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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 24 JUNE 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.04PM

WELCOME

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

“NGARRGMA WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG GULJIN GURRINGANYINU BIK WENEROP DAREBIN DHARRI. NGARRI YANA NGARNGA BIK, BAAN BA NGARRGU. GAHGOOK-AL NANGGIT BAMBUTH, YALINGBU BA GAMA-DJI.

“I ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND. I RECOGNISE THEIR CONTINUING CONNECTION TO LAND, WATER AND CULTURE. I PAY MY RESPECTS TO ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

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

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital
Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Allan Cochrane - Manager Finance
Felicity Leahy - Manager Recreation and Libraries
Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance
Ralph Anania - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Rennie disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 14.1 – Legal Proceedings.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-099

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, acknowledged the following questions and submissions during this segment of the meeting:

- **Peter O'Connell, Northcote**

1. What is the current amount raised by the Darebin City Council from developers via public open space levy's? Does this amount reflect the full 5% that can be raised?
2. Will the Council be reinstating the developer contributions plan, especially for developments seeking waivers of the requirement to provide parking in line with the current State guidelines?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

1. **In the last financial year, Darebin collected 5.6 million dollars for open space from developers.**

As the Darebin Planning Scheme currently allows, we currently collect between 2 and 5% from developers as their contribution for open space. The exact percentage depends on the number of lots they're proposing to develop. The full 5% rate applies to subdivisions of 5 or more additional lots.

2. **In regards to parking in Darebin, this is separate to the Development Contributions Plan. Developers must follow the state government's guidance in regards to parking provision and provide evidence that there is still appropriate parking if they seek a waiver. There is no situation where developers in Darebin provide funds instead of parking.**

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie then advised that three questions had been received from Brian Sanaghan of Preston, and in accordance with Council's Governance Local Law 2017 only two questions may be submitted, and therefore two would be considered.

- **Brian Sanaghan, Preston**

1. Council has dumped its parking strategy after a huge community campaign to force it to do so. Council in the past two years has spent \$560,000 on consultants and staff costs to devise the strategy

Mayor, you claimed in the Preston Leader that council would always listen to the community.

Why then did you not listen to the community before spending this massive amount of ratepayers money, by commissioning a community consultation into the need for a new parking strategy?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Parking is one of the most common things that residents ask Council to help with.

I can confirm that Council consulted with the community about how to better manage streets and parking late last year and early this year.

We heard from over 1,500 people in the first phase and there were mixed views about how to manage parking.

The second phase of consultation aimed to gauge the community views on specific proposals, so residents could let us know what they thought.

In response to community feedback, Council resolved to withdraw the proposed parking strategy. This decision is a clear demonstration of council's willingness to listen to our community.

I should clarify that the cost was around \$460,000 rather than \$560,000. The data and research will be valuable for addressing local street by street issues – so it's certainly not wasted.

- **Brian Sanaghan, Preston**

Whilst the Preston Town Hall is being restored to its former Edwardian grandeur, there is a homeless woman sleeping in the south west entrance way.

Six of the nine councillors here are women. Susan, you are a woman. The CEO is a woman. Most of the senior staff are women. Are any of you capable of reaching out to her and ordering council's security staff to unlock the entrance door and allow her to use the bathroom facilities attached to the mayor's office.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Council officers have sought to provide support to a number of rough sleepers in the Preston Precinct.

There are public toilets accessible in the 274 Gower Street building during office hours. Nearby, the Preston library has public toilets available for extended hours during the week – to 8 pm or 10 pm and with daytime hours on the weekend.

This Council is very concerned about homelessness. In fact, at the last Council meeting we considered a detailed report on the issue. And it is proposed to allocate significant funds for a new outreach service that would actively visit and support people sleeping rough, to assist them with housing and other needs in tonight's budget.

- **Cheryl Gray, Thornbury**

1. Can you please advise what is happening with the John Cain Memorial Park redevelopment? All construction seems to have halted. The current pedestrian/ cyclist access to Darebin Rd through the park is woeful - no paths were established, access was directed over grass/ dirt which have since become a muddy mess.

What is council doing to establish safe pathways through the construction area, and what is the expected timeline for the redevelopment to be completed?

2. The children's play area at the end of Clarendon St is covered in graffiti, and the rubbish bin located next to the picnic tables is rarely emptied. The bin has been overflowing with waste (and animal waste bags) for weeks. It has become a health hazard.

How often should this be emptied, and what is council's process for monitoring these areas?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

1. **Works commenced late last year on the outdoor netball courts but were unfortunately delayed while Council dealt with the unexpected contaminated soil which was discovered at the site. The contaminated soil has been removed, the area made safe and a redesign of the courts is necessary. This redesign will be completed in the coming weeks and we expect that construction works will recommence shortly afterwards.**

In relation to the muddy pedestrian paths, Council will improve the pathway during the construction period with the use of some crushed rock or similar. It is anticipated the works will be completed by October 2019.

2. **Council is keen to ensure our parks are maintained well for our community.**

The rubbish bin in this park is emptied once a week. The current bin size is small and Officers will investigate an option to increase the bin's size to cater for the use of the park.

I am aware that a request has been sent to Council's Graffiti Department to remove the graffiti from the playground. This should be done in the next couple of days.

- **Gary Atkinson, Reservoir**

Given the unanimous withdrawal of the proposed Darebin Parking Strategy, will Council reflect the wishes of the people they represent, by supporting immediate modification, of other current policies, to remove sections that created the failed Parking Strategy? Two of those policies would be –

- Darebin Climate Emergency Plan 2017-2022 and
- Darebin Transport Strategy 2007 – 2027; there may also be others

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Council has now voted to withdraw the draft parking strategy. We have clearly decided not to use a city-wide approach to restrictions, and I don't expect this to change.

Officers are reviewing the transport strategy to consider if any minor amendments or clarifications are needed to reflect Council's recent decision. Council would consider this at a future meeting. There is no specific reference in the Climate Emergency Plan to a parking strategy.

- **Serena O'Meley**

1. When will the Minutes of the meeting 11 June 2019 be posted online?
2. In light of the retraction of the Draft Darebin Parking Strategy, will the \$400,000 in the Darebin City Council Budget Report – 2019-2020 on p.47 relating to the Parking Technology Project be returned to the appropriate central fund?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

1. **The minutes for 11 June should now be available on Council's website.**

I do apologies for the lateness.

2. **We have reviewed that so in the budget that is being considered tonight much of that money has been reallocated to other things, some of that money is being kept in parking to respond to existing petitions that were submitted by community members and that did require a response.**

SUBMISSION

Nalliah Suriyakumaran made a verbal submission in relation to Item 8.1 – Adoption of Annual Budget 2019-20 and Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2023.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, Could you please advise if the south east corner of Donath West comes under the Donath/Dole masterplan, if so, when will the work be carried out in that corner?

Also Mayor Rennie can you advise why has this corner not been updated as CRG was not formed until May 2018 and the masterplan was started years before that?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

I understand that we are talking about the corner of the reserve around Oval 1 so there is some paths around that corner and the master plan shows concrete paths to the north and the west and a gravel path which currently exists around the south east corner and that the construction work to complete the concrete path network is one of the things that Council has funded part of in 18-19. The master plan doesn't show the current gravel path will change to concrete path at some point in the future, the other concrete paths are regarding as sufficient.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, I believe there is a rule advising that smokers cannot smoke within 10 metres of a council building. If this law/rule is correct why does Council have ashtrays/butt outs attached to their building?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

I will take that on notice and provide an answer to you.

SUBMISSION

Clinton Cook made a verbal submission in relation to Item 8.1 – Adoption of Annual Budget 2019-20 and Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2023.

RESPONSES TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 11 JUNE 2019.

At the Council meeting held on 11 June 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie:

- **Freyja McCarthy, Preston**

What evidence did Council officers rely on for the assumption behind their proposal that people who could no longer drive to the station would not just drive all the way to their ultimate destination.

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Freyja McCarthy by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Council commissioned the Darebin Parking Strategic Review in 2018. This presented a summary of existing best practice, studies and other research on a range of topics related to parking and transport. Regarding 'park and ride' at stations, one of the research findings which is perhaps surprising, is that 'park and ride' facilities, particularly in areas closer to CBDs, do not generate significant numbers of new public transport trips.

The Darebin Parking Strategic Review 2018 can be found online in full <https://www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/31128/documents/93988> and references to research are listed at the end of the document.

- **Freyja McCarthy, Preston**

What evidence did Council officers rely on for the assumption behind their proposal that people who currently drive to local shops would seek alternative transport in response to parking restrictions (e.g. rather than just driving to Northland where they can park all day). In relation to questions 2 and 3 above, it was clear from the surveys that Council were maintaining these assumptions rather than taking the opportunity to test them with residents.

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Freyja McCarthy by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

As above, development of the Parking Strategy was informed by academic research about parking and behaviour change. It was also informed by community feedback in phase one when we received direct feedback from over 1,500 people. The phase one of community engagement showed a mix of community views and feedback about various issues and preferences. The report can be accessed at:

<https://www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/31128/documents/103289>

- **Ignazio Ranno, Thornbury**

In the Darebin parking strategy review 2018 there were several findings that seemed relevant to the strategy that did not appear in the Parking strategy. Across all of Darebin only 4500 cars are used to drive to the station. These 4500 Drivers plus passengers make up only 3 trains at full capacity. The results below and in the 2018 Darebin parking Strategy review highlight that distribution of the under supply of parking is not uniform across Darebin (table 4 page 63). How will these location specific issues be addressed by the proposed blanket plan? And what do you expect the Park and Ride passengers to do if you do nothing to support them? Why disrupt large portion of Darebin if the problems are identified as localised by your own report?

A written response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Ignazio Ranno by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

In regards to how location specific issues will be addressed, now that Council has decided to withdraw the draft Parking Strategy on 11 June 2019 its current approach to reviewing parking restrictions on a local, usually street by street basis will continue. Information about how this process works can be found online at <http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Darebin-Living/Parking-and-Transport/Parking>.

We've taken the questions regarding park and ride as comments – thank you. If you are interested in this in depth, there is quite a lot of research about how 'park and ride' works and our transport team would be happy to discuss this with you.

- **Julia Nordlinger, Northcote**

Please provide clear details, (within the constraints of privacy legislation) of the 25 petitions that allegedly have been filed with council, that have been used as justification for the funding and progression of this proposed parking strategy. Privacy policy does not prevent the publication of the topic or nature of the petitions, and we request that council publish:

- the nature of the submitted petitions,
- if the petitions met the requirements for submission to council, or were in fact deemed invalid and not presented to council,
- The actual number of Darebin residents or ratepayers, who put their names to the valid and submitted petitions, and
- how many of the 25 petitions submitted, actually called for the REMOVAL or reduction in parking restrictions already in place

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Julia Nordlinger by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

As the Mayor advised, there are three ways that parking petitions can be presented to Council. This can be through a public Council meeting, on a proforma form directly to staff or in the form of a general parking request to staff.

Please see the information below for the 25 parking petitions and requests received by Council requesting parking changes between May 2018 and May 2019. 21 of these were presented as petitions either to a Council meeting or directly to council officers. 4 were presented as resident or business requests rather than using the Council petition template (Numbers 13, 14, 15 and 19). All of the requests below complied with Council's requirements and processes at the time, as outlined on the Darebin website and were deemed to be valid.

22 of the petitions requested the introduction of new restrictions or the expansion of existing restrictions, except for Numbers 21, 22 and 24. The numbers of petitioners (owners/occupiers of properties in the affected streets) are noted in brackets adjacent to

each petition name in the list.

1. **Bridge Street, Northcote** (requesting extension of existing 1P from Timmins Street to High Street, and a second requesting extension of existing 1P from Timmins Street to George Street) (7 and 15 petitioners respectively)
 2. **Suffolk Street, Reservoir** (requesting extension of existing 2P restrictions) (13 petitioners)
 3. **Maclagan Crescent, Reservoir** (requesting new 4P 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday restrictions) (19 petitioners)
 4. **Leamington Street, Reservoir** (requesting unspecified new restrictions) (39 petitioners)
 5. **Delaware Street, Reservoir** (requesting new unspecified restrictions) (12 petitioners)
 6. **Storey Road, Reservoir** (requesting new unspecified restrictions on one side of the street) (30 petitioners)
 7. **Wilcox Street, Youngman Street, Pender Street and Beauchamp Street, Preston** (requesting new unspecified restrictions in precinct bounded by streets) (64 petitioners)
 8. **Pender Street, Preston** (requesting new 8am – 8pm Monday to Sunday restrictions between Central Avenue and High Street) (25 petitioners)
 9. **Beauchamp Street, Preston** (requesting new 8am – 7pm Monday to Sunday restrictions, received separately to Wilcox Street petition) (16 petitioners)
 10. **Rowe Street, Alphington** (requesting new 2P 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday restrictions between Yarralea and Miller Streets) (7 petitioners)
 11. **Pearl Street, Northcote** (requesting new 1P restrictions) (90 petitioners)
 12. **Kelvern Street, Reservoir** (requesting new unspecified restrictions) (25 petitioners)
 13. **Gordon Street, Fairfield** (in response to Fairfield Parking Study, not a formal petition, requesting new 3P restrictions)
 14. **Stafford Street, Northcote** (in response to Fairfield Parking Study, not a formal petition, requesting new 2P restrictions)
 15. **Clarke Street, Northcote** (in response to Fairfield Parking Study, not a formal petition, requesting new 3P restrictions)
 16. **Gillies Street, Fairfield** (requesting new 2P or 3P parking 5pm to 8am) (35 petitioners)
 17. **Gilbert Road, Reservoir** (requesting change of existing restrictions to 30 minutes on east side of Gilbert Road) (8 petitioners)
 18. **Victoria Road, Northcote** (requesting new 15 minute parking bays) (2 petitioners)
 19. **Springthorpe Estate, Macleod** (requesting new restrictions, ongoing requests)
 20. **South Crescent, Northcote** (requesting new parking restrictions during business hours) (8 petitioners)
 21. **Ovando Street, Preston** (requesting removal of no standing area) (6 petitioners)
 22. **Seaver Grove, Reservoir** (requesting removal of Saturday morning restrictions) (23 petitioners)
 23. **Morgan Street, Preston** (requesting unspecified new restrictions) (19 petitioners)
 24. **Queen Street, Reservoir** (requesting removal of existing restrictions; one of several petitions and requests for and against restrictions in this street since 2016) (19 petitioners)
 25. **Thomas and Nugent Streets, Preston** (requesting new 2P restrictions Monday to Sunday) (10 petitioners)
- **Diana Paise, Reservoir**

It's in reference to obviously the exclusion zones and inclusion zones. I have received confirmation from Council that the parking restrictions with regard to stations is the responsibility to provide sufficient car parks to the commuters. I am a resident as well as a commuter, so will Council Local Government be petitioning State Government for allocated funds to accommodate parking at venues such as railway stations that people use to commute to and from work and other social activities?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Diana Paise by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Council does not currently have a specific position on parking provision at state government sites. We'll take your question as feedback for consideration– thank you.

While it is not directly related, Council has been a strong advocate for better public transport for many years and most recently has welcomed the State Government's investment in a new station and removal of the level crossing at Reservoir and in the additional level crossing removals in Preston. We do expect the level crossing removals to make it much easier and safer to access new stations at Reservoir, Bell and Preston.

In regards to local areas with parking pressure, now that Council has decided to withdraw the draft Parking Strategy it will continue with its current approach to reviewing parking restrictions on a local, often street by street, basis in response to community requests.

- **Nick Katsis, Northcote**

I've got a couple of questions. Namely for transparency, are we able to access the data pertaining to the consultation process that was supposedly undertaken? I have grave concerns about the data itself and whether it was for vested purposes. So is that open to the community? The data that has been collected so far to get to this point, so it's got to be a collective.

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Nick Katsis by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

The first part of community engagement was conducted in late 2018 and earlier this year. The report on Stage 1 of community engagement has been available on the Your Say Darebin webpage for several months. You may access the full document here: <https://www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/31128/documents/103289>.

In phase one, we received direct feedback from over 1,500 people and reached over 52,000 people, which is a high level of community engagement. The phase one of community engagement was designed to understand views to help develop the strategy and it showed a mix of community views

Stage 2 of the consultation was concluded on 11 June 2019 and we are currently compiling the results, including the total numbers of people involved. There have been several thousand participate. As a result, the figures for Stage 2 are not yet available

- **Peter Gonis, Northcote**

How many people have been consulted regarding the Parking Strategy? Do you have numbers?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Peter Gonis by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

There have been two stages of community engagement on the draft Parking Strategy. During Stage 1, approximately 1,520 people participated with over 52,000 views on social media. You may access the full report here:

<https://www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/31128/documents/103289>

Stage 2 of the consultation was concluded on 11 June 2019 and we are currently compiling the results, including the total numbers of people involved. We do know there have been thousands of people participate in some form.

- **Carolyn Lunt, Northcote**

Can Councillors please explain what the connection is between the Parking Strategy and the Climate Emergency Plan?

The second question: where is it in the Climate Emergency Plan that the discouragement of private vehicle use is recommended?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Carolyn Lunt by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

18 percent of Darebin's community emissions are from transport, making it the second highest source after electricity. It is also the fastest-growing source of emissions in Australia. The current level of emissions from vehicles is unsustainable in a climate emergency. There are several possible approaches to cutting vehicle emissions, of which one is adjusting parking arrangements. Evidence shows that parking can influence whether people chose to make more trips by other means such as by foot, public transport or cycling.

Other things that Council is doing is to help make it easier for people to take more trips by walking wheeling, cycling or on PT which reduces vehicle emissions. Programs include Octopus Schools to help more school kids take more trips to school by bike or walking, investing funds in pedestrian crossings, street trees and better, safer walking and cycling routes to make it easier and better to ride, wheel or walk, and advocacy for better public transport.

- **Carolyn Lunt, Northcote**

The second question: where is it in the Climate Emergency Plan that the discouragement of private vehicle use is recommended?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Carolyn Lunt by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Direction 6.4 of the Darebin Climate Emergency Plan discusses the importance of sustainable transport and key elements of how to both increase the number of trips taken by other means as well as how to cut emissions through electrification of vehicles.

- **Simon Lusted, Northcote**

Given the parking strategy and consultation process has gone on for some time (2 years) how did it get this far without Council or the consultants realising the obvious degree of resistance or the overwhelming anxiety in the community? Are there interim reports by consultants that can be publicly reviewed from the consultation process? Why did early consultation appear to fail or not be representative? What has Council learnt?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Simon Lusted by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

The report on Stage 1 of community engagement has been available on the Your Say Darebin webpage for several months. You can access the full document at:

www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/31128/documents/103289

The phase one of community engagement had a large number of participants at over 1500 and showed a mix of community views. It was a robust methodology, but this phase was also designed to help inform the development of the strategy, rather than to test a proposal. The feedback we have received in stage two when testing a specific proposal has shown a clear majority of participants didn't support restrictions – and this was a much larger majority than phase one indicated.

One of the key reasons for having two phases is so that we do test the specific proposal with the community.

- **Shelley Anderson, Northcote**

I am the president of the Northcote Traders Association. As everyone can imagine parking has a significant impact on our livelihoods. One of the things that I would like to find out is that the document states that there will be an increase in population in Darebin of 64 800 over 20 years and as a result will require an extra 41 000 car parks but no explanation as how you calculated that number is provided in that document. You only reference if current behaviours and trends continue and yet this is the premise for the whole strategic review in relation to the growth population of cars. Can you please provide details as to how that was determined?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Shelley Anderson by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

The calculations used motor vehicle ownership data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, combined with population forecast information. This data was used to arrive at the figures stated, taking into account a wide range of factors, including car ownership per household type, the number of cars per household and the long-term trends of car ownership.

- **Juliet Hall, Northcote**

(2) People come to local shopping areas to be a part of a wider, vibrant community. We really feel that the introduction of paid parking would detrimentally effect that feeling of community and traders and small business owners are very fearful that the business could go from the local area to the larger shopping centres. You talk about that parking sensor technology, could it be possible that that suggest technology be used for monitoring paid parking.

- We are aware that there is \$400,000 in the Darebin Council budget for parking sensor technology. Would it be possible for this suggested technology to be altered for use for monitoring paid parking?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Juliet Hall by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Council adopted the 2019-20 budget on 24 June 2019. This included adjusting the budget to remove funds that are not needed given Councils decision to withdraw the parking strategy. The budget of \$400,000 proposed in the draft budget has been reduced to \$350,000.

The work funded by the budget is designed to identify technology options and there is no particular technology already identified. The work will help Council make use of new technologies as part of its current operations, which include managing signage, line marking

and local street by street assessment of safety and parking pressure. The work is not intended to look at paid parking. New technologies have the potential to help make it easier for residents to find parks.

- **Tony Sullivan, Reservoir**

My property is 800 metres plus from the railway line. 1.2 kilometres from Reservoir Station and it is included in your 2-hour parking strategy. Can you explain to me why this is so?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Tony Sullivan by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

There was a small section of Reservoir proposed for inclusion in the Stage 1 rollout of area-based restrictions, which included Northernhay Street, Southernhay Street and others in that vicinity. Council received multiple petitions and requests from residents in some of these streets for parking restrictions to manage parking pressure in this area as the population has grown.

- **Tony Sullivan, Reservoir**

Question number two refers to your interactive map which appears on your website which actually does show that my area is going to be affected and that areas outside that (if you click on the individual addresses) they are for further consultation. Why have those people not been involved in the outset of this strategy?

An email response dated 25 June 2019 was provided to Tony Sullivan by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Council sent direct mail to households in areas that it was planning to progress changes to restrictions. In the areas outside that, Council would write to them at any future time that changes to restrictions would be proposed in their local area.

It sought feedback from the whole Darebin community by promoting the draft strategy consultation widely through social media, mainstream media, local newspapers and materials in other languages. We received thousands of responses and reached tens of thousands of people in both consultation stages.

We sought to be clear on the interactive map and for areas outside of the Stage 1 or Stage 2 areas, text was included for individual addresses on the interactive map stating: "No current area-based changes to parking are proposed at this stage; Council will assess areas using a rolling program following implementation of initial area-based restrictions" and "For more information, please visit this webpage".

- **Andrea McIntyre, Northcote**

Will the council bring all Darebin ROW's to minimum viable/usable state of repair? ie: at least to the standard as defined in the planning scheme, section 52.06-9.

For example, at present, the ROW behind our house, is not compliant with government standards, and includes potholes like this one, which is 22cm deep. The ROW is 240 metres long. How can ratepayers be expected to traverse this kind of suspension test to get to their OSP?

Even those who have OSP on my street, many can't use it, due to the ROW state of disrepair. Previous attempts to get council to repair the ROW have resulted in a patch of bitumen here and there... I've been told that the council doesn't have the funds to repair the ROW.

An email response dated 27 June 2019 was provided to Scott Wallace (on behalf of Andrea McIntyre) by Tina Stagg, PA to General Manager Operations and Capital.

Apologies for the delay in responding to question which you raised on behalf of Andrea McIntyre at Public Question Time on 11 June 2019, regarding the damage in the Right Of Way behind 272 Clarke St, Northcote.

I am advising you that a service request has been lodged (403556) for one of our inspectors to inspect the location of the ROW and have arrange for him to make contact with you to advise you of the outcome.

- **Damien Dempsey, Northcote**

How many vendors responded to the tender or quote process that was conducted to engage the consultant "Institute for Sensible Transport"?

An email response dated 2 July 2019 was provided to Damien Dempsey by Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement.

On 10 April 2018, a request for quote was sent via the eTender Portal to six consultants seeking quotes for the provision of undertaking an Issues and Opportunities Paper to inform the development of the Darebin Parking Strategy. Submissions were received from all consultants.

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

- (2) Given that signing a petition is a public act, in the future will Council undertake to:
- a) table all petitions on any subject in Council meetings; and
 - b) ensure that the number of signatories to a petition are always formally recorded in the minutes?

Just to clarify this, if for instance all of the residents around Ruthven Station all have a problem with parking in their street they could all individually put petitions to Council and the result would be that other people who would need access to that area would be disadvantaged and wouldn't even know how it came about unless it was tabled in Council through the minutes.

A written response dated 27 June 2019 was provided to Serena O'Meley by Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement.

As the Mayor stated at the 11 June 2019 meeting, at this time there are three ways that parking petitions can be presented to Council. This can be through a public Council meeting, on a proforma form directly to staff or in the form of a general parking request to staff.

Council is currently reviewing its Governance Local Law and the revised local law will include clearer and more comprehensive guidelines about the submission and tabling of petitions. The draft local law will be made available for public submissions and you will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed provisions relating to petitions as part of that process.

- **Kane Leeder, Reservoir**

You recently approved a development at 39 Northernhay St that does not meet the requirement for visitors parking, now you propose to put parking restrictions in Northernhay St. How can you justify this contradiction in policy?

A written response dated 27 June 2019 was provided to Kane Leeder by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Council resolved to withdraw the draft Parking Strategy and therefore Council is not planning to put restrictions in Northernhay Street. Council will continue with its existing approach to responding to requests from residents by reviewing needs on a local, usually street by street basis. I can confirm that we don't have any current requests for change in Northernhay Street.

In regards to the development at 39 Northernhay St, I can confirm that a total of 10 car parking spaces were required on site in the permit. The developer was able to demonstrate to Council's satisfaction that this would be adequate, in line with State planning rules for the four (4) three bedroom and two (2) two bedroom dwellings. The parking waiver for the development at 41 -43 Northernhay Street, Reservoir allowed for 10 rather than 11 parking spaces to be provided on site and the car park that was not included was a visitor car park. State government rules within the Darebin Planning Scheme specify a requirement for one visitor car parking space for every 5 dwellings and also allow the developer the option to seek a waiver if they can demonstrate that parking is adequate. When Council makes planning decisions, it is obliged to follow the state government guidelines.

It is worth understanding that both Council's current policy and recently proposed (and now withdrawn) Parking Permit Policy do not allow dwellings built and occupied after 2004 to obtain residential parking permits. This is because when the policy was brought in Council wanted to minimise the impact of new developments on existing residents, shops and services. What this means is that planning permit decisions are made on the basis of understanding that residential permits would not be granted in the street network and this generally results in more car parking being required on site.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

I noticed on the night that 3 people could speak on the same submission and each would be given 3 minutes to talk on their submission. While I had 4 Submissions I wanted to talk on but was given the same time, 3 minutes. Mayor Rennie, can the rules be changed or a person given more times if they have more than 1 submission to talk about.

A written response dated 27 June 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement.

There is a limit on the amount of time that each submitter can present to allow all submitters to be heard and to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to present their views to Council.

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- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, there are 5 or 6 things that are close to my heart, they are, 1. Fees on Pavilions, \$2500 fee set by the NFL and charged to children, Dole/Donath Masterplan, Ground No. 1 at Donath and that all clubs are treated equally.

Mayor, in the political sense this Council is run by what I believe is like North Korea. You cannot get an appointment with you, Mayor Rennie or your CEO. Council talk about teamwork, Mayor Rennie, your PA cannot pass a message onto the CEO PA and they both work in the same room. I have been asking the CEO PA for replies to my letters on 4/3/19, 21/3/19, 22/3/19 and a Council question Re: Penders Park, but still no replies.

I remember Council put on a big night down at D.I.S.C. The Mayor and CEO advised all clubs that Council Officers/Mangers will work with clubs so they could meet their aims.

I am afraid this doesn't happen today. Mayor Rennie, you only must look how this Council is run today - banning a rate payer, opening Council doors with 2 minutes to go before meeting starts, this allows no time to talk to Ward Councilors. Mayor Rennie, in the last 10 months the nicest thing that has happened to me is when you Mayor, started the clock again when I was making a submission, it's a pity your General Managers do not work with people.

Mayor Rennie, what can you do to improve this Council's running's?

A written response dated 27 June 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement.

In relation to your questions about Penders Park, I understand that both the CEO's Office and the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy have been in contact to apologise for the delay. The General Manager has discussed the issues you raised with you and will be providing a follow-up response.

With regard to Councillor availability, Councillors are usually engaging in preparations for the meeting in the lead-up to the meeting commencement time. Many Councillors make themselves available for discussions with residents after the conclusion of the meeting, if time permits.

There are many opportunities to engage with Councillors, one of which is the regular ward meet-and-greet sessions. Another round of these sessions is taking place in July and the details are available on Council's website.

6. PETITIONS

Nil.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-100

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That the item raised by Cr. Newton, regarding the Local Government Bill, be considered as Urgent Business.

CARRIED

7.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Notes with grave concern that:
 - a) several significant changes are proposed to the Local Government Bill 2018, intended to be introduced into parliament later this year, without warning and without consultation, with only one month to provide feedback by 17 July 2019;
 - b) the proposed changes include changes to the voter franchise, blanket single-member wards for all councils and removing the multi-member wards as an option which has been strongly supported by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), and introducing a petition process (requiring 25% of voters) which could lead to dismissing Councillors, which is undemocratic;
2. Notes that the VEC is about to commence its representation review of Darebin City Council, with submissions opening 26 June 2019 and noting that in its last review in 2007, the VEC recommended that Darebin move from single-member to multi-member wards, which has led to greater diversity of Councillors and representation; and single-member wards could reverse this outcome;
3. Authorise the CEO to write to:
 - a) the Minister for Local Government expressing Council's concerns about his proposed changes and the lack of warning and genuine consultation with the local government sector and seeking clarification of proposed community consultation and parliamentary tabling timelines and details of the proposed Bill;
 - b) the Premier, Local State Members of Parliament, the Opposition State Minister for Local Government, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) as above, expressing Council's concerns about the Minister's proposed changes and the lack of warning and genuine consultation with the local government sector;
4. Authorise the CEO to work with other Councils in seeking the Minister to reconsider his proposed changes.

5. Authorise the CEO to prepare a submission to the proposed changes by the Minister for Local Government (due 17 July), on the grounds that Council objects to the proposed changes in terms of 1 and 2 above in the strongest possible terms, including that:
- a) Voter petitions with support from more than 25% of voters within a municipality will lead to a Commission of Inquiry (CoI), and where the CoI finds a Councillor has caused or contributed to a failure of the Council's good governance, the Councillor will be disqualified for four years; and Councils will have to meet the costs for the CoI;
 - b) Single-member wards will be mandated except where a Ministerial exemption is granted for an un-subdivided municipality based on a small population and large geographic area;
 - c) Simplified voter franchise requiring non-resident property owners to apply to vote rather than automatically included from the Council's rates records;

Cr. Amir sought support from the mover and seconder of the motion to amend clause (5). This request was not supported.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council adopt the Motion subject to the amendment of clause (5) as follows:

5. Authorise the CEO to prepare a submission to the proposed changes by the Minister for Local Government (due 17 July), on the grounds that Council objects to the **following** proposed changes in terms of 1 and 2 above in the strongest possible terms:

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Procedural Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That the matter be deferred to a Special Council meeting to be held on 15 July 2019.

THE ALTERNATE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Procedural Motion

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That the matter be deferred to a Special Council meeting to be held on 8 July 2019 at 6.00pm.

THE ALTERNATE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET 2019-20 AND STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2019-2023

Author: Finance Manager

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Annual Budget is an essential planning and resource tool produced each year. The development of a considered budget is vital to the ongoing operational and financial viability of Council. The annual budget sets out the expected income and expenditure of both operational, strategic and capital activities for the coming year and also incorporates Council's rating strategies.

The annual budget is a transparent account of Council's operations in line with good governance. The budget documentation forms part of a comprehensive public accountability process and reporting that includes:

- The Council Plan
- The Strategic Resource Plan
- The Annual Budget
- Internal and External Audit; and
- The Annual Report.

The Annual Budget 2019-20 contains the information specified in the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) and all details required by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations).

Key highlights of the draft Annual Budget 2019-20 include:

- Continued progress to achieve the goals and objectives of the Council Plan
- Delivery of a significant capital works program
- Delivery of high quality services and programs for the community
- Maintenance of our long term financial sustainability
- No borrowings
- No changes to current service levels
- Delivery of an underlying surplus
- An overall average rate increase of 2.5% in line with the rate cap set by the Victorian State government.

Sustainability initiatives include:

- Doubling solar power in Darebin
 - Supporting Climate Emergency Darebin and the Darebin Nature Trust
 - Dramatically improving walking and cycling infrastructure
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- Continued implementation of the Climate Emergency Plan
- Investment in a range of energy efficient initiatives.

Community initiatives include:

- Ongoing provision of over 100 services to residents, businesses and community groups from the early years - maternal and child health and family services - through to retirement and seniors activities. Services also include waste collection, youth services, libraries, arts programs, festivals and more
- Ongoing development and implementation of a Community Engagement Strategy to support Council's deep commitment to increasing community participation in all of our decision making processes
- The ongoing provision of an outstanding performing arts and cultural programme
- Ongoing support and advocacy to strengthen our diverse and multicultural community
- Ongoing review of our services to respond to changing community needs, significant population growth, financial challenges.

Public infrastructure initiatives include:

- Commencement of a new multi-purpose stadium (WMSS) at John Cain Reserve to provide more sports opportunities for women and girls
- Planning for future improvements to the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre
- A comprehensive program of improvements and new works across our parks, open spaces, playgrounds and sporting facilities
- Ongoing investment to ensure our critical assets and infrastructure are maintained including buildings, roads, footpaths and drains.

Strategy and planning initiatives include;

- A significant program of strategic initiatives aimed at setting out a long term, integrated plan for the future of the City and guiding land use, development, housing affordability, future community and physical infrastructure, transport requirements and opportunities for economic growth
- Implementation of a new Open Space Strategy and the preparation of controls to ensure ongoing funding for open space to support our growing community
- A new developer contributions levy for infrastructure to serve our growing community
- Commencement of the Preston Urban Design Framework including updating the structure plan to ensure we have a clear plan to address growth and change in and around Preston.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Having considered all submissions received and having complied with the requirements of sections 127 and 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopts the Annual Budget 2019–20 (attached as **Appendix A**) inclusive of the following amendments:
- a. Rates tables 4.1.1(b) has been updated after receiving certification of the 2019 general property valuations from the Victorian Valuer-General, which has resulted in a minor change in the rate in the dollar from what was published in the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20;
 - b. Increase rates and charges by \$119,000 to reflect the impact of supplementary rates raised in April and May 2019 on general rates for 2019-20;
 - c. Increase the financial assistance grant income by \$71,000 to reflect the Victorian Grants Commission allocation of general purpose and local roads grants;
 - d. Increase operating grants by \$94,000 for Maternal and Child Health;
 - e. Increase operating grants by \$32,000 for Libraries After Dark;
 - f. Reduce the capital grants by \$250,000 to reflect the receipt of grants in 2018-19 that were budgeted for receipt in 2019-20;
 - g. Increase the capital expenditure carried forward from 2018-19 for completion of works in 2019-20 by \$1,276,000 for the following projects:
 - i. Drainage upgrade – Mais Street – Purinuan Road \$50,000
 - ii. Drainage upgrade – St Vigeons Road – Miranda Road \$77,000
 - iii. Playspace upgrade program \$100,000
 - iv. Pavilion upgrade – J E Moore Park \$200,000
 - v. Pavilion upgrade – Bill Lawry \$200,000
 - vi. Pavilion upgrade – G E Robinson Park \$191,000
 - vii. Bundoora Homestead playspace \$120,000
 - viii. The Bridge Thornbury \$38,000
 - ix. Edwardes Lake Park synthetic track refurbishment \$300,000;
 - h. Increase operational expenditure by \$281,000 for:
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 - iii. Increase materials and services of \$40,000 associated with the delivery of Christmas Carols;
 - iv. Increased employee costs of \$796,000 mainly associated with the delivery of the capital works program for 2019-20;
 - v. Decrease in materials and services of \$661,000 associated with the delivery of the capital works program for 2019-20;
 - vi. Decreased other expenses of \$20,000.

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- (2) In accordance with sections 158 and 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declares the Rates and Annual Service Charges for the 2019–20 rating year commencing 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020 as detailed in the Annual Budget 2019–20.
 - (3) In accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declares a rebate in relation to rates of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an ‘eligible recipient’ within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* to assist the proper development of the municipal district as detailed in the Annual Budget 2019–20 and is being granted because Council considers that it provides a benefit to the Darebin community in that it provides some relief on rates to elderly and other eligible residents in addition to the State Government rates concession and is consistent with principles of fairness and equity.
 - (4) Notes the summary of the submissions received, prepared on behalf of the Hearing of Submissions Committee (attached as **Appendix C**).
 - (5) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 in line with the resolutions from the Council Meeting 11 June 2019:
 - a. Increase operational expenditure by \$157,500 for homelessness outreach;
 - b. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for extending the shower access pilot to the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre subject to agreement being received from the YMCA to proceed;
 - c. Decrease operational expenditure by \$150,000 for the Parking Strategy Implementation that will no longer be required due to the resolution on the draft Parking Strategy;
 - d. Decrease capital expenditure by \$50,000 for part of the funding of the parking technology project.
 - (6) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 in response to the submissions received:
 - a. Additional operational expenditure of \$1,500 to fund a contribution to the Aboriginal Community Elders Services for Darebin Creek care;
 - b. Additional operational expenditure of \$44,250 to fund a contribution to Moon Rabbit social enterprise for the purchase and fitout of a mobile coffee and catering van;
 - c. Additional operational expenditure of \$70,000 to fund a youth outreach partnership program in two secondary schools in Darebin;
 - d. Additional operational expenditure of \$41,500 to fund a contribution to the Darebin Information and Volunteer Resource Service Inc for the delivery of a migrant driver training program;
 - e. Additional capital expenditure of \$10,700 to fund the replacement of the floor coverings at the Leinster Grove Community Hall;
 - f. Additional operational expenditure of \$15,000 to fund a contribution to the Darebin Community Legal Centre’s “Integration and Upgrade of Technology and Systems” project;
 - g. Additional operational expenditure of \$5,500 to fund the implementation of a municipal agreement with the Friends of Baucau;
 - h. Additional operational expenditure of \$145,000 to fund a full time biodiversity officer and additional biodiversity initiatives including a pilot project;
 - i. Additional capital expenditure of \$20,000 to fund the resurfacing of the yard at the Clifton Street Children’s Centre.
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- (7) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 utilising funds from the proposed Parking Strategy Implementation that will not be required, in response to the submissions received, noting that \$25,000 has been allocated to extending the shower access pilot:
- a. Additional capital expenditure of \$15,000 to fund storage for the Keon Park Football Club;
 - b. Additional capital expenditure of \$50,000 to fund the feasibility and geotechnical investigation for upgrading the skate park at Edwardes Lake Park;
 - c. Additional operating expenditure of \$70,000 to provide additional funding to the three year partnership grants program (Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing category).
- (8) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 to increase the capital expenditure carried forward from 2018–19 for completion of works in 2019–20 for the following projects:
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 - b. Beavers Road Bridge \$1,050,000;
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 - d. Drainage upgrade – St Vigeons Road – Miranda Road \$23,000;
 - e. Drainage upgrade – 3-19 Miranda Road \$91,440;
 - f. Carbon reduction implementation plan \$230,000;
 - g. Bundoora Park active transport program \$180,000;
 - h. Junction urban master plan implementation \$142,109;
 - i. Melbourne Innovation Centre – 3 phase power \$20,000;
 - j. Octopus schools \$96,000;
 - k. Streets for people \$178,000;
 - l. Pedestrian crossing \$77,000;
 - m. Road rehabilitation – Cornwall Street \$80,000.
- (9) Notes that the additional bicycle parking facilities at the Alphington public transport interchange has been delivered out of the 2018–19 budget.
- (10) Advises all submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission, and they be thanked for their contributions.
- (11) Gives public notice of the adoption of the Annual Budget 2019–20 in accordance with section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (12) Adopts the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–2023 (**Appendix B**) as its Strategic Resource Plan for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023 including updates to reflect any consequential changes to the Annual Budget 2019–20.
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SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

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 - b. Additional operational expenditure of \$44,250 to fund a contribution to Moon Rabbit social enterprise for the purchase and fitout of a mobile coffee and catering van;
 - c. Additional operational expenditure of \$70,000 to fund a youth outreach partnership program in two secondary schools in Darebin;
 - d. Additional operational expenditure of \$41,500 to fund a contribution to the Darebin Information and Volunteer Resource Service Inc for the delivery of a migrant driver training program;
 - e. Additional capital expenditure of \$10,700 to fund the replacement of the floor coverings at the Leinster Grove Community Hall;
 - f. Additional operational expenditure of \$15,000 to fund a contribution to the Darebin Community Legal Centre’s “Integration and Upgrade of Technology and Systems” project;
 - g. Additional operational expenditure of \$5,500 to fund the implementation of a municipal agreement with the Friends of Baucau;
 - h. Additional operational expenditure of \$145,000 to fund a full time biodiversity officer and additional biodiversity initiatives including a pilot project;
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- i. Additional capital expenditure of \$20,000 to fund the resurfacing of the yard at the Clifton Street Children's Centre.
- (7) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 utilising funds from the proposed Parking Strategy Implementation that will not be required, in response to the submissions received, noting that \$25,000 has been allocated to extending the shower access pilot:
 - a. Additional capital expenditure of \$15,000 to fund storage for the Keon Park Football Club;
 - b. Additional capital expenditure of \$50,000 to fund the feasibility and geotechnical investigation for upgrading the skate park at Edwardes Lake Park;
 - c. Additional operating expenditure of \$70,000 to provide additional funding to the three year partnership grants program (Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing category).
 - (8) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 to increase the capital expenditure carried forward from 2018–19 for completion of works in 2019–20 for the following projects:
 - a. Mayer Park improvements \$20,000;
 - b. Beavers Road Bridge \$1,050,000;
 - c. Drainage upgrade – Mais Street – Purinuan Road \$105,000;
 - d. Drainage upgrade – St Vigeons Road – Miranda Road \$23,000;
 - e. Drainage upgrade – 3-19 Miranda Road \$91,440;
 - f. Carbon reduction implementation plan \$230,000;
 - g. Bundoora Park active transport program \$180,000;
 - h. Junction urban master plan implementation \$142,109;
 - i. Melbourne Innovation Centre – 3 phase power \$20,000;
 - j. Octopus schools \$96,000;
 - k. Streets for people \$178,000;
 - l. Pedestrian crossing \$77,000;
 - m. Road rehabilitation – Cornwall Street \$80,000.
 - (9) Notes that the additional bicycle parking facilities at the Alphington public transport interchange has been delivered out of the 2018–19 budget.
 - (10) Advises all submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission, and they be thanked for their contributions.
 - (11) Amends the Fees and Charges Schedule so that the 2019-20 Fee for the Community Transport Service Darebin Bus hire is \$52 per day including GST.
 - (12) Gives public notice of the adoption of the Annual Budget 2019–20 in accordance with section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - (13) Adopts the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–2023 (Appendix B) as its Strategic Resource Plan for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023 including updates to reflect any consequential changes to the Annual Budget 2019–20.
 - (14) Adjusts the Council Plan 2017–2021 by replacing the existing Strategic Resource
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Plan with the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–2023 (Appendix B).

- (15) Notes that a copy of the adopted Annual Budget 2019–20 will be provided to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Cr. Laurence sought support from the mover and seconder of the Motion to include additional points (6)j and (6)k. This request was not supported.

Amendment

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

That Council adopts the motion subject to the inclusion of new clauses (6)j and (6)k as follows:

- (6)j. *Increase capital allocation for Reservoir Leisure Centre to \$3.5 million which includes design for the redevelopment of the facility to bring its progress in line with NARC and scope a leading edge health and wellbeing aquatic centre and hydrotherapy hub.*
- (6)k. *Additional \$65,000 for Zwar Park design for boundary fence and additional shelving storage and canteen.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Cr. Williams sought support from the mover and seconder of the Motion to include an additional point (6)k. This request was not supported.

Amendment

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

That Council adopts the motion subject to the inclusion of new point under clause (6) as follows:

- (6)j. *Additional amount of \$60,000 for Zwar Park boundary fence and additional \$5,000 for shelving and storage/canteen.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED

Cr. Laurence sought support from the mover and seconder of the motion to include an amended point (7)a. to read as follows:

- (7)a. *Additional capital expenditure of \$30,000 for lighting design and to fund storage for the Keon Park Football Club;*

This request was supported.

Cr. McCarthy sought support from the mover and seconder of the motion to include an amended point (6)c. to read as follows:

- (6)c. *Additional operational expenditure of \$70,000 to fund a **children and youth engagement program in Darebin, with this project to be the subject of a forthcoming Councillor briefing;***

This request was supported.

Cr. Greco sought the support from the mover and seconder of the Motion to include a new clause (9). This request was not supported.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council adopts the motion subject to the inclusion of new clause (9) as follows:

(9) *Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019-20:*

Component One

- a) *Add a budget allocation of \$515,000 to increase the pensioner rate rebate from \$150 to \$200.*
- b) *Add a budget allocation of \$67,000 in the 2019/20 year to freeze fees and charges for concession card holders and note the \$745,000 cost of this initiative over ten years.*
- c) *Add a budget allocation of \$80,000 to introduce a payment plan system for parking fines.*

Component Two

- d) *Add a budget allocation of \$130,000 for feasibility study on establishing a new branch of the Darebin Library network in the north east of Reservoir.*
- e) *Add a budget allocation of \$100,000 for a graduated capital program to improve the water quality of Edwardes Lake to make it available for recreational water type activities.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Cr. Greco sought the support from the mover and seconder of the motion to include a new clause (9). This request was not supported.

Amendment

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

That Council adopts the motion subject to the inclusion of new clause (9) as follows:

(9) *Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019-20:*

Component Three

- a) *Add a budget allocation of \$80,000 to increase programs of targeted placed based interventions (capital programs) to improve the amenity of identified low socio economic neighbourhoods of our city.*
- b) *Add a budget allocation of \$100,000 to establish a subsidised home gardening assistance program for low income residents who need assistance with basic*

gardening maintenance due to ill health or permanent incapacity.

- c) *Add a budget allocation of \$50,000 to Establish a City Wide Sporting Club Partnership Agreement Program fund to support sporting clubs that agree to promote participation of girls, women and targeted disadvantaged groups that are underrepresented in sporting activities in the Darebin Community.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Cr. Williams sought the support from the mover and seconder of the motion to include a new clause (9). This request was not supported.

Amendment

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

That Council adopts the motion subject to the inclusion of new clause (9) as follows:

- (9) *Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019-20:*
- a) *Add a budget allocation of \$100,000 to establish a subsidised home gardening assistance program for low income residents and residents with high needs who need assistance with basic gardening maintenance due to ill health or permanent incapacity.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

At this point of the meeting, the Chairperson Mayor Rennie put the amended motion to the vote.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-101

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

That Council:

- (1) Having considered all submissions received and having complied with the requirements of sections 127 and 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopts the Annual Budget 2019–20 (attached as Appendix A) inclusive of the following amendments:
- a. Rates tables 4.1.1(b) has been updated after receiving certification of the 2019 general property valuations from the Victorian Valuer-General, which has resulted in a minor change in the rate in the dollar from what was published in the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20;
 - b. Increase rates and charges by \$119,000 to reflect the impact of supplementary rates raised in April and May 2019 on general rates for 2019-20;
 - c. Increase the financial assistance grant income by \$71,000 to reflect the Victorian Grants Commission allocation of general purpose and local roads grants;
 - d. Increase operating grants by \$94,000 for Maternal and Child Health;
 - e. Increase operating grants by \$32,000 for Libraries After Dark;
 - f. Reduce the capital grants by \$250,000 to reflect the receipt of grants in 2018-19

- that were budgeted for receipt in 2019-20;
- g. Increase the capital expenditure carried forward from 2018-19 for completion of works in 2019-20 by \$1,276,000 for the following projects:
 - i. Drainage upgrade – Mais Street – Purinuan Road \$50,000
 - ii. Drainage upgrade – St Vigeons Road – Miranda Road \$77,000
 - iii. Playspace upgrade program \$100,000
 - iv. Pavilion upgrade – J E Moore Park \$200,000
 - v. Pavilion upgrade – Bill Lawry \$200,000
 - vi. Pavilion upgrade – G E Robinson Park \$191,000
 - vii. Bundoora Homestead playspace \$120,000
 - viii. The Bridge Thornbury \$38,000
 - ix. Edwardes Lake Park synthetic track refurbishment \$300,000;
 - h. Increase operational expenditure by \$281,000 for:
 - i. Increased employee costs of \$94,000 associated with the Maternal and Child Health grant;
 - ii. Increase materials and services of \$32,000 associated with the Libraries After Dark grant;
 - iii. Increase materials and services of \$40,000 associated with the delivery of Christmas Carols;
 - iv. Increased employee costs of \$796,000 mainly associated with the delivery of the capital works program for 2019-20;
 - v. Decrease in materials and services of \$661,000 associated with the delivery of the capital works program for 2019-20;
 - vi. Decreased other expenses of \$20,000.
- (2) In accordance with sections 158 and 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declares the Rates and Annual Service Charges for the 2019–20 rating year commencing 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020 as detailed in the Annual Budget 2019–20.
- (3) In accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declares a rebate in relation to rates of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an ‘eligible recipient’ within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* to assist the proper development of the municipal district as detailed in the Annual Budget 2019–20 and is being granted because Council considers that it provides a benefit to the Darebin community in that it provides some relief on rates to elderly and other eligible residents in addition to the State Government rates concession and is consistent with principles of fairness and equity.
- (4) Notes the summary of the submissions received, prepared on behalf of the Hearing of Submissions Committee (attached as Appendix C).
- (5) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 in line with the resolutions from the Council Meeting 11 June 2019:
- a. Increase operational expenditure by \$157,500 for homelessness outreach;
 - b. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for extending the shower access pilot to the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre subject to agreement being received from the YMCA to proceed;
 - c. Decrease operational expenditure by \$150,000 for the Parking Strategy Implementation that will no longer be required due to the resolution on the

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- draft Parking Strategy;
- d. Decrease capital expenditure by \$50,000 for part of the funding of the parking technology project.
- (6) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 in response to the submissions received:
- a. Additional operational expenditure of \$1,500 to fund a contribution to the Aboriginal Community Elders Services for Darebin Creek care;
- b. Additional operational expenditure of \$44,250 to fund a contribution to Moon Rabbit social enterprise for the purchase and fitout of a mobile coffee and catering van;
- c. Additional operational expenditure of \$70,000 to fund a children and youth engagement program in Darebin, with this project to be the subject of a forthcoming Councillor briefing;
- d. Additional operational expenditure of \$41,500 to fund a contribution to the Darebin Information and Volunteer Resource Service Inc for the delivery of a migrant driver training program;
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- f. Additional operational expenditure of \$15,000 to fund a contribution to the Darebin Community Legal Centre’s “Integration and Upgrade of Technology and Systems” project;
- g. Additional operational expenditure of \$5,500 to fund the implementation of a municipal agreement with the Friends of Baucau;
- h. Additional operational expenditure of \$145,000 to fund a full time biodiversity officer and additional biodiversity initiatives including a pilot project;
- i. Additional capital expenditure of \$20,000 to fund the resurfacing of the yard at the Clifton Street Children’s Centre.
- j. Additional amount of \$60,000 for Zwar Park boundary fence and additional \$5,000 for shelving and storage/canteen.
- (7) Makes the following amendments to the Annual Budget 2019–20 utilising funds from the proposed Parking Strategy Implementation that will not be required, in response to the submissions received, noting that \$25,000 has been allocated to extending the shower access pilot:
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- (9) Notes that the additional bicycle parking facilities at the Alphington public transport interchange has been delivered out of the 2018–19 budget.
- (10) Advises all submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission, and they be thanked for their contributions.
- (11) Amends the Fees and Charges Schedule so that the 2019-20 Fee for the Community Transport Service Darebin Bus hire is \$52 per day including GST.
- (12) Gives public notice of the adoption of the Annual Budget 2019–20 in accordance with section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (13) Adopts the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–2023 (Appendix B) as its Strategic Resource Plan for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023 including updates to reflect any consequential changes to the Annual Budget 2019–20.
- (14) Adjusts the Council Plan 2017–2021 by replacing the existing Strategic Resource Plan with the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–2023 (Appendix B).
- (15) Notes that a copy of the adopted Annual Budget 2019–20 will be provided to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT IN PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie adjourned the meeting at 8.40pm for a 10 minute break.

The meeting resumed at 8.50pm.

Cr. Williams and Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting at 8.51pm.

8.2 2019–20 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN

Author: Corporate Planner

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to prepare a Council Plan that contains the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives and indicators to monitor the achievement of the objectives. At its meeting on 22 June 2017, Council adopted an annual action plan that sets out in more detail how the objectives of the Council Plan will be achieved over the four-year term.

This 2019–20 Council Plan Action Plan addresses the third year of the Council Plan 2017–21 and clearly articulates Council priorities and initiatives towards achieving a greener, bolder, more connected city. Council aims to preserve and improve the physical, social, cultural and economic health of all our neighbourhoods and ensure quality of life for current and future generations. This 2019–20 Council Plan Action Plan outlines actions to meet our challenges, involve the community in decision making and build a thriving, resilient fair city addressing critical issues of climate change, population growth and growing inequality.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-102

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

That Council adopts the 2019–20 Council Plan Action Plan.

CARRIED

8.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C161 - FAIRFIELD VILLAGE PANEL REPORT OUTCOMES AND ADOPTION

Author: Strategic Planner

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To determine whether to adopt Amendment C161 in line with the changes presented in this report in response to the Panel report findings, and request Ministerial approval.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received the Independent Planning Panel Report for Amendment C161 (Fairfield Village). This report provides a Council officer response to the recommendations of the Panel and proposed changes to the amendment.

Amendment C161 seeks to strengthen the heritage and built form character of Fairfield Village by applying the Heritage Overlay and a Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 21 (DDO21) to guide future development. The controls are informed by detailed background research and analysis, along with consultation with landowners, business operators and the broader Fairfield community.

Overall, the Planning Panel supports the strategic basis of Amendment C161, and recommends the Amendment be adopted as exhibited, subject to changes outlined in the report (**Appendix A** – Panel Report). This includes a substantial redrafting of the DDO21 to ensure the control operates effectively and to meet new format requirements.

Officers have considered the Panel Report and undertaken the necessary changes to DDO21, in line with the Panel conclusions (**Appendix B** – Revised DDO21 with and without track changes).

This report outlines all the changes proposed to the DDO21 following the Council Officers consideration of the Panel report findings. One departure from the Panel Report recommendation is proposed by Council officers, as detailed in this report.

A Council resolution to support Amendment C161, with the changes as presented in this report is sought at this meeting

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-103

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council, having:

- 1) Prepared and exhibited Amendment C161 to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
 - 2) Considered all submissions to Amendment C161 under section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
 - 3) Considered the report and recommendations of the independent panel for Amendment C161 under section 27 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*,
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resolves to:

- 4) Adopt Amendment C161 to the Darebin Planning Scheme in accordance with section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, with changes reflected in the amendment documentation provided at Appendix B and D and the Fairfield Village Heritage Precinct Statement of Significance, 2017 as contained in Appendix F.
- 5) Authorise the Manager City Futures to finalise the amendment documentation for Ministerial approval and amend the 'Fairfield Village Built Form Design Guidelines, 2017' to be consistent with the final form and content of the adopted Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 21.
- 6) Submit the adopted Amendment C161 to the Darebin Planning Scheme, together with the prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval pursuant to section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- 7) As part of its submission requesting approval of Amendment C161, advise the Minister for Planning that Council has not accepted all of the Panel's recommendations and conclusions, based on the reasons detailed in Appendix G.
- 8) Request that the Manager City Futures write to Planning Panels Victoria thanking the Panel for their recommendations, and advising that Council does not consider the redraft of Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 21 to transform the amendment and further public notice and reconvening the Panel will not be required.
- 9) Write to all submitters advising of Council's decision, thanking them for their comments and interest in Amendment C161.

CARRIED

8.4 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C167 - SHOWERS STREET DESIGN GUIDELINES - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Author: Strategic Planner

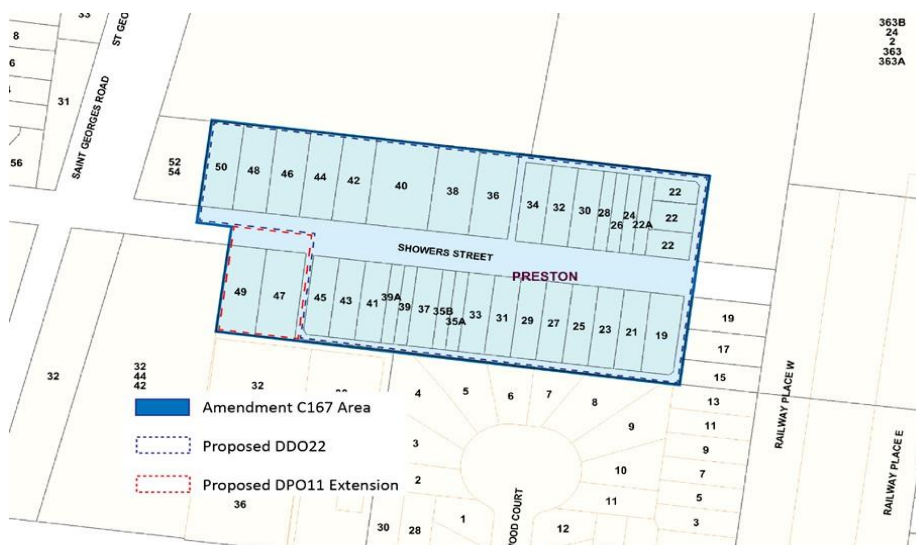
Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek Council's support to endorse the officers' response to submissions received to Amendment C167 to the Darebin Planning Scheme (Showers Street Built Form Controls) and to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent Planning Panel to consider the submissions to Amendment C167.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendment C167 to the Darebin Planning Scheme (Showers Street Built Form Controls) proposes to guide appropriate design and built form outcomes of higher density development in Showers Street, Preston, between St Georges Road and the railway line, through the application of a new Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 22 (DDO22).



Following exhibition of Amendment C167 in February 2019, four submissions have been received. The submissions received do not object to the strategic basis of the amendment. Instead, they raise concerns with some detailed requirements of the proposed DDO22. After careful consideration of key issues raised in the submission, officers propose no changes to the Amendment in response to the submissions.

Where submissions to an Amendment are unresolved, Council is required to refer the submissions to an independent Planning Panel under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

This report seeks Council's support to endorse the officer response to submissions and formally refer the submissions to an independent planning panel.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-104**

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

That Council, having prepared and exhibited Amendment C167 to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:

- (1) Notes all submissions received in response to Amendment C167 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) Endorses the response to submissions outlined in this report and attached at Appendix I to this report, to form the basis of Council's submission to an independent Planning Panel.
- (3) Endorses Amendment C167 as attached at Appendices A–G to this report.
- (4) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider submissions to Amendment C161 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (5) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make any changes to Amendment C167 that may be required as part of Council's submission to the Panel.
- (6) Advises all submitters of Council's resolution.

CARRIED

Cr. Newton left the meeting during discussion on item 8.5 at 9.15pm and returned at 9.16pm.

8.5 DECLARATION OF THE FAIRFIELD VILLAGE BUSINESS PRECINCT SPECIAL RATE SCHEME 2019 - 2024

Author: Coordinator Economic Development

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To consider declaring the Fairfield Village Business Precinct Special Rate Scheme 2019-2024 for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of Fairfield Village, in response to a request from the Fairfield Village Traders Association for its renewal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A special rate for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of the Fairfield Village Business Precinct has been in place for 20 years. The current special rate scheme expires on 30 June 2019. A special rate in this context is used for promotional, advertising, marketing, business development and other incidental expenses of the business precinct.

The funds collected from a special rate scheme assist Traders Associations to market and promote the businesses within the precinct and are also used to market the precinct as a whole to attract new visitors and shoppers. Over the past five years the Fairfield Village Special Rate has contributed to improving centre branding and social media presence and raised customer awareness.

The proposed special rate would raise \$66,000 in the first year of operation and will increase by CPI annually over the five year period from 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2024. Two separate areas of benefit have been identified within the Fairfield Village Business Precinct boundary. 'Primary' benefit properties would be subject to a special rate of 0.00066645 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value of the property; while 'secondary' benefit properties would be subject to a special rate of 0.00049984 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value of the property.

Council resolved at its meeting on 18 March April 2019 to give public notice of its Intention to Declare a Special Rate for the Fairfield Village Business Precinct at its Council meeting on 11 June 2019. This notice was forwarded to all property owners and business occupiers within the Fairfield Village Business Precinct calling for submissions. Subsequent to this, Council advised submitters and placed a notification on its website to state that the matter would be considered at the meeting of 24 June 2019.

In response to the public consultation three objections were received. One objector requested to be heard by the Hearing of Submissions Committee on 13 May 2019.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Rate Scheme for the Fairfield Village Business Precinct 2019-2024 under section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the promotion and marketing of the Fairfield Village Business Precinct.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-105****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf****That Council:**

- (1) Having considered all submissions received and taken account of all objections lodged and complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, hereby declares a Special Rate ("Special Rate") under section 163(1) of the Act for the purposes of defraying expenses to be incurred by Council in, administratively only and subject always to the approval, direction and control of the Council, providing funds to the incorporated body known and operating as the Fairfield Village Traders' Association ("Association") to be used for the purposes of defraying management, promotional, advertising, marketing, business development and other incidental expenses to be approved by the Council and agreed to from time to time between the Council and the Association, all of which are associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail and professional activity and employment in the Fairfield Village Business Precinct ("Precinct").
- (2) Notes that the Special Rate is based on geographic criteria, having regard to the location (as set out below and also shown on the plan) and the capital improved value ("CIV") of those rateable properties in the precinct that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for commercial, retail or professional purposes and further, the classification of those properties as receiving a "primary" or a "secondary" special benefit.
- (3) Declares that in performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the City of Darebin, in particular the encouragement of commerce, retail and professional activity and employment, the Council intends to levy and spend an amount of \$66,000 in the first year of the Scheme and to levy and spend in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme amounts respectively being the amounts of the Special Rate payable in the immediate preceding year to which has been added any increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") as provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year.
- (4) Declares that the total cost of the performance of the function and the exercise of the power and the total amount of the Special Rate to be levied by Council for the period of the Scheme, being 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024, will be a combination of the amount of \$66,000 (being the amount to be raised in the first year of the Scheme) and the amounts to be raised in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme, reflecting any increases in CPI for the previous financial year.
- (5) Declares that the period for which the Special Rate is a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2024.
- (6) Declares that the area for which the Special Rate is all of the land referred to as the Precinct, as identified and shown on the plan set out in the attachment forming part of this declaration as attached at Appendix A.
- (7) Declares that the land in relation to which the Special Rate is all that rateable land described in the listing of rateable properties set out in the attachment forming part of this declaration as attached at Appendix A.
- (8) Notes that for the period of the Scheme, the Special Rate will be assessed on the following rateable properties (which properties are specified as being the area and the land for which the Special Rate is declared) as follows:

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- a) The contributions to the Special Rate, based on relevant property classifications in relation to “primary” and “secondary” special benefit, will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts set out alongside each property in the attachment forming a part of this declaration Appendix B.
 - b) Properties enjoying a “primary” special benefit will be subject to a Special Rate of 0.00066645 cents in the dollar of the CIV of the property for the first year of the Scheme, and then for the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme, by applying the same formula and adding to the amount calculated any increase in the CPI for the previous financial year.
 - c) Properties enjoying a “secondary” special benefit (as shown below) will be subject to a Special Rate of 0.00049984 cents in the dollar of the CIV of the property for the first year of the Scheme, and then for the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme, by applying the same formula and adding to the amount calculated any increase in the CPI for the previous financial year.
- (9) Notes that the Special Rate will be levied by the Council by sending a notice of levy annually to the persons required to pay the Special Rate, which will require that the Special Rate must be paid in four instalments, to be paid by the dates fixed by the Council in the notice and in accordance with section 167(3) of the Act.
 - (10) Notes that Council will consider cases of financial and other hardship and may reconsider other payment options for the Special Rate.
 - (11) Notes that there will be no incentives given for payment of the Special Rate before the due dates for payment.
 - (12) Notes that the Council considers that each rateable property and each business included in the Scheme area that is required to pay the Special Rate will receive a special benefit because the viability of the Precinct as a commercial, retail and professional area will be maintained or enhanced through increased economic activity.
 - (13) Notes that in accordance with sections 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act, the Council has determined (and previously set out) the total amount of the Special Rate to be levied (taking into account also any increases in the Special Rate arising from any increases in the CPI) and further considers and formally determines that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Scheme to which the performance of the function and the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to all of the persons who are liable to pay the Special Rate is in a ratio of 1:1 (or 100%). This is on the basis that, in the opinion of the Council, all of the services and the activities to be provided under the Scheme are marketing, promotional and advertising related and will accordingly only benefit those properties and businesses included in the Scheme that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for retail, commercial or professional purposes.
 - (14) Requires the Association be authorised to administer the proceeds of the Special Rate on the express condition that the Association enters into a funding agreement with the Council for the period of the Special Rate.
 - (15) Authorises the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy to prepare the funding agreement between the Council and the Association by which administrative arrangements in relation to the Special Rate are confirmed, such agreement being to ensure that at all times, and as a precondition to the payment of any funds by Council to the Association, Council is, and remains, legally responsible for approving, directing and controlling the expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Rate in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act 1989 to do so, and such funding agreement to be submitted to Council for sealing.
 - (16) Notifies all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme and all persons who have lodged a submission and/or an objection in writing of the decision of Council
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to declare and levy the Special Rate commencing on 1 July 2019, and the reasons for the decision.

- (17) Notes that for the purpose of the preceding paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Rate are that:
- a) there is minimal objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Rate 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 the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities in and around the Scheme area;
 - c) all persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Rate and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit in the form of an enhancement or maintenance in land values and/or a maintenance or enhancement in the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties; and
 - d) the basis of the distribution of the Special Rate amongst those persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Rate is considered to be fair and reasonable.
- (18) Notifies the Traders' Association of the matters specified in this declaration concerning the declaration of Special Rate and the requirement to enter into a funding agreement with the Council.

CARRIED

**8.6 DECLARATION OF THE HIGH STREET NORTHCOTE
BUSINESS PRECINCT SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME 2019 -
2024**

Author: Coordinator Economic Development

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A special charge for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of the High Street Northcote Business Precinct has been in place for 20 years. The current special charge scheme expires on 30 June 2019. A special charge in this context is used for promotional, advertising, marketing, business development and other incidental expenses of the business precinct.

The funds collected from a special charge scheme assist precincts to market and promote the businesses within the precinct and are also used to market the precinct as a whole to attract new visitors and shoppers. Over the past five years the High Street Northcote special charge has contributed to improving centre branding and social media presence and raised customer awareness.

The Charge will raise \$88,745 in the first year of operation and will increase by CPI annually over the five year period. Two separate charge areas of benefit have been identified within the High Street Northcote Business Precinct boundary. 'Primary' benefit properties will be subject to a special charge of \$480.00 annually (plus any CPI increase annually in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the scheme). 'Secondary' benefit properties will be subject to a special charge of \$235.00 annually (plus any CPI increase annually in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the scheme).

Council resolved at its meeting on 18 March April 2019 to give public notice of its Intention to Declare a Special charge for the High Street Northcote Business Precinct at its Council meeting on 11 June 2019. This notice as advertised was forwarded to all property owners and business occupiers within the High Street Northcote Business Precinct calling for submissions. Subsequent to this, Council advised submitters and placed a notification on its website to state that the matter would be considered at the meeting of 24 June 2019.

In response to the public submission period two submissions were received. One submitter was heard by the Hearing of Submissions Committee on 13 May 2019.

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 promotion and marketing of the High Street Northcote Business Precinct.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-106

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- 1) Having considered all submissions received and taken account of all objections lodged and complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*, and otherwise according to law, hereby declares a Special

Charge (*Special Charge*) under section 163(1) of the Act for the purposes of defraying expenses to be incurred by Council in providing funds to the incorporated body known and operating as the Northcote Business Association (*Traders' Association*), which funds, subject always to the approval, direction and control of Council, are to be used for the purposes of funding contracted support, promotional, advertising, marketing, business development and other incidental expenses as approved by Council and agreed to from time to time between Council and the Traders' Association, all of which are associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail and professional activity and employment in the High Street Northcote Business Precinct.

- 2) Notes that the criteria which form the basis of the declaration of the Special Charge are the ownership of rateable land used, or reasonably capable of being used, for commercial, retail or professional purposes, which rateable land is situated within the geographical area in which the properties described in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this declaration are included and, further, the classification of those properties as receiving a "primary" or "secondary" special benefit.
- 3) Declares that in performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the City of Darebin, in particular the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities within the area for which the Special Charge is declared.
- 4) Declares that the total cost of the performance of the function and the exercise of the power by Council (in relation to activities associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities in the area for which the Special Charge is declared) and also the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied by Council is referable to an amount of \$88,745 which amount will be levied in each year of the Scheme and which in total will raise an amount of \$443,725 over the five year period of the Scheme. (Any increases in Special Charge amounts pursuant to increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will, however, be added to the payments of the Special Charge in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme.)
- 5) Declares that the period for which the Special Charge is five years commencing on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2024.
- 6) Declares that the area for which the Special Charge is all of the land referred to as the Business Precinct, as identified and shown on the plan set out in the attachment forming part of this declaration as attached at Appendix A.
- 7) Declares that the land in relation to which the Special Charge is declared is all that rateable land described in the listing of rateable properties set out in the attachment forming part of this declaration as attached at Appendix A.
- 8) Declares that the contributions to the Special Charge, based on relevant property classifications in relation to "primary" and "secondary" special benefit, will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts set out alongside each property in the attachment forming a part of this declaration, Appendix C. Properties included in the "primary" special benefit area will be liable or required to pay an amount of \$480 in each year. Properties included in the "secondary" special benefit area will be liable or required to pay an amount of \$235 in each year.
- 9) Notes that the Special Charge will be levied by sending a notice of levy in the prescribed form annually to the person who is liable to pay the Special Charge, which will require that the Special Charge must be paid in the following manner:
 - (a) by four instalments, to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in the

notice.

- 10) Notes that Council will consider cases of financial and other hardship and may reconsider other payment options for the Special Charge.
- 11) Notes that no incentives will be given for payment of the Special Charge before the due date for payment.
- 12) Notes that the Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge, and directly and indirectly as a result of the expenditure of the Special Charge the viability of the Business Precinct as a business, commercial and retail area, and the value and the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties and the businesses included in the Special Charge Scheme area will be maintained or enhanced through increased economic activity.
- 13) Notes that for the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied under the Scheme, Council further considers and formally determines for the purposes of sections 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Scheme to which the performance of the function and the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to all of the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is in the ratio of 1:1 (or 100%). This is on the basis that, in the opinion of Council, all of the services and activities to be provided from the expenditure of the Special Charge are marketing, promotion and advertising related and will accordingly only benefit those properties and businesses included in the Scheme that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for retail, commercial or professional purposes.
- 14) Requires the Traders' Association be authorised to administer the proceeds of the Special Charge on the express condition that the Traders' Association enters into a funding agreement with Council for the period of the Special Charge.
- 15) Authorise the General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy, for the purpose of paragraph 14 of this resolution, to prepare the funding agreement between Council and the Traders' Association by which administrative arrangements in relation to the Special Charge are confirmed, such agreement being to ensure that at all times, and as a precondition to the payment of any funds by Council to the Traders' Association, Council is, and remains, legally responsible for approving, directing and controlling the expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Charge in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act 1989 to do so, and such funding agreement to be submitted to Council for sealing.
- 16) Notifies all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme and all persons who have lodged a submission and/or objection in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge commencing on 1 July 2019, and the reasons for the decision (Appendix B).
- 17) Notes that for the purpose of paragraph 16, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
 - (a) there were a total of two objections to the Scheme which indicates a level of support for the Special Charge from the other 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 the encouragement of commerce; retail activity and employment opportunities in and around the Scheme area;

- (c) all persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit in the form of an enhancement or maintenance in land values and/or a maintenance or enhancement in the use, occupation, and enjoyment of the properties; and
 - (d) the basis of the distribution of the Special Charge amongst those persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge is considered by Council to be fair and reasonable.
- 18) Notifies the Business Association of the matters specified in paragraphs 1, 14 and 15 of this resolution.

CARRIED

After seconding and speaking to item 8.7, Cr. Messina left the meeting at 9.26pm.

8.7 GENDER EQUITY AND PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACTION PLAN 2019–2023

Author: Acting Coordinator Community Wellbeing

Reviewed By: General Manager Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper seeks Council's endorsement of the Gender Equity and Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plan 2019–2023.

The Action Plan reflects Council's commitment to creating a gender equitable, safe and respectful community. This not only provides women and girls with the right to realise their full potential, but will provide better outcomes for the entire community. It builds on Council previous work in this space and expands its focus to new actions and outcomes.

Council's vision for the Action Plan is, '*A gender equitable, safe and respectful Darebin community*'. There are four priority action areas to guide work towards this vision:

1. Organisational leadership
2. Safe, inclusive and respectful communities
3. Women's participation in community life:
4. Research and advocacy.

The actions which fall under the four priority areas are intended to be strategic and to apply a gender lens to Council's work. They intend to be mutually reinforcing and build a shared responsibility across Council. The actions action areas and will be reviewed annually to include new opportunities.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-107

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

That Council endorses the Gender Equity and Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plan 2019–2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.8 DAREBIN SOLAR SAVER – SOLARGAIN CONTRACT
SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV SYSTEMS
FOR DAREBIN SOLAR SAVER - CT201842 CONTRACT
EXTENSION**

Author: Climate Action Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is recommended that the existing contract for the current round of Solar Saver with Solargain PV Pty Ltd be extended from \$3,000,000 to up to \$3,500,000 and by an additional month, to allow additional installations to be completed by this contractor.

This contract would install solar power to deliver the 2018-19 Solar Saver program and part of the 2019-20 Solar Saver program and would be managed within annual budgets.

The average size of solar installations that this round of Solar Saver households have chosen is larger than in previous rounds. Safety requirements have also changed due to a new Worksafe guideline recently released. Both of these have added to the cost of the program. Council has a choice of extending this contract to allow all these installations to be completed, or deferring these installations to a later round.

Officers recommend extending the contract as it is a minor change in value considering the overall contract value. The value of the variation is approximately 16 per cent.

Officers regard extending the contract as best value because generally market prices have increased since Council originally tendered. This is due to greater demand for solar panels since the Victorian Government's Solar Homes rebate started. Extending will also avoid the need for installation delays and work associated with rescheduling.

Council has already extended the time period this contract in February 2018 for two months. This was to help manage delays in the commencement of this round of quotations as a result of the Victorian Government's new Solar Homes rebate program.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-108

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council extends the contract awarded to Solargain PV Pty Ltd for Stage 1 of implementation for Supply Panel 1 – residential and small non-residential to deliver the supply and installation of solar PV systems by an additional one month to 31 September 2019 and by an additional financial amount of up to \$500,000, to a total contract sum of up to \$3,500,000 GST exclusive.

CARRIED

8.9 PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE INVESTIGATION AND EMERGENCY WORK FOR COUNCIL STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Author: Coordinator Infrastructure Maintenance and Support

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Darebin City Council called for tenders for the Provision of Maintenance Investigation and Emergency Works for Council Stormwater Drainage System on 16 March 2019. The Tender Evaluation Panel assessed all submissions and has agreed with the recommendation to award the contract to a panel of providers on a schedule of rates agreement.

The awarding of this tender will be to a panel of providers under a schedule of rates cost for ongoing maintenance, emergency, investigative and reactive works. The contract will be for an initial term of 3 years with option of two (2) x one (1) year extension (1+1). Exercising of the optional extension periods shall be at the sole discretion of Council and subject to the contractor's satisfactory performance during the term of the contract. See Confidential Report **Appendix A**

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) has evaluated the tender submissions and a summary of the evaluation undertaken is included in this report **Appendix B**.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-109

MOVED: Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Endorses a panel of service providers to be established under contract for the Provision of Maintenance Investigation and Emergency Works for Council Stormwater Drainage System CT201825 for a three (3) year fixed term period with an option of two (2) x one (1) year extension options at an estimated cumulative total amount of \$5,042,625 (inclusive of GST).
- (2) Endorses the panel to comprise the following:
 - Brad Sanders Asphalt & Bobcat
 - Environmental Services Group Pty Ltd
 - RMC Reservoir Maintenance Contractor Pty Ltd
 - Interflow Pty Ltd
 - ELS Environmental Location Systems
 - Controltech Solutions
 - M. Tucker & Sons Pty Ltd
 - Plumbtrax Infrastructure Services
 - Patriot Environmental Management
 - MetroEnviro Maintenance Pty Ltd

- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contracts documentation on behalf of Darebin Council; and
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.
- (5) Authorises the CEO to approve any future variations to contract.

CARRIED

8.10 CONTRACT AWARD - CT2018163 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TWO (2) DUAL CONTROL SIDE LOADING GARBAGE COMPACTION TRUCKS

Author: Coordinator Operational Projects and Fleet

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing two side loading garbage compaction trucks (side loaders) within the Council fleet listed have been identified in the Year 2019/2020 capital plant replacement program for replacement as they have reached the optimum useful service life. They were purchased nearly 8 years ago and have reached the set kilometre travel and the engine operation hours for replacement.

This purchase is procured under a pre-established, market tested Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) contract. MAV Procurement administers a number of bulk buying contracts (Collaborative Procurement) for the councils to utilise. This includes contracts to purchase trucks and trucks with specialised bodies.

Darebin has signed an agency agreement with MAV Procurement for the use of their contracts NPN04-13 for purchase of trucks and NPN.1.15 for specialised truck bodies.

The Request for Quote (RFQ) was released via the MAV Vendor Panel portal on 22 February 2019 and closed on 12 March 2019. The Tender Evaluation Panel has finalised the evaluation and recommends an appropriate supplier that was assessed as offering best value for money based on the Evaluation Criteria. (Refer to Appendix A Confidential Tender Report - enclosed under separate cover).

Upon purchase of the new side loaders, the current side loaders will be sold by public auction.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-110

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Awards contract CT2018163 for the Supply and Delivery of two (2) Dual Control Side Loading Garbage Compaction Trucks to Adtrans Truck Centre Altona North for the contract sum of \$896,281.40 inclusive of GST, and
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

Cr. Messina returned to the meeting during discussion of item 8.11 at 9.48pm.

8.11 CONTRACT AWARD - CT2018140 - PLUMBING AND GREASE TRAPS MAINTENANCE

Author: Building Strategy Advisor

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The previous contracts for Plumbing maintenance CT201504 expired on 30 April 2019 and Grease Trap maintenance CT2018104 is due to expire on 31 July 2019 and there are no contracts in place for hot & cold-water units' maintenance. The plumbing services are temporarily being procured through Procurement Australia suppliers until a new service provider is appointed. The hot & cold-water units are currently being maintained on an as-needs procurement basis.

All plumbing services including maintenance and repair of pipe fittings, hot water systems, gas fittings, roof plumbing, drainage, sewerage systems, grease traps and hot and cold-water units are now grouped into a single portfolio to achieve efficiencies and cost reduction as all these services require licenced plumbing trades' expertise. A new tender was initiated, and the scope covers all preventative / routine and reactive / break down maintenance of all plumbing related services.

This proposed panel contracts will include a combination of lump sum contract for the preventative / routine maintenance and a schedule of rates contract for reactive / breakdown maintenance. The contract term sought is for an initial period of 2 years plus 2 options of 1 year each.

For reactive maintenance, it will be based on contracted schedule of rates. There will be no commitment to award any works in advance and will be at Council's sole discretion to engage any one of the panel contractors to perform the works at any one time.

A publicly advertised Request for Tender (RFT) was released on 2 February 2019 and closed on 28 February 2019. A total of 7 tenders were received and all tenders were evaluated by the Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP). Necessary clarifications were held with the tenderers and the TEP finalised the evaluation and recommendation.

The TEP after considering the tender submissions against compliance criteria, weighted criteria, value for money, contracts risk assessment, and in order to ensure uninterrupted services to Council, recommends appointment of a panel of two preferred tenderers based on best value for Council.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-111**

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Endorses a panel of service providers be established under contract to provide plumbing services for Darebin Council's facilities for a 2-year fixed term with 2 options of 1 year each (maximum of 4 years) at an estimated cumulative total amount of \$3,690,102 (inclusive of GST + CPI Year 3 and 4);
- (2) Endorses the panel to be composed of the following:
 - a. International Plumbing Solutions Pty Ltd trading as New Solutions Plumbing; and
 - b. Arden Building Maintenance Pty Ltd
- (3) Endorses the contracts to commence on 15 July 2019 and expire on 14 July 2023 if all options are exercised;
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contracts documentation on behalf of Darebin Council; and
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise options for extensions if and when required.

CARRIED**EXTENSION OF TIME****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-112**

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.04pm for a further 30 minutes.

CARRIED

8.12 CONTRACT AWARD - NARC PRINCIPAL DESIGN CONSULTANT CT2018148**Author:** Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek approval to award Contract CT2018148 for the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC) principal design consultant services.

Council is seeking to appoint a qualified and experienced principal design consultant to prepare the architectural and engineering designs for the redevelopment of NARC. The scope of services includes but not limited to architectural, engineering (structural, civil, traffic, etc.), pool specialist and sustainable design consultant.

The principal design consultant will be required to prepare the design and construction contract documentation for the NARC project.

Council sought tenders from a select group of consultants registered on the Construction Supply Register (CSR). The CSR is a pre-qualified scheme for the construction works and services established by the Department of Treasury and Finance. Local governments and other state departments can access this scheme for the purpose of procuring works and services. The CSR operates in accordance with the Ministerial Directions and instructions for public construction procurement in Victoria.

The Request for Tender (RFT) was advertised on 22 March 2019 and closed on 2 May 2019. The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred tenderer.

The proposed contract agreement is a bespoke form of lump sum contract.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-113**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf****That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT2018148 for the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre principal design consultant services to Warren and Mahoney Architects Australia for the contract sum of \$2,958,840.50 (incl. GST).
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$591,768 (incl. GST), being approximately 20% of the contract amount, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of the Contract No. CT2018148.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

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

Nil.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION**10.1 LET'S MOBILISE AROUND MOBILITY****Councillor:** Trent MCCARTHY**NoM No.:** 428

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 June 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- 1) *Acknowledges the significant amount of feedback from residents regarding day-to-day mobility issues and our community's strong desire to take meaningful local action to reduce transport emissions in response to the climate emergency.*
- 2) *Receives a report on options to pilot and support community-led mobilisation projects around local mobility issues, using funds that would have been allocated to the Draft Parking Strategy in the 2019–20 Council Budget.*

Notice Received: 11 June 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 19 June 2019**Date of Meeting:** 24 June 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-114**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf**That Council:**

- 1) Acknowledges the significant amount of feedback from residents regarding day-to-day mobility issues and our community's strong desire to take meaningful local action to reduce transport emissions in response to the climate emergency.
- 2) Receives a report on options to pilot and support community-led mobilisation projects around local mobility issues, using funds that would have been allocated to the Draft Parking Strategy in the 2019–20 Council Budget.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil.

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 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 Disability Advisory Committee – 3 June 2019
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee – 6 June 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-115

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 3 and 6 June 2019 and attached as Appendix A to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-116

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

That Council receives the late report tabled by Cr. Greco and that it notes all the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF MAYOR RENNIE

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

- Minister visit to Annie Dennis Children's Centre Northcote
- Panel discussion Marketing to kids, Melbourne Convention Centre
- Briefing Mayors Event
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin follow on conversation
- Treaty: A Community Conversation
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- National General Assembly – ALGA 16/6 – 19/6
- Northern CEO/Mayor Forum Briefing
- MAV Transport and Infrastructure Committee
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillors Dinner
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) Meeting
- Westside Circus Showcase
- Merri Creek walk re water management with residents
- One on One with the CEO
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Planning committee meeting
- Merri Creek watershed walk with David Maher

- Internal meeting regarding submission by Darebin Nature Trust
- Phone conversations with residents regarding single-use plastics, Northern Community Careworks and other matters

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board meeting
- Treaty: A Community Conversation
- DECC meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with representatives of the Strathallan Golf Club
- Meeting with residents

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- National General Assembly of Local Government
- Progress Conference
- Climate Emergency Councils National Link Up
- Various issues on behalf of residents and traders

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Celebration of commencement of works - Accommodation Precinct, La Trobe University, Bundoora with Bundoora MP Colin Brooks and La Trobe University Vice Chancellor
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board meeting and farewell dinner for current board
- Oasis Fairfield Grand Opening
- Australian Local Governance Association National General Assembly Conference in Canberra
- Reservoir Neighbourhood House - Women's Day Off 2019

- Donath and Dole Master Plan Community Planting Day
- Merri Creek Walk with David Maher
- Sylvester Hive Community Garden - Winter Solstice Celebration
- Councillor consultation Governance and Engagement realm

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

Cr. Le Cerf reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities for 11 June and 24 June 2019:

- Ramadan Dinner with East Preston Islamic College, Victorian Police Muslim Association and Darebin Interfaith Council
- Budget Briefing Session
- ICLEI – Regional Executive Committee meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting – Annual Budget
- Nightingale 2.0 Site Visit
- Councillor Briefing x2
- Committee for Melbourne Metropolitan Governance Taskforce
- ALGWA Bursary and AGM High Tea
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Pitch IT Grand Final
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Executive Subcommittee
- Climate Emergency Darebin – Meeting with workshop facilitator
- Council Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin – Filming for video
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Planning Committee Meeting
- One on one meeting with CEO
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Community Meeting regarding car parking Strategy
- Darebin Chess Club - Trophy Presentation
- Meeting with business owners in Preston
- Council Meeting x 2
- Ramadan Dinner with Darebin Interfaith Council, EPIC & VicPol Muslim Assoc

- Council Briefing x 4
- CEO Employment matters x 2
- Hearing Of Submissions
- Preston Bullants Junior Football Club - Indigenous Round
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee meeting
- Business Breakfast
- Darebin Homemade Food & Wine Festival

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

No report was submitted.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-117

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That in accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider a legal matter, which would prejudice the Council.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 10.00pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-120

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

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

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 10.04pm.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting was closed at 10.04pm.

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