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# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

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

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

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



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM**

**WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf opened the meeting with the following statement:

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

**1. PRESENT****Councillors**

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

**Council Officers**

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer  
Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital  
Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement  
Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community  
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance  
Sunny Haynes – Manager City Futures  
Sally Moxham - Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport  
Vicky Guglielmo - Manager Creative Culture and Events  
Darren Rudd - Manager City Development  
Joann Hennessy - Acting Manager Finance  
Michael O’Riordan - Financial Accountant  
Jennifer Paterson - Property Manager  
Kerrie Wellington - Coordinator Revenue Services  
Jim Barrett - Coordinator Planning and Reporting  
Karlee Ferrante - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services  
Jody Brodribb - Council Business and Governance Officer  
Hemamali Hettihewa - Service Desk Support Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Laurence is on approved leave of absence.

## 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Lina Messina disclosed a conflict of interest in items 10.1, 10.4 and a foreshadowed Urgent Motion regarding Aged Care Services.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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**MINUTE NO. 18-215**

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 August 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Assunta Arthur & Anna Molinaro – Reservoir**

TPG have notified of their intention to install a mobile base station on the corner of Kelsby & Edwardes Street Reservoir, directly in front of our homes (Site number VIC23254).

This is a Community Sensitive Residential Zone where homes are lived in by young families and a Montessori Childcare is located within metres.

There are more appropriate places for this to be located, like commercial or industrial sites. What help and support can you offer the concerned affected community that don't want it?

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thank you for your question Assunta and Anna. Council has also been made aware of this proposal.

Council staff have advised me that because the works propose involve putting infrastructure on an existing tower or pole, they are defined under the Federal Government rules as being "low impact" and so Council has no authority on this matter. This includes any form of planning permit or approvals process.

All the telecommunication companies are required to do is send out the courtesy notifications that you have received.

I strongly encourage you and your neighbours to take the opportunity to review the information available and make a submission which is outlined in the notification you received.

I am advised that the submissions need to be lodged with TPG by close of business on 12 September 2018 - the outcomes will be published on TPG's website.

You might also like to look at the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) website – it has some information that you might find helpful to your submission, including how the Telecommunications Ombudsman may get involved where residents are unhappy with the response from the Telco.

We can send you a link to the Australian Communication and Media Authority with the guidelines around this process.

Ms Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer, is happy to review the advice around this and to see if it should have gone through the planning process or not as this is the point where we could get involved, otherwise Council has no standing in the matter.

- **Andrew Langone – Kingsbury**

Not sure if you are aware that Kingsbury was named after a war hero by the name of Bruce Steel Kingsbury, just wondering if you could take this up with council to possibly looking at 2 things:

1. Renaming in his honour link reserve to Bruce steel Kingsbury memorial Park; and



2. Perhaps a plaque or statue with a brief about Bruce Steel Kingsbury in a location at the park.

What are your thoughts?

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thank you for your questions Andrew around remembering Bruce Steel Kingsbury.

Council has a Road and Place Naming Policy but unfortunately it is not as clear as it could be about qualification for commemoration.

We are reviewing the policy this year to address this and your proposal can be considered in the context of the new policy. We are also reviewing our Monuments and Memorials Policy. The CEO has advised me that she has also asked her staff to get in touch with you to discuss your proposal.

If the proposal gets support, then Council has to undergo a statutory process in accordance with the *Geographic Place Name Act 1998* and the *Names rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016*.

This process normally takes approximately 6–12 months, and includes public consultation on the suggested name.

• **Robin Vote – Preston**

In a Preston Leader article headed 'Aged-Care Concerns' and published on 14 August 2018, the Darebin Council CEO claimed "The community demand for domestic assistance service has reduced almost 14,000 hours in two years".

As the number of Darebin residents who are eligible for aged care services has increased significantly in the past 2 years, the CEO's claim is most surprising. To what factors does Council attribute this decline in demand?

Which Council services have had a reduction in demand? Please provide a service by service breakdown showing the hours of service provided in 2016, 2017 and 2018 YTD.

Has Council recently reviewed the relevant services to explore and analyse the issues underlying the drop in demand?

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thankyou Robin for the question.

Most of Council's aged care services have seen a reduction in service volume in the past few years. This is a common experience across local government providing these services.

The exception at Darebin is our Home Maintenance Service, for which our service hours have increased.

Ms Henderson, General Manager Community, will provide you with a document which outlines those numbers you requested for the past three financial years and compares the service outputs of all of the different services we currently provide.

The main reasons for the reduction in service hours are because of the federal changes introduced in July 2016 – the new national My Aged Care intake system, and the Commonwealth Home Support Program funding requirements.

These federal changes resulted in a reduction in our service hours because:

- The Commonwealth Home Support Program (or CHSP) federal funding program is aimed at defined “low needs” clients. Once a client becomes eligible for a Home Care Package, they need to move to a different service provider (because Darebin, like most councils, does not currently provide Home Care Packages).
- Many people *previously* using Darebin Council aged care services became eligible for a Home Care Package and so are now using a different service provider.
- And in many cases, *new* clients are being channelled directly through the My Aged Care intake system to Home Care Packages.
- The federal funding requirements set a maximum support limit, which means services provided by Darebin Council to an individual under the Commonwealth Home Support Program must be less than the equivalent of a level 1 Home Care Package.
- This results in a limit for each client of about *five hours of support per fortnight* even if the client would prefer to have more service hours.

In addition, the transition of most clients under 65 to the NDIS system reduced Council’s overall service hours, although this makes up a minority of the total reduction in Council’s service hours.

All these factors I have just outlined have resulted in a reduction compared to the time before My Aged Care.

It’s also possible that the difficulties of the My Aged Care system may have put off some people from taking up any services at all.

As you know, the whole national system of aged care has been changing very significantly. These national changes have real impacts on how we provide services locally.

In terms of what Council can do about this - that’s exactly the question the independent panel reviewing Council’s aged care services has been asked to consider.

The review will consider how best to meet the needs of older people, given the federal changes that have already occurred and the federal changes that are coming.

It could be that Council should provide services as part of a Home Care Package. It could be that Council identifies other ways to deliver services which attract more clients. Community members and staff will be discussing this with the independent panel in months to come.

In the meantime, the Aged and Disability department continues to apply a continuous improvement approach to our very important services to older people.

And I have placed a motion on notice for the meeting tonight calling on the federal government to extend existing block funding arrangements, to provide more certainty to the community.

- **Robin Vote – Preston**

In an article in the Preston Leader on 14 August 2018 published under the heading 'Aged-Care Concerns', Darebin Council claimed that a reduction in demand for services had led to a drop in aged care staffing levels and that there had been no aged-care staff redundancies in the past 6 months.

How many permanent aged care staff members were made redundant or terminated due to injuries or ill health in the financial years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018?

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thanks for your question Robin.

I know there is a lot of interest in this topic but the CEO has advised that like all human resources matters - due to privacy and workplace laws it is inappropriate to release staffing details of this kind.

- **Anne Laver – Northcote**

On behalf of DADA, Darebin Progress Association, DECC and Darebin Ratepayers Group we urge the Darebin Councillors to put a position forward by supporting the community and decide on the preferred outcome for the site and ask the Council Officers to take this decision back to the community for public scrutiny.

We will be recommending Option 3 to our constituents, not Option 1 for all the benefits outlined, including the opportunity to test the preferred planning controls with all of the community, including the ethnic groups as this would result in a deeper understanding of the outcomes.

In our view under Option 1, taking a blank page to the community would result in more confusion and lesser understanding of the process and outcomes.

Question: We know the Councillors say they 'love the Preston Market' but where do each of you stand?

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thank you for your question Anne.

As you know, this matter is to be considered by councillors later tonight so I want to be careful not to pre-empt the discussion or the outcome.

What I can say again is that we all share a strong commitment to the market.

It is a priority project and Council is putting an extraordinary amount of time and effort into working to ensure that any planning controls that are developed for the site by the State Government take into account the views of the whole of our community as well as ourselves.

Thank you for sharing your thinking on the options outlined in the report to Council tonight. I am sure these will be considered by Councillors when we get to that item later this evening.

Just to clarify one point though – I don't think that Option 1 in the report intends that we take a 'blank page' to the community'.

My reading of the report is that it proposes that all the work collated so far, including the work and recommendations from the Community Reference Group be used as the basis of more in depth consultation with the broader Darebin community to refine and build a clear detailed position.

Whatever option is chosen for the next stage of engagement, I agree that it is vital that it builds on the excellent work the CRG has done to date, rather than revisiting it.

- **Anne Laver – Northcote**

As a member of the community I am against Darebin Council turning the 3 buildings – Northcote Town Hall, Darebin Arts Centre and Bundoora Homestead into dedicated Artists Centres.

There are very limited places in Darebin for the community to meet and hold functions or forums. This is a very big change and the community have been given no prior knowledge of this plan.

Community Consultation into turning these centres into dedicated Centres and in addition, turning the Darebin Arts Centre carpark into Housing for Artists has not been carried out.

This plan would disadvantage the majority of the population of the City to the exclusive use of a minority.

- a) Will the Darebin Council hold a wide range community consultation before making a decision by way of letters, surveys, the newspaper, library information and Community Newsletter?
- b) Will the Darebin Council make available other venues to enable the community to meet and hold events and forums?

One I can suggest is the Community Centre in Dennis Street Northcote which is underutilised.

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thankyou for the question Anne.

Regarding community consultation on this topic, there was consultation with the creative and business sector in August 2017 about the Darebin Arts Centre and about cultural services across Darebin.

There was also an artist round-table forum in September 2017 that highlighted the pressures faced by local artists and the barriers they face.

Tonight Council will consider an item on this matter and if we support the recommendation from officers then:

- Northcote Town Hall and Darebin Arts Centre will transition to new operating models as curated arts centres, and they will continue to engage artists, audiences and community.
- No formal consultation with the general public would take place before transitioning to the new operating model
- Both venues would still have some community venue hire in place, but the balance between venue-hired activities and programmed art and performance activities would change over time.

- Any community group that needed to transition to a different venue would be supported over a transition period.

Council has a large number of venues for community hire including those that cater specifically to various community groups. These are all listed on Council's website and include:

- 4 halls
- 5 community centres
- 6 neighbourhood houses, and
- 6 senior citizens centres.
- And we also have rooms available at our library branches.

As part of the Darebin Community Grants program, we subsidise eligible community groups to use Council venues.

Now you mentioned the Community Centre in Dennis Street - I think you are referring to Yanada House. Council currently provides support services for people with low level dementia at this site.

Lastly, you mention the Darebin Arts Centre carpark being turned in to housing for artists.

This is one part of a broader long-term idea of providing a range of co-located services and community facilities in the precinct. If this possibility was to be considered at all, there will certainly be further community consultation.

- **Anne Laver – Northcote**

Anne Laver also made submissions regarding the Northern School for Autism – School Crossing Supervisor and Ward Meetings.

- **Chris Erlandsen - Preston**

1. Since DADA made the application for the market (both built fabric and social significance) that were also endorsed by several diverse community groups, will Council support or endorse the application as we expect you to do?
2. In independent consultants report / briefing Capire makes the claim that 75% or more participants agreed with "Reviewing the location of the market to better align with Principles". They also made the comment that many had reservations. And while Council tells us how much they love the market, can Council guarantee, reassure the community that the Market will always remain in its existing location?

**Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:**

1. There are a number of items on tonight's agenda regarding the Preston Market so I won't pre-empt the discussion, but I am sure that you will have an answer by the end of the evening.
2. This question will be taken on notice as there is currently a planning process underway and Council is unable to respond to this question.

- **Dulce Hook - Reservoir**

You are aware we in this program wish to continue with the help of the lovely Council staff.

You are spending \$250,000 of Ratepayers' funds to have two outside people – Dr Rhonda Galbally A.O and Mr Peter Allen – and a professional researcher to investigate what you should do with us. Is the researcher Ms Jeanette Pope?

Council's media release of 22 May 2018 said "The review will include two public discussion phases and will commence with a discussion and options paper to be released in August."

It is now September and, as far as I am aware, there have been no panel related public consultations.

1. Are our wishes and those of the affected staff to be considered by the outside panel? If so, when is it proposed to hold the consultations?
2. What is the connection between the Councillors, Darebin Council and the three outside people?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

There is a researcher to assist with the review panel and this service is not provided by Ms Pope.

I will ask Ms Henderson to respond to your question.

**Response from General Manager, Cathy Henderson:**

The timeline has been revised and the panel is now expected to release the papers early October and there will be a full consultation with the public then with a further round of consultation in 2019.

The panel members are eminent Victorians with significant years in the research area including the Not For Profit sector as well as being senior Victorians. Jocelyn Fuller is our researcher and is an expert on complex technical research assisting with helping us understand how the funding programs work.

- **Graeme Johanson - Northcote**

1. Has the Advisory Panel of Rhonda Galbally and Peter Allen been paid any money by Council as yet? If so, what has it achieved since its start in June 2018?
2. If not, will the Darebin public be informed of its progress step-by-step from June 2018? How will they be informed? Will the Panel report be completed before mid-2020?

**Response from General Manager, Cathy Henderson**

The panel has not been paid money yet. In relation to what they've done so far, they had to start a bit after June in part due to overseas travel as well as a bereavement. They have been meeting with our advisory committee – invitations sent to various community groups that they have met with - Darebin Ethnic committee, the Darebin Progress Association, the Active and Healthy Advisory Board. They have met with Darebin staff because staff have a lot to input into the review as well. The expected date for the advisory report to be finalised by March/April of next year after 2 rounds of public consultations where members of the public will be invited to contribute.

We have been writing to all of our 3,500 clients to advise that the review is coming. There has also been ads placed in media, in different languages. Our website contains draft dates as well as our usual means of communication.

- **Sam Ginsberg - Reservoir**

When addressing alternative arrangements for delivering aged care (Home Based) services has Council considered the approach of either or both Moonee Valley or Bendigo Councils?

Reduced Commonwealth Funding = Reduced Home Care Services

This appears unrealistic, simplistic and unimaginative.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

That is not the question that we have asked the independent panel to explore. That is one part. We have asked them to explore all possible future arrangements including expanding our current service delivery. Given the changes to the current Federal Government funding in my mind everything is very much on the table and we want to see what the recommendations from the Independent Review. I don't know what the resolution was passed at Bendigo but in regards to the Moonee Valley Resolution, my understanding is that they will continue to accept the block funding for as long as the Federal Government continues to pay it to them, but hasn't really addressed the issue if the Federal Government stops funding them.

We will continue to receive the funding, however are looking at ways of handling things should the funding cease, so we are very much thinking ahead in terms of if the funding were to cease.

**Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 13 August 2018.**

At the Council meeting held on 13 August 2018, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

- **Geoffery Richards of Reservoir submitted the following question regarding Abandoned Vehicles on public and private property and Fencing**

I refer to two previous questions to which action appears to still be pending – extracts from same are below:

1. Abandoned vehicles on public and private property – Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 “There seems to be an ongoing, and it appears growing, practice of non-disposal of vehicles that are no longer in use. Instead – on site dumping occurs. Also sighted in the past have been other un-wanted items. By way of examples(s) –
  - **No 153 North Rd:** has 6 vehicles in the front garden area and driveway + 1 – 2 currently in use + another derelict car in the street, outside this address
  - **No 158 North Rd. :** has 2 vehicles, part covered by tarpaulin, one is a large open tray truck loaded with empty polystyrene open boxes as used by a fruit & vegetable type of business. Adjacent, there is a smaller commercial style vehicle.
  - **37 Northernhay St.** ***Note : since earlier advice there are now 4 dumped vehicles adding to the numerous other items filling the entire front yard.***

2. Reserve at 49 Storey Road Reservoir – Fencing – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

“This Reserve is small, one block in size, with a children’s playground. Fencing exists on all sides with one side being newly erected by a site developer on the opposite long side – adjacent to a walkway – the side fence to 47 Storey Road, which is 10 years old, has not been maintained and boards are rotting, paint is peeling and splintering wood rails exist. The Owners Corporation is aware of the issue but no action to date.”

Since the earlier advice a section of fencing has collapsed in the interior laneway connecting to Northernhay St.

**Written response dated 6 September 2018 provided to Mr Richards by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.**

Thank you for your questions submitted to Public Question Time at the 13 August 2018 Council meeting. I apologise for the lateness of my response and now provide the following information.

Council regularly receives complaints from the community in regards to both abandoned vehicles and unsightly properties. For example in the last financial year council investigated 1234 reports of abandoned vehicles and 287 for properties being unsightly.

In relation to your specific concerns with regards to the properties at 153 and 158 North Road and 37 Northernhay Street Reservoir I can advise that Council Officers have inspected these properties and issued Notices to Comply under the City of Darebin General Local Law No 1 2015. Officers will be working with these residents in an effort to clean up their properties. I also understand that a Council Officer has previously spoken to you in relation to the property at 37 Northernhay Street and advised of some limitations associated with this property which may take longer than normal to bring into compliance.

I am sorry that when you raised these matters with us earlier that they were not addressed. Council is currently reviewing its Local Law to provide greater controls over amenity concerns and I have asked the Manager concerned to make sure that process improvements are made to prevent these types of issues arising in the future.

In regards to the fences at the Reserve at 49 Storey Road Reservoir I can advise that this has been referred to our Facilities Management Unit for investigation. Should the fence need complete replacement the Owners Corporation will then be contacted.

I trust this information clarifies your concerns. I also want to reassure you that Council is taking the matter seriously. Should you have any further queries, please contact Paul Edwards Coordinator Civic Compliance on 8470 8421.

- **John Nugent of Epping submitted the following question regarding Donath Dole Pathway**

My question is about the Dole Donath Masterplan. About 2 years ago – Council started putting a pathway around No. 1 Oval – it was never completed.

Council Officers informed me that Council has budgeted only for \$100,000 for 2018/19. When will this work be completed?



**Written response dated 5 September 2018 provided to Mr Nugent by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.**

As discussed at our meeting on 10 August 2018, construction of the central path network is planned for a staged implementation over several financial years.

As part of the 2018-19 budget process, funds have been provided to continue the implementation of the path network. Work associated with this year's construction stage will be completed by 30 June 2019.

A Community Reference Group has been formed to assist Council in prioritising future actions associated with the master plan. This group will prioritise the next works from the master plan including some further works in 2018-19 and for consideration by Council in future budgets. A consultation process will be conducted as required for works associated with the master plan.

Decisions about projects for future years are considered each year by Council as part of its budget process.

- **John Nugent of Epping submitted the following question regarding Fees for Pavillion costs**

Could you please advise are all Clubs charged the same rate in \$ (for their Pavilions Costs)?

Is there any discounts for clubs in social disadvantaged areas? Is Council considering a fairer system of charging clubs?

**Written response dated 5 September 2018 provided to Mr Nugent by Felicity Leahy, Manager Recreation and Libraries.**

In 2014 Council adopted the Sporting Fees, Charges, Occupancy and Agreement Policy. This policy ensures a fair and consistent rationale underpins the fees and charges for sports grounds and pavilions.

The pavilion use fee structure for seasonal access is based on three components: a pavilion access charge, plus a ground charge (together these form the base fee). The base fee may then be reduced by a performance subsidy component.

The pavilion access charge establishes a link between the fees paid by the user group and the quality, amenities and size of the pavilion. To calculate this, the figure of 0.15 percent of the building's insurable value is used to calculate the access charge. Therefore larger, better appointed facilities record a higher value and attract a higher pavilion access charge.

The performance subsidy component of the fee calculation seeks to reward clubs with diverse participation (including juniors, females, CALD and all abilities); good governance and growth. Clubs are able to gain up to 50 percent discount on their fees through this mechanism.

The fees charged by Darebin City Council to our sporting clubs are comparable to other local government areas.

There are no plans to review the Sporting Fees, Charges, Occupancy and Agreement Policy in the short term

- **John Nugent of Epping submitted the following question regarding Donath West Soccer Oval usage**

Could you please advise, why is ground No 3 at Donath West is not being used at all for soccer, but the club use No 5 ground at Donath West to play soccer.

Council has gone to some experience to build a large fence approx. (10 metres high and 30 metres long).

**Written response dated 5 September 2018 provided to Mr Nugent by Felicity Leahy, Manager Recreation and Libraries.**

There are no lights on Ground 3, therefore soccer training is not possible during the winter months. Ground 3 is predominately used for cricket.

Donath Ground 5 is used for soccer as Keon Park FC Juniors in 2014 did not require two (2) grounds. Ground 5 has flood lighting and is therefore well placed to support the growing sport of soccer. Kingsbury United, who at the time were a new and growing club, were allocated Ground 5.

Donath Ground 3 is used for Cricket therefore, a fence is required to protect balls from going into housing. Cricket does not require flood lights as it is a summer sport.

*Cr. McCarthy temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 6.19pm and returned at 6.20pm.*

## 6. PETITIONS

### 6.1 TABLING OF PETITION: AGED CARE SERVICES

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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MINUTE NO. 18-216

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

**That** the petition:

*"We the undersigned residents and ratepayers of Darebin, petition the Council to publically commit to maintaining its current role as a provider of aged care services including transport, cleaning, personal care, meals, home maintenance and respite care, into the future.*

*We urge Council not to abandon its role in providing the above aged care services in view of the Federal Government's privatisation agenda of aged care services.*

*We are proud that Darebin Council is a long-standing provider of high quality aged care services and has built a strong and trusted reputation as a preferred provider with the elderly resident and their families in the community.*

*In Darebin 25,534 people (18.8% of the total population) are aged over 60 and many are receiving, or will soon require, support services to enable them to remain in their home.*

*We firmly believe that current and future aged community members should continue to have the choice to receive home care services directly from trusted and committed Darebin Council staff."*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED**

*Jody Brodribb, Council Business and Governance officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 6.42pm.*

### 6.2 TABLING OF PETITION: FOOTPATH ON FORD STREET, PRESTON

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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MINUTE NO. 18-217

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

**That** the petition:

*"I believe we are entitled to a footpath for many reasons, the number of residents of Ford St have increased substantially, because of four new townhouses (built last year) and 2 townhouses (built approx 10 years ago). We are currently building a new double story house for our family of 6 which includes my 4 children. This means there has been a significant increase of foot traffic.*

*There are a number of SAFETY reasons why we should have a footpath. Our street is filled with young families with children who play on the road, ride their bikes. I have seen people walk their dogs and push their prams on the road which is ridiculous. There is a kindergarten at the end of our street with only one safe footpath to access it on the other side of the road.*

*The mosque attracts a large gathering on most days. Ceremonies, Friday prayers, Saturday school sessions add to the high volume of pedestrian traffic that is already ongoing throughout the area. Meaning there is a lot of pedestrians in and around Ford St almost every day because of the PUBLIC USE of the mosque.*

*Most of the houses on Ford St are skirted with either grass or dirt which is a potential threat to the safety and hygiene of not only me but my fellow residents on my side of the street. I don't think it is fair that I'll have to walk through dirt and mud during winter or bring in dust during the summer into my home.*

*I also know there is a special charge scheme which I would like to address here. There is a lot of PUBLIC thoroughfare due to the popularity of the mosque on one end of the street and a kindergarten on the other end. Therefore I believe the charge scheme should be waived on this occasion.*

*I have lived in Preston for 45 years and in the street 23 years, so I personally know Ford St is due for an upgrade. It's 2018 and the City of Darebin should take measures to upgrade the one side of the street with a footpath."*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED**

*Jody Brodribb, Council Business and Governance officer returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 6.43pm.*

**6.3                                   TABLING OF PETITION: SAFETY BARRIERS AT NORTHERN PIPE TRAIL CORSSING AT CRAWLEY STREET, RESERVOIR**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-218**

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

**That** the petition:

*"We, the undersigned, are concerned residents of Down and Crawley Street.*

*See attached notice of serious safety hazard. Urgent demand for redress works re: Northern Pipe Trail crossing at Crawley Street and Robinson Road juncture."*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED**

## 7. URGENT BUSINESS

### ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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MINUTE NO. 18-219

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

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to motions to be submitted to the MAV State Council be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.1.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Messina declared an interest in point (3) of the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider that supplies home care packages to the aging Italian community.*

*Cr. Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 6.48pm.*

### 7.1 MOTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MAV STATE COUNCIL

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| <b>Motion</b> |
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

**That** Council submits the following motions to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 October 2018:

- (1) MAV urges its members Councils to become Refugee Welcome Zones and Welcoming City Network members.
- (2) MAV calls on the state government to not sell off any public housing estate land to private developers and instead increase public housing stock.
- (3) That MAV immediately coordinates a campaign to:
  - a. Maintain block funding to Councils for the delivery of aged care services beyond June 2020; and
  - b. Request that the commonwealth government implements a moratorium to such time the government conducts a comprehensive review of the cancellation of block funding to Councils.
- (4) MAV calls on the state government to increase by 50% the state government pension rate rebate for eligible card holders.

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, point (3) of the Motion was dealt with separately as follows:

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**MINUTE NO. 18-220**

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

**That** Council submits the following motion to the MAV State Council meeting on 19 October 2018:

That MAV immediately coordinates a campaign to:

- a. Maintain block funding to Councils for the delivery of aged care services beyond June 2020; and
- b. Request that the commonwealth government implements a moratorium to such time the government conducts a comprehensive review of the cancellation of block funding to Councils.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Messina returned to the meeting at the conclusion of discussion of the above motion at 6.58pm.*

The remaining items of Cr. Greco's motion were then dealt with as follows:

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**MINUTE NO. 18-221**

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

**That** Council submits the following motions to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 October 2018:

- (1) MAV urges its members Councils to become Refugee Welcome Zones and Welcoming City Network members.
- (2) MAV calls on the state government to not sell off any public housing estate land to private developers and instead increase public housing stock.
- (3) MAV calls on the state government to increase by 50% the state government pension rate rebate for eligible card holders.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2 MOTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MAV STATE COUNCIL MEETING****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-222****MOVED: Cr. S Amir**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to a motion to be submitted to the MAV State Council be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.2.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Rennie declared an interest in the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest due to a conflicting duty as she is a director of the Alliance for Gambling Reform.*

*Sr. Rennie left the meeting prior to discussion of the item at 7.07pm.*

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-223****MOVED: Cr. S Amir**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**

**That** Council submits the following motions to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 October 2018:

That MAV State Council:

- (1) Notes the serious health impacts that gambling is having in the Victorian community.
- (2) Notes that despite ample evidence of effective public health measures which could reduce harm, gambling companies are failing to deliver their products in a safe manner.
- (3) Authorises the MAV to engage with the Vision Super board to advocate for full divestment of investments held in companies where more than 10% of earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) are derived from gambling including Woolworths, Crown Resorts, Aristocrat, Tatts Group, Tabcorp Holdings and Star Entertainment Group.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Rennie returned to the meeting at the conclusion of discussion of the above item - 7.15pm.*

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Greco proposed altering the order of the agenda.

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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**MINUTE NO. 18-224**

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

**That** Council alter the order of the agenda to hear Item 8.11 – Preston Market Update first, followed by Notice of Motion Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8 and 10.9 and then continue with the remaining agenda item as per the original order.

**CARRIED****8.11 PRESTON MARKET UPDATE**

**Author:** Place Development Lead-Economic Development

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

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**PURPOSE**

To report on the outcomes of the Phase Two community engagement process for the Preston Market site which was recently completed and to seek Council's endorsement of proposed next steps for engagement with the community, traders, the land owners and the VPA on the future opportunities for the development of the site and the preparation of the planning controls.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is currently working in partnership with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) who have been charged with responsibility of reviewing the planning controls and future opportunities for the Preston Market site.

Community engagement is an important part of informing the VPA Review. The second phase of the community engagement recently concluded. The results are being compiled by an independent consultant and are planned for public release by the VPA in the near future. An important outcome from the Phase Two process has been the development of a community vision for the site which was created by the Community Reference Group. The Community vision is:

*"The market is a vibrant and diverse place for community to gather around food and celebrate culture."*

The Phase Two engagement process has also been particularly valuable in further building a common understanding of the community's views about key elements for any future development of the site. These take the form of high level recommendations and relate to matters such as the built form, public realm and open space, market operations, and transport and access. As is usual in complex planning matters, consensus has not been reached on all of the recommendations, but it very pleasing that strong support has been reached for many of the important matters affecting the site.

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With the conclusion of the second phase, it is timely for Council to determine its preferred next steps. The process of working with the VPA to date has been an iterative one, and the VPA have demonstrated a strong commitment to designing each successive phase of this process in collaboration with Council, building on the knowledge and learnings gained from each phase of the work and feedback from our community. The VPA has indicated their strong commitment to this approach continuing.

Three community engagement approaches are outlined in this report for Councils consideration to the approach to community engagement going forward:

- Option 1. An in-depth community engagement process including collaborative workshops to develop foundational elements for planning controls and to build strong understanding of opportunities issues and trade-offs amongst a large, diverse segment of the community, involving all key stakeholders (recommended).
- Option 2 “Lighter touch” consultation and information provision. This includes promoting key milestones and seeking feedback from the community including during development of foundational elements for planning controls.
- Option 3 Develop detailed recommendations on the preferred planning controls for the site and development outcomes based on the community feedback received to date and the information Council has available now, and then test this with the community to ensure it hears any feedback and has the opportunity to refine its position and then seek support for its preferred outcomes.

This report recommends an in-depth engagement approach (Option 1) for the next (and final) stage of the Review.

Officers consider that whilst the community vision and community recommendations developed to date provide a strong foundation for understanding of the issues and opportunities and for setting a strategic direction for the site, further, detailed work is required to resolve the recognised complex and sometimes competing aspirations/demands that are relevant in developing the foundational elements for a Planning Scheme Amendment.

This report also recommends that Council adopt further guiding principles to support and inform Council’s approach to the next phase of the VPA review and that Council request the VPA consider these as they form their Recommendations Report for the Minister for Planning and due at the end of October.

Importantly, the recommended guiding principles align with themes and recommendations developed by the Community Reference Group and tested in phase two of community engagement. They cover issues such as traffic flow, parking and loading, ecologically sustainable design (ESD), affordable housing, development contributions and pedestrian access. Officers note that as the review progresses and each stage develops new findings, it will continue to ensure that its views are informed by community feedback

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

- (1) Notes the rich social heritage and importance of the market to the community, and reiterates Council’s commitment to working to preserve the long term viability of the market.
- (2) Reiterates its commitment to working in partnership with the VPA to review the planning controls and future opportunities for the site and to engagement with the community, key stakeholders and the owners of the Preston Market as an important part of this review.

- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation in Phase Two community engagement.
- (4) Endorses community engagement proposed in Option One of this report and works with the VPA to progress this.
- (5) Endorses the community vision as a guide for the future of the market at the site.
- (6) Reaffirms Council's endorsement of the following principles adopted by Council on 21 May 2018 to guide Council's participation in the current the Review:
  - Council loves the market and is committed to seeing the market thrive into the future.
  - It's important to Council that the community engagement process undertaken is extensive, inclusive and open to ideas.
  - The market needs to remain accessible to all traders and the community during and post construction and the new development.
  - The built form of the site needs to continue to support and encourage the market as a desirable community meeting place.
  - The site will consistently provide a hub of vibrant activity, with varied uses for residents, businesses and visitors.
  - Any future development of the site should incorporate environmental sustainability design and include affordable housing.
  - The location of the site is a good location for meeting Darebin's growing population's needs, as it is strategically located near transport, services and jobs.
  - Any future development must integrate well with the wider neighbourhood and contribute to connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and active transport users with Central Preston as a whole.
  - Parking needs must be sufficiently addressed.
- (7) Endorses the following further guiding principles to support and inform Council's participation in the next stage of the Review noting that Council may refine or update these in future when it considers further technical advice and future community engagement.

### **Guiding principles**

Recognising that the site is a designated strategic development site of state significance being well located close to transport, services and jobs, that any development of the site:

#### *Design Outcomes*

- a) Gives priority to pedestrians and high pedestrian amenity to Cramer Street, Mary Street and Station Avenue.
- b) Delivers strong levels of activation through the site.
- c) Delivers a sustainable, liveable future neighbourhood both for the site itself but in its contribution to the wider Precinct.
- d) Prioritises community safety including 24/7 safety by design on all pedestrian links.
- e) Incorporates improved and safe walking links connecting High Street, Preston Railway Station, Preston Library, Preston High School and Melbourne Polytechnic (to and from the Market).

- f) Ensures access to daylight and sunlight of open space.
- g) Achieves best practice environmentally sustainable design as standard.
- h) Aspires to have a net zero energy requirement from the grid
- i) Has a complementary and positive economic and place based impact on High Street.
- j) Includes well-located, high quality, attractive public and community spaces.
- k) Recognises and plans for the future significance of the public realm interface and linkages between a redeveloped Market site and Preston railway station.
- l) Ensure spaces are accessible for all ages and abilities.
- m) Provides good solar access and wind protection throughout the year
- n) Ensures sunlight reaches the open space to the south of Cramer Street including at the winter solstice.
- o) Provides for the inclusion of floor space for creative studios.
- p) Provides for the inclusion or provision of high quality, public art integrated into the design of public spaces and buildings.
- q) Adopts a planned/curated approach to cultural infrastructure across the site.
- r) Incorporates additional dedicated commercial buildings to deliver non-retail employment outcomes.
- s) Incorporates exemplary design and architectural quality and include the use of quality durable materials.
- t) Incorporates a diverse range of housing options on site, including the provision of affordable housing.
- u) Ensures developers contribute to community and recreation infrastructure to meet needs of future community.
- v) Ensures that intensity and height of any future development is such that the guiding principles in this list are achieved.

#### *Vehicles and Parking*

- w) The impact of heavy vehicles is minimised and encouraged via Murray Road.
- x) Parking and loading areas are located at basement level.
- y) Ensures there is no net loss of car parking attributable to the market use in any future development and parking numbers are maintained during construction activities
- z) Ensures parking requirements do not impinge on good/safe design outcomes for redevelopment on High Street.

#### *Preston Market*

- aa) Ensures Preston Market thrives into the future as the heart of this site and of Preston.
- bb) Ensures that Preston Market complies with regulatory requirements including safety standards.
- cc) Ensures that Preston Market is not detrimentally affected by overshadowing.
- dd) Ensures social heritage considerations are assessed as part of the VPA review process.

- ee) Ensures relevant social and cultural considerations are captured and used to identify and inform recommendations in regards to the overall site and the built form.
  - ff) Incorporates the valued internal characteristics that are readily associated with the Preston Market through the built form, access to light, openness and composition of individual tenancies.
  - gg) Ensures the market footprint has a number of pedestrian thoroughfares.
  - hh) Ensures that street and pedestrian edges are activated with uses.
  - ii) Plans to minimise and mitigate against the risk of construction disruption to continuous trade of the market.
- (8) Notes that there is a currently an application with Heritage Victoria relating to the Preston market site and requests that a further report come to Council during any future submission period to consider a submission from Council.
- (9) Requests that Council officers engage with stakeholders to advocate for Council's principles and to explore options for achieving these to inform future Council decisions including engaging with market traders, community, site owners, developers and the VPA.

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| <b>Motion</b> |
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the rich social, **cultural and built form** heritage and **historical** importance of the **current** market to the community, and reiterates Council's commitment to working to preserve the long term viability of the **existing** market.
- (2) Reiterates its commitment to working in partnership with the VPA to review the planning controls and future opportunities for the site and to engagement with the community, key stakeholders and the owners of the Preston Market as an important part of this review.
- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation in Phase Two community engagement.
- (4) **Endorses community engagement proposed in Option 3 in the report that will develop detailed recommendations on the preferred planning controls for the site and development outcomes based on the community feedback received to date and the information Council has available now, and then reach out and test this with the broader community and community groups including CALD communities to ensure it hears any feedback and has the opportunity to refine its position and then seek support for its preferred outcomes.**
- (5) Endorses the community vision as a guide for the future of the market at the site.
- (6) Reaffirms Council's endorsement of the following principles adopted by Council on 21 May 2012 (**with the highlighted following changes**) to guide Council's participation in the current the Review:
  - Council loves **and respects the historical significance of Preston** Market and is committed to seeing the **existing** market thrive into the future **as an icon centrepiece of the Darebin.**

- It's important to Council that the community engagement process undertaken is **genuine, open**, extensive, inclusive and open to ideas.
  - The **existing** market needs to remain accessible to all traders and the community during and post construction and the new development.
  - The built form of the site needs to continue to support and encourage the **footprint of the existing** market as a desirable community meeting place.
  - The site will consistently provide a hub of vibrant activity, with varied uses for residents, businesses and visitors.
  - Any future development of the site **must** incorporate environmental sustainability design and include **substantial** affordable housing **and social housing outcomes**.
  - The location of the site is a good location for meeting Darebin's growing population's needs, as it is strategically located near transport, services and jobs.
  - Any future development must integrate well with the wider neighbourhood and contribute to connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and active transport users with Central Preston as a whole.
  - Parking needs must be addressed **and meet the expectations of shoppers and market stall holders**
- (7) Endorses the following further guiding principles to support and inform Council's participation in the next stage of the Review noting that Council may refine or update these in future when it considers further technical advice and future community engagement.

### **Guiding principles**

Recognising that the site is a designated strategic development site of state significance being well located close to transport, services and jobs, that any development of the **site must respect the State Government's Good Urban Design Framework** :

#### *Design Outcomes*

- a) Gives priority to pedestrians and high pedestrian amenity to Cramer Street, Mary Street and Station Avenue.
- b) Delivers strong levels of activation through the site.
- c) Delivers a sustainable, liveable future neighbourhood both for the site itself but in its contribution to the wider Precinct.
- d) Prioritises community safety including 24/7 safety by design on all pedestrian links.
- e) Incorporates improved and safe walking links connecting High Street, Preston Railway Station, Preston Library, Preston High School and Melbourne Polytechnic (to and from the Market).
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- g) Achieves best practice environmentally sustainable design as standard.
- h) **Achieves** a net zero energy requirement from the grid
- i) Has a complementary and positive economic and place based impact on High Street.
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- n) Ensures sunlight reaches the open space to the south of Cramer Street including at the winter solstice.
- o) Provides for the inclusion of floor space for creative studios.
- p) Provides for the inclusion or provision of high quality, public art integrated into the design of public spaces and buildings.
- q) Adopts a planned/curated approach to cultural infrastructure across the site.
- r) Incorporates additional dedicated commercial buildings to deliver non-retail employment outcomes.
- s) Incorporates exemplary design and architectural quality and include the use of quality durable materials.
- t) Incorporates a diverse range of housing options on site, **including at least 20% 3 bedroom dwellings** and the **substantial** provision of affordable **and social** housing
- u) Ensures developers contribute to community and recreation infrastructure to meet needs of future community.
- v) Ensures that intensity and **mandatory** height limits of any future development is **contained to a minimum and** that the guiding principles in this list are achieved **and not compromised**.

#### *Vehicles and Parking*

- w) The impact of heavy vehicles is minimised and encouraged via Murray Road.
- x) **Sufficient and adequate** parking and loading areas are located **underground**.
- y) Ensures there is no net loss of car parking attributable to the market use (**as per its current footprint size**) in any future development and parking numbers are maintained during construction activities.
- z) Ensures parking requirements do not impinge on good/safe design outcomes for redevelopment on High Street.

#### *Preston Market*

- aa) Ensures the **current** Preston Market **footprint** with its **diverse, breath and range of fresh food market style stalls thrives** into the future as the heart of this site and of Preston.
- bb) Ensures that Preston Market complies with regulatory requirements including safety standards.
- cc) Ensures that the **existing** Preston Market **remains an open air market and therefore** is not detrimentally affected by overshadowing.
- dd) Ensures **built form and** social heritage **character** considerations are assessed as **an essential part** of the VPA review process **and form a central part of the new Incorporated Plan**.
- ee) Ensures relevant social and cultural considerations are captured and used to identify and inform recommendations in regards to the overall site and the built form **of the existing market**.

- ff) Incorporates the valued internal characteristics that are readily associated with the Preston Market through the built form, access to light, openness and composition of individual tenancies.
  - gg) Ensures the **existing** market footprint has a number of pedestrian thoroughfares.
  - hh) Ensures that street and pedestrian edges are activated with uses.
  - ii) Plans to minimise and mitigate against the risk of construction disruption to continuous trade of the market.
- (8) Notes that there is a currently an application **submitted by the Darebin Appropriate Development Association (DADA) with the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria who is assessing the Preston Market site to form a view whether or not the site has state level cultural significance and as early as September 2018 will make a recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria to include, or not include the market on the Heritage Register and that Council immediately writes to the Heritage Victoria requesting the they make a positive recommendation supporting DADA's application. Further if and when the Heritage Council considers the application** relating to the Preston market site a further report come to Council during any future submission period to consider a **further positive** submission from Council.
- (9) Requests that Council officers **negotiate and** engage in **an open and transparent manner** with stakeholders to advocate for Council's principles and to explore options for achieving these to inform future Council decisions including engaging with market traders, community, site owners, developers and the VPA.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

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

**That Council:**

(1)-(9) As per the Officers' Recommendation.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:*

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the rich social, **cultural and built form** heritage and **historical** importance of the **current** market to the community, and reiterates Council's commitment to working to preserve the long term viability of the **existing** market.
- (2) Reiterates its commitment to working in partnership with the VPA to review the planning controls and future opportunities for the site and to engagement with the community, key stakeholders and the owners of the Preston Market as an important part of this review.
- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation in Phase Two community engagement.
- (4) Endorses community engagement proposed in Option One of this report and works with the VPA to progress this.
- (5) Endorses the community vision as a guide for the future of the market at the site.

- (6) Reaffirms Councils endorsement of the following principles adopted by Council on 21 May 2012 (**with the highlighted following changes**) to guide Council's participation in the current the Review:
- Council loves **and respects the historical significance of Preston** Market and is committed to seeing the **existing** market thrive into the future **as an icon centrepiece of the Darebin**.
  - It's important to Council that the community engagement process undertaken is **genuine, open**, extensive, inclusive and open to ideas.
  - The **existing** market needs to remain accessible to all traders and the community during and post construction and the new development.
  - The built form of the site needs to continue to support and encourage the **footprint of the existing** market as a desirable community meeting place.
  - The site will consistently provide a hub of vibrant activity, with varied uses for residents, businesses and visitors.
  - Any future development of the site **must** incorporate environmental sustainability design and include **substantial** affordable housing **and social housing outcomes**.
  - The location of the site is a good location for meeting Darebin's growing population's needs, as it is strategically located near transport, services and jobs.
  - Any future development must integrate well with the wider neighbourhood and contribute to connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and active transport users with Central Preston as a whole.
  - Parking needs must be addressed **and meet the expectations of shoppers and market stall holders**
- (7) Endorses the following further guiding principles to support and inform Council's participation in the next stage of the Review noting that Council may refine or update these in future when it considers further technical advice and future community engagement.

### **Guiding principles**

Recognising that the site is a designated strategic development site of state significance being well located close to transport, services and jobs, that any development of the **site must respect the State Government's Good Urban Design Framework** :

#### *Design Outcomes*

- a) Gives priority to pedestrians and high pedestrian amenity to Cramer Street, Mary Street and Station Avenue.
  - b) Delivers strong levels of activation through the site.
  - c) Delivers a sustainable, liveable future neighbourhood both for the site itself but in its contribution to the wider Precinct.
  - d) Prioritises community safety including 24/7 safety by design on all pedestrian links.
  - e) Incorporates improved and safe walking links connecting High Street, Preston Railway Station, Preston Library, Preston High School and Melbourne Polytechnic (to and from the Market).
  - f) Ensures access to daylight and sunlight of open space.
  - g) Achieves best practice environmentally sustainable design as standard.
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- h) **Achieves** a net zero energy requirement from the grid
- i) Has a complementary and positive economic and place based impact on High Street.
- j) Includes well-located, high quality, attractive public and community spaces.
- k) Recognises and plans for the future significance of the public realm interface and linkages between a redeveloped Market site and Preston railway station.
- l) Ensure spaces are accessible for all ages and abilities.
- m) Provides good solar access and wind protection throughout the year
- n) Ensures sunlight reaches the open space to the south of Cramer Street including at the winter solstice.
- o) Provides for the inclusion of floor space for creative studios.
- p) Provides for the inclusion or provision of high quality, public art integrated into the design of public spaces and buildings.
- q) Adopts a planned/curated approach to cultural infrastructure across the site.
- r) Incorporates additional dedicated commercial buildings to deliver non-retail employment outcomes.
- s) Incorporates exemplary design and architectural quality and include the use of quality durable materials.
- t) Incorporates a diverse range of housing options on site, **including at least 20% 3 bedroom dwellings** and the **substantial** provision of affordable **and social** housing
- u) Ensures developers contribute to community and recreation infrastructure to meet needs of future community.
- v) Ensures that intensity and **mandatory** height limits of any future development is **contained to a minimum and** that the guiding principles in this list are achieved **and not compromised**.

#### *Vehicles and Parking*

- w) The impact of heavy vehicles is minimised and encouraged via Murray Road.
- x) **Sufficient and adequate** parking and loading areas are located **underground**.
- y) Ensures there is no net loss of car parking attributable to the market use (**as per its current footprint size**) in any future development and parking numbers are maintained during construction activities.
- z) Ensures parking requirements do not impinge on good/safe design outcomes for redevelopment on High Street.

#### *Preston Market*

- aa) Ensures the **current** Preston Market **footprint** with its **diverse, breath and range of fresh food market style stalls thrives** into the future as the heart of this site and of Preston.
- bb) Ensures that Preston Market complies with regulatory requirements including safety standards.
- cc) Ensures that the **existing** Preston Market **remains an open air market and therefore** is not detrimentally affected by overshadowing.
- dd) Ensures **built form and** social heritage **character** considerations are assessed as **an essential part** of the VPA review process **and form a central part of the new Incorporated Plan**.

- ee) Ensures relevant social and cultural considerations are captured and used to identify and inform recommendations in regards to the overall site and the built form **of the existing market**.
  - ff) Incorporates the valued internal characteristics that are readily associated with the Preston Market through the built form, access to light, openness and composition of individual tenancies.
  - gg) Ensures the **existing** market footprint has a number of pedestrian thoroughfares.
  - hh) Ensures that street and pedestrian edges are activated with uses.
  - ii) Plans to minimise and mitigate against the risk of construction disruption to continuous trade of the market.
- (8) Notes that there is a currently an application **submitted by the Darebin Appropriate Development Association (DADA) with the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria who is assessing the Preston Market site to form a view whether or not the site has state level cultural significance and as early as September 2018 will make a recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria to include, or not include the market on the Heritage Register and that Council immediately writes to the Heritage Victoria requesting the they make a positive recommendation supporting DADA's application. Further if and when the Heritage Council considers the application** relating to the Preston market site a further report come to Council during any future submission period to consider a **further positive** submission from Council.
- (9) Requests that Council officers **negotiate and** engage in **an open and transparent manner** with stakeholders to advocate for Council's principles and to explore options for achieving these to inform future Council decisions including engaging with market traders, community, site owners, developers and the VPA.

*This was not accepted by the Cr. Rennie and Cr. McCarthy.*

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the rich social, cultural and built form heritage and historical importance of the current market to the community, and reiterates Council's commitment to working to preserve the long term viability of the existing market.
- (2) Reiterates its commitment to working in partnership with the VPA to review the planning controls and future opportunities for the site and to engagement with the community, key stakeholders and the owners of the Preston Market as an important part of this review.
- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation in Phase Two community engagement.
- (4) Endorses community engagement proposed in Option One of this report and works with the VPA to progress this.
- (5) Endorses the community vision as a guide for the future of the market at the site.

- (6) Reaffirms Councils endorsement of the following principles adopted by Council on 21 May 2012 (with the highlighted following changes) to guide Council's participation in the current the Review:
- Council loves and respects the historical significance of Preston Market and is committed to seeing the existing market thrive into the future as an icon centrepiece of the Darebin.
  - It's important to Council that the community engagement process undertaken is genuine, open, extensive, inclusive and open to ideas.
  - The existing market needs to remain accessible to all traders and the community during and post construction and the new development.
  - The built form of the site needs to continue to support and encourage the footprint of the existing market as a desirable community meeting place.
  - The site will consistently provide a hub of vibrant activity, with varied uses for residents, businesses and visitors.
  - Any future development of the site must incorporate environmental sustainability design and include substantial affordable housing and social housing outcomes.
  - The location of the site is a good location for meeting Darebin's growing population's needs, as it is strategically located near transport, services and jobs.
  - Any future development must integrate well with the wider neighbourhood and contribute to connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and active transport users with Central Preston as a whole.
  - Parking needs must be addressed and meet the expectations of shoppers and market stall holders
- (7) Endorses the following further guiding principles to support and inform Council's participation in the next stage of the Review noting that Council may refine or update these in future when it considers further technical advice and future community engagement.

### **Guiding principles**

Recognising that the site is a designated strategic development site of state significance being well located close to transport, services and jobs, that any development of the site must respect the State Government's Good Urban Design Framework :

#### *Design Outcomes*

- a) Gives priority to pedestrians and high pedestrian amenity to Cramer Street, Mary Street and Station Avenue.
  - b) Delivers strong levels of activation through the site.
  - c) Delivers a sustainable, liveable future neighbourhood both for the site itself but in its contribution to the wider Precinct.
  - d) Prioritises community safety including 24/7 safety by design on all pedestrian links.
  - e) Incorporates improved and safe walking links connecting High Street, Preston Railway Station, Preston Library, Preston High School and Melbourne Polytechnic (to and from the Market).
  - f) Ensures access to daylight and sunlight of open space.
  - g) Achieves best practice environmentally sustainable design as standard.
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- h) Achieves a net zero energy requirement from the grid
- i) Has a complementary and positive economic and place based impact on High Street.
- j) Includes well-located, high quality, attractive public and community spaces.
- k) Recognises and plans for the future significance of the public realm interface and linkages between a redeveloped Market site and Preston railway station.
- l) Ensure spaces are accessible for all ages and abilities.
- m) Provides good solar access and wind protection throughout the year.
  
- n) Ensures sunlight reaches the open space to the south of Cramer Street including at the winter solstice.
- o) Provides for the inclusion of floor space for creative studios.
- p) Provides for the inclusion or provision of high quality, public art integrated into the design of public spaces and buildings.
- q) Adopts a planned/curated approach to cultural infrastructure across the site.
- r) Incorporates additional dedicated commercial buildings to deliver non-retail employment outcomes.
- s) Incorporates exemplary design and architectural quality and include the use of quality durable materials.
- t) Incorporates a diverse range of housing options on site, including at least 20% 3 bedroom dwellings and the substantial provision of affordable and social housing
- u) Ensures developers contribute to community and recreation infrastructure to meet needs of future community.
- v) Ensures that intensity and mandatory height limits of any future development is contained to a minimum and that the guiding principles in this list are achieved and not compromised.

#### *Vehicles and Parking*

- w) The impact of heavy vehicles is minimised and encouraged via Murray Road.
- x) Sufficient and adequate parking and loading areas are located underground.
- y) Ensures there is no net loss of car parking attributable to the market use (as per its current footprint size) in any future development and parking numbers are maintained during construction activities.
- z) Ensures parking requirements do not impinge on good/safe design outcomes for redevelopment on High Street.

#### *Preston Market*

- aa) Ensures the current Preston Market footprint with its diverse, breath and range of fresh food market style stalls thrives into the future as the heart of this site and of Preston.
- bb) Ensures that Preston Market complies with regulatory requirements including safety standards.
- cc) Ensures that the existing Preston Market remains an open air market and therefore is not detrimentally affected by overshadowing.

- dd) Ensures built form and social heritage character considerations are assessed as an essential part of the VPA review process and form a central part of the new Incorporated Plan.
  - ee) Ensures relevant social and cultural considerations are captured and used to identify and inform recommendations in regards to the overall site and the built form of the existing market.
  - ff) Incorporates the valued internal characteristics that are readily associated with the Preston Market through the built form, access to light, openness and composition of individual tenancies.
  - gg) Ensures the existing market footprint has a number of pedestrian thoroughfares.
  - hh) Ensures that street and pedestrian edges are activated with uses.
  - ii) Plans to minimise and mitigate against the risk of construction disruption to continuous trade of the market.
- (8) Notes that there is a currently an application submitted by the Darebin Appropriate Development Association (DADA) with the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria who is assessing the Preston Market site to form a view whether or not the site has state level cultural significance and as early as September 2018 will make a recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria to include, or not include the market on the Heritage Register and that Council immediately writes to the Heritage Victoria requesting the they make a positive recommendation supporting DADA's application. Further if and when the Heritage Council considers the application relating to the Preston market site a further report come to Council during any future submission period to consider a further positive submission from Council.
- (9) Requests that Council officers negotiate and engage in an open and transparent manner with stakeholders to advocate for Council's principles and to explore options for achieving these to inform future Council decisions including engaging with market traders, community, site owners, developers and the VPA.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

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

**That Council:**

(1)-(9) As per the Officers Recommendation.

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

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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**MINUTE NO. 18-225**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the rich social heritage and importance of the market to the community, and reiterates Council's commitment to working to preserve the long term viability of the market.

- (2) Reiterates its commitment to working in partnership with the VPA to review the planning controls and future opportunities for the site and to engagement with the community, key stakeholders and the owners of the Preston Market as an important part of this review.
- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation in Phase Two community engagement.
- (4) Endorses community engagement proposed in Option One of this report and works with the VPA to progress this.
- (5) Endorses the community vision as a guide for the future of the market at the site.
- (6) Reaffirms Council's endorsement of the following principles adopted by Council on 21 May 2018 to guide Council's participation in the current the Review:
  - Council loves the market and is committed to seeing the market thrive into the future.
  - It's important to Council that the community engagement process undertaken is extensive, inclusive and open to ideas.
  - The market needs to remain accessible to all traders and the community during and post construction and the new development.
  - The built form of the site needs to continue to support and encourage the market as a desirable community meeting place.
  - The site will consistently provide a hub of vibrant activity, with varied uses for residents, businesses and visitors.
  - Any future development of the site should incorporate environmental sustainability design and include affordable housing.
  - The location of the site is a good location for meeting Darebin's growing population's needs, as it is strategically located near transport, services and jobs.
  - Any future development must integrate well with the wider neighbourhood and contribute to connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and active transport users with Central Preston as a whole.
  - Parking needs must be sufficiently addressed.
- (7) Endorses the following further guiding principles to support and inform Council's participation in the next stage of the Review noting that Council may refine or update these in future when it considers further technical advice and future community engagement.

### **Guiding principles**

Recognising that the site is a designated strategic development site of state significance being well located close to transport, services and jobs, that any development of the site:

#### *Design Outcomes*

- a) Gives priority to pedestrians and high pedestrian amenity to Cramer Street, Mary Street and Station Avenue.
- b) Delivers strong levels of activation through the site.
- c) Delivers a sustainable, liveable future neighbourhood both for the site itself but in its contribution to the wider Precinct.
- d) Prioritises community safety including 24/7 safety by design on all pedestrian links.

- e) Incorporates improved and safe walking links connecting High Street, Preston Railway Station, Preston Library, Preston High School and Melbourne Polytechnic (to and from the Market).
- f) Ensures access to daylight and sunlight of open space.
- g) Achieves best practice environmentally sustainable design as standard.
- h) Aspires to have a net zero energy requirement from the grid
- i) Has a complementary and positive economic and place based impact on High Street.
- j) Includes well-located, high quality, attractive public and community spaces.
- k) Recognises and plans for the future significance of the public realm interface and linkages between a redeveloped Market site and Preston railway station.
- l) Ensure spaces are accessible for all ages and abilities.
- m) Provides good solar access and wind protection throughout the year
- n) Ensures sunlight reaches the open space to the south of Cramer Street including at the winter solstice.
- o) Provides for the inclusion of floor space for creative studios.
- p) Provides for the inclusion or provision of high quality, public art integrated into the design of public spaces and buildings.
- q) Adopts a planned/curated approach to cultural infrastructure across the site.
- r) Incorporates additional dedicated commercial buildings to deliver non-retail employment outcomes.
- s) Incorporates exemplary design and architectural quality and include the use of quality durable materials.
- t) Incorporates a diverse range of housing options on site, including the provision of affordable housing.
- u) Ensures developers contribute to community and recreation infrastructure to meet needs of future community.
- v) Ensures that intensity and height of any future development is such that the guiding principles in this list are achieved.

*Vehicles and Parking*

- w) The impact of heavy vehicles is minimised and encouraged via Murray Road.
- x) Parking and loading areas are located at basement level.
- y) Ensures there is no net loss of car parking attributable to the market use in any future development and parking numbers are maintained during construction activities
- z) Ensures parking requirements do not impinge on good/safe design outcomes for redevelopment on High Street.

*Preston Market*

- aa) Ensures Preston Market thrives into the future as the heart of this site and of Preston.
- bb) Ensures that Preston Market complies with regulatory requirements including safety standards.
- cc) Ensures that Preston Market is not detrimentally affected by overshadowing.

- dd) Ensures social heritage considerations are assessed as part of the VPA review process.
  - ee) Ensures relevant social and cultural considerations are captured and used to identify and inform recommendations in regards to the overall site and the built form.
  - ff) Incorporates the valued internal characteristics that are readily associated with the Preston Market through the built form, access to light, openness and composition of individual tenancies.
  - gg) Ensures the market footprint has a number of pedestrian thoroughfares.
  - hh) Ensures that street and pedestrian edges are activated with uses.
  - ii) Plans to minimise and mitigate against the risk of construction disruption to continuous trade of the market.
- (8) Notes that there is a currently an application with Heritage Victoria relating to the Preston market site and requests that a further report come to Council during any future submission period to consider a submission from Council.
- (9) Requests that Council officers engage with stakeholders to advocate for Council's principles and to explore options for achieving these to inform future Council decisions including engaging with market traders, community, site owners, developers and the VPA.

**CARRIED**

*Michael O'Riordan, Financial Accountant temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.43pm and returned at 7.45pm*

*Jody Brodribb, Council Business and Governance Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.54pm and returned at 7.55pm*



## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

*Cr. Messina declared an interest in point (3) of the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider that supplies home care packages to the ageing Italian community.*

*Cr. Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 7.58 pm.*

### 10.1 AGED CARE SERVICES

**Councillor:** Kim LE CERF

**NoM No.:** 359

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Acknowledges that if the Commonwealth ceases block funding for aged care services as currently planned, this will inevitably affect how Council will provide services to older people.*
- (2) *Notes that because of the Commonwealth's plan to cease block funding, Council has commissioned an independent 'Creating an Age Friendly Darebin' review for the express purpose of ensuring our older people continue to receive quality services they need.*
- (3) *Calls on the federal government to extend block funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Program to provide certainty for community and staff, and writes to relevant ministers, shadow ministers and members of parliament advising them of Council's position.*
- (4) *Encourages community members to participate in the independent panel review commissioned by Council, to help plan our services in the longer term.*
- (5) *Notes that this Council commits to continue its annual \$6 million investment into the longer term in facilities, programs and services promoting the health and wellbeing of older people.*
- (6) *Notes that the independent review terms of reference will investigate expansion of Council's services including the potential for Darebin Council to provide home care packages.*

**Notice Received:** 17 August 2018

**Notice Given to Councillors** 29 August 2018

**Date of Meeting:** 3 September 2018

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Acknowledges that if the Commonwealth ceases block funding for aged care services as currently planned, this will inevitably affect how Council will provide services to older people.
- (2) Notes that because of the Commonwealth's plan to cease block funding, Council has commissioned an independent 'Creating an Age Friendly Darebin' review for the express purpose of ensuring our older people continue to receive quality services they need.
- (3) Calls on the federal government to extend block funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Program to provide certainty for community and staff, and writes to relevant ministers, shadow ministers and members of parliament advising them of Council's position.
- (4) Encourages community members to participate in the independent panel review commissioned by Council, to help plan our services in the longer term.
- (5) Notes that this Council commits to continue its annual \$6 million investment into the longer term in facilities, programs and services promoting the health and wellbeing of older people.
- (6) Notes that the independent review terms of reference will investigate expansion of Council's services including the potential for Darebin Council to provide home care packages.

*Cr. Amir proposed to the mover and seconder that point (7) be added to the motion as follows.*

- (7) Continues to provide commonwealth home support program services while in receipt of any block funding from the Commonwealth Government.

*This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Rennie.*

*Cr. Greco further proposed that point (3) be amended and point (8) added as follows.*

- (3) Calls on the federal government to extend block funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Program to provide certainty for community and staff, and writes to relevant ministers, shadow ministers and members of parliament **requesting that a moratorium be put in place till such time the government conducts a comprehensive review of block funding to Councils** ~~advising them of Council's position.~~
- (8) In view of growing community and staff concerns amend the independent review terms of reference to include ensure Council's existing aged care services are not subject to future outsourcing or privatisation as a result of the review.

*Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Rennie accepted the amendment to point (3) but did not accept the addition of point (8).*

**Amendment**

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

- (8) In view of growing community and staff concerns amend the independent review terms of reference to include ensure Council's existing aged care services are not subject to future outsourcing or privatisation as a result of the review.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Acknowledges that if the Commonwealth ceases block funding for aged care services as currently planned, this will inevitably affect how Council will provide services to older people.
- (2) Notes that because of the Commonwealth's plan to cease block funding, Council has commissioned an independent 'Creating an Age Friendly Darebin' review for the express purpose of ensuring our older people continue to receive quality services they need.
- (3) Calls on the federal government to extend block funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Program to provide certainty for community and staff, and writes to relevant ministers, shadow ministers and members of parliament requesting that a moratorium be put in place till such time the government conducts a comprehensive review of block funding to Councils.
- (4) Encourages community members to participate in the independent panel review commissioned by Council, to help plan our services in the longer term.
- (5) Notes that this Council commits to continue its annual \$6 million investment into the longer term in facilities, programs and services promoting the health and wellbeing of older people.
- (6) Notes that the independent review terms of reference will investigate expansion of Council's services including the potential for Darebin Council to provide home care packages.
- (7) Continues to provide commonwealth home support program services while in receipt of any block funding from the Commonwealth Government.

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

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**MINUTE NO. 18-226**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Acknowledges that if the Commonwealth ceases block funding for aged care services as currently planned, this will inevitably affect how Council will provide services to older people.
- (2) Notes that because of the Commonwealth's plan to cease block funding, Council has commissioned an independent 'Creating an Age Friendly Darebin' review for the express purpose of ensuring our older people continue to receive quality services they need.
- (3) Calls on the federal government to extend block funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Program to provide certainty for community and staff, and writes to relevant ministers, shadow ministers and members of parliament requesting that a moratorium be put in place till such time the government conducts a comprehensive review of block funding to Councils.
- (4) Encourages community members to participate in the independent panel review commissioned by Council, to help plan our services in the longer term.
- (5) Notes that this Council commits to continue its annual \$6 million investment into the longer term in facilities, programs and services promoting the health and wellbeing of older people.
- (6) Notes that the independent review terms of reference will investigate expansion of Council's services including the potential for Darebin Council to provide home care packages.
- (7) Continues to provide commonwealth home support program services while in receipt of any block funding from the Commonwealth Government.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Messina returned to the meeting at the conclusion of discussion of the above item – 8.26pm.*

**10.2 COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR PRESTON MARKET HERITAGE LISTING APPLICATION****Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO**NoM No.:** 360

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Notes and publicly supports the sentiments expressed in the letter from the Darebin Progress Association, Darebin Ratepayers Association and the Darebin Ethnic Communities' Council (received on the 20/08/2018) voicing growing community concern about the future of Preston Market.*
- (2) *Notes and writes to Heritage Victoria supporting:*
  - a) *The application by the Darebin Appropriate Development Association (DADA) requesting Heritage Victoria to list Preston Market for state recognition*
  - b) *The call by the above community organisations requesting the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria and the Heritage Council exercise their discretion in making an Interim Protection Order under s147 (1) of the Heritage Act 2017 pending the outcome of the Heritage Register assessment process.*
- (3) *Writes to local Members of Parliament requesting that they also write to Heritage Victoria in support of the community's heritage listing application and the call for an Interim Protection Order.*

**Notice Received:** 21 August 2018**Notice Given to Councillors** 29 August 2018**Date of Meeting:** 3 September 2018

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes and publicly supports the sentiments expressed in the letter from the Darebin Progress Association, Darebin Ratepayers Association and the Darebin Ethnic Communities' Council (received on the 20/08/2018) voicing growing community concern about the future of Preston Market.
- (2) Notes and writes to the Executive Director Heritage Victoria supporting the application by the Darebin Appropriate Development Association (DADA) requesting Heritage Victoria to recommend to the Heritage Council of Victoria to form a view that the Preston Market site has state level cultural significance.
- (3) Writes to local Members of Parliament requesting that they also write to Heritage Victoria recommend to the Heritage Council of Victoria to form a view that the Preston Market site has state level cultural significance in support of the community's heritage listing application.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

*Sally Moxham, Manager City Futures temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.26pm.*

*Cr. Williams temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.34pm*

**10.3                      MAINTAINING                      COUNCIL                      OPENNESS                      AND  
TRANSPARENCY                      CONCERNING                      THE                      FUTURE                      OF  
PRESTON MARKET****Councillor:**                      **Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.:**                      361

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

*That Council is open and transparent in its dealings with the VPA, developers and other stakeholders regarding discussions concerning the future of Preston Market.*

**Notice Received:**                      **21 August 2018****Notice Given to Councillors**                      **29 August 2018****Date of Meeting:**                      **3 September 2018**

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| <b>Motion</b> |
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**MOVED:**                      **Cr. G Greco****SECONDED:**                      **-**

**That** Council is at all times publically open and transparent in its dealings with the VPA, developers and other stakeholders regarding discussions concerning the future of Preston Market in order to maintain overall community goodwill and trust regarding the development of the site and the preparation of the planning controls.

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*Cr. Messina declared an interest in point (3) of the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider that supplies home care packages to the aging Italian community.*

*Cr. Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 8.33 pm.*

#### **10.4 COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY AGED CARE FORUM RESOLUTION**

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 362

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

- (1) Notes the highly successful community forum on aged care held in Preston by the "Does Council Care" coalition that was attended by over 70 community members who unanimously passed a resolution calling on Council:
  - a) To continue to provide at least its current services to Darebin aged care residents.*
  - b) That the current campaign to ensure Council's aged care services are continued and supported by the community.*
  - c) To explore every avenue to avoid the destruction of community valued, urgently needed, Council provided aged services.**
- (2) Continues to provide Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services while in receipt of any funding from the Commonwealth government.*
- (3) Acts proactively to seek an extension of block funding for CHSP services by the Commonwealth Government until June 2020 and beyond.*
- (4) Commits to maintaining and extending the provision and delivery of in-house aged care services if and when the Council stops receiving block funding from the commonwealth government.*
- (5) Advocates for Councils to maintain in-house aged care services and invites Moonee Valley and Bendigo Councils to cooperate in leading the establishment of an Aged Care Advocacy Council Working Group tasked to coordinate a local government/community campaign to support Councils to maintain aged care services in the future.*

**Notice Received:** 21 August 2018

**Notice Given to Councillors** 29 August 2018

**Date of Meeting:** 3 September 2018



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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the highly successful community forum on aged care held in Preston by the "Does Council Care" coalition that was attended by over 70 community members who unanimously passed a resolution calling on Council:
  - a) To continue to provide at least its current services to Darebin aged care residents.
  - b) That the current campaign to ensure Council's aged care services are continued and supported by the community.
  - c) To explore every avenue to avoid the destruction of community valued, urgently needed, Council provided aged services.
- (2) Continues to provide Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services while in receipt of any funding from the Commonwealth government.
- (3) Acts proactively to seek an extension of block funding for CHSP services by the Commonwealth Government until June 2020 and beyond.
- (4) Commits to maintaining and extending the provision and delivery of in-house aged care services if and when the Council stops receiving block funding from the commonwealth government.
- (5) Advocates for Councils to maintain in-house aged care services and invites Moonee Valley and Bendigo Councils together with any other interested councils to cooperate in leading the establishment of an Aged Care Advocacy Council Working Group tasked to coordinate a local government/community campaign to support Councils to maintain aged care services in the future.

THE MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

*Cr. Messina and Cr. Williams returned to the meeting at the conclusion of discussion of the above item – 8.34pm.*

**10.5 REVIEW OF DAREBIN COMMUNITY NEWS****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 363**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council receives a report at a Council meeting in October on how to make Darebin Community News more reflective and inclusive of the diversity in the Darebin community. The report should consider such things as:*

- (1) how to include articles and features in different languages, and*
- (2) how to expand the events calendar to include activities of community and social groups in Darebin.*

**Notice Received: 21 August 2018****Notice Given to Councillors 29 August 2018****Date of Meeting: 3 September 2018**

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

**That** Council receives a report at a Council meeting in October on how to make Darebin Community News more reflective and inclusive of the diversity in the Darebin community. The report should consider (but not limited to) such things as:

- (1) how to include articles and features in different languages, and
- (2) how to expand the events calendar to include activities of community and social groups in Darebin.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

**10.6 CONDEMNATION OF RACIAL VILIFICATION TOWARDS AFRICAN AND OTHER COMMUNITIES****Councillor: Susanne NEWTON****NoM No.: 364**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

- (1) Proudly reaffirms Darebin as a local government area that is working towards a racism-free city, where our community's diversity is valued, celebrated, respected, embraced and leveraged.*
- (2) Notes our commitment to the Welcoming Cities network and the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign, and our commitment to recognising our diverse community as our greatest asset for solving future challenges in our council plan.*
- (3) Condemns the demonization of African communities, in particular the South Sudanese community, by politicians and the media.*
- (4) Condemns Senator Fraser Anning's maiden speech in the Federal Parliament, in particular his hateful comments towards Muslims and calls for a return to a 'European-based immigration policy', as an insult to all residents of Darebin, and indeed Australia.*
- (5) Writes to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, to:
  - a) express our concern at the increasing racial vilification towards African and other communities*
  - b) urgently call on the Australian and Victorian governments to condemn racism towards African and other communities, and recognise their obligation to provide assistance to refugee and humanitarian visa holders living in Australia, including trauma counselling, additional schooling, skills building and pathways to meaningful employment.**
- (6) Works with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) and other local support networks to engage the Darebin community in activities to address racism, such as public meetings and anti-racism campaigns, promoted through communication channels such as the Darebin Community News and social media.*

**Notice Received: 21 August 2018****Notice Given to Councillors 29 August 201****Date of Meeting: 3 September 2018**

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Proudly reaffirms Darebin as a local government area that is working towards a racism-free city, where our community's diversity is valued, celebrated, respected, embraced and leveraged.
- (2) Notes our commitment to the Welcoming Cities network and the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign, and our commitment to recognising our diverse community as our greatest asset for solving future challenges in our council plan.
- (3) Condemns the demonization of African communities, in particular the South Sudanese community, by politicians and the media.
- (4) Condemns Senator Fraser Anning's maiden speech in the Federal Parliament, in particular his hateful comments towards Muslims and calls for a return to a 'European-based immigration policy', as an insult to all residents of Darebin, and indeed Australia.
- (5) Writes to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, to:
  - a) express our concern at the increasing racial vilification towards African and other communities
  - b) urgently call on the Australian and Victorian governments to condemn racism towards African and other communities, and recognise their obligation to provide assistance to refugee and humanitarian visa holders living in Australia, including trauma counselling, additional schooling, skills building and pathways to meaningful employment.
- (6) Works with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) and other local support networks to engage the Darebin community in activities to address racism, such as public meetings and anti-racism campaigns, promoted through communication channels such as the Darebin Community News and social media.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point (7) be added to the motion as follows.*

- (7) Mayor in coordination with DECC calls a meeting of local African community leaders and organisations and networks to seek their views and feedback on how Council can work towards becoming a racism free city.

*This was accepted by Cr. Newton and Cr. McCarthy.*

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Proudly reaffirms Darebin as a local government area that is working towards a racism-free city, where our community's diversity is valued, celebrated, respected, embraced and leveraged.

- (2) Notes our commitment to the Welcoming Cities network and the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign, and our commitment to recognising our diverse community as our greatest asset for solving future challenges in our council plan.
- (3) Condemns the demonization of African communities, in particular the South Sudanese community, by politicians and the media.
- (4) Condemns Senator Fraser Anning's maiden speech in the Federal Parliament, in particular his hateful comments towards Muslims and calls for a return to a 'European-based immigration policy', as an insult to all residents of Darebin, and indeed Australia.
- (5) Writes to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, to:
  - a) express our concern at the increasing racial vilification towards African and other communities
  - b) urgently call on the Australian and Victorian governments to condemn racism towards African and other communities, and recognise their obligation to provide assistance to refugee and humanitarian visa holders living in Australia, including trauma counselling, additional schooling, skills building and pathways to meaningful employment.
- (6) Works with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) and other local support networks to engage the Darebin community in activities to address racism, such as public meetings and anti-racism campaigns, promoted through communication channels such as the Darebin Community News and social media.
- (7) Mayor in coordination with DECC calls a meeting of local African community leaders and organisations and networks to seek their views and feedback on how Council can work towards becoming a racism free city.

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

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**MINUTE NO. 18-227**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Proudly reaffirms Darebin as a local government area that is working towards a racism-free city, where our community's diversity is valued, celebrated, respected, embraced and leveraged.
- (2) Notes our commitment to the Welcoming Cities network and the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign, and our commitment to recognising our diverse community as our greatest asset for solving future challenges in our council plan.
- (3) Condemns the demonization of African communities, in particular the South Sudanese community, by politicians and the media.
- (4) Condemns Senator Fraser Anning's maiden speech in the Federal Parliament, in particular his hateful comments towards Muslims and calls for a return to a 'European-based immigration policy', as an insult to all residents of Darebin, and indeed Australia.
- (5) Writes to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, to:
  - a) express our concern at the increasing racial vilification towards African and other communities.

- b) urgently call on the Australian and Victorian governments to condemn racism towards African and other communities, and recognise their obligation to provide assistance to refugee and humanitarian visa holders living in Australia, including trauma counselling, additional schooling, skills building and pathways to meaningful employment.
- (6) Works with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) and other local support networks to engage the Darebin community in activities to address racism, such as public meetings and anti-racism campaigns, promoted through communication channels such as the Darebin Community News and social media.
- (7) Mayor in coordination with DECC calls a meeting of local African community leaders and organisations and networks to seek their views and feedback on how Council can work towards becoming a racism free city.

**CARRIED**

*Sunny Haynes, Manager City Futures and Darren Rudd, Manager City Development left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.51pm.*

**10.7 ANALYSIS OF HOMELESSNESS IN DAREBIN****Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS****NoM No.: 365**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

- (1) *Requests that officers prepare a report for Council which:*
  - a) *identifies the number of people experiencing homelessness in Darebin;*
  - b) *maps the existing services and programs supporting the wellbeing of people experiencing homeless in Darebin; and*
  - c) *identifies opportunities to improve service provision, including opportunities to improve access to Council services and facilities.*
- (2) *Requests that officers work with relevant community organisations in the homelessness and emergency relief sector in the preparation of this report.*

**Notice Received: 22 August 2018**

**Notice Given to Councillors 29 August 2018**

**Date of Meeting: 3 September 2018**

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**MINUTE NO. 18-228**

**MOVED: Cr. J Williams**

**SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

**That Council:**

- (1) Requests that officers prepare a report for Council which:
  - a) identifies the number of people experiencing homelessness in Darebin;
  - b) maps the existing services and programs supporting the wellbeing of people experiencing homeless in Darebin; and
  - c) identifies opportunities to improve service provision, including opportunities to improve access to Council services and facilities.
- (2) Requests that officers work with relevant community organisations in the homelessness and emergency relief sector in the preparation of this report.

**CARRIED**

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**10.8 MAV STATE CONFERENCE MOTION - SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING****Councillor: Susanne NEWTON****NoM No.: 366**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council submits the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting of 19 October 2018:*

- (1) That the MAV coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to play a lead role in resourcing and supporting Councils to implement actions aligned to Plan Melbourne, Homes for Victorians and the Infrastructure Victoria 30-Year Plan with regard to social and affordable housing, including facilitating the provision of affordable housing through the planning system.*
- (2) That the MAV advocate to State and Federal Government to provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for social and affordable housing.*
- (3) That the MAV advocate to the State Government to significantly increase the social housing being provided through the Public Housing Renewal Program and Inclusionary Housing Pilot, so that the provision is linked to demand.*

**Notice Received: 28 August 2018****Notice Given to Councillors 29 August 2018****Date of Meeting: 3 September 2018**

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**MOVED: Cr. S Newton****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

**That** Council submits the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting of 19 October 2018:

- (1) That the MAV coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to play a lead role in resourcing and supporting Councils to implement actions aligned to Plan Melbourne, Homes for Victorians and the Infrastructure Victoria 30-Year Plan with regard to social and affordable housing, including facilitating the provision of affordable housing through the planning system.
- (2) That the MAV advocate to State and Federal Government to provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for social and affordable housing.
- (3) That the MAV advocate to the State Government to significantly increase the social housing being provided through the Public Housing Renewal Program and Inclusionary Housing Pilot, so that the provision is linked to demand.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) of the motion be amended as*



follows.

- (3) That the MAV advocate to the State Government to significantly increase the social housing being provided through the **Social Housing and Public Housing Renewal Program** and Inclusionary Housing Pilot, so that the provision is linked to demand.

*This was accepted by Cr. Newton and Cr. Rennie.*

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. S Newton**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

**That** Council submits the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting of 19 October 2018:

- (1) That the MAV coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to play a lead role in resourcing and supporting Councils to implement actions aligned to Plan Melbourne, Homes for Victorians and the Infrastructure Victoria 30-Year Plan with regard to social and affordable housing, including facilitating the provision of affordable housing through the planning system.
- (2) That the MAV advocate to State and Federal Government to provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for social and affordable housing.
- (3) That the MAV advocate to the State Government to significantly increase the social housing being provided through the Social Housing and Public Housing Renewal Program and Inclusionary Housing Pilot, so that the provision is linked to demand.

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

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-229**

**MOVED: Cr. S Newton**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

**That** Council submits the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting of 19 October 2018:

- (1) That the MAV coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to play a lead role in resourcing and supporting Councils to implement actions aligned to Plan Melbourne, Homes for Victorians and the Infrastructure Victoria 30-Year Plan with regard to social and affordable housing, including facilitating the provision of affordable housing through the planning system.
- (2) That the MAV advocate to State and Federal Government to provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for social and affordable housing.
- (3) That the MAV advocate to the State Government to significantly increase the social housing being provided through the Social Housing and Public Housing Renewal Program and Inclusionary Housing Pilot, so that the provision is linked to demand.

**CARRIED**

**10.9 MAV STATE CONFERENCE MOTION - INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION PLAN****Councillor: Susanne NEWTON****NoM No.: 367**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

*That Council submits the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting of 19 October 2018:*

- (1) *That the MAV calls for the implementation of the Infrastructure Contribution Plan standard levies across established areas of Melbourne.*

**Notice Received: 28 August 2018****Notice Given to Councillors 29 August 2018****Date of Meeting: 3 September 2018**

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**MINUTE NO. 18-230****MOVED: Cr. S Newton**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**That** Council submits the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting of 19 October 2018:

- (1) That the MAV calls for the implementation of the Infrastructure Contribution Plan standard levies across established areas of Melbourne.

**CARRIED**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 8.1 DRAFT 2017/2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

**Author:** Financial Accountant

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

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#### PURPOSE

Under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), Council is required to prepare an annual report in respect of each financial year consisting of three parts:

- Report of operations: information about the operations of the council
- Performance Statement: audited results achieved against the prescribed performance indicators and measures
- Financial Statements: audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Act requires that the annual report be submitted to the Minister within three months of the end of the financial year. Council is required to pass a resolution giving approval in principle to each of the Statements and authorise two Councillors to certify each of the Statements after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made.

Regulations 21 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations), specify that the Financial Statements must be certified by the Principal Accounting Officer, two Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer, prior to the Auditor-General signing the audit report.

To assist Council in approving in principle the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for year ended 30 June 2018, the Audit Committee should review the draft Statements with the benefit of comments by Council management and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office representative. The Audit Committee, after it is satisfied with comments of Council management and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office representative, should then make a recommendation to Council to adopt in principle each of the Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The Financial Statements and the Performance Statement provide, as part of the annual report, a transparent account of Council's operations in line with good governance. The annual report forms part of a comprehensive public accountability process and reporting that includes:

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Approves in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 year enclosed in **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Authorises Councillors..... and ..... to sign the Financial Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.
- (3) Approves in principle the Performance Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 year enclosed in **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Authorises Councillors..... and ..... to sign the Performance Statement in its final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-231**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Approves in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 year enclosed in **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Authorises Councillors Le Cerf and Rennie to sign the Financial Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.
- (3) Approves in principle the Performance Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 year enclosed in **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Authorises Councillors Le Cerf and Rennie to sign the Performance Statement in its final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.

**CARRIED**

*Sally Moxham, Manager City Futures returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.11pm.*

**8.2 582 HEIDELBERG ROAD, ALPHINGTON - APPLICATION FOR REVIEW NO. P1558/2018****Author:** Manager Planning and Building**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**PURPOSE**

To seek approval to participate in the VCAT proceedings with respect to a planning permit application to develop land at 582 Heidelberg Road, Alphington within the municipal district of Yarra City Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A planning permit has been sought to develop the land for a 13 storey mixed-use building. While the application for a permit was recommended for support by Yarra Council Officers, the application was refused by Yarra City Council on 2 grounds. The permit applicant has sought to appeal this refusal to VCAT.

Council is required to lodge any Statement of Grounds by 12 September 2018.

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**MINUTE NO. 18-232****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie****That Council:**

- (1) Requests officers to lodge a Statement of Grounds with the Tribunal, nominating that Council intends to actively participate in the proceedings.
- (2) Requests officers to attend the Practice Day Hearing and Compulsory Conference on behalf of Council.
- (3) Delegates officers to negotiate on behalf of Council at the Compulsory Conference, with any position agreed by the parties communicated in accordance with the Planning Committee Charter
- (4) Requests officers to attend and present submissions at the Hearing (or direct brief external counsel of same).
- (5) Requests officers to consider calling an expert witness to give evidence at the hearing in the field of planning and/or urban design.

**CARRIED**

*The following officers left the meeting at 9.16pm:*

- *Joann Hennessy, Acting Manager Finance*
- *Michael O'Riordan, Financial Accountant*
- *Kerrie Wellington, Coordinator Revenue Services*

*Jody Brodribb, Council Business and Governance Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.16pm and returned at 9.18pm.*

**8.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORAL TASKFORCE  
SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS****Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the newly established Local Government Mayoral Task Force Supporting People Seeking Asylum and allied activities.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Government cuts to SRSS program imposes eligibility restrictions on a significant number of asylum seekers. This has seen a direct impact at the local level on asylum seeker communities and local support services, with peak organisations such as the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, Amnesty International and the Refugee Council of Australia coordinating a national advocacy campaign in a bid to reverse the cuts.

In response, local Councils, headed by the City of Dandenong, have established a new taskforce named the Local Government Mayoral Task Force Supporting People Seeking Asylum (the Taskforce) with the purpose of coordinating a Victorian local government approach around advocacy efforts and local area response.

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**MINUTE NO. 18-233****MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the establishment of the *Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum* to strengthen advocacy efforts to reverse the cuts to the SRSS program and coordinate local support.
- (2) Endorses the Joint Statement against changes to the Status Resolution Support Service attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Endorses Darebin City Council membership on the Executive body as aligned to our commitment as a Refugee Welcome Zone and as a Welcoming City Network member.
- (4) Supports a financial co-contribution to the Taskforce for development of a local government advocacy campaign.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Rennie temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.20pm and returned at 9.21pm.*

**8.4 DAREBIN ARTS PRECINCTS REVIEW****Author:** Manager Creative Culture and Events**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

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**PURPOSE**

This report informs Council of the in-house review of Darebin's Arts Precincts, namely Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre and Darebin Arts Centre precincts, and seeks Council's endorsement for the resultant recommendation.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report details four future state options for Council's consideration and adoption.

- 1) Status Quo: Community Facilities
- 2) Renewal: Community Arts Hubs
- 3) Curated: Dedicated Arts Centres (**Recommended**)
- 4) Outsourced: Third Party Operations

The review scopes various operating models that refocus and renew two of Darebin's signature cultural venues. The intention of the review was to assess how Council could invest sustainably and long term within these precincts to strengthen the creation, production and enjoyment of arts and cultural goods and services at the local level. As well, the review looked at assessing access to and participation in cultural life to promote creativity and creative expression, especially among vulnerable and under-represented groups. To achieve these imperatives, the review outlines new strategic directions and operating models, including two potential future options that are underpinned by a contemporary curatorial framework that supports continued growth and establishes the precincts as vibrant, viable and sustainable creative arts centres in Darebin.

In pursuit of a sustainable and long-term strategic approach to Council's signature arts precincts, four future state options are detailed in the report and a recommended option is proposed by officers. The report details information regarding the financial implications aligned to each option, as well as the community and cultural outcomes anticipated.

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

- (1) Notes and endorses the Arts Precincts in-house Review and the recommendations detailed within this Report.
- (2) Adopts in principle, Option Three: Curated – Dedicated Arts Centres.
- (3) Notes that Option Three includes increased operating expenditure of \$37,500 in 2018/2019 financial year and that this will be considered as part of the mid-year budget review.
- (4) Notes that Option Three includes an increased expenditure by a further \$247,500 per annum from 2019/2020, and that these increases will be subject to approval in the 2019/2020 budget process.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes and endorses the Arts Precincts in-house Review and the recommendations detailed within this Report.
- (2) Adopts in principle, Option Three: Curated – Dedicated Arts Centres.
- (3) Notes that Option Three includes increased operating expenditure of \$37,500 in 2018/2019 financial year and that this will be considered as part of the mid-year budget review.
- (4) Notes that Option Three includes an increased expenditure by a further \$247,500 per annum from 2019/2020, and that these increases will be subject to approval in the 2019/2020 budget process.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the move and seconder that point (2) of the motion be amended as follows.*

- (2) Adopts in principle, Option Three: Curated – Dedicated Arts Centres and provides in principle support for the inclusion of the future requirements of the Intercultural Centre and the concept of House of World Cultures as a fitting addition within the Darebin Arts and entertainment precinct.

*This was not accepted by Cr. Messina or Cr. Rennie.*

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

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-234**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes and endorses the Arts Precincts in-house Review and the recommendations detailed within this Report.
- (2) Adopts in principle, Option Three: Curated – Dedicated Arts Centres.
- (3) Notes that Option Three includes increased operating expenditure of \$37,500 in 2018/2019 financial year and that this will be considered as part of the mid-year budget review.
- (4) Notes that Option Three includes an increased expenditure by a further \$247,500 per annum from 2019/2020, and that these increases will be subject to approval in the 2019/2020 budget process.

**CARRIED**



**EXTENSION OF TIME – 9.44PM**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

**That** the Council meeting continue after 10.01pm for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 OCTOPUS SCHOOL PANEL SELECTION**

**Author:** Safe Travel Officer

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

**PURPOSE**

To update Councillors on the status of projects for the Octopus School Pilot Program at Reservoir West Primary School, and appoint a Councillor to the selection panel for the next Octopus School.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The first Octopus School Pilot run during 2018 has included the development of a range of behaviour change programs at Reservoir West Primary School. Council has invested in materials and infrastructure to make walking and cycling to school easier, more fun and an attractive option for families. This is helping deliver goals and objectives in the Council Plan, the Climate Emergency Plan, and the Safe Travel Strategy.

The next stage of this program is to run the program with a second school during the remainder of 2018 and 2019.

Applications will be invited from all Darebin primary schools in August 2018, with the panel to select a school by late September 2018. The panel will be comprised of two officers (Coordinator Transport Strategy and Safe Travel Officer), and one Councillor. The panel will make their selection against eight criteria, seven that the schools respond to, and one that considers a City-wide view including the context of the school in relation to other capital works being delivered.

Council has budgeted \$297,000 for this program in 2018/19, which includes funds for the construction of infrastructure at Reservoir West Primary School, and the remainder for design of treatments at the Round 2 School, and providing materials and implementing programs.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council appoints .....to be on the panel for the selection of a school to participate in Round 2 of the Octopus School Program.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-235**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That** Council appoints Cr. Steph Amir to be on the panel for the selection of a school to participate in Round 2 of the Octopus School Program.

**CARRIED**

*Cathy Henderson temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.43pm and returned at 9.45pm.*

**8.6 PROPOSED LEASE TO TELSTRA AT JOHN HALL RESERVE, BUNDOORA**

**Author:** Senior Property Officer  
Property Manager

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

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**PURPOSE**

This report informs Council of the outcome of the statutory process relating to the proposed lease to Telstra for the establishment of a mobile base station (Base Station), together with the provision of sports field lighting, and seeks approval to enter into a lease with Telstra at John Hall Reserve shown on site plan in **Appendix A**.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2014, Council received an expression of interest from Telstra proposing the establishment of a Base Station, together with the provision of sports field lighting, at John Hall Reserve, which is located at 188 Dunne Street, Bundoora, as shown on the attached plan in **Appendix A** (Reserve).

Consultation determined that the proposed Base Station installation would be incorporated into Council's sports field lighting plan and form part of one of the light poles for the Reserve.

Following a Planning Committee Hearing, where it addressed all objections received, Council issued a planning permit for the installation of a Base Station/sports field light pole on 18 January 2016.

In August 2017, Council resolved to commence the statutory process and give public notice of its intention to enter into a lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve. The process provided the community and all abutting property owners with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the *Preston Leader* and *Northcote Leader* newspapers on 30 and 31 January 2018 respectively. The notice period ended on 5 March 2018, with one submission having been received (**Appendix B**).

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**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve.
- (2) Authorises the General Manager Governance and Engagement to execute the new lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd.

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to not enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve.

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve.
- (2) Authorises the General Manager Governance and Engagement to execute the new lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the move and seconder that point (2) of the motion be amended as follows.*

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve **with a condition in the lease that EMR readings on first panels and any subsequent panels be independently assessed and residents and sporting clubs be notified in writing accordingly.**

*This was not accepted by Cr. Rennie or Cr. McCarthy.*

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve **with a condition in the lease that EMR readings on first panels and any subsequent panels be independently assessed and residents and sporting clubs be notified in writing accordingly.**
- (2) Authorises the General Manager Governance and Engagement to execute the new lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd.

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THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve.
- (2) Authorises the General Manager Governance and Engagement to execute the new lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd.

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

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**MINUTE NO. 18-236**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with one (1) submission having been received, resolves to enter into a lease agreement with Telstra Corporation Ltd for the installation of a telecommunications facility at John Hall Reserve.
- (2) Authorises the General Manager Governance and Engagement to execute the new lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Greco requested that it be recorded in the minutes that he voted in opposition to the Council Resolution.

*The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf temporarily left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 10.09pm.*

*Deputy Mayor, Cr. Messina assumed the Chair.*

**8.7 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND FROM A COUNCIL-OWNED DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE RESERVE ADJOINING THE REAR OF 18 LIVINGSTONE STREET AND 15A NOCTON STREET, RESERVOIR**

**Author:** Property Officer  
Property Manager

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

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## **PURPOSE**

This report provides Council with information relating to the outcome of preliminary investigations into the proposed sale of a Council-owned parcel of land from a drainage and sewerage reserve adjoining the rear of 18 Livingstone Street and 15A Nocton Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B** (Land), and to seek approval from Council to commence statutory procedures for the proposed sale.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2016, Council received an enquiry from an adjoining property owner at 18 Livingstone Street, Reservoir, looking to purchase the land from the drainage and sewerage reserve at the rear of their property. Investigations revealed that the former City of Coburg resolved to vest in itself and to sell the 1.83-metre-wide drainage and sewerage reserve in 1986 to adjoining property owners. Not all of the parcels of land were sold at that time.

As a result of the change in municipal boundaries and the delisting of the registered company, the then proprietor, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), transferred the remaining titled land to Darebin City Council. The Land appears to have been enclosed by the adjoining property at 18 Livingstone Street, Reservoir for many years.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed sale, with the property owners of 18 Livingstone Street, Reservoir indicating their interest by signing an in-principle agreement to purchase the Land from the discontinued road at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process.

Investigations also revealed that while the former City of Coburg had vested the land from the reserve in Council in 1986, they had not taken the added step to remove the reserve status. As such, a Plan of Subdivision has been prepared, creating Lots 1 and 2 on the Plan of Subdivision shown in **Appendix C**.

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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MINUTE NO. 18-237

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Gives public notice under sections 189, 82A and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of the proposed sale of the land shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A**, and as Lot 1 in Plan of Subdivision PS814100J provided in **Appendix C**, in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website, and in such notice state that Council proposes to sell the land to the owner of 18 Livingstone Street, Reservoir, by private treaty.
- (2) Undertakes procedures under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 24A of the *Subdivision Act 1988* to remove reserve status and subdivide the land shown hatched on **Appendix A**.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.8 PROPOSED SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND FROM A PREVIOUSLY DISCONTINUED ROAD AT THE REAR OF 28K HUGHES PARADE, RESERVOIR**

**Author:** Property Manager  
Property Officer

**Reviewed By:** Manager Governance and Performance

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**PURPOSE**

This report provides Council with information relating to the outcome of preliminary investigations relating to the proposed sale of a parcel of land from a discontinued road at the rear of 28K Hughes Parade and 3K Morris Street, Reservoir, shown cross-hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B (Land)**, and seeks approval from Council to commence statutory procedures for the proposed sale.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2017, Council received an enquiry from an adjoining property owner at 28K Hughes Parade, Reservoir looking to purchase the land at the rear of the property, being part of the unsold land from the discontinued road. The Land is known as Lot 5 on Title Plan 015228X shown in **Appendix C**.

Although the Land appears to have been incorporated within the vacant allotment at 3K Morris Street, Reservoir for many years, it has never been built on, nor has the Land been restricted from public access (**Appendix B**). Furthermore, the property owner at 3K Morris Street, Reservoir has not expressed any interest in the Land.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed sale, with the property owner of 28K Hughes Parade, Reservoir indicating their interest by signing an in-principle agreement to purchase the Land from the discontinued road at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process.

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**MINUTE NO. 18-238**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 28K Hughes Parade and 3K Morris Street, Reservoir, shown as Lot 5 on Title Plan 015228X in **Appendix C**, to the owners of 28K Hughes Parade, Reservoir in accordance with Council Policy.
- (2) Gives public notice under Sections 189, 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed sale in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website, and in such notice state that Council proposes to sell the land from the former road to the owner of 28K Hughes Parade, Reservoir by private treaty.

**CARRIED**

*Jennifer Paterson, Property Manager left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 10.11pm.*

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**8.9 CT2017213 - LEASING OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS****Author:** Infrastructure Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**PURPOSE**

This report is being presented for Council to award contract number CT2017213 – Provision of Leasing Desktop and Laptop Equipment.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A significant proportion of the Council's fleet of desktop and laptop computers are currently, or about to become, end of life and out of vendor support with 447 of 696 items registering end of life. By January 2019 a further 50 devices will be added to this total with another 58 registering end of life by December 2019.

As a consequence, Council is required to enter into contractual arrangements to facilitate the replacement of the majority of current devices as part of a 4 year lifecycle management schedule. This includes laptops that have been imaged with Council's standard operating environment and associated peripherals that are suitable for an agile workforce; support of the laptops and peripherals during the warranty period (4 years); and completion of the laptop and peripheral disposal process at the end of the warranty period.

A Request for Tender (RFT) was advertised from Saturday 17 March 2018 to Thursday 12 April 2018 for the provision of leasing desktop and laptop equipment. A total of eight submissions were received.

The Tender Evaluation details and scoring for the evaluation is contained in **Appendix A – CT2017213 – Provision of Leasing Desktop and Laptop Equipment - Confidential Report**, attached under separate cover.

The proposed contractual arrangement is to enter into a contract for the leasing of the laptops and peripherals (docking station, bag) for the period commencing 1 October 2018 to 30 June 2023; the provision of professional services for the management of the laptops and peripherals; and the inclusion of professional services for the disposal of laptop and peripherals at the end of the lease term.

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**That Council:**

- (1) Awards the contract CT2017213 for the leasing of the laptops and peripherals for the period commencing 1 October 2018 to 30 June 2023, the provision of professional services for the management of the laptops and peripherals, and professional services for the disposal of laptop and peripherals at the end of the lease term to \_\_\_\_\_ up to a total contract value of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Notes that a budget contingency amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ GST inclusive, for Contract CT2017213 (being 3% of the procurement cost and within Council's budget allowing for international currency fluctuations due to the extended timeframe from quoting to ordering).
  - (3) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the contract on behalf of Darebin City Council.
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MINUTE NO. 18-239

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

- (1) Awards the contract CT2017213 for the leasing of the laptops and peripherals for the period commencing 1 October 2018 to 30 June 2023, the provision of professional services for the management of the laptops and peripherals, and professional services for the disposal of laptop and peripherals at the end of the lease term to Computer Systems Australia P/L up to a total contract value of \$1,256,551.86.
- (2) Notes that a budget contingency amount of \$105,000 GST inclusive, for Contract CT2017213 (being 3% of the procurement cost and within Council's budget allowing for international currency fluctuations due to the extended timeframe from quoting to ordering).
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the contract on behalf of Darebin City Council.

**CARRIED**

*The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 10.12pm and resumed the Chair at 10.13pm.*

**8.10 CT201431 - PROVISION OF BLOCK TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES****Author:** Coordinator Arboriculture Planning**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the optional two year extension of Contract CT201431 – Provision of Block Tree Maintenance Services and for a variation of the contract expenditure to cover the anticipated spend over the next two years of the contract term.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Darebin City Council has a current contract with a service provider engaged for the cyclic maintenance and electrical line clearance of trees in Darebin streetscapes.

This agreement was put in place in 2014 for an initial 4 year term, with the option to extend the term by a further two years. The decision to exercise the optional 2 year extension was to be reviewed by Council after the initial 4 year term.

The intention is to obtain an extension to operate from 1 October 2018, in order to perform the Electrical Line Clearance, Whole Street Pruning and Urban Forest Data Collection components of the contract for a further two years.

The services provided by the contractor has been satisfactory and there is no operational reason to tender for a new service provider at this stage of the contract.

All expenditure is covered within the current approved budget.

Council Officers are requesting to exercise the optional 2 year extension and a variation of the contract expenditure to cover the anticipated spend for the next two years of the contract term.

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**MINUTE NO. 18-240****MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That Council:**

- (1) Approves the optional extension to the current contract CT201431 – Provision of Block Tree Maintenance Services with Active Tree Services for two years to 30 September 2020;
- (2) Approves the estimated extension cost amount of \$2,243,363.70 including GST. Totalling the full six year term of the contract at \$4,821,450.00 including GST.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to advise the contractor of the contract extension.

**CARRIED**

Item - 8.11 Preston Market Update - has been moved to another part of the document. See page 16.

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

### 9.1 NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM - SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

**Author:** Manager City Safety and Compliance

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

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the officer's recommendations in response to a petition tabled at the Council meeting held on 13 August 2018.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition from 13 parents of students attending the Northern School for Autism has been received, requesting Council to consider the reinstatement of the previous school crossing supervisor, who had been staffing the school crossing situated in Gertz Avenue, Reservoir.

The Gertz Avenue school crossing became a supervised crossing at the start of the 2018 school year, meaning that Council is now providing, and will continue to provide, a supervisor for the crossing.

A shortage of school crossing supervisors across the municipality resulted in Council staffing the Gertz Avenue crossing with a casual supervisor provided through an employment agency. Crossing supervisors sourced through the employment agency are rotated on a six monthly basis as part of their conditions of employment with that agency.

The school crossing supervisor, who is the subject of this petition, has successfully applied to become a school crossing supervisor employed by Council. Council will be assigning him to the Gertz Avenue school crossing, as per the petitioners' request.

Recognising the special needs of the students using the Gertz Avenue school crossing, it is Council's intention for the school crossing supervisor in question, to staff the crossing on a long term basis, however like all employment agreements this may be subject to change if the individual's, or Council's, requirements change.

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**MINUTE NO. 18-241**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the contents of this report.
  - (2) Notes that Council will staff the school crossing in Gertz Avenue Reservoir, with a permanent council school crossing supervisor, given the special needs of the students attending the Northern School for Autism.
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- (3) Notes that Council officers have advised the Northern School for Autism, of the receipt of the petition, and updated the school on the return of the original school crossing supervisor to staff the Gertz Avenue, Reservoir school crossing.
- (4) Instructs Council officers to advise the petitioners of the outcome of their petition.

**CARRIED**

**EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.19PM**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-242**

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

**That** the Council meeting continue after 10.31pm for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 RESPONSE TO PETITION REGARDING TRAFFIC  
CONDITIONS ON SEPARATION STREET****Author:** Team Leader Transport Engineering**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**PURPOSE**

To update Council on actions in relation to a petition received by Council on 13 August 2018 requesting traffic calming and accident preventative measures on Separation Street Northcote.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has conducted an independent safety assessment of Separation Street. This has resulted in a successful funding application to the Federal Government's Black Spot Program for delivery of works in 2018/19. As requested in the petition, the Black Spot project will deliver a reduction in the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h, which is expected to take place by December 2018.

The location Separation Street at Oamaru Street has been identified and budget has been allocated for a signalised pedestrian crossing to be installed in the 2018/19 financial year. Design work and negotiations with stakeholders are currently being completed with construction expected in May 2019.

An application for road safety cameras has been made to Department of Justice for the intersections of High Street and Victoria Road on behalf of the residents.

As the process has already been started to improve road safety along Separation Street, the further items listed in the petition involving heavy goods vehicles are recommended to be investigated following the speed limit changes to 40km/h. A report to Council on the effectiveness of the speed limit change and what the next steps are for road safety on Separation Street is planned for June 2019.

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**MINUTE NO. 18-243****MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the speed limit in Separation Street Northcote will be reduced to 40 km/h in 2018, that a signalised pedestrian crossing will be installed on Separation Street at Oamaru Street in the 2018/19 financial year, and that an application for road safety cameras has been made on behalf of residents.
- (2) Receives a further report regarding traffic calming and accident prevention measures in June 2019 after the impacts of the speed limit reduction to 40km/h on Separation Street have been measured.

**CARRIED**

*Sally Moxham left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 10.23pm*

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10. Notice of Motion Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8 and 10.9 have been moved to another part of the document. Refer to page 33.

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

Nil



## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 6 August 2018
- Council Briefing Session – 6 August 2018
- Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee – 8 August 2018
- Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee – 9 August 2018
- Darebin Arts Ambassadors Advisory Committee – 14 August 2018
- Meet the Managers – 21 August 2018
- Climate Emergency Darebin – 23 August 2018
- Glyphosate use in Darebin – 24 August 2018

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**MINUTE NO. 18-244**

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

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 6, 8, 9, 14, 21, 23 and 24 August 2018 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

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| <b>Council Resolution</b> |
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**MINUTE NO. 18-245**

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

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

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

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

**24 July – 13 August 2018**

- Alliance for Gambling Reform – Councils Unite for Pokies Reform on the Steps of Parliament
- Fortnightly 3KND Radio Interviews
- Darebin Education Committee
- Melbourne's Northern Councils Mayor and CEOs Forum
- Climate Emergency Darebin Committee Meeting
- Municipal Association of Victoria's Councillor Development Weekend
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive meeting
- Regular Weekly Catch ups with Executive Support
- Regular Weekly Catch ups with CEO
- Regular Weekly Catch ups with Media and Communications
- Meeting with Jika Jika Neighbourhood House
- Meeting to discuss Darebin Community Awards
- Meeting to discuss Railway Place, Fairfield
- Meeting to discuss Annual Report
- Meeting with Acting CEO/General Manager Community
- Meeting with ICLEI Oceania Secretariat
- Meeting with CEO/General Manager Community regarding Darebin Falcons
- VLGA Event: Managing Conflicts of Interest
- Welcome for the VFLW Birds of Prey clash - Darebin Falcons v Hawthorn
- Council Briefing Session
- Mayoral Roundtable on Federal Government cuts to SRSS
- Meeting with Lidia Thorpe MP
- Northern Mayors Meeting with The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP
- Homelessness Week Event at Haven, Home, Safe in Preston

- Meeting with Director, Etiko
- Launch of Darebin Play Map – Preston South Primary School
- Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee – Community Emergency Risk Assessment
- Meeting to discuss Welcome New Citizens event
- Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Regional Director, ICLEI Oceania
- MAV Environment Committee Meeting
- MAV Metropolitan Forum
- Welcome Baby to Country event
- Regular Catch ups with Deputy Mayor
- We Rock the Spectrum Meet and Greet
- Meeting with Friends of the Earth/Act on Climate
- Community Meeting with Residents and Traders in and around Railway Place, Fairfield
- Media Conference with Welcoming Cities and Mayors Standing in Solidarity with South Sudanese Community, including radio interviews with ABC News, ABC Mornings, 3AW, ABC NewsRadio
- Meeting with Lidia Thorpe MP regarding Alphington
- Press Briefing – Aged Friendly Darebin, with Expert Panel members

**14 August – 3 September 2019**

- CEO & Mayor Meet with Aged Friendly Darebin Panel
- Meeting with Neighbourhood Houses regarding Baucau Trip
- Meeting with Mayor of Whittlesea
- Future Preston Government Stakeholder Workshop
- Meeting with Darebin Community Friends of Public Housing Committee
- Northern Metropolitan Partnership Annual Assembly
- Northern Alliance Committee Meeting (x2) – People Seeking Asylum and SRSS
- Fairfield Primary School – Screening of Plastic Ocean documentary and Panel Discussion
- Briefing regarding Call and Response Public Art Work
- Briefing regarding Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Executive Meeting
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting – Lease of Land for the Purpose of Affordable Housing
- Meet the Managers Networking
- Briefings regarding Climate Emergency Conference
- Top 50 Public Sector Women Awards

- Climate Emergency Darebin Committee Meeting
- Darebin Community Awards
- Briefing regarding Weed Management Plan
- Business Breakfast for the Bridge at Moon Rabbit Café
- MatchWorks Deadly Yakka Program Launch
- Meeting with Wales Street Primary Junior School Council
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Council Briefing
- Stakeholder briefing with Premier
- Meeting with Aboriginal Housing Victoria
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Tour of Manningham Biochar Facility

**REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR**

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

- Launch of We Rock the Spectrum gym in Preston
- Meeting with Lidia Thorpe regarding support for Darebin's transgender community
- Planning Committee meeting
- Hearing of submissions meeting
- Meet the managers session
- SSAGD committee meeting
- Cazaly Ward meeting
- Weed management meeting
- Business Breakfast at Moon Rabbit
- Councillor briefing
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Tour of Manningham Biochar Facility
- Discussions with residents regarding traffic, cycling, park upgrades and other issues

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Friends of Baucau meeting
- DECC meeting
- Planning meeting
- Hearing of Submission meeting
- Meet the Managers
- Darebin community Awards Presentation Award Night

- La Trobe Uni Hockey Club
- East Reservoir Community Welcome Dinner
- Council Briefing
- Ruthven Reference Group
- Taste of India
- Active and healthy Ageing Advisory committee

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Darebin Community Awards
- Climate Emergency Conference Planning Meetings
- Climate Emergency Darebin Board Meeting
- Council Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting
- Weed Management Meeting
- Launch of new premises for Darebin Community Legal Centre
- Raleigh Street Childrens Centre Fundraising Night
- Meeting with Friends of Mayer Park representative

**REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

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

- Council briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Individual resident complaints and emails.
- Meeting with Managers regarding Graffiti Management and Community Safety Framework
- Future Preston Workshop
- Fairfield Primary School Waste Screening
- Northern Blues Lunch
- Italian Mayors and Councillors
- Speech at the Italians Multicultural Forum Myrtleford Victoria
- Hearing of Submissions
- Meet the Managers
- Cazaly Ward Meeting
- NorthLink Opening
- Weed Management Meeting

- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin
- Meeting with John from Fifteen Pounds
- Discussions with Northern Blues, Preston Bullants
- Briefing on Preston Market
- Meeting with CEO Sue Wilkinson
- Preston Market Community Reference Group

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Arts Ambassadors Meeting
- Northern Metropolitan Partnership Annual Assembly
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council
- Planning Committee
- Hearing of Submissions Committee
- Meet the Managers event
- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Committee
- Active Spaces Launch – Be Kind Textiles
- 4th Preston Scout Group – Annual Report and Presentation Night
- VLGA Board Meeting
- Meeting with Vito Albicini and Phillip Tulk regarding weed management
- La Trobe Hockey Club Coterie
- Kingsbury Bowls Club – opening of their season
- The Welcome Dinner Project in East Reservoir for newly arrived and established Australians
- Council briefing session
- Ruthven Community Reference Group Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE**

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

- Council meeting
- Northern Metropolitan Partnership Annual Assembly
- RecVic Forum
- Climate Emergency Research project next steps meeting
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions
- Meet the managers event
- Be Kind Textiles opening

- Meeting with Sam Green re Climate Emergency conference
- MAV alcohol, gambling and other drugs meeting
- MAV planning committee
- Darebin Community Legal Centre Reservoir opening
- Darebin Community Awards presentation night
- Greek Cypriot Social Welfare event
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Council briefing session
- Debrief and next steps discussion on Mayer Park with Marc Chung
- Meeting with Ged Kearney
- AICD graduation ceremony
- MAV Human Service committee

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

- Planning Meeting
- Hearing of submissions
- Meet the new councillor officers
- Cazaly Ward Meeting
- La Trobe Hockey Club Coterie
- Council Briefing

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

- Cr. Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil.

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 10.23pm.