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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 8 APRIL 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.44pm.

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. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Allan Cochrane - Manager Finance

Sally Moxham - Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Philip Tulk – Manager Parks and Open Space

Avi Maharaj - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services (6.40pm)

Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer

Michelle Martin – Council Business Officer

Bhaskar Mehta - Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Trent McCarthy was on an approved leave of absence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Lina Messina disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 8.3 – Decision Timeline – Age Friendly Darebin Review.

Cr. Kim Le Cerf disclosed an indirect conflict of interest in Item 8.8 – Councillor Overseas Trip to Timor-Leste.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-017

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

Cr Julie Williams left the meeting at 7.18 pm and returned at 7.19pm.

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- Naomi, Preston.

Hello, I'd like to know and discuss plans to increase number of trees planted in public spaces across Darebin in response to recent report finding Darebin had a very poor green canopy compared to other Council areas.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thankyou for your question. The good news is that the figures cited in that report are actually outdated and no longer reflect current canopy figures.

A 2018 measurement of tree canopy coverage found –

-the total vegetation cover in Darebin is 1270 ha (23.4% of the total City area).

-that vegetation covers 20.3% of private land and 29.6% of public land.

-that there has been an increase in tree canopy on public land from 13.9% in 2012 to 16.6% in 2018

But of course there is much more to be done.

Over the last two years we have planted around 3000 trees in streets and 600 trees in parks across the city. We also gave away around 6000 trees to residents.

This work is proposed to continue next year as the draft budget being considered tonight shows. We will also consider introducing new protections for significant trees on private land tonight as part of item 8.1 on the agenda.

- Nick Legge, Northcote.

Given the dilapidated state of the once-impressive 'gateway' to the former City of Northcote across the High Street Bridge over the Merri Creek and the shocking over-development proposed for the Walker Street estate (over which Council has had no say but which includes sufficient on-site resident parking and a potential alternative basketball half-court location), and given the estate is now largely vacated, will Council take immediate steps to reclaim the plantation area along High Street Close that was excised from the plantation for car parking and a basketball half-court, and convert it, and the corresponding plantation on the opposite side of High Street and adjacent areas on either side of the High Street bridge abutments to a suitably impressive and picturesque 'gateway' to Darebin, including a bike path entry via High St Close to the High Street service road?"

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thanks for your question.

The plantation area you refer to is owned by VicRoads and has been managed as part of the Walker St estate.

The CEO has offered for an officer to get in touch with you to understand your views fully.

I would also encourage you to contact the state government directly as they are the decision maker in regards to this land.

- Nick Legge, Northcote.

Given the abandonment by City of Yarra on 18 March 2019 of its proposal to develop a shared use path through Rushall Reserve to improve the connectivity of the capital city and Merri Creek shared use paths and the opportunities presented by the redevelopment of the Walker Street public housing estate (over which Council has had no say) and of 2a and 2b Cunningham Street, will Council request officers to urgently investigate, together with City of Yarra and MCMC, the prospect of:

a) A DDA-compliant shared use path running from the west end of Cunningham Street, along the east bank of the Merri Creek but above the 10 year flood level, including a short elevated section underneath the pedestrian bridge to Rushall station, and a bridge crossing the Merri Creek just upstream of the High Street Bridge to link with the newly commissioned Merri Creek trail underneath the Hurstbridge line railway bridge, and

b) A DDA-compliant shared use path running from the west side of the Merri Creek just north of the St Georges Rd bridge, across the Merri Creek via a new bridge and connecting with the Merri Creek trail near the intersection of Merri Pde and Bridge St, including a branch underneath the St Georges Rd Bridge wholly on the east side of the Creek to connect with St Georges Rd footpath,

In order to finally complete the missing link in this critical piece of sustainable-living, GHG-reducing infrastructure, consistent with City of Darebin's Climate Emergency declaration.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for the question and for suggesting the two creek corridor projects.

Officers have advised that a preliminary review indicates that these projects could be challenging to deliver partly because they would involve acquiring land and also because of the complexity of achieving DDA compliance in this type of situation. External funding would definitely be required as well.

Nevertheless, the CEO has advised that she has asked staff to contact you directly to understand your thoughts in detail so that we can consider whether they could feasibly be added to our list of improvements for future investigation.

If you stay for the debate later about the draft budget you will get a sense of how many good projects there are that we would like to be able to fund. These include many high priority walking and cycling projects right across the City.

- Carolyn Lunt, Northcote.

Art Installations

I would like to know how much more than \$60000 has been spent on each of the 2 installations installed by Council in 2015.

Call and Response, for example extra solar power towers and wildlife impact assessment which was not undertaken before this decision was made. Unknown named installation in reservoir, has been move due to the Sky Rail works.

The water tanks have been damaged and last time I observed these the plants in the tanks looked as if they were dead or dying.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Since installation in 2015, maintenance costs for the *Call and Response* Public Art work, have been approximately \$13,500, which includes the 2018-19 Fauna Impact Assessment Report and the replacement of a solar panel. I will ask an officer to get in touch to discuss this with you.

The other installation in 2015 was a temporary 'pop-up' park in Reservoir. While the level crossing removal works are in progress at Reservoir Station the park furniture is in storage.

In 2015-16 Council spent a total of \$93,700. This was spent on a mixture of design, purchase of materials, and installation. Since then approximately \$8,000 has been spent on maintenance and repairs.

It has been a tough month for plants across the City. Our officers are keeping an eye on the trees and will make sure they get the water and care they need.

- Carolyn Lunt, Northcote.

Oldis Gardens.

I would like to know why BBQ's are being installed in the gardens as the Merri Creek is in close proximity. I ask this question as you know our biodiversity is in constant risk. Dr Wirth's figures for foxes some 10 years ago were at least 14 foxes per square metre. Other vermin such as Indian Mynas, rats and mice will all be attracted to waste food? This also puts other hungry wildlife at risk from eating food which may kill them e.g. waste bread. There seems to be no seating marked nor the addition of cigarette disposal units at each seat.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

I understand our officers spoke to you and confirmed that the BBQ you are referring to is one shown in the master plan for Oldis Gardens which is planned for installation in future years. I can confirm that we have not yet set a date for its construction.

The master plan outlines Councils plans over time to improve the Oldis Gardens for community users and to enhance habitat. The location of the planned BBQ is near the play space and rubbish bins with butt out plates would be installed nearby.

In regards to food waste from BBQs, generally we find park users are responsible and they remove food and clean down BBQs. However, when BBQs are installed, we also set up cleaning schedules to empty bins and clean the BBQs regularly to match the amount of use they get.

- Susan Suri, Macleod.

What action will the council take to ease the parking for residents in Springthorpe Estate which has been over taken by people working or studying at La Trobe University?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question.

There is a Notice of Motion on tonight's agenda in relation to this topic and I want to be careful not to pre-empt this in my response here.

I can say that the Motion proposes the introduction of changes to parking in Springthorpe Estate to address the impact of student parking.

This is proposed on an interim basis until Council puts in place its parking strategy for the whole of Darebin later in 2019.

You are very welcome to stay for the item if you wish, but we have a very long agenda and it is likely to be quite late. Otherwise I will ask an officer to get in touch with you tomorrow and let you know what the outcome is.

I would like to say that it is clear to me that we must look at how we better share parking between residents, workers and visitors. We know the population is growing and car numbers in the city are also growing. If we don't find ways to walk, cycle and use more public transport, the city will become more and more congested, which I don't think anyone wants.

- Brian Sanaghan, Preston.

Question was not read.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

I have a written question from Mr Brian Sanaghan which I have disallowed in accordance with Clause 53(7) (c) and (d) of Councils Local Law – that is that the question is aimed at embarrassing a Councillor and it deals with subject matter already answered.

A question may be disallowed by the Chairperson if the Chairperson determines that it:

- a) Relates to a matter outside the duties, functions or powers of Council;
- b) Is defamatory, indecent, abusive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance;
- c) Deals with a subject matter already answered;
- d) Is aimed at embarrassing a Councillor or an officer; or
- e) Relates to any matter in respect of which Council may close the meeting to the public under section 89(2) of the Act.

- Anne Laver, Northcote.

Tree Protection Law

I have written to the Council twice with several questions concerning this new Local Law and have not received a response I was unable to attend the Council meeting on the 25th March to provide a submission due to work commitments. Several members of the community have contacted me with questions concerning aspects of the new law.

Will the Council please provide me with a full response to my questions before passing the new Local Law?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your submission Ann. I need to be careful not to pre-empt Councils consideration of this matter later this evening. but I note that we have received your submissions and the report prepared by officers outlines a response to each of the matters raised by all submitters.

You are more than welcome to stay and make a submission – the item is up first after question time.

Structural Pruning

Structural pruning of large trees (protected trees) is usually undertaken by those with advanced skill and knowledge, with the ability and equipment to perform these works. Pruning of a protected tree by a suitably qualified person, as per Australian standards does not require a permit, so the cost of maintaining these trees will not change with the introduction of the local law.

Definition of minor pruning

Minor pruning is anything that will not structurally damage the tree.

A permit will not be required for pruning of branches 50mm in diameter or less.

It is acceptable for residents to conduct simple pruning away from footpaths, powerlines (domestic to house) and winter minor pruning.

The local law only applies to trees over 8m tall and with a trunk diameter greater than 125cm

Power of Authorised Officers to enter properties

Council will not enter private property to inspect trees without the permission of the owner.

Authorised officers will take into account the situation of the resident and reasons for the application

The local law covers all trees on private land. The law covers developers and companies who own land in Darebin.

Costs

As part of the Local Law, Council has imposed fines to minimise developers illegally removing trees. The fine is the maximum that can be applied under the Local Government Act

Should a tree be removed illegally Council can order the tree to be replaced by one of a similar height and growth habit

Council can also take the offender to court to recover costs

Resourcing

Should the local law be adopted by Council it will be adequately resourced by an appropriately qualified officer

Language

If the local law is adopted Council will use all available channels to communicate with all of Darebin's diverse communities

- Anne Laver, Northcote.

Chemical Waste and Recycling

As Council knows there has been yet another incident with a chemical spill which may have impacted on the Merri Creek and residents health. The Council states the responsibility for Chemical Storage is the EPA and WorkSafe.

The Community are very concerned that the Councils are not taking stronger action and role in providing the community with a safe environment in which to live and protect the creeks. Both the EPA, Worksafe, the Department of Environment and the Councils are all passing the buck.

All Levels of Government must work together in resolving the issues of chemical waste and good effective recycling. SKM do not recycle – they simply on-sell the compacted and sorted waste onto other providers – which as we know has declined in number.

The annual Hard Waste Collection is due to occur in May I believe, last year I was informed by Council officers that 90% of this hard waste was not recycled but simply sent to landfill. The reason why all this waste – Recycling, Hard and Chemical Waste is not recycled or disposed of correctly is because of the cost and because no mandatory performance measures are put into contracts or permits so that contractors are compelled to comply.

The Council have already undertaken some actions to improve waste management but it needs to be a real priority and to be greatly expanded:

- This could take to form of offering grants or financial assistance to small companies willing to reduce and reuse
- Expand the resource centre recycle shop
- Spend money on more resources to inspect and enforce contractors and permits for warehouse owners and write new stricter contracts
- Spend money on educating the community – ie this could take the form of random house visits & phone calls , pops up and also distributing the recycle leaflet to all residents
- Run a real campaign to force the state and federal governments take action, get the community involved and on-board
- Provide trained resources to combine with the epa and worksafe to inspect warehouses regularly and create a mandatory register of hazardous waste storage.

The Darebin Council say they are the most progressive council in Australia and dare to lead where others fear to tread

Therefore my question to the Darebin Council is:

Will the Darebin Council invest money into real Waste Management solutions for the community?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question Anne

As you know – we are currently reviewing Councils Waste Strategy. This is a significant undertaking and will look at every element including new technologies, best practise, advocacy and costs. We will also include a full end to end assessment of the waste management cycle including collection methods, processing options and end use opportunities.

Given your keen interest in this topic, the CEO has asked the Manager leading the review to contact you to outline the time frames for the project and to discuss your ideas.

- Julie Anastasiou, Eltham.

Why have land rates increased by almost double without any warning or notification to owners of homes in Darebin?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for the question.

Ms Anastasiou – could you please clarify – are you referring to your Council rates or the land tax?

If it is Council rates -

According to our records the increase in Council rates and charges on your property for 2018-19 was 7%.

The percentage increase was greater than the rate cap set by the State Government of 2.25% because the valuation of Ms Anastasiou's property increased by 31.3% which was well above the average valuation increase across Darebin.

If it is Land Tax-

Land Tax is a State Government tax and Land Tax invoices are issued by the State Revenue Office.

Ms Anastasiou would need to contact the State Revenue Office if she has questions regarding the amount of Land Tax that she has been levied for 2019.

(note - it would appear that Ms Anastasiou's question refers to the increase in Land Tax on her Gower Street property as that has increased by 90.2% for 2019.)

- Julie More, Northcote.

Our household like many others are considering a fully electric vehicle when it is time to replace our car. I have some concerns that our council is falling behind regarding Charging Stations. I believe this was addressed in 2014. As you aware there are many people without off street parking which would preclude them from such a purpose. Wouldn't it be wonderful if as a community we could assist in reducing omissions with the added bonus of reducing noise pollution.

Where are you up to on this?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question. Council is installing a publicly accessible electric vehicle charging station - with two charge points, at its Gower Street car park in Preston. This will project be completed by the end of June 2019. Charging will be free during the first year of operation.

- Marion Harper, Reservoir.

The Darebin Progress Association is deeply concerned about the economic impact on low income earners and pensioners in Darebin

We note that the pensioner rebate is set at \$150.00 in Darebin which is low in comparison to other neighbouring councils

These Councils provided their rebates for pensioners, as follows:

Moreland \$229.40

Yarra \$175

Whittlesea \$279

Banyule \$229.40

Our Questions are :

- 1) Why is Darebin Council rebate so low compared to these other councils?
- 2) When was the last time the rebate was increased ?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Council pensioner rebates for the Councils listed by Ms Harper are not correct. The correct amounts are:

- Moreland \$0
- Yarra \$182.50
- Whittlesea \$0
- Banyule \$0.

The amounts listed for Moreland and Banyule of \$229.40 refer to the State Government municipal rates concession which is a for a 50% deduction on council rates up to a yearly maximum of \$229.40 for 2018-19. This rebate is available to all Victorian ratepayers who hold either a Pensioner Concession Card or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

The amount listed for Whittlesea is made up of the State Government municipal rates concession described above and the State Government Fire Services Property Levy concession of \$50 for pensioners.

Both of these rebates are available to all Victorian ratepayers who hold either a Pensioner Concession Card or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

The Yarra Council pensioner rebate has consistently been higher than Darebin's as a reflection of the higher average rates paid in Yarra.

QUESTION 2:

When was the last time the rebate was increased?

RESPONSE 2:

The Council funded pensioner rate rebate was raised to \$150 in 2015-16.

- **Gabriel Kuek from Macleod**

I am one of three co-conveners of the Springthorpe Residents Group. This Group consists of about 50 households who are significantly affected by the failure of la Trobe University to provide adequate parking accommodation for people who attend the university as employees or students.

LTU's occupation and use of the terraces at the Southern end of Ernest Jones Drive is one significant problem. Another is that residents at the Kingsbury Gardens parking in the northern end of Ernest Jones Drive and the nearby lanes.

People who work at the terraces park their vehicles along Ernest Jones Drive, Grant Avenue, The Common and the lanes and courts that lead off the EJD, right up to Everett Court, 800 meters away. They also park across the cascade in Evan Smith Close.

Every work day, cars are parked, bumper to bumper, on both sides of EJD, sometimes over driveways. They block the line of sight up and down EJD, making it difficult for residents to exit their driveways safely. This is particularly so at bends in EJD, a danger the Council recognized when it erected no standing signs to cover a 30 meters bend, then took it down after four days because it was inadequate.

Rubbish bins are left uncollected when collection trucks are blocked by parked vehicles. Narrower streets such as Grand Avenue and the Common are also constricted when vehicles are parked bumper to bumper.

Emergency vehicles are impeded because of the narrowed path between parked vehicles.

For many years residents have complained to the Council and LTU, mostly individually. 18 months ago, we thought the problem would be alleviated when Councillor Greco agreed to move a motion to install signs limiting parking in the streets. But that failed.

For too long, residents have put up with the nuisance caused by these vehicles. There are young children and elderly living in these streets and elsewhere in the Springthorpe estate. The problems caused by these vehicles are now a present and significant safety concern.

An accident is imminent. A child wandering onto, or crossing, the street to get to the park, an elderly person taking more time to cross the road, an inattentive or impatient driver. These are the ingredients for a disaster.

The Springthorpe Residents Group have had enough. They are not prepared to wait any longer while their families and neighbours are placed at risk. It is time for action. I urge each and every councillor to support Councillor Greco's motion.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you Mr Kuek, I am unable to pre-empt any decision of Council as I had identified earlier, there is a Notice of Motion on the Agenda tonight in relation to this topic. I can say that the motion proposes the introduction of changes to the parking in the Springthorpe Estate, I know that many members of the community have worked with Councillor Greco on the formulation of that motion. The proposal would see interim controls put in place while the parking strategy is being completed towards the end of the year. You are welcome to stay for that item on the agenda to see Council's decision but I will say that likely to go quite late so I anticipate that that would be some hours away. So I do thank you very much for your question tonight.

- **John Nugent – Epping**

Mayor Rennie,

The parking around the Johnson street shops at Keon Park is confusing – the west side of the street has 1 hour parking. The eastern side, where most of the shops are, are located (from Keon Park to Arundel Avenue) has 1 hour park.

New units have been built (on the corner Arundel and Johnson Street) has No Standing sign in front of the shops and units. And the remaining of the shops on the west side have 30 minute time limit on it.

Mayor Rennie, can this shopping strip in Keon Park have uniform times?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you Mr Nugent for that question, you may be aware that we are in the middle of a development strategy and parking in the whole of Darebin will be looked at, so in relation to that particular spot, we will follow it up with you.

- **John Nugent – Epping**

In regards to the Dole/Donoth Masterplan have officers have the discretion to carry out the following work in the proposal 2019/20 budget?

Work to be done – Solar lights through the whole park, seating, terracing, concrete pathway to be completed.

I have written to Council in early March and have not received a reply.

Mayor Rennie, I need to know so I can report back to my footy club.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you Mr Nugent, we are considering the draft budget tonight so I am unable to comment on what will be in the draft budget before it is passed and obviously once it has been passed it will be available to the community for consultation, so thank you.

There may be some quite specific actions so once the draft budget is out in exhibition there will be more information about that. Thank you.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-018

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

That Public Question Time be extended for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 18 March 2019.

At the Council meeting held on 18 March 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

- **John Nugent**

Mayor Rennie, could you please advise if the following master plans have reference community groups?

- Robinson/Capp Master plan
- Pender Park Master Plan
- Batman Park Master Plan
- Mayer Park Master Plan
- Bill Lawry and Oldis Gardens Master Plan
- Bundoora Park Precinct Master Plan
- Fairfield Village Streetscape Master Plan

Of the list above, the following have formal CRGs that have helped or are helping with planning for the parks.

- Penders Park
- Mayer Park
- Fairfield Village Streetscape

In the current year, there are also CRGs working with Council on planning for parks and streetscapes in several areas that weren't included on the list you provided:

- Edwards Lake park
- Former Ruthven Primary School
- Northern Pipe trail (all wards)
- Donath and Dole – this CRG is prioritising works for implementation of the master plan over time

If not, why not?

A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 25 MARCH 2019 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.

Thank you for your questions submitted to Public Question Time at the 18 March 2019 Council meeting

Community reference groups are one way that Council seeks and receives community feedback about what's important in planning for the future of parks. Community engagement and consultation is or was an important part of development of all the master plans listed above. We assess the circumstances in each park and consider the best way to engage with the community on a case by case basis. For example, at Robinson Capp Reserve consultation did not have a formal CRG established however community consultation included work with an active Friends of group.

Also why is there more master plans in the Southern part of the city than the Northern part of the city? Could you please advise why?

Park master planning development work in 2018-19 is reasonably spread across the City, with four park master plans in development and two of these in Latrobe ward.

As you know, Council balances priorities and needs across the City each year when it considers its budget. The draft budget is expected to be considered by Council and released soon and I will send through the submission form as we have discussed.

Master plans are used when there is a need for significant change in a park – often in response to significant population growth or to reflect change in recreation. There are also other ways that Council identifies improvements in parks including:

- It renews park assets at end of their life (replaces trees, furniture)
 - Renews and improves pavilions, grounds and lighting over time, considering needs of clubs for sports and recreation facilities within parks
 - Improves play spaces and public toilets through its play space and toilets program
 - Works with clubs and volunteer groups to enable them to support their local park
1. Could you please advise what can be done to relieve the pressure on Cheddar Road? As you would well know, Cheddar road has gone from a dual road to a single road. Driving down here tonight the cars were from Keon Parade to Jinchi road Reservoir. Also traffic drivers shoot up side streets and cause traffic delays in Johnson Street Keon Park.

The reason for the change from a dual road to a single road is that due to the works being undertaken at Reservoir Station, the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) put in place additional car parking areas along Cheddar Road to make up for closing the commuter car park at Reservoir Station.

While it is not Council's project, we do expect congestion to be unavoidable in order to complete construction to remove the level crossings. You can contact the LXRP directly and there are options to sign up for updates about disruption, which may help you avoid congested areas.

In regards to the specific arrangements at Cheddar Road, Council called on the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) to reduce the speed to 40km/h from 60km/hr along the one lane section and we are pleased to say that they have recently made this change. Our traffic engineers have assessed and are satisfied with the arrangements from a safety perspective.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 TABLING OF PETITION

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-019

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

That the petition:

We, the undersigned residents of Seaver Grove Reservoir hereby petition Darebin Council to remove Saturday morning timed parking restrictions in our street. This is due to the Saturday morning restrictions being placed along Seaver Grove, Reservoir many years ago when water activity was permitted on Edwardes Lake. Such activity has not been permitted for some 15 years or more, therefore there is no requirement for Saturday morning restrictions to remain in place. In addition, on a number of occasions access to the parking lot next to the old boat shed is not unlocked early on a Saturday morning, therefore residents have no choice but to park on the street.

be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for action.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, Cr Greco proposed to alter the order of the agenda.

Motion

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

That Council alters the order of the agenda to consider items 10.1 to 10.22 prior to Item 8.1 and then to continue with the other reports as per original order.

Procedural Motion

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

That the motion now be put.

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Motion

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

That Council alters the order of the agenda to consider items 10.1 to 10.22 prior to Item 8.1 and then to continue with the other reports as per original order.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, Cr Le Cerf proposed to alter the order of the agenda.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-020

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

That Council brings forward and hears Item 10.12 before Item 8.1.

CARRIED

10.12 INTERIM SPRINGTHORPE RESIDENTIAL PARKING MEASURES**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 413**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Implements interim residential parking restrictions (“interim measures”) that include a combination of:*
 - a) *2P time restrictions operating from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and –*
 - b) *Where appropriate, 24 hours parking prohibition Monday to Friday, and*
 - c) *Where appropriate, disability parking spaces and loading zones across the whole of the Springthorpe Estate with exceptions to vehicles displaying authorised parking permits.*
- (2) *Allows Springthorpe residents in single dwellings on a lot occupied after 20 December 2004 and which haven’t been subdivided since then, to be eligible for parking permits on the same basis as Council’s Parking Permit Policy sets out for residents of single dwellings on a lot occupied before 2004.*
- (3) *Consults on and implements the changes including by:*
 - a) *Consulting, and seeking to reach agreement, with the Springthorpe Owner’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Residents Group in respect of the interim measures*
 - b) *Taking the necessary steps to install area-based parking control signs to support the operation of these interim measures*
 - c) *Working closely with the Springthorpe Owners’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Resident’s Group to ensure that Springthorpe residents and the affected community are appropriately advised of the interim measures before they come into force.*
 - d) *Enforcing the interim measures.*
- (4) *Notes that Council is currently developing a parking strategy which is intended to apply to the whole City including the Springthorpe area and that Council will:*
 - a) *Seek feedback from Springthorpe residents about the effectiveness of the interim measures as part of consultation for the parking strategy and policies.*
 - b) *Keep the interim measures in place until such time as the implementation of the new city wide parking strategy.*

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019****Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019**

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council:

- (1) Implements interim residential parking restrictions (“interim measures”) that include a combination of:
 - a) 2P time restrictions operating from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and –
 - b) Where appropriate, 24 hours parking prohibition Monday to Friday, and
 - c) Where appropriate, disability parking spaces and loading zones across the whole of the Springthorpe Estate with exceptions to vehicles displaying authorised parking permits.
- (2) Allows Springthorpe residents in single dwellings on a lot occupied after 20 December 2004 and which haven’t been subdivided since then, to be eligible for parking permits on the same basis as Council’s Parking Permit Policy sets out for residents of single dwellings on a lot occupied before 2004.
- (3) Consults on and implements the changes including by:
 - a) Consulting, and seeking to reach agreement, with the Springthorpe Owner’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Residents Group in respect of the interim measures
 - b) Taking the necessary steps to install area-based parking control signs to support the operation of these interim measures
 - c) Working closely with the Springthorpe Owners’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Resident’s Group to ensure that Springthorpe residents and the affected community are appropriately advised of the interim measures before they come into force.
 - d) Enforcing the interim measures.
- (4) Notes that Council is currently developing a parking strategy which is intended to apply to the whole City including the Springthorpe area and that Council will:
 - a) Seek feedback from Springthorpe residents about the effectiveness of the interim measures as part of consultation for the parking strategy and policies.
 - b) Keep the interim measures in place until such time as the implementation of the new city wide parking strategy.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder the addition of the following point.

- (5) Receives an update in the next six months.

This was accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Amir.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council:

- (1) Implements interim residential parking restrictions (“interim measures”) that include a combination of:
 - a) 2P time restrictions operating from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and –
 - b) Where appropriate, 24 hours parking prohibition Monday to Friday, and
 - c) Where appropriate, disability parking spaces and loading zones across the whole of the Springthorpe Estate with exceptions to vehicles displaying authorised parking permits.
- (2) Allows Springthorpe residents in single dwellings on a lot occupied after 20 December 2004 and which haven’t been subdivided since then, to be eligible for parking permits on the same basis as Council’s Parking Permit Policy sets out for residents of single dwellings on a lot occupied before 2004.
- (3) Consults on and implements the changes including by:
 - a) Consulting, and seeking to reach agreement, with the Springthorpe Owner’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Residents Group in respect of the interim measures
 - b) Taking the necessary steps to install area-based parking control signs to support the operation of these interim measures
 - c) Working closely with the Springthorpe Owners’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Resident’s Group to ensure that Springthorpe residents and the affected community are appropriately advised of the interim measures before they come into force.
 - d) Enforcing the interim measures.
- (4) Notes that Council is currently developing a parking strategy which is intended to apply to the whole City including the Springthorpe area and that Council will:
 - a) Seek feedback from Springthorpe residents about the effectiveness of the interim measures as part of consultation for the parking strategy and policies.
 - b) Keep the interim measures in place until such time as the implementation of the new city wide parking strategy.
- (5) Receives an update in the next six months.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-021**MOVED: Cr. G Greco****SECONDED: Cr. S Amir****That Council:**

- (1) Implements interim residential parking restrictions (“interim measures”) that include a combination of:
 - a) 2P time restrictions operating from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and –
 - b) Where appropriate, 24 hours parking prohibition Monday to Friday, and
 - c) Where appropriate, disability parking spaces and loading zones across the whole of the Springthorpe Estate with exceptions to vehicles displaying authorised parking permits.
- (2) Allows Springthorpe residents in single dwellings on a lot occupied after 20 December 2004 and which haven’t been subdivided since then, to be eligible for parking permits on the same basis as Council’s Parking Permit Policy sets out for residents of single dwellings on a lot occupied before 2004.
- (3) Consults on and implements the changes including by:
 - a) Consulting, and seeking to reach agreement, with the Springthorpe Owner’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Residents Group in respect of the interim measures
 - b) Taking the necessary steps to install area-based parking control signs to support the operation of these interim measures
 - c) Working closely with the Springthorpe Owners’ Corporation and the Springthorpe Resident’s Group to ensure that Springthorpe residents and the affected community are appropriately advised of the interim measures before they come into force.
 - d) Enforcing the interim measures.
- (4) Notes that Council is currently developing a parking strategy which is intended to apply to the whole City including the Springthorpe area and that Council will:
 - a) Seek feedback from Springthorpe residents about the effectiveness of the interim measures as part of consultation for the parking strategy and policies.
 - b) Keep the interim measures in place until such time as the implementation of the new city wide parking strategy.
- (5) Receives an update in the next six months.

CARRIED

Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy and Melinda Viksne, Manager Governance and Performance left the meeting during discussions at 7.29pm and returned at 7.30pm.

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, Cr Greco proposed to alter the order of the agenda.

Motion

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

That Council brings forward and hears the notices of motion relating to the 2019–20 Budget prior to Item 8.1.

Procedural Motion

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

That the motion now be put.

CARRIED

Motion

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

That Council brings forward and hears the notices of motion relating to the 2019–20 Budget prior to Item 8.1.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY 2019

Author: Manager Parks and Gardens
Coordinator Tree Management

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

This report recommends that Council adopt the Tree Protection Local Law 2019 and associated policy following the completion of the public exhibition process as required by the statutory process specified by the *Local Government Act 1989*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councils adopted Urban Forest Strategy calls for Council to consider introducing greater protection for trees on private land as an action - '*Council will advocate for the protection and proper maintenance of trees within the Urban Forest*'.

The introduction of a Tree Protection Local Law aims to achieve this protection by requiring Council approval to prune or remove protected trees.

On 4 February 2019 Council endorsed the draft Tree Protection Local Law 2019 and Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 for public exhibition in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Formal exhibition occurred between 14 February 2019 and 15 March 2019.

A total of 11 submissions were received from interested parties. The hearing of submissions took place on 25 March 2019 with two submitters requesting to be heard.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per **Appendix A**, and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per **Appendix B**.
 - (2) Gives public notice of the adoption of the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 via the Government Gazette and public advertisement in accordance with section 119(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - (3) Sends a copy of the adopted City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 119(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - (4) Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$200 for the permit to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule.
 - (5) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision in relation to the issues raised in their submissions.
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Motion

Moved: Cr. S Amir
Seconded: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per Appendix A, and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per Appendix B.
- (2) Gives public notice of the adoption of the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 via the Government Gazette and public advertisement in accordance with section 119(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (3) Sends a copy of the adopted City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 119(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$200 for the permit to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule.
- (5) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision in relation to the issues raised in their submissions.
- (6) Commits to reviewing the fees associated with the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 no later than twelve months after the date of its adoption.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder the following amendment to point (4):

Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$100 for the permit to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule.

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

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (4) Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$100 for the permit to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Messina proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (4):

- (4) Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$200 for the permit and offer concession card holders a fee of \$100 to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule.

This was accepted by Cr. Amir and Cr. Newton.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per Appendix A, and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per Appendix B.
- (2) Gives public notice of the adoption of the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 via the Government Gazette and public advertisement in accordance with section 119(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (3) Sends a copy of the adopted City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 119(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$200 for the permit and offer concession card holders a fee of \$100 to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule..
- (5) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision in relation to the issues raised in their submissions.
- (6) Commits to reviewing the fees associated with the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 no later than twelve months after the date of its adoption.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and the seconder the addition of the following point:

- (7) Receives a report in June on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond as part of the planning permit process.

This was accepted by Cr. Amir and Cr. Newton.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per Appendix A, and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per Appendix B.

- (2) Gives public notice of the adoption of the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 via the Government Gazette and public advertisement in accordance with section 119(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
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- (5) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision in relation to the issues raised in their submissions.
- (6) Commits to reviewing the fees associated with the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 no later than twelve months after the date of its adoption.
- (7) Receives a report in June on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond as part of the planning permit process.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder the following amendment to point (1):

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per **Appendix A**, subject to the following change 'that the minor pruning requirement for branches be 75mm and that the circumference for a protected tree be 100cm', and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per **Appendix B**.

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

Amendment

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

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per **Appendix A**, subject to the following change 'that the minor pruning requirement for branches be 75mm and that the circumference for a protected tree be 100cm', and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per **Appendix B**.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS CARRIED.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per **Appendix A**, subject to the following change 'that the minor pruning requirement for branches be 75mm and that the circumference for a protected tree be

- 100cm', and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per **Appendix B**.
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 - (6) Commits to reviewing the fees associated with the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 no later than twelve months after the date of its adoption.
 - (7) Receives a report in June on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond as part of the planning permit process.

Cr. Le Cerf proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (7):

- (7) Receives a report in June on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond and other interventions available to us in the planning scheme as part of the planning permit process.

This was accepted by Cr. Amir and Cr. Newton.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per **Appendix A**, subject to the following change 'that the minor pruning requirement for branches be 75mm and that the circumference for a protected tree be 100cm', and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per **Appendix B**.
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- (5) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision in relation to the issues raised in their submissions.

- (6) Commits to reviewing the fees associated with the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 no later than twelve months after the date of its adoption.
- (7) Receives a report in June on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond and other interventions available to us in the planning scheme as part of the planning permit process.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-022

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

- (1) Adopts the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 as per **Appendix A**, subject to the following change 'that the minor pruning requirement for branches be 75mm and that the circumference for a protected tree be 100cm', and the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2019 as per **Appendix B**.
- (2) Gives public notice of the adoption of the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 via the Government Gazette and public advertisement in accordance with section 119(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
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- (4) Authorises the inclusion of the application fee of \$200 for the permit and offer concession card holders a fee of \$100 to prune or remove trees under the proposed local law in the fees and charges schedule..
- (5) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision in relation to the issues raised in their submissions.
- (6) Commits to reviewing the fees associated with the City of Darebin Local Law for the Protection of Trees on Private Property 2019 no later than twelve months after the date of its adoption.
- (7) Receives a report in June on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond and other interventions available to us in the planning scheme as part of the planning permit process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2019–20 AND PROPOSED STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2019–23 RELEASE FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**Author:** Finance Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

This report recommends that Council adopt the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for public release and community consultation, and invites submissions from the community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

- The Council Plan
- The Strategic Resource Plan
- The Annual Budget
- Internal and external audit
- The Annual Report.

The proposed budget contains the information specified in the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') and all details required by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 ('the Regulations'). It has also been prepared in accordance with the model budget template.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, the Annual Budget 2019–20 (**Appendix A**) and the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 (**Appendix B**) presented to that meeting.
- (3) Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2019–20 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.
- (4) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 6.00pm on Thursday 23 May 2019.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any and all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, the Annual Budget 2019–20 (**Appendix A**) and the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 (**Appendix B**) presented to that meeting.
- (3) Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2019–20 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.
- (4) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 6.00pm on Thursday 23 May 2019.

- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any and all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (3):

- (3) Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2019–20 year in the amount of \$250 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.

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

Amendment

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

- (3) Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2019–20 year in the amount of \$250 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (1):

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- Increases the pensioner rebate by \$50 to \$200.
 - Caps Aged Care fees to reflect CPI increases only.
 - Freeze council fees for concession card holders at current 2018-19 rates.
 - Allocate \$100,000 to pilot a subsidised home gardening program for home care concession card holders who need basic gardening maintenance.
 - Allocate \$250,000 to pilot a city wide sporting club partnership program to support clubs to enter into an agreement with Council to dramatically increase the participation of girls, women, and targeted culturally and socially disadvantaged groups currently underrepresented in sporting activities in Darebin.
 - Increase the proportion of LOTE library spending as part of the library collection budget from 15% to 25% to better reflect community languages spoken in Darebin.
 - Increase (double) the number of apprentices from 2 to 4 and trainees from 6 to 12.

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

Amendment

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

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) Increases the pensioner rebate by \$50 to \$200.
 - b) Caps Aged Care fees to reflect CPI increases only.
 - c) Freeze council fees for concession card holders at current 2018-19 rates.
 - d) Allocate \$100,000 to pilot a subsidised home gardening program for home care concession card holders who need basic gardening maintenance.
 - e) Allocate \$250,000 to pilot a city wide sporting club partnership program to support clubs to enter into an agreement with Council to dramatically increase the participation of girls, women, and targeted culturally and socially disadvantaged groups currently underrepresented in sporting activities in Darebin.
 - f) Increase the proportion of LOTE library spending as part of the library collection budget from 15% to 25% to better reflect community languages spoken in Darebin.
 - g) Increase (double) the number of apprentices from 2 to 4 and trainees from 6 to 12.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (1):

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) \$30,000 to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a new branch of the Darebin Library network in the north east of Reservoir.
 - b) \$280,000 for a specialist analysis and options assessment study regarding Edwardes Lake to improve water quality of the lake for water recreational purposes.
 - c) \$56,000 as part of the capital works program to improve the Moira Avenue Activity Centre in Reservoir.

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

Amendment

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

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) \$30,000 to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a new branch of the Darebin Library network in the north east of Reservoir.
 - b) \$280,000 for a specialist analysis and options assessment study regarding Edwardes Lake to improve water quality of the lake for water recreational purposes.
 - c) \$56,000 as part of the capital works program to improve the Moira Avenue Activity Centre in Reservoir.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Williams proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (1):

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) Allocate \$100,000 to pilot a subsidised home gardening program for home care concession card holders who need basic gardening maintenance.

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

Amendment

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

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) Allocate \$100,000 to pilot a subsidised home gardening program for home care concession card holders who need basic gardening maintenance.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-023**

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

That standing orders be suspended to allow Cr. Messina the opportunity to provide clarification on the budget considerations for the proposed home gardening program.

CARRIED

Cr. Messina spoke to the budget considerations for the proposed home gardening program.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-024**

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

That standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED**Amendment**

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

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) Allocate \$100,000 to pilot a subsidised home gardening program for home care concession card holders who need basic gardening maintenance.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (1):

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
 - a) Allocate funding for an urgent planning scheme amendment to increase two storey setbacks to 3 metres.
 - b) A targeted and urgent heritage study in 2019-20 across areas outside out current heritage zones to promote the preservation of isolated examples of 1920s and 1950s wooden ‘bungalows’ that are currently under threat in Thornbury, Preston and the southern half of Reservoir.
 - c) An amount of \$116,000 be considered in the 2019-20 draft budget to purchase 2 sleep buses to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.
 - d) \$25,000 for a solar light and pathway lights to address safety concerns in the Council-owned park linking Cazaly Ward and La Trobe Ward at Storey Road, Reservoir.

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

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

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) Allocate funding for an urgent planning scheme amendment to increase two storey setbacks to 3 metres.
 - b) A targeted and urgent heritage study in 2019-20 across areas outside out current heritage zones to promote the preservation of isolated examples of 1920s and 1950s wooden 'bungalows' that are currently under threat in Thornbury, Preston and the southern half of Reservoir.
 - c) An amount of \$116,000 be considered in the 2019-20 draft budget to purchase 2 sleep buses to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.
 - d) \$25,000 for a solar light and pathway lights to address safety concerns in the Council-owned park linking Cazaly Ward and La Trobe Ward at Storey Road, Reservoir.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Williams proposed to the mover and the seconder the following amendment to point (1):

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) An amount of \$116,000 be considered in the 2019-20 draft budget to purchase 2 sleep buses to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.

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

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

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to the following changes:
- a) An amount of \$116,000 be considered in the 2019-20 draft budget to purchase 2 sleep buses to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR READ AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, the Annual Budget 2019–20 (**Appendix A**) and the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 (**Appendix B**) presented to that meeting.
- (3) Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2019–20 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.
- (4) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 6.00pm on Thursday 23 May 2019.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any and all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-025

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 and the proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, the Annual Budget 2019–20 (**Appendix A**) and the Strategic Resource Plan 2019–23 (**Appendix B**) presented to that meeting.
- (3) Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 24 June 2019, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2019–20 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*.

- (4) Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Annual Budget 2019–20 or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 6.00pm on Thursday 23 May 2019.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any and all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence, Cr Greco and Cr. Williams voted in opposition to the motion.

Cr Newton left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 8.54pm and returned at 8.56pm.

Bhaskar Mehta, Service Desk Support Officer left the meeting at 9.15pm and returned at 9.19pm.

ADJOURNMENT – 9.21pm

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes.

The meeting recommenced at 9.26pm.

Cr. Messina declared an Interest in the following Item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider.

Cr. Messina left the meeting at 9.28pm.

Sue Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer, returned to the meeting at 9.33pm.

8.3 DECISION TIMELINE - AGE FRIENDLY DAREBIN REVIEW

Author: General Manager Community

Reviewed By: General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To propose a timeline for decision-making in relation to the Age Friendly Darebin Review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Most of the aged care services provided by Council are funded and directed by the Commonwealth government, as part of the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).
- As part of the Commonwealth's long term reforms, there have been significant changes over time to home support services. Further significant change was expected to take place with the end of block funding and the creation of a competitive market of service providers. This was expected to take effect from 1 July 2020.
- As a result of these reforms, Council commissioned the Age Friendly Darebin review in May 2018, a broad review of Council's services and programs for older people, including Commonwealth Home Support Program services.
- Council has committed to continuing its existing CHSP-funded services while block funding continues. Council has called upon the federal government to extend block funding.
- Although the current agreement is expected to finish June 2020, it is unclear whether current arrangements will be extended at that date or whether a new system will be implemented. Neither the Government nor the Opposition have announced clear steps of what they expect to occur after June 2020, should they be elected at the next federal election.
- The Age Friendly Darebin review will soon be releasing a draft report and draft recommendations for public consultation.
- There is a possibility that the Government will extend block funding of CHSP services beyond June 2020.
- Until arrangements are known, it is difficult for Council to determine its approach should block funding be removed.
- This report therefore recommends that until the Government and/or Opposition have announced arrangements after June 2020, no decision should be made about whether council will continue existing services in the event of block funding being removed.
- The purpose of actively resolving a decision making timeline in advance is so community members and staff can understand Council's decision-making process, and in order to provide transparency.

Recommendation**That Council**

- (1) Notes previous resolutions of Council to:
 - a) Advocate for the federal government to extend block funding of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services beyond June 2020;
 - b) Continue to provide existing Council-run aged care services while Commonwealth block funding is in place;
 - c) Advocate for the state government to exempt local council CHSP services from National Competition Policy; and
 - d) Commission the Age Friendly Darebin to review of Darebin's services to older people, as a result of the federal government intention to remove block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services.
- (2) Notes that the draft Age Friendly Darebin report will be released during April 2019 and will include recommendations about Council's future aged care services, and that Council will receive the final report in June or July 2019.
- (3) Resolves that, until the future of Commonwealth block funding has been announced by the Government, Council will not pre-determine the outcome for existing Council CHSP services in the event that Commonwealth block funding is removed.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes previous resolutions of Council to:
 - a) Advocate for the federal government to extend block funding of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services beyond June 2020;
 - b) Continue to provide existing Council-run aged care services while Commonwealth block funding is in place;
 - c) Advocate for the state government to exempt local council CHSP services from National Competition Policy; and
 - d) Commission the Age Friendly Darebin to review Darebin's services to older people, as a result of the federal government intention to remove block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services.
- (2) Welcomes the Commonwealth Government's 2 April 2019 budget commitment to extend CHSP block funding until 30 June 2022
- (3) Notes that the ALP's national platform refers to an investigation into how to facilitate the continuation of home care services that are currently being delivered by Councils in Victoria and an extension of CHSP funding beyond 2020 for a transition period to enable appropriate reforms resulting from the Royal commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, although the length of extension is not specified.
- (4) Notes that the draft Age Friendly Darebin report will be released during April 2019 and will include recommendations about Council's future aged care services, and that Council will receive the final report in June or July 2019.

- (5) Reaffirms its commitment to continue CHSP-funded services while CHSP block funding is in place.
- (6) In light of the damning findings contained in the research report, "Older people living well with in-home support" released in March 2019 regarding unscrupulous home care providers and the desire by Council to remain a trusted and caring age care provider into the future, Council:
 - a) Writes to the State Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Robin Scott, MP for Preston, seeking an exemption for local Council-run CHSP services from the National Competition Policy so that it can continue to provide quality subsidised home care packages to residents should bulk funding cease in the future.
 - b) Writes to Ged Kearny, MP for Cooper seeking a solid commitment from the federal Labor Party to continue providing block funding to local governments in Victoria for the provision of CHSP to 2022 and beyond.
- (7) In view of the federal government's budget commitment of extending block funding until 30th June 2022, Council receives a report in May on how it can actively promote our CHSP services in the community to arrest the gradual decline in Council clients due to the federal government's privatisation reforms which have created service uncertainty to residents and our staff alike.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes previous resolutions of Council to:
 - a) Advocate for the federal government to extend block funding of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services beyond June 2020;
 - b) Continue to provide existing Council-run aged care services while Commonwealth block funding is in place;
 - c) Advocate for the state government to exempt local council CHSP services from National Competition Policy; and
 - d) Commission the Age Friendly Darebin to review Darebin's services to older people, as a result of the federal government intention to remove block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services.
- (2) Welcomes the Commonwealth Government's 2 April 2019 budget commitment to extend CHSP block funding until 30 June 2022
- (3) Notes that the ALP's national platform refers to an extension of CHSP funding beyond 2020 although the length of extension is not specified
- (4) Notes that the draft Age Friendly Darebin report will be released during April 2019 and will include recommendations about Council's future aged care services, and that Council will receive the final report in June or July 2019.
- (5) Reaffirms its commitment to continue CHSP-funded services while CHSP block funding is in place.

Cr Greco proposed to the mover and seconder the addition of the following point:

- (6) Resolves to actively promote Council aged care services in view of the decrease in clients and taken on in principal decision to extend home care services beyond 2022.

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

Amendment

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

- (6) Resolves to actively promote Council aged care services in view of the decrease in clients and taken on in principal decision to extend home care services beyond 2022.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder the addition of the following point (6):

- (6) Writes to the State Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Robin Scott, MP for Preston, seeking an exemption for local Council-run CHSP services from the National Competition Policy so that it can continue to provide quality subsidised home care packages to residents should bulk funding cease in the future.

This was accepted by Cr. Newton and Cr. Amir.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes previous resolutions of Council to:
 - a) Advocate for the federal government to extend block funding of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services beyond June 2020;
 - b) Continue to provide existing Council-run aged care services while Commonwealth block funding is in place;
 - c) Advocate for the state government to exempt local council CHSP services from National Competition Policy; and
 - d) Commission the Age Friendly Darebin to review Darebin's services to older people, as a result of the federal government intention to remove block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services.
- (2) Welcomes the Commonwealth Government's 2 April 2019 budget commitment to extend CHSP block funding until 30 June 2022
- (3) Notes that the ALP's national platform refers to an extension of CHSP funding beyond 2020 although the length of extension is not specified

- (4) Notes that the draft Age Friendly Darebin report will be released during April 2019 and will include recommendations about Council's future aged care services, and that Council will receive the final report in June or July 2019.
- (5) Reaffirms its commitment to continue CHSP-funded services while CHSP block funding is in place.
- (6) Writes to the State Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Robin Scott, MP for Preston, seeking an exemption for local Council-run CHSP services from the National Competition Policy so that it can continue to provide quality subsidised home care packages to residents should bulk funding cease in the future.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-026

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes previous resolutions of Council to:
 - a) Advocate for the federal government to extend block funding of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services beyond June 2020;
 - b) Continue to provide existing Council-run aged care services while Commonwealth block funding is in place;
 - c) Advocate for the state government to exempt local council CHSP services from National Competition Policy; and
 - d) Commission the Age Friendly Darebin to review Darebin's services to older people, as a result of the federal government intention to remove block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services.
- (2) Welcomes the Commonwealth Government's 2 April 2019 budget commitment to extend CHSP block funding until 30 June 2022
- (3) Notes that the ALP's national platform refers to an extension of CHSP funding beyond 2020 although the length of extension is not specified
- (4) Notes that the draft Age Friendly Darebin report will be released during April 2019 and will include recommendations about Council's future aged care services, and that Council will receive the final report in June or July 2019.
- (5) Reaffirms its commitment to continue CHSP-funded services while CHSP block funding is in place.
- (6) Writes to the State Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Robin Scott, MP for Preston, seeking an exemption for local Council-run CHSP services from the National Competition Policy so that it can continue to provide quality subsidised home care packages to residents should bulk funding cease in the future.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Avi Maharaj, Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services left the meeting at 9.28pm and returned at 9.30pm.

**8.4 SOLAR SAVER SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME
DECLARATION (BATCH 1)****Author:** Climate Action Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To consider the declaration of a Special Charge in relation to the Solar Saver program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of the Council Plan and Council's Climate Emergency Plan. Key aspects of the program include:

- The program is open to all residential rate payers for solar systems up to 10kW.
- Council undertakes procurement of good value solar systems and installation with 10 year warranties.
- Council declares a Special Charge and pays the upfront cost of the solar system and installation for participants when the solar systems are installed.
- Solar Saver participants pay the Special Charge over a 10 year period to reimburse Council's upfront payment – which is more than offset by savings on their energy bills.

The proposed Special Charge Scheme includes 123 properties and would add 733.5kW of solar capacity to Darebin, doubling the total of Council's previous similar programs. The program was open to all residents. Low income residents, pensioners and residents with low proficiency in English have been prioritised.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Charge Scheme under section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme.

No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

Three submissions were received by participating households who wished to accept a new (higher) quote. They have withdrawn from this Special Charge and have instead been included in a later Special Charge – this is why there are 123 participating households, down from 126 when the Intention to Declare a Special Charge was announced on February 4 2019.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-027**

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

That Council:

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
- a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which project:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution be recorded as \$824,659.61; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied be recorded as \$824,659.61, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
 - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix A** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - i. Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which a Householder Agreement has been executed, totalling \$824,659.61, being the total cost of the scheme to Council.
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - h) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:

- i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) Determines the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied.
- (4) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council.
- (5) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (6) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
 - a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals, which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) All persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.
- (7) Allows for a Householder to withdraw from the Scheme, where the Householder has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme, before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the Householder's solar system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.5 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE
BOUNDED BY GOWER STREET, SWALLOW STREET,
COOMA STREET, PRESTON**

Author: Property Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance of the right-of-way/road that traverses the site of the former Preston Girls Secondary College located at 16 Cooma Street, Preston and adjoins 229 Gower Street and 1–3 Swallow Street, Preston.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1924, Council resolved to offer land in Cooma Street to the Department of Education (the Department) for the development of a school in Preston; however, the transfers of the land were not affected at that time.

The transfer of land for the titled allotments in Council's name (**Appendix C**) is now progressing. However, the statutory procedures for the discontinuance of the Road and potential transfer of part of the land from the Road (contained within the boundaries of the former Preston Girls Secondary College) to the Minister for Education and Training will also need to be undertaken (Refer to site plan in **Appendix A** and aerial photo in **Appendix B** (Road)).

Should Council resolve to discontinue the Road, there will be a small section of land that is not part of the school site, as shown coloured blue in **Appendix D**. It is proposed that Council takes title to this land and investigate options. This would be the subject of a separate Council report and resolution.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-028

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

That Council:

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to discontinue the road traversing the former Preston Girls Secondary College at 16 Cooma Street, Preston and adjoining 229 Gower Street and 1-3 Swallow Street, Preston, shown coloured yellow on **Appendix A**.
- (2) Gives public notice under sections 207A, 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website, and in such notice, state that if the road is discontinued, Council proposes to:
 - a) Transfer the land from the road forming part of the school site to the Minister for Education and Training for nil consideration; and
 - b) Transfer any land from the road not transferred to the Minister for Education and Training to itself (Council).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 PROPOSED LEASE FOR THE FORMER RESERVOIR LIBRARY**Author:** Senior Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the proposed leasing of the former Reservoir Library building to John Holland Pty Ltd (in its capacity as a registered member of the North Western Program Alliance for and on behalf of LXRA) is not proceeding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In November 2018, Council resolved to commence the statutory process and give public notice of its intention to enter into a lease for the former Reservoir Library building located at 11–33 Ralph Street, Reservoir with John Holland Pty Ltd (in its capacity as a registered member of the North Western Program Alliance for and on behalf of LXRA) for the purpose of providing office accommodation during the Reservoir Level Crossing Removal Project.

The notice period ended on 20 December 2018, with no submissions having been received. In January 2019, Council received notice from LXRA advising that they no longer required the use of the Building due to the timing of its availability.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, notes the outcome of the statutory process for the potential leasing of the former Reservoir Library building located at 11–33 Ralph Street, Reservoir (Building) to John Holland Pty Ltd (in its capacity as a registered member of the North Western Program Alliance for and on behalf of LXRA) and that no lease will be required, following the receipt of notice from John Holland that they no longer require the use of the Building.
- (2) Notes that a detailed analysis and strategic review of key Council properties (including the former Reservoir Library building) is currently underway, which will identify options for the potential utilisation and development of significant assets to support the Council Plan objectives.

Motion

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

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, notes the outcome of the statutory process for the potential leasing of the former Reservoir Library building located at 11–33 Ralph Street, Reservoir (Building) to John Holland Pty Ltd (in its capacity as a registered member of the North Western Program Alliance for and on behalf of LXRA)

and that no lease will be required, following the receipt of notice from John Holland that they no longer require the use of the Building.

- (2) In light of the above Council receives a report as soon as possible on making the former Reservoir Library suitable on an interim basis for the community for meetings and events pending the finalisation of Council's detailed analysis and strategic review of key Council properties.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-029

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

- (1) Having complied with Section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, notes the outcome of the statutory process for the potential leasing of the former Reservoir Library building located at 11–33 Ralph Street, Reservoir (Building) to John Holland Pty Ltd (in its capacity as a registered member of the North Western Program Alliance for and on behalf of LXRA) and that no lease will be required, following the receipt of notice from John Holland that they no longer require the use of the Building.
- (2) In light of the above Council receives a report as soon as possible on making the former Reservoir Library suitable on an interim basis for the community for meetings and events pending the finalisation of Council's detailed analysis and strategic review of key Council properties.

CARRIED

**8.7 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT CT 201336
PROVISION OF HARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE****Author:** Coordinator Waste Operations**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital**PURPOSE**

To extend the current contract for the area based hard waste collection for one (1) year. The contract for the current service was first advertised on 17 May 2014 and tenders closed on 12 June 2014. The advertised contract was for an initial term of five (5) years with two (2) additional one (1) year extension options. The initial term expires on 31 July 2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's hard waste collection contract was awarded in 2014 for an initial term of five (5) years with two (2) additional one (1) year extension options. Exercising the optional extension periods is at the discretion of the Council and subject to the contractor's satisfactory performance. There have been no issues with the contractor's performance over the life of the contract.

Recommendation**That Council**

- (1) Exercises the first extension of 1 year for the current contract CT 201336 – Provision of Hard Waste Collection Services with _____ at an estimated cost of _____ for the area collection and _____ for the booked collections, an estimated total of _____ commencing in May 2019 and completing on 31 July 2020;
- (2) Approves the total revised contract value of _____ which will require a variation of _____; and
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract extension on behalf of the Council.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-030****MOVED: Cr. L Messina****SECONDED: Cr. S Amir****That Council:**

1. Exercises the first extension of 1 year for the current contract CT201336 - Provision of Hard Waste Collection Services with WM Waste Management Services at an estimated cost of \$977,000 for the area collection and \$115,000 for the booked collections, an estimated total of \$1,092,000 commencing in May 2019 and completing on 31 July 2020.
2. Approves the total revised contract value of \$5,732,823 which will require a variation of \$1,092,000; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract extension on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

Cr. Le Cerf declared an Interest in the following Item describing the interest as a personal indirect interest as an external party.

Cr. Le Cerf left the meeting at 10.08pm.

8.8 COUNCILLOR OVERSEAS TRIP TO TIMOR-LESTE

Author: Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for Cr Kim Le Cerf to travel to Timor-Leste in April–May 2019 to participate in an exchange program with women's networks in the City of Baucau and surrounding villages.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Neighbourhood Houses Initiative Inc. has invited Cr Le Cerf and other partnering agencies, including Yarra City Council, to Timor-Leste to participate in a women's exchange program.

These women's networks are the strongest local community groupings and the beginnings of functional community centres in each of the 11 communities of Baucau.

The aim of this tour is to learn about what is currently happening in this space, to share experiences of developing and running community/neighbourhood centres, to learn about women's efforts to draw on their strengths in service for their communities and to explore ways to cooperate in the future.

The tour will be at no cost to Council.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-031

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Endorses Cr Le Cerf's travel to Timor-Leste in April–May 2019 for an exchange program with women's networks in the City of Baucau and the surrounding villages, as per the travel outline in **Appendix B**.
- (2) Notes that all flights, accommodation and other expenditure associated with the trip will be covered by Cr Le Cerf and there will be no costs incurred by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Le Cerf returned to the meeting at 10.14pm.

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION**10.1 SAFETY AT PRESTON MARKET****Councillor:** Julie WILLIAMS**NoM No.:** 402

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council commissions a Road Safety Audit to investigate treatments (including yellow hatched line marking) to reduce the risk of conflict between pedestrian, vehicles and forklifts on Mary Street between the Preston Market and High Street.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 3 April 2019**Date of Meeting:** 8 April 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-032**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

That Council commissions a Road Safety Audit to investigate treatments (including yellow hatched line marking) to reduce the risk of conflict between pedestrian, vehicles and forklifts on Mary Street between the Preston Market and High Street.

CARRIED

10.2 PAPERBARK TREES**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS****NoM No.: 403**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

***That** a report be provided to Council on the present and future plans for Paperbark Trees in Darebin, including the number of Paperbark Trees per ward, the total number of Paperbark Trees in residential streets and which Paperbark Trees in residential streets are planned to be replaced in the 2019–20 Budget.*

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019****Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019**

Motion

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

That a report be provided to Council on the present and future plans for Paperbark Trees in Darebin, including the number of Paperbark Trees per ward, the total number of Paperbark Trees in residential streets and which Paperbark Trees in residential streets are planned to be replaced in the 2019–20 Budget.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

10.3 SPORTING GROUNDS ELECTRONIC BOARDS AND LIGHTING**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS****NoM No.: 404**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That information be provided to Council on sporting grounds that do not have electronic scoreboards and lighting, and what it would cost Council to install them at these grounds, before the Council meeting where the 2019–20 Budget will be presented for adoption.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019****Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019**

Motion

MOVED: Cr. J Williams
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence**That Council:**

- 1) Receives information on sporting grounds that do not have electronic scoreboards and lighting, and what it would cost Council install them at these grounds, before the Council meeting where the 2019-20 Budget will be presented for adoption.
- 2) Resolves to include \$300,000 of funding in the 2019-20 Budget, to be spread evenly with matching fund contributions from the clubs, to accommodate for either a scoreboard or upgrade to LED lighting.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Cr. Laurence left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 10.33pm and returned at 10.35pm.

Sue Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer, left the meeting at 10.34pm and returned at 10.35pm.

Cr. Laurence left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 10.37pm and returned at 10.38pm.

Cr. Le Cerf left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 10.38pm and returned at 10.39pm.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-033

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

That the meeting be extended for 30 minutes to 11.14pm.

CARRIED

10.4 FREE KITCHEN CADDY AND COMPOST BIN OR BOKASHI**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS****NoM No.: 405**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council promotes:

- (1) *A subsidy for residents where they can apply for a 70% rebate on either a compost bin, a worm farm or a Bokashi bucket.*
- (2) *A program where households, schools and businesses in the municipality can apply for a free kitchen caddy if they do not already have one.*

Notice Received: 26 March 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019

Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019

Motion

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council promotes:

- (1) A subsidy for residents where they can apply for a 70% rebate on either a compost bin, a 140 litre or 240 litre wheelie compost bin or a Bokashi bucket.
- (2) A program where households, schools and businesses in the municipality can apply for a free kitchen caddy if they do not already have one.

Cr. Le Cerf proposed to the mover and seconder the following amendment:

That Council considers through the review of the Waste and Litter Strategy:

- (1) A subsidy for residents where they can apply for a 70% rebate on either a compost bin, a 140 litre or 240 litre wheelie compost bin or a Bokashi bucket.
- (2) A program where households, schools and businesses in the municipality can apply for a free kitchen caddy if they do not already have one.

This was accepted by Cr. Williams and Cr. Greco.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-034

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council considers through the review of the Waste and Litter Strategy:

- (1) A subsidy for residents where they can apply for a 70% rebate on either a compost bin, a 140 litre or 240 litre wheelie compost bin or a Bokashi bucket.
- (2) A program where households, schools and businesses in the municipality can apply for a free kitchen caddy if they do not already have one.

CARRIED

10.5 **SOLAR BIN**

Councillor: **Julie WILLIAMS**

NoM No.: 406

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council resolves to include funding in the 2019–20 Budget for two additional Solar Bins, one to be installed at the Edwards Park Lake and one at the front of the Preston Municipal Office.*

Notice Received: **26 March 2019**

Notice Given to Councillors **3 April 2019**

Date of Meeting: **8 April 2019**

Motion

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

That Council resolves to include funding in the 2019–20 Budget for two additional Solar Bins, one to be installed at the Edwards Park Lake and one at the front of the Preston Municipal Office.

Cr. Greco proposed the following amendment:

That Council resolves to include funding in the 2019–20 Budget for one additional Solar Bin, to be installed at the front of the Preston Municipal Office.

This was accepted by Cr. Williams and Cr. Laurence.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council resolves to include funding in the 2019–20 Budget for one additional Solar Bin, to be installed at the front of the Preston Municipal Office.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

10.6 FOOTPATH ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS****NoM No.: 407**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council resolves to include funding in the 2019–20 Budget for an upgrade to the footpath in the shopping strip along Plenty Road from Shakespeare Street to Walsal Avenue, Reservoir, to enhance safety and disability access.*

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019****Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019**

Motion

That Council resolves to include funding in the 2019–20 Budget for an upgrade to the footpath in the shopping strip along Plenty Road from Shakespeare Street to Walsal Avenue, Reservoir, to enhance safety and disability access.

WITH THE LEAVE OF THE COUNCIL, CR. WILLIAMS WITHDREW THE MOTION.

10.7 SOLAR LIGHT STOREY ROAD, RESERVOIR**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 408**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council refers to the 2019–20 draft budget \$25,000 for a solar light and pathway lights to address safety concerns in the Council-owned park linking Cazaly Ward and La Trobe Ward at Storey Road, Reservoir.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019****Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. J Williams**

That Council refers to the 2019–20 draft budget \$25,000 for a solar light and pathway lights to address safety concerns in the Council-owned park linking Cazaly Ward and La Trobe Ward at Storey Road, Reservoir.

Procedural Motion**MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**

That the motion now be put.

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS CARRIED.

Cr. Williams, Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence voted in opposition to the motion.

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

That Council refers to the 2019–20 draft budget \$25,000 for a solar light and pathway lights to address safety concerns in the Council-owned park linking Cazaly Ward and La Trobe Ward at Storey Road, Reservoir.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

10.8 TOWARDS ZERO ROUGH SLEEPERS IN DAREBIN THIS WINTER**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 409

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council, with the goal of reducing our rough sleepers to zero in future winters, considers an amount of \$116,000 in the 2019–20 draft budget to purchase 2 sleep buses to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 3 April 2019**Date of Meeting:** 8 April 2019**Motion****MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council, with the goal of reducing our rough sleepers to zero in future winters, considers an amount of \$58,000 in the 2019–20 draft budget to purchase 1 sleep bus to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.

Procedural Motion**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That the motion now be put.

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS CARRIED.

Cr. Williams, Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence voted in opposition to the motion.

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

That Council, with the goal of reducing our rough sleepers to zero in future winters, considers an amount of \$58,000 in the 2019–20 draft budget to purchase 1 sleep bus to provide safe and warm shelter for the homeless.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Alan Cochrane, Manager Finance left the meeting at 11.29pm and returned at 11.33pm.

10.9 PLANNING CRISIS - SAVE OUR 1920S TO 1950S BUNGALOWS**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 410

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council, with the goal of saving our local built heritage, conducts a targeted and urgent heritage study in 2019–20 across areas outside our current heritage zones to promote the preservation of isolated examples of 1920s to 1950s wooden ‘bungalows’ that are currently under threat in Thornbury, Preston and the southern half of Reservoir.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 3 April 2019**Date of Meeting:** 8 April 2019

Motion

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

That Council, with the goal of saving our local built heritage, includes in the draft budget resources for a targeted and urgent heritage study in 2019–20 across areas outside our current heritage zones to promote the preservation of isolated examples of 1920s to 1950s wooden ‘bungalows’ that are currently under threat in Thornbury, Preston and the southern half of Reservoir.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-035**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

That the meeting be extended for 30 minutes to 11.44pm.

CARRIED

Cr. Amir left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 11.32pm and returned at 11.35pm.

10.10 PLANNING CRISIS - URGENT QUICK FIX PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT TO INCREASE TWO-STOREY SETBACK TO 3 METRES**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 411

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council, with the goal of saving our suburbs from overdevelopment, commits to an urgent planning scheme amendment to increase two-storey setbacks to 3 metres and considers budgetary requirements for such an urgent planning scheme amendment in the draft budget 2019–20.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 3 April 2019**Date of Meeting:** 8 April 2019

Motion

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

That Council, with the goal of saving our suburbs from overdevelopment, commits to an urgent planning scheme amendment to increase two-storey setbacks to 3 metres and includes budgetary requirements for such an urgent planning scheme amendment in the draft budget 2019–20.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

**10.11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING AQUATIC CENTRE -
TRANSFORMING OUR RESERVOIR LEISURE AND
SWIMMING INTO A HEALTH AND WELLBEING FACILITY****Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 412**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 8 April 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council notes the above-average Diabetic illness and cancer rates in the northern postcodes of our city and resolves to transform the Reservoir Leisure Centre into a best-practice 'Health and Wellbeing Aquatics Centre' and refer to the draft 2019–20 Budget and Council's Strategic Resource Plan a revised long-term capital works plan of \$36 million for the long-term redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre into a Health and Wellbeing Aquatic Centre.

Notice Received: 26 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 3 April 2019****Date of Meeting: 8 April 2019**

Motion

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

That Council notes the above-average Diabetic illness and cancer rates in the northern postcodes of our city and resolves to transform the Reservoir Leisure Centre into a best-practice 'Health and Wellbeing Aquatics Centre' and includes in the draft 2019–20 Budget and Council's Strategic Resource Plan a revised long-term capital works plan of \$36 million for the long-term redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre into a Health and Wellbeing Aquatic Centre.

Procedural Motion

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

That the motion now be put.

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS CARRIED.

Cr. Williams, Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence voted in opposition to the motion.

Motion

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

That Council notes the above-average Diabetic illness and cancer rates in the northern postcodes of our city and resolves to transform the Reservoir Leisure Centre into a best-practice 'Health and Wellbeing Aquatics Centre' and includes in the draft 2019–20 Budget and Council's Strategic Resource Plan a revised long-term capital works plan of \$36 million for the long-term redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre into a Health and Wellbeing Aquatic Centre.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND WAS LOST.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-036**

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

That standing orders be suspended to allow Cr. Laurence the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence spoke about the benefits of health and wellbeing programs for communities in Reservoir.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-037**

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

That Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-038**

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

That the meeting be adjourned and the remaining items of business be considered at a Special Council meeting to be held on Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm in Council Chambers at 350 High Street, Preston.

CARRIED**11. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 11.41pm.

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