victoria

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Supports the 'Making Renting Fair Campaign' advocacy campaign by Tenants Union of Victoria to improve the safety, stability and privacy of renters in Victoria; and
- (2) Endorses the following advocacy actions:
 - a. Writes to the Minister of Consumer Affairs, the Hon. Marlene Kairouz, the Minister for Planning the Hon. Richard Wynn and the Minister for Housing the Hon. Martin Foley reaffirming the key messages of Darebin City Council's previous submissions.
 - b. Implements a community communications plan including a summary of the key issues in the Mayor's column, and a press release consistent with that from the 'Making Renting Fair Campaign'.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-217**

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

That Council:

- (1) Supports the 'Making Renting Fair Campaign' advocacy campaign by Tenants Union of Victoria to improve the safety, stability and privacy of renters in Victoria.
- (2) In cooperation with the Tenants Union of Victoria organise a public meeting to highlight the key advocacy messages aimed at the State Government. Council should consider inviting the Minister of Consumer Affairs, the Hon. Marlene Kairouz, (former Mayor of Darebin) and all local state MPs.
- (3) Write to all local MPs seeking letters of support for Darebin's Advocacy Plan.
- (4) Endorses the following advocacy actions:
 - a) Writes to the Minister of Consumer Affairs, the Hon. Marlene Kairouz, the Minister for Planning the Hon. Richard Wynne and the Minister for Housing the Hon. Martin Foley reaffirming the key messages of Darebin City Council's previous submissions.
 - b) Implements a community communications plan including a summary of the key issues in the Mayor's column, and a press release consistent with that from the 'Making Renting Fair Campaign'.
- (5) Notes the community campaign and petition of 31,367 signatories on behalf of local tenant Louise Goode and her struggle for a just outcome with her current housing organisation provider and landlord and writes to the relevant Ministers and local MPs seeking their support and intervention on behalf of Louise Goode.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jacinta Stevens, Director Civic Governance and Compliance temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.42pm and returned at 7.44pm.

**6.6 PROJECTS FOR SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA
COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANTS
2018/2019****Author:** Coordinator Leisure Services**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

Report Background

The Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) is an annual Victorian State Government funding program that provides funding to Councils to support the development of community sporting facilities. It presents an opportunity to deliver sport and leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council.

This report outlines the projects identified for application to the 2018/2019 CSIF grants program. The projects are in line with infrastructure priorities and assessed as most critical to increase participation in sport and physical activity, aligned to Council's strategic priorities and most likely to successfully meet the criteria for funding.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 2 - Healthy and Connected Community

- **Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017** goal 4 – build healthy, safe and accessible places for people to play and connect; goal 5 protect and promote Darebin people's physical health (5.3 – increase regular physical activity for all)
- **Darebin Leisure Strategy and Leisure Services Action Plan 2015 - 2020**

Summary

The 2018/2019 SRV CSIF grants are now open and it is proposed that Council makes five applications across three categories: Major Facilities (one project); Minor Facilities (one project) and; Female Friendly Facilities (three projects). With Council endorsement these applications will be prepared and submitted to SRV. Details of projects and costings are contained within this report.

The projects recommended are identified Council sporting priorities, have detailed planning underway and are the types of projects that have been successful through this funding program in previous years. Should all applications be successful Council will receive \$1,050,000 in funding.

The required Council co-contribution will total approximately \$8,995,000. Council should note their obligation to the required co-contribution to these projects across the 2018/2019 (single year projects) to 2020/2021 (multi-year projects) capital works budgets.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-218

MOVED: Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council endorses the five projects put forward in this report for submission to Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sport Infrastructure Grant program for 2018/2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Author: Acting Manager Leisure and Community Facilities

Reviewed By: Director Community Development

Report Background

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of all community funding and contributions that are made to community organisations through the operational budget.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 1: Vibrant City and Innovative Economy
- Goal 2: Healthy and Connected Community
- Goal 3: Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods
- Goal 4: Thriving and Creative Culture
- Goal 6: Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

Council provides grants, contributions and support to more than 160 community organisations, groups and initiatives, across a range of areas from community well-being to economic development.

Support and funding is available to not-for-profit community groups and organisations that meet a demonstrated need or interest of Darebin residents. The objectives of all support and funding are to support proposals that:

- Fit with Council's priorities.
- Address a demonstrated need in the community.
- Involve partnerships between groups/communities.
- Actively work towards social inclusion and equity.
- Involve groups with limited funding opportunities.
- Involve groups previously not funded.
- Foster creative approaches to address community needs and local issues.

In the 2017/2018 budget council is scheduled to provide \$1.75 million to the community through grants and contributions.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the detail of grants, contribution and support funding contained in this report.
- (2) Notes the allocation of grants, contribution and support funding included in the 2017/2018 budget.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes the detail of grants, contribution and support funding contained in this report.
- (2) Notes the allocation of grants, contribution and support funding included in the 2017/2018 budget.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Messina.

- (3) Receives a further report on the potential to move to longer term funding agreements with neighbourhood houses and other community organisations such as 10 year agreements with increased funding.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes the detail of grants, contribution and support funding contained in this report.
- (2) Notes the allocation of grants, contribution and support funding included in the 2017/2018 budget.
- (3) Receives a further report on the potential to move to longer term funding agreements with neighbourhood houses and other community organisations such as 10 year agreements with increased funding.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-219

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes the detail of grants, contribution and support funding contained in this report.

- (2) Notes the allocation of grants, contribution and support funding included in the 2017/2018 budget.
- (3) Receives a further report on the potential to move to longer term funding agreements with neighbourhood houses and other community organisations such as 10 year agreements with increased funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.8 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW 2017**Author:** Manager City Works and Contracts**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

Report Background

Council as a road authority has adopted a Road Management Plan under the *Road Management Act 2004* as its policy defence against claims for damages from road users. The Plan articulates the levels of service provided to inspect and repair Council's road assets, ensuring that these assets are safe for all road users. Council must review the Road Management Plan every four years.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 1 July 2013, Council resolved:

That:

- (1) *Having considered submissions received and having complied with the requirements of regulations 301 and 302 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2005 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council adopt the revised Road Management Plan 2013 as attached to this report as Appendix A.*
- (2) *The roads and ancillary areas listed in Appendices B1, B2 and B3 of this report are no longer reasonably required for public use and that they be removed from the Register of Public Roads.*
- (3) *Note the additions to the Register of Public Roads listed in Appendices B4 and B5 of this report as made by officers under delegation.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing (information only) – 15 June 2017

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

1.5 Existing and new physical assets and infrastructure

Summary

Council as a road authority has adopted a Road Management Plan under the *Road Management Act 2004* as its policy defence against claims for damages from road users. The Plan articulates the levels of service provided to inspect and repair Council's road assets, ensuring that these assets are safe for all road users.

Council must review the Road Management Plan every four years. This review of the 2017 Plan has concluded with no submissions on the Plan received.

The purpose of this report is to:

- (1) Outline the proposed changes to the Road Management Plan 2017 that have resulted from Community consultation.
- (2) To obtain Council approval of the Road Management Plan 2017.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-220

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That having complied with the requirements the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council adopts the revised Road Management Plan 2017 attached to this report as **Appendix A**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.9 FOOD WASTE COLLECTION**Author:** Manager Environment and Community Outcomes**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

Report Background

This report provides the background to a proposed model for the introduction of food waste collection by 2019/2020 and considers other long term waste processing options.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods
- Waste and Litter Strategy
- Draft Climate Emergency Plan

Summary

A food waste collection trial is proposed to commence in November 2017 to inform the development of the final food waste collection model for Darebin. Other methods of diverting waste from landfill will be considered including advanced resource recovery technology (ARRT) options. ARRT processes with the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) are timed to inform the retendering of the regional landfill contract, which concludes in 2021.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-221**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

- (1) Approves a food waste collection trial commencing by November 2017 to inform the development of the final food waste collection model.
- (2) Receives a briefing on the proposed trial prior to its introduction to the community
- (3) Participates in investigations for advanced resource recovery technology (ARRT) options, including with the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG), to inform and determine the best long term waste resource recovery options for our community.

CARRIED

Phil Shanahan, Acting Chief Executive Officer, disclosed a conflict of interest in the following item, describing the interest as a direct interest as the report relates to his employment contract.

Mr Shanahan left the meeting prior to discussion of the item at 8.10pm.

6.10 EXTENSION OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Author: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

This report seeks to extend the Contract of Employment for the Interim Chief Executive Officer until the new Chief Executive commences.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 19 December 2016, Council resolved:

'That Council:

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- (1) Resolves that the acting Chief Executive Mr Philip Shanahan assists Council through the recruitment process of a permanent Chief Executive Officer.*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

This report is for Council to formally extend the Contract of Employment for the Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-222

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Extends the Contract of Employment with Philip Shanahan as Acting Chief Executive Officer on the same terms.
- (2) Fixes as the termination date for the Contract of Employment with Philip Shanahan as Acting Chief Executive Officer the earlier of:
 - a. The day before the commencement date of the Contract of Employment with the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, and
 - b. 23 December 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-223

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'Municipal Association Act Review' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 9.1.

CARRIED

9.1 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ACT REVIEW

Author: Council Business and Governance Officer

Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

The *Municipal Association Act 1907 (MA Act)* came into effect 1907. In 2015, the Victorian Auditor-General released a report (The Report) into the effectiveness of support for Local Government. The report recommended that Local Government Victoria review and determine MAV's functions, roles, responsibilities, powers and obligations.

DELWP has now released a Consultation Paper on the review and is calling for submissions.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 15 June 2017

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

Submissions to the review must be lodged by Friday 30 June 2017. As Council does not have another meeting scheduled before the closing date, this report is required to be treated as Urgent Business to ensure a submission can be made by the due date.

Other peak bodies and insurance companies, such as the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) do not operate under their own legislation. As such, Council could question why the MAV would need its own legislation.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-224**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the submission to the *Municipal Association Act 1907* Review attached at **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Officers submit the submission on behalf of Council prior to 30 June 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Introduction**

The Municipal Association Act 1907 is currently under review by Local Government Victoria to determine MAV's functions, roles, responsibilities, powers and obligations.

DELWP has now released a Consultation Paper on the review and is calling for submissions.

Issues and Discussion

There are four reform principles that are guiding the consultation paper:

- An Act that is contemporary, meets future needs and is clear and comprehensive.
- Enable good governance and corporate effectiveness.
- Ensure transparency and accountability to member councils, the community and the state.
- Ensure there is appropriate oversight over insurance activities.

There are also four key areas listed under the reform:

1. Roles and powers – 3 reforms proposed
2. Responsibilities – 5 reforms proposed
3. Reporting and Accountability – 4 reforms proposed
4. Insurance – 2 reforms proposed

Council's submission is seeking support from Local Government Victoria to abolish the Municipal Association Act 1907 and for the MAV to govern their operations in the same manner other peak bodies operate.

Options for Consideration

Council to make a submission to Local Government Victoria on the MA Act Review.

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Risk Management

Nil

Policy Implications**Economic Development**

Nil

Environmental Sustainability

Nil

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

Nil

Other

Nil

Future Actions

- Submission to the MA Act Review to be lodged online by 30 June 2017, being the closing date of all submissions.

Consultation and Advocacy

- Councillors

Related Documents

- *Municipal Association Act 1907*
- Municipal Association Act Review Consultation Paper

Attachments

- Darebin City Council Submission on the Municipal Association Act 1907 Review (**Appendix A**)

Disclosure of Interest

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

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

ITEM 9.1 - APPENDIX A**Darebin City Council Submission to the *Municipal Association Act 1907* Review**

It could be argued that the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) does not require their own statute to govern the practices and operations of their organisation. The MAV, like other peak bodies and insurance companies, assists the local government sector in a range of services, one being a mutual liability insurance scheme. Although section 10CB of the *Municipal Association Act 1907* (the Act) provides for the MAV to establish public liability and professional indemnity insurance, it is known across the local government sector that this scheme is not mandatory for Council's to participate in, therefore could be seen as only being applicable to the MAV and those Councils who voluntarily subscribe to MAV's insurance scheme. Darebin Council, as an example has recently tendered for an independent insurance broker to act on behalf of Council to source public liability and professional indemnity insurance through the open market independent of a mutual that the MAV offer.

As a comparison, the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) is another peak body that supports councils, councillors and the community. They are not governed by their own statute, rather they established their own rules in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Associations Act). It could be argued that there is nothing prohibiting the MAV from establishing their own rules for the board, committee and state council and general operations in accordance with the Associations Act or other applicable Acts. There should also be a requirement for the MAV to establish non-adversarial processes in which they can deal with conflict or disputes between themselves and Councils outside the traditional court processes.

There is nothing within the Act that separates the overall functions and responsibilities of the MAV from other peak bodies therefore, Darebin Council seeks that Local Government Victoria gives consideration of the *Municipal Association Act 1907* being abolished and for the MAV to continue to be governed through other means.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11. PETITIONS

Cr. McCarthy requested that it be noted that an electronic petition was submitted to Council in relation to the community campaign and petition of 31,367 signatories on behalf of local tenant Louise Goode and her struggle for a just outcome with her current housing organisation provider and landlord and writes to the relevant Ministers and local MPs seeking their support and intervention on behalf of Louise Goode.

As the petition is not in a form provided for in the Governance Local Law it cannot be formally submitted.

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

13. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

13.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 23 May 2017

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-225

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 23 May 2017 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-226

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF, MAYOR**

Cr. Le Cerf reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- 3rd CEO Employment Matters Committee meeting – Shortlist for Interview
- Connect Darebin’s Big Night of Business
- Selection of Independent Member for Audit and Risk Committee
- Lions club international 100th anniversary dinner
- Mayors, Councillors and CEO’s Technical Working Group on Local Government Act Review
- Meeting regarding Breakthrough Conference
- Meeting with Minister Allan regarding Level Crossing Removals
- East Preston Islamic College Iftar Dinner
- Darebin Mayor’s Writing Awards
- VCAT Hearing – Grandview Hotel
- Various meetings with Residents
- Meeting regarding Advocacy Strategy
- Launch of Darebin Libraries Children’s App “Planet Library”
- Meeting with John Shone Mutual Innovation Housing Model
- Aged Care Reforms Working Group
- Planning Committee
- Rotary Club of Preston – Annual Major Donations Day
- Meeting with Northland Management
- Meeting with Roger Donnelley from SALT Foundation
- Darebin Education Committee
- Resident meeting to discuss Shower Street
- LaTrobe University – Tour of Eco-Corridor
- La Trobe/Darebin – Smart Cities bid preparation update
- Council Briefing
- Hearing of Submissions
- Westside Circus Turning 21

- Meeting with Flinders Street residents regarding illegal dumping
- Open Arts Projects Australia Exhibition
- National General Assembly of Local Government 2017
- Australian Local Government Women's Association – Annual Networking Breakfast

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

Cr. Amir reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Councillor-only workshop
- Aged care reform working group
- Planning Committee
- Meeting with Mayor and David Mejia-Canales regarding housing
- Education committee meeting
- Meeting with residents to discuss options for Showers Street
- VLGA training: "Got a tough decision to make"
- Discussions with residents regarding planning, housing, waste management and other issues

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- CEO employment matters committee
- Darebin connections Photographic Exhibition
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee
- FeNCCA (Nepalese) First Annual Conference and dinner
- Iftar Dinner briefing
- Planning Committee
- Education committee
- Councillor Briefing
- Attended to resident's concerns regarding:
 - tree pruning
 - planning
 - aged care services

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council budget briefing

- Council meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting
- Aged Care reform meeting
- Initiated and attended a Code of Conduct conference
- Community consultation with community and officers on budget issues
- Consultation with officers and input on 4 year council plan

REPORT OF CR. TRENT McCARTHY

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

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REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

Cr. Messina reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

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REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

Cr. Newton reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- CONNECT – Darebin’s Big Night of Business with Guest Speaker Dr Jason Fox
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Active and Healthy Ageing Committee
- 2017 Darebin Mayor’s Writing Award
- Aged Care Reforms Working Group
- Planning Committee Meeting
- La Trobe University Tour of Eco-Corridor
- Councillor Briefings
- Hearing of Submissions – Budget and Council Plan
- VLGA Training – Got a tough decision to make?

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

Cr. Rennie reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- CEO recruitment committee shortlisting session
- Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Darebin Arts and Melbourne International Jazz Festival
- Aged Care Reforms Working Group
- Planning Committee meeting

- Hearing of submissions - budget and council plan
- Briefing on budget and council plan
- Westside circus
- Meeting with residents in Flinders Street re rubbish dumping
- Work on CEO recruitment questions
- Emails and phone calls to residents
- National General Assembly of Local Government

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

Cr. Williams reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Connect Darebin's Big Night of Business
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Planning Committee
- Moreland Council meeting
- Health Wellbeing on Autism Moreland Council
- La Trobe Tour of Eco-Corridor
- Hearing of Submissions
- Special Briefing on Budget and Council Plan
- Council Briefing

15. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

