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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 14 OCTOBER 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. Ngarrri 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 (arrived 6.17pm)
Cr. Kim Le Cerf
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Felicity Leahy - Manager Recreation and Libraries
Allan Cochrane - Manager Finance
Stevie Meyer - Coordinator Strategic Planning
Jim Barrett - Coordinator Planning and Reporting
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer
Chaden Berbari – IT Service Desk Officer
Milan Nagda – Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr. Lina Messina.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-211

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

The Mayor advised Council that due to the interest in particular items by members of the gallery, she sought a motion to re order the agenda to bring these matters forward.

Motion

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

That Council alters the order of the agenda to consider items 8.1, 10.5, 10.4, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and then to continue with the other reports as per the agenda.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Brian Sanaghan, Preston**

One question has been received from Mr Brian Sanaghan.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The question is not in accord with Councils Governance Local Law and raises subject matter that has previously been responded to, accordingly this will not be answered.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - 6.13 PM

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-212

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

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the gallery to make submissions on the Notices of Motions listed on the agenda.

CARRIED

- **Narriah Suriyakumaran, Preston.**

Thank you Councillors. The reason DECC application to the Community Funding Scheme failed is not because it was not due to the application not being of a high quality. The decision makers have used a lens which is not favourable to the DECC organisation. That's the claim which I am making, the lens through which they look at organisations. Because unfortunately – they are an advocacy group, Darebin Ethnic Council is a unique community group made up of migrants, the leadership is migrants and they give voice to the migrants, they campaign for migrants and we recently had two campaigns in Darebin regarding aged care and the Preston Market. So our organisation is a civil society type organisation giving voice to the voiceless and disempowered migrants. Unfortunately the panel and the senior management that evaluated our application, do not have that lens. To them they look at it from a different perspective ie how effective is the money that is spent. This is a political question - are the councillors committed to strengthening migrant participation, civic participation and advocacy on their behalf, not on behalf of someone else - the migrants themselves. I can tell you the facts here, if we look at Australia, 24 % of the population is made up of non-Europeans, African and Asians peoples. If you look around in the political space very few political leaders are part of the Asian / African community – less than 1 % and their visibility is almost zero. Do we hear them? We don't hear them. To me the lens through which the decision makers are looking is purely through a new liberal point of view and it does not factor in the importance of giving voice to the marginalised, impoverished and disempowered migrants whose voice at the moment in Australia is almost non-existent. Thank you.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Mayor thanked Mr Suriyakumaran from his submission.

- **Sofia Kotanidis, Bundoora**

I'm Sofia Kotanidis, I'm the Darebin Council Ethnic Communities Deputy Chair. I would like to know why Council has put DECC in the same category as service providers when they definitely know that DECC is not a service provider. We are an advocacy group and we represent the residents of Darebin and are made up of volunteers. Service providers are companies who employ people to provide services to all regardless of where they live. Also most of these providers that work here, don't live in the City of Darebin so they don't truly represent the residents of Darebin and I really applaud you to actually have another look at this. DECC is definitely not a service provider. We provide advocacy for our community and the people that live in the City of Darebin and they need a voice. Definitely a big voice, at the moment as they are being phased out and it will be hard for us to be able to function if we don't have the funding to continue to represent the multicultural communities of Darebin.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Mayor thanked Ms Kotanidis from her submission.

- **Ponniah, Anandajayasekeram, Fairfield**

I am a member of DECC. I have been listening in the meetings about inclusiveness, equality and all the other things that we are trying to do but within that context when I heard about this funding decision, I couldn't reconcile the direction that Council is taking about this particular decision and to me; if Darebin Ethnic Communities Council is not meeting the expectations you could have had a session with them to put them in the right direction or if somebody wants to reduce the funding support, it should have been scaled down to give some warning that there could be an adjustment to get the effective contribution. So I just wanted to know the rationale, how do you reconcile those two in terms of making the decision. Thank you.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Mayor thanked Mr Anandajayasekeram from his submission

- **Marion Harper, Reservoir**

My name is Marion Harper I am part of the Darebin Progress Association. I'm not a member of DECC. I'll make a brief statement. Darebin Progress Association members are appalled the DECC has been defunded. Darebin has grown it's rich and admired multicultural reputation because of this important advisory committee to council. Council owes the community an explanation why it has designated this essential organisation as a service provider which it is not. Will council reconsider in accordance with it's long standing memorandum of understanding with DECC to restore it's prominence and funding in Darebin.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Mayor thanked Ms Harper for her submission

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

I represent Does Council Care a Darebin Community Group concerned about the future of aged care services in Darebin and the Council Policies that drive them.

Members of many of Darebin's Ethnic Communities are aged or aging and many do not speak English confidently enough to let their needs and aspirations be heard by Council. Darebin Ethnic Community Council is the peak body with 135 member groups that we turn to when we seek the views of community members. DECC is a one stop consultation shop which has given Council legitimacy for many years.

We were shocked that in 2019 DECC, a long-time partner of Council, has missed out on receiving the small amount of Council funding it needs to survive.

Has Council not realised the immense value of DECC as an ethnic community peak body? If, as we imagine, there has been an oversight or terrible mistake that somehow categorised DECC as a service provider in the community grants funding process, what can now be done to correct this mistake and secure DECC's future?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Mayor thanked Mr Vote for her submission

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS – 6.24 PM

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-213**MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That** Council resolve to resume Standing Orders.**CARRIED**

- **Ruth Leonards, Preston**

Does Council intend to readvertise for the position of Interfaith Officer which has recently been vacated?

Given that the position of Multicultural Officer has been made redundant, what officer or department of council will assume responsibility for the relationships and initiatives within the diverse ethnic communities that have been fostered by the previous Multicultural Officer which have aimed to promote social cohesion in Darebin.

Response from General Manager Community, Cathy Henderson

Through you Mayor Rennie and thank you Ms Leonards for the question.

The Interfaith Officer resigned to take up a new job a few weeks ago and Ms Leonards is correct that we are considering the structure of that department. The decision has been made in draft form to boost the staffing hours allocated to that department and there is a proposal for how the staff will be distributed. This proposal is out for consultation with affected staff at the moment so as you would appreciate we can't talk about it publicly at this stage because we are working with the staff. What I can say is that the draft proposal that is currently out for consultation includes dedicated hours and positions for both Interfaith and Multicultural Officers and CALD.

- **Bola Giri, Reservoir**

DECC (Darebin Ethnic Council) has been a really good platform for the multicultural ethnic community including refugee and marginalised communities. Is there any reason why we defunding the DECC?

Do the Council and it's advisors now think of migrants as passive recipients of goods and services rather than addressing social inclusion and diversity?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

In relation to the issue of DECC funding there is a Notice of Motion that will be debated tonight. What I will say is that over the last few years there has been a number of groups that have been directly funded by Council and a decision was made at the beginning of this year that Council should review its Community Grant process because every year more groups are seeking and there wasn't a clear way for all groups to apply for funding. As part of that grant review process it was determined that all groups would have to apply for funding through a transparent and open grant process. That grant process took place, there were a number of different categories, and the category that DECC applied for had 30 applications. Council had money to

fund five of those applications (and those applications were not assessed by Councillors or Council Staff but were assessed by an independent panel). Unfortunately DECC was not among the top five and so was not successful in obtaining one of those grants. I hope that explains the process.

In respect to the second part of your question which was in relation to whether Council considers CALD and migrant communities to be considered as passive recipients of services. Not at all. I might ask Ms Henderson to comment further on that. We certainly have many programs such as the Youth Citizens Jury which actively engage people from migrant backgrounds in decision making and influencing Council.

Response from General Manager Community, Cathy Henderson

Through you Mayor Rennie I want to acknowledge that there is a debate in the community about whether the grants program should be for services or should be for advocacy but I think it would be incorrect to characterise Council as moving towards treating anyone as passive recipients. Our services and our community development projects and our community renewal projects are absolutely based around work with communities and examples of that would be our work with Senior Citizens groups, our work with the Aboriginal Community, our work with young people from the African community which are all aimed around self determination and helping communities to determine their own future. That said, I also want to recognise that there is a need for services and that is why Council funds services for example services that help people get a job, services that help people access training, all of those services help people develop their future.

So whilst acknowledging the debate here I want to be very clearly as set in the human rights framework tonight, Council is committed to working with all it's communities including migrant communities and is investing heavily in doing so.

- **Keith Coffey, Reservoir**

My complaint, I'll call it a complaint is the lack of service. Why does Council put recycle bins near shops and not empty them regularly? I am aware of one that has not been emptied for nearly two months. Also why do they put in garden beds to make the area beautiful and have it full of weeds and not go back and care for it?

And another thing, this is a separate one, except for the recycle bin, I reported that and I reported that on the weekend and today and I came home and they are still just the same. I first reported the recycle bin last week and the lady didn't give me a number because her computer wasn't working. I took that at face value and I thought It would get emptied but it's just appalling to think that we are going back to being like we are the forgotten ward again.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question Mr Coffey. I am sorry that that has been your experience. I will ask if you could provide specific details of location and we will take that on notice and ensure that those issues are addressed.

I've just been reminded that this year Council did fund an extra officer so garden beds could be maintained so we will also give you that information and look into why that isn't happening.

- **Simon Alan, Reservoir**

I am one of the traders on Broadway which has been affected highly with the High Street closure. We all understand that it had to happen. We all came to the meeting here at the start. Even before the planning stages and asked the questions about how long is it going to be shut or if we were going to be affected at all. At the planning stages and the initial stages they have always said the impact will be intermittent. We have now been shut down for over six months. Thirty five thousand vehicles previously used that intersection, fifteen thousand down Broadway. To paint a picture, if you had a hundred thousand rate payers in your Council and seventy five percent did not pay, you would not be sitting here right now where you are sitting.

What can the Council actually do for us?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question Mr Alan. This is also the subject of a Notice of Motion later in the Agenda. But I will refer that question to Ms Ollivier who will just give an update about what Council is already doing and as I said later in the agenda we will be looking at whether Council could do more.

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

Through you Mayor Rennie. I think there is no doubt that the disruption in that area is really significant and so the things that Council has been doing in that area are those that Council can do. But they don't necessarily deal with the core of that disruption being a State Government project. So the sorts of things Council is doing is essentially keeping that area looking as good as it can be. So we looking after a lot of the activity centre area so that it is welcoming for the customers who are there and also working with the State Government to pressure test their plans around disruption to minimise it where we can and really try and minimise issues when they come up. So that's been the focus of Council's efforts. I can run through our efforts in detail if anyone is keen to understand that and I would also say that our Officers can reach out and talk to anyone about the specifics and see if there is anything else we can do.

Response from CEO, Sue Wilkinson

Thank you for the question Mr Alan. So amongst the items that Ms Ollivier just referred to I'm sure you are aware to that we have a dedicated officer that is working out of the Centre almost full time. Part of that person's role is to try to activate and create interest in the Centre. So there has been a lot of competitions and coffee giveaways and those types of things and that's really an attempt to make sure (and it's something that we have learnt from the experience in the South East when the elevated rails were being constructed) that the State really underperforms in that area in terms of a local touch. So I've got a staff member there who engages really frequently with the traders and also tries to bridge that gap between the LXRA and the traders to make sure that there is as much information as possible or at least somewhere to go to ask questions. Council also allocated three quarters of a million dollars this year towards making sure we were there to support traders and also plan for what the construction leaves behind is the best that it can be so that it is activated and we get a new Reservoir Station that is better than what was there and creates that connection between the two centres that have traditionally been divided. In addition very recently Council resolved to write to the State to ask for them to consider financial support or other support for traders and Council did that in recognition of the issues you are experiencing. So there are a raft of activities occurring in response to the issues you are experiencing.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Once again the shopkeepers at the Preston Market were disadvantaged by the people using the Market as a car park. Thus the customers wishing to purchase goods from the Market could not do so.

This is brought about by the Council leasing the City Oval to the NFNL and not taking into account the shopkeepers at the Market.

Mayor Rennie, I have talked to several butchers, fishmongers, a poultry shop, a deli shop and other food stalls. All shopkeepers advised that their takings were down by 15% to 20%.

Mayor Rennie, there is a solution to this problem but Council officers must get out and speak to the shopkeepers.

Mayor Rennie, this problem has been going on for years.

Mayor Rennie, will Council compensate the shopkeepers at the Market?

Mayor Rennie, will Council give the shopkeepers a fair go and finally get a resolution to this problem?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Mr Nugent, thank you for your question I will ask the offices to follow up and look into that question and it will be taken on notice and we will get an answer back to you.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie,

With regards to the letter I received from Council dated 26/7/19. It stated that the NFNL have arranged for the use of extra car parking with Melbourne Polytechnic. In your letter it also stated that NFNL will use social media platform to heavily promote and encourage using public transport and the parking option advantage. It also stated the NFNL have confirmed that clubs attending the City Oval, hire mini buses to transport players and supporters to and from the venue. It finally states Council officers are liaising with the NFNL regarding these arrangements for the upcoming finals series.

Mayor Rennie, I have notice from the NFNL sent out to the clubs, it states – patrons attending the finals at the City Oval are encouraged to park at the Melbourne Polytechnic – nothing about not parking in the Market. In the same notice to clubs it states once again nothing about using public transport and clubs hiring mini buses to transport players and supporters.

Mayor Rennie, If this Council 'Fair Dinkum' to all parties then its about time Council lease out the City Oval for 1 (one) match only on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) starting at 2.30pm.

Mayor Rennie, in the letter (26/7/19) it stated Council offices are liaising with the NFNL regarding these arrangements.

Mayor Rennie, why didn't Council officers liaise with the NFNL from week one of the finals informing these arrangements were not kept or didn't offices know about any of these arrangements.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Mr Nugent, thank you for your question. There are a number of sub points to that question and I will ask that if you have a copy of your question that it be provided to the officers so that they can address those and I will take it on notice as it was detailed and get it back to you.

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

Has Council not realised the immense importance of DECC as an ethnic community peak body?

If as we have imagine, there has been a oversight or terrible mistake that somehow categorised DECC as a service provider in the new community grants funding process, what can now be done to correct this mistake and secure DECC's future?

Response from General Manager Community, Cathy Henderson

I believe that the matters referred to in the question will be dealt with during the Notice of Motion.

- **Hahn Huynh-Pitts, Preston**

Why DECC has not been receiving any funding after 25 years?

With regard the Preston Market, can Council pursue a number of safety issues that I am aware of that have resulted in injuries to persons frequenting the market?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

In respect to the Preston Market I am very sorry hear about theses incidents, I will refer that to Council officers and then address your first question.

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

I would suggest that one of our Economic Development Officers can have a chat with the people you are aware of about these incidents to help them navigate the State and Local government agencies that may be able to assist them and or address the issues.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

In respect to your first question which relates to Council's support of DECC in other ways, I am pleased to say that Council has a number of ways that we are supporting DECC. The first is to provide office accommodation to DECC which I understand is ongoing, the second thing that Council is able to do is provide free or discounted room hire so that DECC is able to access rooms for events and functions as required. Council is committed to continuing to pay for DECC's insurance and Council is also looking to contribute to the costs of the Genocide Memorial Service event which is a signature event that DECC has run for a number of years. Council has also spoken about offering some consultancy and business development support to enable DECC to develop a business plan and strategic plan so they can be viable into the future. We estimate that the total value of that support that Council is looking to continue providing is in the vicinity of \$11 - \$13k every year.

Questions Taken on Notice from Last Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 23 September 2019.

At the Council meeting held on 23 September 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie:

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, my Question concerns Brian Sanaghan. He is banned from attending Council Meetings for a period of 12 months and Council now hires security to keep Mr Sanaghan out of the building so he cannot attend Council Meetings. At the last Council Meeting on the second of September 2019 Mr Sanaghan was arrested by the police when standing on the footpath and was handcuffed like a common criminal. No charges were laid against Mr Sanaghan, but Mr Sanaghan was hurt in this incident who just had a new pace maker inserted.

I believe Mr Sanaghan has no intervention order against him by the Council and I understand Council must provide a safe workplace under the OH&S Act and my questions are:

Why does the Council hire security staff when they cannot lay a hand on him? Why does the Council call the police when he has not broken any Council laws?

The following written response dated 14 October 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement.

As you are aware, Mr Sanaghan has been banned from attending Council meetings for a period of 12 months.

Security arrangements are made for all Council activities based on managing OH&S and risk management obligations.

These obligations also inform decisions made to engage Victoria Police.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie this is the third time I asked this question re. South East corner of Donath West. So far one question has been answered the South East corner of Donath West is part of the Master Plan. Mayor Rennie, could you please answer the following?

- (1) What work will be done around No 1 Donath West? Mayor Rennie – I don't want a copy of the Masterplan as I already have a copy – Just tell me.
- (2) When will the work be done.
- (3) Will solar lights be put through the park?
- (4) Will more seats be placed around No1 Oval?
- (5) Will Seats be Placed under the Pavilion Roof? So people could seat in the shade in summer and out of the rain in winter?

- (6) Will the Terrace be extended to the 12 Metre light, as most of the terrace was taken up when there was update as per letter by Robin Scott.
- (7) Will No1 Oval be updated? If not why not??”

The following written response dated 14 October 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

There aren't current plans to increase lighting through this park at this stage. Generally, when Council prioritises lighting across the City, it prioritises high priority sporting needs and/or high use urban centres and areas where there is evidence of crime or low perceptions of safety. Considering these things across the City, Donath and Dole Reserves have not been identified as a high priority.

In regard to your other questions listed above, please refer to our letters to you of 20 November 2018, 2 July 2019, and most recently in our Public Question Time response of 12 September 2019 for information regarding the proposed works. With regard to timing of works beyond the current financial year, and as you have been previously advised, a date has not yet been determined for works to commence. This is considered each year as part of the annual budget process which considers priorities across the whole of the Darebin City.

6. PETITIONS

Nil

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Chris Erlandsen and Marion Harper made verbal submissions in relation to Item 8.1 – Preston Market Precinct Update.

8.1 PRESTON MARKET PRECINCT UPDATE

Author: Strategic Planner

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Protecting the character and identity of Preston Market is a major focus of Council's work. Multiple studies have been commissioned to understand the different elements that make up the unique character that is so highly valued by the community.

The work to date has concluded that, due to the complexity of the multiple elements that make up the market's character, planning mechanisms alone will not be sufficient to protect them.

Council has consistently advocated for the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) to consider a range of planning tools in the developing a structure plan and planning controls for the market, while also pursuing voluntary agreements with the developer that would cover non-planning matters, such as the community of traders and range and diversity of goods.

Following a request by the Darebin Appropriate Development Association and Save Our Preston Market, the Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV) recently reviewed the site and determined that the Preston Market was not of state heritage significance. The HCV made a formal referral to the VPA to consider a local heritage overlay. The HCV made no assessment of or determination on local significance (which is beyond their remit) but stated that new evidence was presented at the review hearing which had not been considered before and therefore recommended that the VPA revisit whether there might be justification for a local heritage overlay.

The Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV) did not assess Preston Market's significance at the local level - the HCV only considers if a Place is of State-level cultural heritage significance. The HCV did not, and is not able to, recommend that the Heritage Overlay (HO) be applied to the Preston Market, only that it be considered.

The new evidence presented at the HCV review hearing was in relation to the spaceframe technology and load bearing, tilt-up concrete walls. HCV recommended these should be further tested for local significance. As the Planning Authority, this should be undertaken by the VPA.

Should it be found that elements of the building are of local heritage significance, and if a HO is successfully applied to the Preston Market, this could protect specific elements of the built form. Depending on the findings of further studies, a spectrum of protections could be applied from retaining the roof structure and concrete walls in situ through to demolishing the building and commemorating or referencing the spaceframe technology in some way.

Due to the complexity of the issues around character, and the limits of the HO as a mechanism to protect elements of particular value to the community (such as the

multicultural traders, the community of shoppers, the diversity of affordable goods on offer, the wide walkways and airy feel), several different mechanisms (both planning and voluntary agreements) will be needed to protect these diverse elements.

Officers recommend that Council should continue advocating to the State Government to protect social and cultural heritage through the planning controls. In light of the new evidence and the HCV referral, Council officers recommend writing to the VPA and the Minister for Planning to seek a full investigation of local heritage to determine if a HO should be applied.

The VPA have advised that they have received the submissions related to the hearings and are seriously considering the Heritage Council's referral. In addition, officers recommend continuing to pursue other mechanisms to protect all of the defining elements that contribute to the market's character, cultural and social heritage, as endorsed by Council in its objectives of 19th August and encapsulated in *The Heart of Preston* document.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Heritage Council Registrations and Reviews Committee's (the committee) determination of 18 September 2019 (**Appendix B**) that the Preston Market does not reach the threshold for State-level heritage significance and will not be included on the Victorian Heritage Register.
2. Supports the committee's referral of the recommendation and submissions to the Victorian Planning Authority for consideration for an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 49(1)(c)(i) of the *Heritage Act 2017*.
3. Writes to Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and the Minister for Planning requesting that the VPA undertake:
 - a) A new local heritage study on the Preston Market, that considers all previous reports and advice on heritage and the new evidence presented to the Heritage Council Victoria
 - b) If the study determines the market building, or elements of the built form, is of local heritage significance, request that the VPA carry out the following:
 - i. *In response to the evidence, incorporate into the planning controls as appropriate: a Heritage Citation, Heritage Design Guidelines and/or a Conservation Management Plan.*
 - ii. *If supported by the evidence, a planning scheme amendment process to apply a Heritage Overlay to the Preston Market.*
4. Notes that Council has recently called on the VPA to support Council's endorsed objectives and key elements (endorsed at Planning Committee Meeting of 19 August 2019 and shown in **Appendix C**), that relate to critical market identity and character elements.
5. Requests that the VPA does not proceed with a Framework Plan and planning scheme amendment for the structure plan and planning controls until the outcome of the above step(s) is fully understood and the most appropriate mechanisms to protect the heritage of the market can be incorporated.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-214**

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Heritage Council Registrations and Reviews Committee's (the committee) determination of 18 September 2019 (Appendix B) that the Preston Market does not reach the threshold for State-level heritage significance and will not be included on the Victorian Heritage Register.
- (2) Notes that the committee noted that the Recommendation by Heritage Victoria concluded that Step 1 for assessment of criteria under Part 4 of the Guidelines was likely to be satisfied for 6 out of the 8 criteria, namely, A, C, D, E, F and G, and therefore considers that there is sufficient evidence that the Preston Market may have cultural heritage significance at the local level.
- (3) Notes the committee gave particular consideration to the technical significance of the Preston Market's space frame roof structure and load bearing, tilt up concrete walls and was of a view that the technological achievements associated with the design and construction may strongly indicate cultural heritage significance at the local level, to the extent that controls may be warranted and that a Heritage Overlay is the most appropriate planning mechanism to enact such controls.
- (4) Notes the committee impression of what may be a relatively disjointed approach to the processes of recent heritage studies relating to Preston Market.
- (5) Supports the committee's referral of the recommendation and submissions to the Victorian Planning Authority for consideration for an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 49(1)(c)(i) of the Heritage Act 2017.
- (6) Commissions its own heritage studies to fully investigate and considers any further new evidence regarding the cultural, social. Building and technical heritage matters at Preston Market to help inform Council on the application of a Heritage Overlay through the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (7) Writes to Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and the Minister for Planning requesting that the VPA undertake:
 - a) A new local heritage study on the Preston Market, that considers all previous reports and advice on heritage and the new evidence presented to the Heritage Council Victoria and any other new evidence.
 - b) If the study determines the market building, or elements of the built form, is of local heritage significance, request that the VPA carry out the following:
 - i. In response to the evidence, incorporate into the planning controls as appropriate: a Heritage Citation, Heritage Design Guidelines and/or a Conservation Management Plan.
 - ii. If supported by the evidence, a planning scheme amendment process to apply a Heritage Overlay to the Preston Market.
- (8) Writes to the Minister for Planning requesting that an Interim Heritage Overlay be immediately applied over the Preston Market building to ensure it is protected while further crucial work is carried out to determine if permanent heritage controls should be applied.
- (9) Writes to local members of state and federal parliament seeking letters of support requesting that the Planning Minister immediately applies an interim Heritage Overlay over the Preston Market building to ensure it is temporarily protected.

- (10) Notes that Council has recently called on the VPA to support Council's endorsed objectives and key elements (endorsed at Planning Committee Meeting of 19 August 2019 and shown in Appendix C), that relate to critical market identity and character elements, however Council will review its endorsed objectives and key elements in light of future heritage studies.
- (11) Requests that the VPA does not proceed with a Framework Plan and planning scheme amendment for the structure plan and planning controls until the outcome of the above step(s) is fully understood and the most appropriate mechanisms to protect the heritage of the market can be incorporated

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 ADVOCACY FOR A HERITAGE OVERLAY FOR PRESTON MARKET**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 440**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 14 October 2019, it is my intention to move:

“That Council:

- (1) As a matter of urgency authorises the Mayor on behalf of Council to write to the VPA and the Planning Minister strongly urging them to consider the Heritage Council recommendations requesting them to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme to include a Heritage Overlay as a way of conserving Preston Market’s heritage significance at a local level and request that the VPA revisit their current work on developing new planning controls for Preston Market to include a Heritage Overlay.*
- (2) Contrary to Council’s current position that there are better controls than a Heritage Overlay, and the advice of Council Officers, Council now takes the firm position that a Heritage Overlay is the most appropriate planning mechanism to protect the heritage significance of the market in light of the Heritage Council’s strong recommendation and*
- (3) Amends Councils Guiding Principles to advocate for Heritage Overlay to better protect the future development of Preston Market.*
- (4) Writes to all local state and federal MP seeking letters of support from them urging that the VPA and the planning Minister to urgently consider the Heritage Council recommendations with the view to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme to include a Heritage Overlay as a way of conserving Preston Market’s heritage significance at a local level.*
- (5) Makes a public statement in the Northcote and Preston Leader, Darebin Community News and on Council on-line platforms supporting the need to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme to include a Heritage Overlay to better protect the cultural heritage significance of Preston Market at a local level.”*

Notice Received: 1 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 7 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 14 October 2019**

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. GRECO WITHDREW THE NOTICE OF MOTION

10.4 RESTORATION OF DECC MOU AND RESTORATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 439**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 14 October 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the decades of valuable advocacy work DECC has done for underrepresented and vulnerable communities.*
- (2) *Commits to renegotiating DECC's MOU and to fully restoring its administrative funding of \$25,000.*

Notice Received: 1 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 7 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 14 October 2019**

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the decades of valuable advocacy work DECC has done for underrepresented and vulnerable communities.
- (2) Commits to renegotiating DECC's MOU and to fully restoring its administrative funding of \$25,000.

Cr. McCarthy sought the support of the mover and seconder to amend point (2) as follows;

- (2) Commits to renegotiating DECC's MOU and:
 - a) **Fund an independent consultant to help DECC plan for a sustainable financial and governance model.**
 - b) **Fund DECC's insurance , audit fees and assist with funding the genocide memorial ceremony**
 - c) **Provide free venue hire and office space**
 - d) **Identify other opportunities to fund and/or support DECC's advocacy efforts.**

The mover and seconder did not consent to this amendment.

Amendment**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Notes the decades of valuable advocacy work DECC has done for underrepresented and vulnerable communities.
- (2) Commits to renegotiating DECC's MOU and:
 - a) Fund an independent consultant to help DECC plan for a sustainable financial and governance model.
 - b) Fund DECC's insurance , audit fees and assist with funding the genocide memorial ceremony
 - c) Provide free venue hire and office space
 - d) Identify other opportunities to fund and/or support DECC's advocacy efforts.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE THE MEETING.

CARRIED

Cr's Greco, Williams and Laurence requested that their opposition be noted in the minutes.

The Mayor upheld a point of order raised by Cr. McCarthy.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – DISSENT OF CHAIR**Motion****MOVED: Cr. G Greco****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That** the Chairpersons ruling be dissented from.

7.27 pm. In accordance with clause 52 of the Governance Local Law Mayor Rennie left the Chair and Deputy Mayor Newton assumed the Chair.

Cr. Greco was provided the opportunity to state the reasons for his dissent and the Mayor provided a reply.

The motion was put and lost

LOST

7.34 pm Mayor Rennie resumed the Chair.

The substantive motion before the meeting was put and carried, viz

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-215

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the decades of valuable advocacy work DECC has does for underrepresented and vulnerable communities.
- (2) Commits to renegotiating DECC's MOU and:
 - a) Fund an independent consultant to help DECC plan for a sustainable financial and governance model.
 - b) Fund DECC's insurance , audit fees and assist with funding the genocide memorial ceremony
 - c) Provide free venue hire and office space
 - d) Identify other opportunities to fund and/or support DECC's advocacy efforts.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco, Williams and Laurence requested that their opposition be noted in the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT IN PROCEEDINGS

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

8.00 pm The meeting resumed.

10.1 GHD BOYCOTT - STOP ADANI**Councillor:** Trent MCCARTHY**NoM No.:** 436

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 14 October 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent and large-scale action to transition away from the use of fossil fuels.*
- (2) *Notes that GHD has business relationships with many councils across Australia including the City of Darebin and is currently providing consultancy advice to the Adani Group of companies responsible for the Carmichael coal mine and rail projects.*
- (3) *Notes that Darebin Council has previously expressed its willingness to withdraw its support from organisations known to have a financial interest in, provide goods or services to or otherwise support the proposed Adani Carmichael Coal Mine.*
- (4) *Writes to GHD to request that they cease any involvement with Adani's coal mine and associated infrastructure*
- (5) *Receives a report before the end of 2019 regarding the implications for Council of withdrawing from any contractual agreements with GHD until it withdraws from Adani's project.*

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8.02pm. Cr. Greco returned to the meeting.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent and large-scale action to transition away from the use of fossil fuels.
- (2) Notes that GHD has business relationships with many councils across Australia including the City of Darebin and is currently providing consultancy advice to the Adani Group of companies responsible for the Carmichael coal mine and rail projects.
- (3) Notes that Darebin Council has previously expressed its willingness to withdraw its support from organisations known to have a financial interest in, provide goods or services to or otherwise support the proposed Adani Carmichael Coal Mine.
- (4) Writes to GHD to request that they cease any involvement with Adani's coal mine and associated infrastructure
- (5) Receives a report before the end of 2019 regarding the implications for Council of withdrawing from any contractual agreements with GHD until it withdraws from Adani's project.

Cr. Laurence sought support of the mover and seconder to add an additional point (6) as follows:

- (6) Receives a further report on conducting an environmental and social justice audit of all existing and future consultants and contractors.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

Cr. Le Cerf sought support from the mover and seconder to include additional wording to point (5) as follows:

- (5) Receives a report before the end of 2019 regarding the implications for Council of withdrawing from any contractual agreements with GHD until it withdraws from Adani's project, and **include in this report the identification of any other companies engaged with or at risk of becoming involved with Adani's project that Council has contracts with.**

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-216**

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent and large-scale action to transition away from the use of fossil fuels.
- (2) Notes that GHD has business relationships with many councils across Australia including the City of Darebin and is currently providing consultancy advice to the Adani Group of companies responsible for the Carmichael coal mine and rail

projects.

- (3) Notes that Darebin Council has previously expressed its willingness to withdraw its support from organisations known to have a financial interest in, provide goods or services to or otherwise support the proposed Adani Carmichael Coal Mine.
- (4) Writes to GHD to request that they cease any involvement with Adani's coal mine and associated infrastructure
- (5) Receives a report before the end of 2019 regarding the implications for Council of withdrawing from any contractual agreements with GHD until it withdraws from Adani's project, and include in this report the identification of any other companies engaged with or at risk of becoming involved with Adani's project that Council has contracts with.
- (6) Receives a further report on conducting an environmental and social justice audit of all existing and future consultants and contractors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 CLIMATE EMERGENCY AUSTRALIA**Councillor: Trent MCCARTHY****NoM No.: 437**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 14 October 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that as the first government in the world to declare a climate emergency, Darebin continues to play a significant leadership role in Australia and around the world.*
- (2) *Notes that there are now over 1,000 government jurisdictions around the world and over 50 in Australia that have recognised the climate emergency, with more joining this movement each week.*
- (3) *Receives a report before the end of 2019 on Council's current and future role in establishing, resourcing and launching 'Climate Emergency Australia' as a national network of governments, organisations, groups and citizens to mobilise collective action, resource-sharing and advocacy.*
- (4) *Includes prominent ongoing recognition on its website, social media and other communication channels (eg. banners on town halls and other Council buildings) regarding the need for urgent action in response to the climate emergency, with the above report to also outline how Council will continue to maintain high exposure communication across its channels.*

Notice Received: 1 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 7 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 14 October 2019****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf****That Council:**

- (1) Notes that as the first government in the world to declare a climate emergency, Darebin continues to play a significant leadership role in Australia and around the world.
- (2) Notes that there are now over 1,000 government jurisdictions around the world and over 50 in Australia that have recognised the climate emergency, with more joining this movement each week.
- (3) Receives a report before the end of 2019 on Council's current and future role in establishing, resourcing and launching 'Climate Emergency Australia' as a national network of governments, organisations, groups and citizens to mobilise collective action, resource-sharing and advocacy.
- (4) Includes prominent ongoing recognition on its website, social media and other

communication channels (eg. banners on town halls and other Council buildings) regarding the need for urgent action in response to the climate emergency, with the above report to also outline how Council will continue to maintain high exposure communication across its channels.

Cr. Greco sought support of the mover and seconder to amend point (4) as follows:

- (4) Includes on its website, social media and other communication channels (eg. banners on town halls and other Council buildings) prominent ongoing recognition regarding the need for urgent action in response to the climate emergency, with the above report to also outline how Council will continue to maintain high exposure communication across its channels.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-217

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that as the first government in the world to declare a climate emergency, Darebin continues to play a significant leadership role in Australia and around the world.
- (2) Notes that there are now over 1,000 government jurisdictions around the world and over 50 in Australia that have recognised the climate emergency, with more joining this movement each week.
- (3) Receives a report before the end of 2019 on Council's current and future role in establishing, resourcing and launching 'Climate Emergency Australia' as a national network of governments, organisations, groups and citizens to mobilise collective action, resource-sharing and advocacy.
- (4) Includes on its website, social media and other communication channels (eg. banners on town halls and other Council buildings) prominent ongoing recognition regarding the need for urgent action in response to the climate emergency, with the above report to also outline how Council will continue to maintain high exposure communication across its channels.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council alters the order of the agenda to consider item 8.5 after the NOMs but before Item 8.2 and then to continue with the other reports as per original order.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED.

CARRIED

10.3 ASSISTANCE FOR RESERVOIR TRADERS**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 438**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 14 October 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the enormous trading impact the rail crossing construction works are having on traders.*
- (2) *Receives an urgent report at the next Council meeting on the 6th November 2019 detailing what further material support and advocacy assistance Council can provide the traders of Broadway, Edwardes Street and High Street to help them through the construction phase of the rail crossing removal.*

Notice Received: 1 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 7 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 14 October 2019**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-218**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence***That Council:***

- (1) *Notes the enormous trading impact the rail crossing construction works are having on traders.*
- (2) *Receives an urgent report at the next Council meeting on the 6th November 2019 detailing what further material support and advocacy assistance Council can provide the traders of Broadway, Edwardes Street and High Street to help them through the construction phase of the rail crossing removal.*

CARRIED

Serena O'Meley made a verbal submission in relation to Item 8.5 – Reimagining Ruthven Draft Master Plan Consultation.

8.5 REIMAGINING RUTHVEN DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION

Author: Team Leader City Design

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

'Creating a bushland sanctuary, a natural place of welcome, play and retreat in the heart of Reservoir West' is the community vision for Darebin's newest park.

The draft *Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan (Appendix A)* is long-term plan to help realise this vision and transform the former Ruthven Primary School to a biodiverse haven over the next 20 – 30 years. It has been developed in collaboration with the Ruthven Community Reference Group (CRG).

The master plan is the culmination of two years of site analysis, design and investigative work including community input, to inform the transformation of the former Ruthven Primary School to a three-hectare natural park.

There has been wide-ranging community and stakeholder consultation, including a Family Fun Day event attended by 375 people, the involvement of community members in a CRG and other community advisory committees including the Darebin Nature Trust and Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

This site presents a unique opportunity to be a demonstration site for the Darebin Open Space Strategy, *Breathing Space*, realising many of Council's aspirations around enhancing and extending biodiversity habitats. Enhancing the site's existing landscape character, biodiversity values and the community's desires for a nature-based space underpin the creation of the park master plan.

Should Council decide to release the draft Master Plan for consultation with the broader community then consultation would open on 21 October for a four week period, and be widely promoted to the community. Feedback would then be incorporated and reported to Council for consideration.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the release of the draft Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan for consultation with the broader community.
- (2) Thank the Ruthven Community Reference Group for coming together to provide invaluable community insights into the vision for the future use and character of the park, and for their time, energy and commitment in completing this task.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Newton

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the release of the draft Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan for consultation with the broader community.
- (2) Thank the Ruthven Community Reference Group for coming together to provide invaluable community insights into the vision for the future use and character of the park, and for their time, energy and commitment in completing this task.

Cr. Laurence sought support of the mover and seconder to add an additional point (3) as follows:

- (3) Redact references to local farmers market and the world class research and teaching facility.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-219**

MOVED: Cr. S Newton

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the release of the draft Reimagining Ruthven Master Plan for consultation with the broader community.
- (2) Thank the Ruthven Community Reference Group for coming together to provide invaluable community insights into the vision for the future use and character of the park, and for their time, energy and commitment in completing this task.
- (3) Redact references to local farmers market and the world class research and teaching facility.

CARRIED

8.2 ANNUAL REPORT 2018–19**Author:** Coordinator Planning and Reporting**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1989* and regulations require each Council in Victoria to prepare an annual report for each financial year that contains a report of operations and the audited financial and performance statements.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-220**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Darebin City Council Annual Report 2018–19, attached at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes that the report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 30 September 2019.
- (3) Notes that a copy of the Annual Report 2018–19 was made available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre two weeks prior to this meeting, in compliance with 133(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Notes that, in compliance with 134(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a public notice was placed in *The Age* on 30 September 2019, in the *Preston Leader* on 1 October 2019 and in the *Northcote Leader* on 2 October 2019, advising the report will be discussed at the Council meeting of 14 October 2019 and noting the place where copies of the report can be obtained.
- (5) Notes that the report has been presented to Council within one month of providing the report to the Minister for Local Government, satisfying Section 134(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and Section 22(1) of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.
- (6) Notes that the report was prepared in accordance with all relevant legislation, including the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Amendment (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

CARRIED

8.3 SUBMISSION TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATING SYSTEM REVIEW**Author:** Finance Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018, the Victorian Government committed to a review of the local government rating system. The State Government has appointed a Ministerial Panel to lead the work and to make independent recommendations to Government on an optimal rating system. The Panel is required to complete a report, with recommendations to the Minister for Local Government by 31 March 2020.

The Ministerial Panel is encouraging submissions to the Rating System Review with the consultation period closing on 1 November 2019.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the submission from Darebin City Council to the State Government's Local Government Rating System Review as attached as **Appendix D**.
- (2) Authorises officers to lodge the submission to the Ministerial Panel for the Local Government Rating System Review.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the submission from Darebin City Council to the State Government's Local Government Rating System Review as attached as **Appendix D** with the following amendment:
 - a. The recommendation relating to RSL Clubs is changed to read "Review the blanket eligibility for rate exemption for RSL Clubs and make RSL Clubs that have electronic gaming and gambling machines rateable land."
- (2) Authorises officers to lodge the submission to the Ministerial Panel for the Local Government Rating System Review.

Cr. Laurence sought support from the mover and seconder to add an additional point (3) as follows:

- (3) Delete recommendation 13 from its submission and an additional recommendation be included to lobby the state government for equal treatment of Council's with their own pensioner rebates.

The mover and seconder did not consent to this amendment.

Amendment**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the submission from Darebin City Council to the State Government's Local Government Rating System Review as attached as **Appendix D** with the following amendment:
 - a. The recommendation relating to RSL Clubs is changed to read "Review the blanket eligibility for rate exemption for RSL Clubs and make RSL Clubs that have electronic gaming and gambling machines rateable land."
- (2) Authorises officers to lodge the submission to the Ministerial Panel for the Local Government Rating System Review.
- (3) Delete recommendation 13 from its submission and an additional recommendation be included to lobby the state government for equal treatment of Council's with their own pensioner rebates.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED.

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE THE MEETING READ AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the submission from Darebin City Council to the State Government's Local Government Rating System Review as attached as **Appendix D** with the following amendment:
 - a. The recommendation relating to RSL Clubs is changed to read "Review the blanket eligibility for rate exemption for RSL Clubs and make RSL Clubs that have electronic gaming and gambling machines rateable land."
- (2) Authorises officers to lodge the submission to the Ministerial Panel for the Local Government Rating System Review.
- (3) Delete recommendation 13 from its submission and an additional recommendation be included to lobby the state government for equal treatment of Council's with their own pensioner rebates.

Cr. Greco sought support from the mover and seconder to add additional points (4) and (5) as follows:

- (4) Recommend that the review should consider amending the 2013 Ministerial Guidelines for Differential Rating to allow for differentials dealing with social issues such as gambling venues and chain fast food outlets
- (5) Recommend that the review should consider allowing Councils to apply a progressive rating system to enhance greater vertical equity.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-221**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the submission from Darebin City Council to the State Government's Local Government Rating System Review as attached as **Appendix D** with the following amendment:
 - a. The recommendation relating to RSL Clubs is changed to read "Review the blanket eligibility for rate exemption for RSL Clubs and make RSL Clubs that have electronic gaming and gambling machines rateable land."
- (2) Authorises officers to lodge the submission to the Ministerial Panel for the Local Government Rating System Review.
- (3) Delete recommendation 13 from its submission and an additional recommendation be included to lobby the state government for equal treatment of Council's with their own pensioner rebates.
- (4) Recommend that the review should consider amending the 2013 Ministerial Guidelines for Differential Rating to allow for differentials dealing with social issues such as gambling venues and chain fast food outlets
- (5) Recommend that the review should consider allowing Councils to apply a progressive rating system to enhance greater vertical equity.

CARRIED

8.4 OCTOPUS SCHOOL ROUND 3 SCHOOL SELECTION**Author:** Safe Travel Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This reports a recommendation of the advisory panel for selection of an Octopus School for consideration by Council.

The Octopus School framework aims to create a 'safe school precinct' for increasing the number of students walking and cycling to and from school, through the implementation of a range of physical infrastructure and behaviour change projects. This was piloted in 2017/18 with Reservoir West Primary School the first Octopus School. Newlands Primary School was selected as the second Octopus School for 2018/19.

An expression of interest application went out to all primary schools in Darebin on 7 August and closed on 30 August. Council received six applications. The applications were all very strong, demonstrating the enthusiasm of the schools for working with Council in this area.

At its meeting held on 12 August 2019, Council resolved that Councillor Steph Amir, the Coordinator Transport Strategy, and the Safe Travel Officer be on the advisory panel for the selection of the third school to participate in the Octopus School program. The panel met on Monday the 9 September, and Tuesday 10 September.

Through a competitive submission evaluation process, the panel have recommended a school for selection. Details of the panel's evaluation assessment and applications in full are included as a confidential attachment to this report for Council's consideration. The Safe Travel Officer would continue to work with the other five primary schools, who were unsuccessful on this occasion, on active and safe travel initiatives and projects where possible.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to select _____ as Darebin City Council's Octopus School for 2019/20.

9.25 pm Cr. Laurence left the meeting.

9.26 pm Cr. Newton left the meeting.

9.27 pm Cr Laurence returned to the meeting

9.28 pm Cr Newton returned to the meeting

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-222**

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

That Council resolves to select Reservoir Views Primary School as Darebin City Council's Octopus School for 2019/20.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

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

That Council defers item 8.11 until the next Council meeting.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

LOST

Motion

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

That Council alters the order of the agenda to consider item 8.13 after Item 8.4 and then to continue with the other reports as per original order.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED

CARRIED

Nadine Richings made a submission in relation to item 8.13 – Compulsory Acquisition Right of Way 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.

**8.13 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION RIGHT OF WAY 16-20
 DUMBARTON STREET RESERVOIR**

Author: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Reviewed By: Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

For Council to consider its response to the State Government’s decision to compulsorily acquire the right of way at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir (shown hatched on the plan at **Appendix A**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has actively advocated for protection of indigenous grasslands at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir for some time, including objecting to the compulsory acquisition by the State Government of a right of way previously owned by Council, and which runs through the wider site at 16-20 Dumbarton Street Reservoir. (**Appendix B** shows Council’s letter of objection.)

The State Government has decided to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the right of way and this has now been completed when the sale was gazetted on 3 October 2019. The right of way now belongs to the state government.

The Acting Minister for Planning, Hon Lily D’Ambrosio MP wrote to Council on 2 October 2019 (**Appendix C**) explaining the decision to compulsorily acquire the right of way. In the correspondence the State Government confirmed its intention to proceed with development at the broader site and to use the normal environmental and planning assessment processes to consider biodiversity. The correspondence did not take up Council’s offer to help find an alternative site for the Inclusionary Housing Pilot.

Given the State and Federal policy that applies in regards to biodiversity, officers are not confident that considering biodiversity through the planning process alone would result in protection of the grasslands on site. Officers’ assessment is that it is likely that development on this site would ultimately be permitted even if it means loss of grasslands at the site.

There are a number of further opportunities to advocate for protection of the grasslands, including during the formal planning processes associated with development of this land and at a meeting late in 2019 which has been scheduled with the Minister for Planning.

Two community petitions on this matter have been started including one change.org petition to the local State Government MP Robin Scott which on 10 October 2019 had over 900 signatories, and one Parliament of Victoria e-petition which on 10 October 2019 had 46 signatories. Council has shared its research publicly with interested community stakeholders and it is available on the website. Council has also been keeping interested community members up to date.

This report recommends that Council continue to advocate for protection of the grasslands.

Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that the Minister for Planning has compulsorily acquired the formerly Council owned right-of-way/road that traverses the site located at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.
- (2) Notes that there are remnant grasslands on the site located at 16-20 Dumbarton Street Reservoir and that the southern half of the site supports native grassland that comprises federal and state threatened ecological communities.
- (3) Reiterates its call to the Minister for Planning to retain and enhance the remnant grasslands located at 16–20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir including making this a mandatory requirement of any future development for the purpose of the State Government's Inclusionary Housing Pilot.
- (4) Notes that Council strongly supports more affordable, social and public housing and calls on the State Government to increase its efforts and investment in addressing affordable housing, and to ensure that housing provision is done in a way that also protects and enhances our natural heritage.
- (5) Reiterates its offer to work with the State Government to identify alternative sites for this housing project that are either in Council or State Government ownership.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise an agreement with the State Government for compensation for the compulsory acquisition of the right of way.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that the Minister for Planning has compulsorily acquired the formerly Council owned right-of-way/road that traverses the site located at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.
- (2) Notes that there are remnant grasslands on the site located at 16-20 Dumbarton Street Reservoir and that the site supports native grassland that comprises federal and state threatened ecological communities.
- (3) Reiterates its call to the Minister for Planning to retain and enhance the remnant grasslands located at 16–20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.
- (4) Notes that Council strongly supports more affordable, social and public housing and calls on the State Government to increase its efforts and investment in addressing affordable housing, and to ensure that housing provision is done in a way that also protects and enhances our natural heritage.
- (5) Reiterates its offer to work with the State Government to identify alternative sites for this housing project that are either in Council or State Government ownership.

Cr. Laurence sought support from the more and seconder to amend point (5) as follows:

- (5) Reiterates its offer to work with the State Government to identify alternative sites **with a similar social housing yield and better access to services** for this housing project that are either in Council or State Government ownership.

The mover and seconder consented to this amendment.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-223

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that the Minister for Planning has compulsorily acquired the formerly Council owned right-of-way/road that traverses the site located at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.
- (2) Notes that there are remnant grasslands on the site located at 16-20 Dumbarton Street Reservoir and that the site supports native grassland that comprises federal and state threatened ecological communities.
- (3) Reiterates its call to the Minister for Planning to retain and enhance the remnant grasslands located at 16–20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir.
- (4) Notes that Council strongly supports more affordable, social and public housing and calls on the State Government to increase its efforts and investment in addressing affordable housing, and to ensure that housing provision is done in a way that also protects and enhances our natural heritage.
- (5) Reiterates its offer to work with the State Government to identify alternative sites with a similar social housing yield and better access to services for this housing project that are either in Council or State Government ownership.

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-224

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.00 pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

8.6 INTEGRATED WEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**Author:** Acting Manager Parks and Open Space**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to endorse the Integrated Weed Management Strategy and release it for consultation (**Appendix A**).

In 2008 Council developed the Darebin Integrated Weed Management Strategy to address the threat of weeds to our environment and living quality. The key themes were to minimise the extent of existing weeds and prevent the spread of new weeds into our municipality. This strategy has been revised and the current draft Integrated Weed Management Strategy will supersede the 2008 Integrated Weed Management Strategy.

Weeds pose a major threat to our landscape and have social, environmental and agricultural impacts if they are not managed. The Integrated Weed Management Strategy provides a strategic approach for Council to manage weeds that:

- Threaten sites of biodiversity significance;
- Threaten parks and gardens and sporting facilities and;
- Impact on the amenity of the municipality

The Strategy aligns Council to National, State and Local policy guidelines, assesses current practice in weed management and provides guidelines for future best practice including a reduction in herbicide use allowing a transition to a low herbicide future. Internal and external stakeholder consultation has driven the strategy and we are now looking to have the draft strategy released for community consultation.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-225**MOVED: Cr. S Amir**
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council endorse the Draft Integrated Weed Management Strategy for consultation.

CARRIED

**8.7 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN
ADOPTION****Author:** Emergency Management Planning Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Darebin's Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) outlines the state and localised emergency management arrangements and ensures that Darebin complies with relevant legislation and is prepared for a range of emergency events and incidents.

The most recent audit process requires local governments in their MEMPs to have a greater amount of detailed evidence, documentation and linkages to other Council strategies and government plans than in the previous audit. Many changes have been made to the MEMP to meet the current audit requirements

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the updated MEMP.

CONSULTATION:

- Darebin Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) including:
 - Victorian State Emergency Services
 - Victoria Police
 - Victorian Department of Health and Human Services
- Darebin Emergency Management Group (DEMG)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-226**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council adopt the updated Municipal Emergency Management Plan endorsed by the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee on 29 August 2019.

CARRIED

**8.8 DRAFT EQUITY INCLUSION AND HUMAN RIGHTS
FRAMEWORK - ENDORSEMENT FOR CONSULTATION****Author:** Manager Equity and Wellbeing**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Towards Equality, Council's Draft Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Framework, builds on Council's long-standing and deeply held commitments to social justice and human rights.

The Framework strengthens a whole-of-Council understanding and responsibility to consider equity, inclusion and human rights, their effects on the health and wellbeing of our community, as well as contribution to community resilience and adaptation to climate change.

This report recommends that the Framework be endorsed by Council for the purpose of public consultation. The results of the consultation process will then be presented to Council in December 2019, with a view to final endorsement of *Towards Equality*.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-227**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

That Council endorse the Draft *Towards Equality* – Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Framework for the purpose of public consultation.

CARRIED

8.9 DELEGATIONS OF POWER, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS TO COUNCIL STAFF**Author:** Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To achieve its purposes under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), one of Council's powers is to delegate decision-making to appropriate levels within the organisation.

The Act allows both Council and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to delegate to members of staff, by instrument of delegation, certain powers, duties and functions under any Act administered by Council.

In the context of local government, delegation is the giving of decision-making power by Council or the CEO to members of staff.

The previous instrument of delegation was approved by Council on 13 August 2018. This report takes into account recent legislative amendments and changes in positions within the organisation, and seeks approval by Council for the revised instrument of delegation.

The amendments to the instrument of delegation are minor; examples include:

- (4) section 185L(4) of the Act has been included. The section refers to cladding rectification charges, however this is now a matter for a new agency – Cladding Safety Victoria, rather than local government
- b) sections 46AS(ac), 46(GV)(4)(b), 46(GZF)(3), 50(5), 50(6), 62(5)(b) and 69(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been repealed
- (5) minor amendments have been made to sections 62(5)(ac) and 66 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Appendix A contains the revised instrument of delegation without tracked changes.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-228**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 98(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the other legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, Council resolves that:

- (1) There be delegated, to the members of Council staff holding, acting or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, to members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument attached as **Appendix A**, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument.
 - (2) The instrument comes into force immediately when the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
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- (3) On the coming into the force of the instrument, all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
- (4) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may adopt from time-to-time.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson withdrew item 8.10 – Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy.

8.10 SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Author: Finance Manager

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under Section 186A of the Local Government Act 1989, Council must prepare and approve a procurement policy. At least once in each financial year, Council must review the current procurement policy and Council must comply with its procurement policy.

A copy of Council’s procurement policy must be on Council’s website.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy attached as **Appendix A** as its procurement policy in accordance with Section 186A of the Local Government Act 1989.

8.11 TEN-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING STRATEGY**Author:** Finance Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's ambitious ten-year capital works program contains a number of projects with significant expenditure including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

A financially responsible and sustainable ten-year capital works funding strategy has been developed to transparently demonstrate the impacts of these significant projects on Council's cash flows and identifies the extent to which borrowings would be required to deliver these projects.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the use of borrowings for the ten-year capital works funding strategy in accordance with the following borrowing principles:
 - a. The purpose for the borrowing is consistent with Council's strategic objectives as detailed in the Council Plan.
 - b. Any borrowings will be considered carefully in accordance with sound financial management principles and the ability of Council to meet the relevant prudential requirements for borrowing set out by State Government.
 - c. Borrowing is undertaken only when Council's Long Term Financial Plan shows that debt management obligations can be fully met over the life of the loan.
 - d. Loan funds are drawn only at the time when required and for the amount that is required.
 - i. Expenditure will be made using working capital during the financial year with borrowings entered into towards the end of the financial year.
 - ii. The amount drawn down will not exceed funding requirements.
 - e. Management of borrowings will focus on sound cash management practices in that Council will not borrow at higher interest rates when unrestricted funds are invested at lower interest rates.
 - f. The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed or variable) will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.
 - g. Borrowing does not increase the amount of money available to spend but does allow a higher level of expenditure in a given year, which must be repaid with interest through a reduction of expenditure in future years.
 - h. Borrowing is not to be used to finance ongoing recurrent operational expenditure.
 - i. Where borrowing is associated with the construction or purchase of an asset, the term of the loan is not to exceed the useful life of the asset.

- (2) Notes that Council will receive a Borrowing Policy based on the principles of this report including that borrowings are subject to Council resolution.
- (3) Endorses the underlying assumptions of the ten-year capital works funding strategy;
- (4) Endorses the ten-year capital works funding strategy for the delivery of the ten-year capital works program including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the use of borrowings for the ten-year capital works funding strategy in accordance with the following borrowing principles:
 - a) The purpose for the borrowing is consistent with Council's strategic objectives as detailed in the Council Plan.
 - b) Any borrowings will be considered carefully in accordance with sound financial management principles and the ability of Council to meet the relevant prudential requirements for borrowing set out by State Government.
 - c) Borrowing is undertaken only when Council's Long Term Financial Plan shows that debt management obligations can be fully met over the life of the loan.
 - d) Loan funds are drawn only at the time when required and for the amount that is required.
 - i. Expenditure will be made using working capital during the financial year with borrowings entered into towards the end of the financial year.
 - ii. The amount drawn down will not exceed funding requirements.
 - e) Management of borrowings will focus on sound cash management practices in that Council will not borrow at higher interest rates when unrestricted funds are invested at lower interest rates.
 - f) The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed or variable) will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.
 - g) Borrowing does not increase the amount of money available to spend but does allow a higher level of expenditure in a given year, which must be repaid with interest through a reduction of expenditure in future years.
 - h) Borrowing is not to be used to finance ongoing recurrent operational expenditure.
 - i) Where borrowing is associated with the construction or purchase of an asset, the term of the loan is not to exceed the useful life of the asset.
- (2) Notes that Council will receive a Borrowing Policy based on the principles of this report including that borrowings are subject to Council resolution.
- (3) Receives a further report on the underlying assumptions of the ten year capital works funding strategy after due and proper consideration is given to the cost of totally rebuilding and redeveloping of the Reservoir Leisure Centre given it is still under active consideration by Council.

Cr. Amir sought support from the mover and seconder to delete point (3) and to add the following points (3), (4) and (5) as follows:

- (3) Endorses the underlying assumptions of the ten-year capital works funding strategy;
- (4) Endorses the ten-year capital works funding strategy for the delivery of the ten-year capital works program including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.
- (5) Once Council has confirmed an agreed position and scope on the Reservoir Leisure Centre development, Council receives an updated 10 year capital works funding strategy for consideration.

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the use of borrowings for the ten-year capital works funding strategy in accordance with the following borrowing principles:
 - a) The purpose for the borrowing is consistent with Council's strategic objectives as detailed in the Council Plan.
 - b) Any borrowings will be considered carefully in accordance with sound financial management principles and the ability of Council to meet the relevant prudential requirements for borrowing set out by State Government.
 - c) Borrowing is undertaken only when Council's Long Term Financial Plan shows that debt management obligations can be fully met over the life of the loan.
 - d) Loan funds are drawn only at the time when required and for the amount that is required.
 - i. Expenditure will be made using working capital during the financial year with borrowings entered into towards the end of the financial year.
 - ii. The amount drawn down will not exceed funding requirements.
 - e) Management of borrowings will focus on sound cash management practices in that Council will not borrow at higher interest rates when unrestricted funds are invested at lower interest rates.
 - f) The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed or variable) will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.
 - g) Borrowing does not increase the amount of money available to spend but does allow a higher level of expenditure in a given year, which must be repaid with interest through a reduction of expenditure in future years.
 - h) Borrowing is not to be used to finance ongoing recurrent operational expenditure.
 - i) Where borrowing is associated with the construction or purchase of an asset, the term of the loan is not to exceed the useful life of the asset.
- (2) Notes that Council will receive a Borrowing Policy based on the principles of this report including that borrowings are subject to Council resolution.

- (3) Endorses the underlying assumptions of the ten-year capital works funding strategy;
- (4) Endorses the ten-year capital works funding strategy for the delivery of the ten-year capital works program including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.
- (5) Once Council has confirmed an agreed position and scope on the Reservoir Leisure Centre development, Council receives an updated 10 year capital works funding strategy for consideration.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE MAYOR.

CARRIED

THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Further Amendment

Cr. Williams moved that Council remove points (3) and (4) of the substantive motion.

THIS AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

Procedural Motion

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

That the motion be now put.

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED

CARRIED

Cr. Greco asked that his objection be noted.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the use of borrowings for the ten-year capital works funding strategy in accordance with the following borrowing principles:
 - a) The purpose for the borrowing is consistent with Council's strategic objectives as detailed in the Council Plan.
 - b) Any borrowings will be considered carefully in accordance with sound financial management principles and the ability of Council to meet the relevant prudential requirements for borrowing set out by State Government.
 - c) Borrowing is undertaken only when Council's Long Term Financial Plan shows that debt management obligations can be fully met over the life of the loan.
 - d) Loan funds are drawn only at the time when required and for the amount that is required.
 - iii. Expenditure will be made using working capital during the financial year with borrowings entered into towards the end of the financial year.
 - iv. The amount drawn down will not exceed funding requirements.
 - e) Management of borrowings will focus on sound cash management practices in that Council will not borrow at higher interest rates when unrestricted funds are invested at lower interest rates.
 - f) The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed or variable) will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.
 - g) Borrowing does not increase the amount of money available to spend but does allow a higher level of expenditure in a given year, which must be repaid with interest through a reduction of expenditure in future years.
 - h) Borrowing is not to be used to finance ongoing recurrent operational expenditure.
 - i) Where borrowing is associated with the construction or purchase of an asset, the term of the loan is not to exceed the useful life of the asset.
- (2) Notes that Council will receive a Borrowing Policy based on the principles of this report including that borrowings are subject to Council resolution.
- (3) Endorses the underlying assumptions of the ten-year capital works funding strategy;
- (4) Endorses the ten-year capital works funding strategy for the delivery of the ten-year capital works program including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.
- (5) Once Council has confirmed an agreed position and scope on the Reservoir Leisure Centre development, Council receives an updated 10 year capital works funding strategy for consideration.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE MAYOR.

LOST

Further Motion**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf****That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the use of borrowings for the ten-year capital works funding strategy in accordance with the following borrowing principles:
 - a. The purpose for the borrowing is consistent with Council's strategic objectives as detailed in the Council Plan.
 - b. Any borrowings will be considered carefully in accordance with sound financial management principles and the ability of Council to meet the relevant prudential requirements for borrowing set out by State Government.
 - c. Borrowing is undertaken only when Council's Long Term Financial Plan shows that debt management obligations can be fully met over the life of the loan.
 - d. Loan funds are drawn only at the time when required and for the amount that is required.
 - i. Expenditure will be made using working capital during the financial year with borrowings entered into towards the end of the financial year.
 - ii. The amount drawn down will not exceed funding requirements.
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 - f. The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed or variable) will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.
 - g. Borrowing does not increase the amount of money available to spend but does allow a higher level of expenditure in a given year, which must be repaid with interest through a reduction of expenditure in future years.
 - h. Borrowing is not to be used to finance ongoing recurrent operational expenditure.
 - i. Where borrowing is associated with the construction or purchase of an asset, the term of the loan is not to exceed the useful life of the asset.
- (2) Notes that Council will receive a Borrowing Policy based on the principles of this report including that borrowings are subject to Council resolution.
- (3) Endorses the underlying assumptions of the ten-year capital works funding strategy;
- (4) Endorses the ten-year capital works funding strategy for the delivery of the ten-year capital works program including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

Procedural Motion

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

That the motion be now put

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED

CARRIED

Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence asked that their objection be noted.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-229

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the use of borrowings for the ten-year capital works funding strategy in accordance with the following borrowing principles:
 - a. The purpose for the borrowing is consistent with Council's strategic objectives as detailed in the Council Plan.
 - b. Any borrowings will be considered carefully in accordance with sound financial management principles and the ability of Council to meet the relevant prudential requirements for borrowing set out by State Government.
 - c. Borrowing is undertaken only when Council's Long Term Financial Plan shows that debt management obligations can be fully met over the life of the loan.
 - d. Loan funds are drawn only at the time when required and for the amount that is required.
 - i. Expenditure will be made using working capital during the financial year with borrowings entered into towards the end of the financial year.
 - ii. The amount drawn down will not exceed funding requirements.
 - e. Management of borrowings will focus on sound cash management practices in that Council will not borrow at higher interest rates when unrestricted funds are invested at lower interest rates.
 - f. The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed or variable) will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.
 - g. Borrowing does not increase the amount of money available to spend but does allow a higher level of expenditure in a given year, which must be repaid with interest through a reduction of expenditure in future years.
 - h. Borrowing is not to be used to finance ongoing recurrent operational expenditure.
 - i. Where borrowing is associated with the construction or purchase of an asset, the term of the loan is not to exceed the useful life of the asset.
- (2) Notes that Council will receive a Borrowing Policy based on the principles of this report including that borrowings are subject to Council resolution.

- (3) Endorses the underlying assumptions of the ten-year capital works funding strategy;
- (4) Endorses the ten-year capital works funding strategy for the delivery of the ten-year capital works program including the Multi-sports Stadium, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco, Cr Laurence and Cr. Williams asked that their objection be noted.

8.12 MULTI-SPORTS STADIUM CONCEPT DESIGN**Author:** Project Manager**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brand Architects has been engaged to prepare the design documentation for the Multi-Sports Stadium (MSS) project located at John Cain Memorial Park (JCMP). The concept design was developed in close consultation with the Project Working Group (PWG) consisting of senior staff from across the organisation.

Consultation with sports associations and local clubs such as Parkside Netball, Netball Victoria, Basketball Victoria and Volleyball Victoria has also informed the concept design.

Engagement with key project stakeholders will continue to inform the design process and the engagement and communication plan will be updated at each stage of the project. Officers will now complete engagement with external stakeholders such as JCMP clubs and tenants, local residents and key Council advisory committee members.

The concept design consists of 1x3 court configuration with multi-purpose rooms located on a mezzanine floor. The facility will include player and spectator amenities such as fixed show court seating, change rooms and unisex accessible toilets. The facility will be a 5-star green star rated facility under the Green Building Council of Australia certification scheme and will accommodate a range of community groups and users.

Traffic engineering and assessments has informed the required precinct parking with the concept design accommodating the required parking for the precinct to function and operate safely.

The project quantity surveyor has been engaged and initial cost planning has confirmed the concept design is on budget.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-230**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the concept design for the indoor Multi-Sports Stadium project.
- (2) Continue engagement and consultation with key external stakeholders.

CARRIED

**8.14 6 WATT STREET THORNBURY - COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT TRANSFER REQUEST****Author:** Manager Equity and Wellbeing**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aborigines Advancement League (AAL) have requested that Council consider a change to the Committee of Management (CoM) arrangements for 6 Watt Street Thornbury, which includes the Croxton Hall building.

Darebin City Council (Council) has been the Committee of Management for the building located at 6 Watt Street, Thornbury since 1999. Prior to this the City of Northcote was the appointed CoM.

The Aborigines Advancement League (AAL) have leased the building from Council since 2003. The League is now requesting that Committee of Management status be transferred from Council to the League. As the sole tenant of the building and owner of the adjacent property, AAL are seeking the Committee of Management be transferred in order to increase their ability to seek funds for the redevelopment of this building and land parcel. The transfer will also enhance their service provision and programming on site.

The transfer would require approval by the Department of Environment, Water, Land use and Planning (DEWLP). DEWLP has provided in-principle approval for this transfer and is now requesting approval by Council.

10.35 pm Cr Laurence left the meeting

10.38 pm Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting

The Mayor advised that a written submission of support to this item had been received and circulated to Councillors.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-231**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**That Council**

- (1) Endorse the transfer of the Committee of Management arrangements from Council to the Aborigines Advancement League for 6 Watt Street Thornbury.
- (2) Request in writing that the Department of Environment, Water, Land Use and Planning transfer the Committee of Management arrangements from Council to the Aborigines Advancement League for 6 Watt Street Thornbury.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.15 CT201975 - CONTRACT AWARD FOR EDWARDES LAKE PARK ATHLETICS TRACK SURFACE REPLACEMENT**Author:** Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award Contract No. CT201975 – Edwardes Lake Park Athletics Track Surface Replacement to an appropriately qualified contractor.

The Edwardes Lake Athletics Track project was identified as a high priority due to the deteriorated condition of the existing athletics track and the accompanying field event facilities. The current athletics track was laid in 2004 and is approaching the end of its functional life.

The track is used extensively by user groups and the local community. It is deemed preferable to undertake surface renewal and drainage infrastructure improvements now rather than wait until critical failure, and extensive maintenance or safety issues.

In 2017 investigation and preliminary design works were undertaken, and in 2018 a consultant was engaged to develop a detailed design. As part of the 2019/2020 Capital Works Program, Council allocated funds for the construction stage of the project. A Federal Government grant of \$200,000 has been assigned to this project from Sports Australia.

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the surface replacement and associated works was sought via a competitive open tender process. The Tender Evaluation panel has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred tenderer.

The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract. Works are programmed to commence in early November and be completed by April of 2020.

Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract CT201975 for the Edwardes Lake Athletics Track Surface Replacement to _____ for the contract sum of \$_____ (GST inclusive)
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$_____ (GST inclusive) for contract CT201975, being approximately ___% of the project expenditure, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-232****MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201975 for the Edwardes Lake Athletics Track Surface Replacement to Polytan Asia Pacific Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$2,006,545.20 (GST inclusive)
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$300,000 (GST inclusive) for contract CT201975, being approximately 15% of the project expenditure, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council

CARRIED

8.16 CT201977 - CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHANGE ROOMS AT BUNDOORA PARK OVAL, SNAKE GULLY DRIVE**Author:** Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award contract CT201977 – Construction of new change rooms at Bundoora Park Oval, Snake Gully Drive to an appropriately qualified building contractor.

The Bundoora Park Oval change rooms project was identified as a high priority due to the significant volume of sport, particularly female sport, played at the reserve and the condition of the existing facilities.

Once developed, the new pavilion will be utilised by sports and recreation clubs, and groups underrepresented in areas of lower physical activity participation. This includes groups from low socio-economic backgrounds, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, people with disabilities, and girls and women. The Darebin Leisure Strategy reflects the need to prioritise participation of these population groups, particularly through the provision of suitable sustainable sports and recreation infrastructure.

The redevelopment of this facility has already received funding support from Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV) for the construction of the project. The new change rooms will ensure high quality facilities for all sports participants and the broader community.

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the building and associated works was sought via a competitive open tender process. The Tender Evaluation Panel has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred tenderer.

The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract. Works are programmed to commence in early November and be completed by the end of April of 2020.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201977 for the Construction of new change rooms at Bundoora Park Oval, Snake Gully Drive to _____ for the contract sum of \$_____ (GST inclusive)
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$_____ (GST inclusive) for contract CT201977, being approximately ___% of the project expenditure, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-233

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201977 for the Construction of new change rooms at Bundoora Park Oval, Snake Gully Drive to Allmore Constructions Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$565,633.20 (GST inclusive)
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$57,000 (GST inclusive) for contract CT201977, being approximately 10% of the project expenditure, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council

CARRIED

8.17 CT201976 - CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHANGE ROOMS AT JE MOORE PARK NORTH, RESERVOIR**Author:** Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award contract CT201976 – Construction of new change rooms at JE Moore Park North, reservoir to an appropriately qualified building contractor.

The JE Moore Park change rooms project was identified as a high priority due to the significant volume of sport, particularly female sport, played at the reserve and the condition of the existing facilities. The project intends to demolish the existing non-compliant, aged public toilet building and replace it with a sports pavilion comprising of female-friendly change rooms and amenities, a prayer room, an umpire's room, a universally accessible toilet, a storage room and public toilets.

Once developed, the new pavilion will be utilised by sports and recreation clubs, and groups underrepresented in areas of lower physical activity participation. This includes groups from low socio-economic backgrounds, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, people with disabilities, and girls and women. The Darebin Leisure Strategy reflects the need to prioritise participation of these population groups, particularly through the provision of suitable sustainable sports and recreation infrastructure.

The redevelopment of this facility has already received funding support from Sports and Recreation Victoria for the construction of the project. The new change rooms will ensure high quality facilities for all sports participants and the broader community.

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the building and associated works was sought via a competitive open tender process. The Tender Evaluation panel has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred tenderer.

The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract. Works are programmed to commence in early November and be completed by the end of May 2020.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201976 for the Construction of new change rooms at JE Moore Park North, Reservoir to _____ for the contract sum of \$_____ (GST inclusive)
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$_____ (GST inclusive) for contract CT201976, being approximately ___% of the project expenditure, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-234

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201976 for the Construction of new change rooms at JE Moore Park North, Reservoir to Schultz Building Group for the contract sum of \$962,280 (GST inclusive)
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$96,000 (GST inclusive) for contract CT201976, being approximately 10% of the project expenditure, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer 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

Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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:

- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board – 21 February 2019
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board – 2 May 2019
- Media Training Session – 2 September 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 16 September 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 30 September 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-235

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 21 February 2019, 2 May 2019 and 2, 16 and 30 September 2019 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. 19-236

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

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

- Deakin Food Policy Dialogue 2019
- Catch up Mayor & MP Ged Kearney
- VEC Public Hearing - Mayor to present at 6:20pm Ceremony
- Bike story time, launch of bike repair station and free bike tune-ups
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce supporting People Seeking Asylum: Meeting hosted by the City of Brimbank
- Meeting between Adeo Esplago - Electorate Officer for the Hon Jenny Mikakos MP, Mayor Rennie and Sue Wilkinson
- Meeting between Darebin City Council & Kat Theophanous Member for Northcote
- Meeting with Craig Ondarchie MP, Deputy Mayor at Carjo Furniture – Reservoir
- Mayoral Briefing - Sporting Clubs
- One on One with the CEO
- Councillor Briefing
- MAV Metro Central Regional Meeting
- Meeting with City of Darebin Mayor Susan Rennie and Councillor Trent McCarthy Climate Emergency – Lord Mayor Darwin NT
- Meeting between Simon Niblock and Susan Rennie - Climate Emergency
- Presentation to Climate Action Darwin
- One on One with the CEO
- Council Meeting
- Council Dinner
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Council Briefing
- Launch of Libraries After Dark State-wide grant recipients
- Lunch with the CEO
- Mayor and CEO Forum - Northern Councils Alliance
- Mayoral Briefing - Local Government Mayoral Taskforce

- Mayoral Briefing - VEC Public Hearing
- Amalgamation Celebration - Darebin Community Legal Centre and Fitzroy Legal Centre
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Climate for youth Climate Strike rally
- One on One with the CEO
- Phone meeting with Cathy Henderson
- Council Dinner
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Darebin Nature Trust meeting
- Meeting with business owner in Oakhill precinct
- Councillor briefing 30th September
- SSAGD briefing
- SSAGD advisory committee meeting
- Performance at Darebin Arts Centre - HMS Pinafore
- Memorial for climate scientist Dr Penny Whetton
- Councillor briefing 7th October
- Phone conversations with residents about planning proposals, neighbourhood disputes and other matters

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Council Briefing x 2
- La Trobe Ward Meet n Greet
- Welcoming Cities Address
- FECCA Conference

Residents concerns:

- Traffic calming measures
- Preston Market
- Planning

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Meeting with Lord Mayor of Darwin and climate and sustainability team
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- Councillor Briefing
- Briefing re MIC Strategic Planning
- Driving Change in Local Government Presentation to Melbourne University Planning Students
- Celebration of the life of Dr Penny Whetton

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Weekly meetings with the Mayor
- Meeting with the CEO ahead of Councillor briefing
- Councillor briefings x2
- Darebin's Women's Advisory Committee
- MIC AGM -
- MIC meetings
- Darebin's Food Waste Launch
- Print on Collins Opening
- Dal Zotto Winery Salami Festival
- Preston Market Italian Festival Speechv
- Italian Film Festival Opening Night
- Meeting with the Mayor
- Meeting with Waste Board
- Melbourne Italian Festa Committee
- Interview with Students at bell primary waste
- Interview with students at Bell primary on Multiculturalism
- Interview with Masters student regarding woman and safety

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

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

- Councillor Briefings

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- 2019 Banyule Community Ball, La Trobe University
- Weekly meetings with the Mayor
- Meeting with the CEO ahead of Councillor briefing
- Councillor briefings x2

- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
- Launch of StreetAbility maps for Autism Friendly places in Central Preston, at Preston Library
- Official Opening of William Ruthven Secondary College with James Merlino MP and Robin Scott MP
- Donath and Dole Community Reference Group Meeting
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee Meeting
- Celebration of Life for Dr Penny Whetton
- La Trobe Ward Councillor Meet and Greet about Food Waste, Spring Street Reservoir
- Afternoon Tea for Emily Hughes and Chris Dureau – presentation of awards to Darebin Community Awards Winners
- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diverse Advisory Committee meeting
- Meeting with Joe Mimmo and Carl Mimmo at Carjo Furniture in Reservoir with Craig Ondarchie MP and Mayor Rennie
- Meeting with Darren Barker, President of Cameron Cricket Club, JE Moore Park, Reservoir with Craig Ondarchie MP
- Bike storytime, launch of bike repair station and free bike tune-ups at Preston Library
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- Verbal Submission to Public Hearing VEC Electoral Representation Review at Preston Shire Hall.

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

- Council Meetings
- Councillor Briefings
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Dstreet Ability/Autism Friendly Central Preston Event
- Attended YMCA Darebin Stadium, Visited residents regarding brick fence damage from contract work, cars rat racing from Gilbert Road, attended to graffiti on Plenty Road and Wood Street.

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

No report supplied.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.44pm.

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