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

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

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

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



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

WELCOME

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

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

1. PRESENT

Councillors

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

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson – Chief Executive Officer
Vito Albicini – General Manager Operations and Capital
Ingrid Bishop – General Manager Governance and Engagement
Cathy Henderson – General Manager Community
Rachel Ollivier – General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Allan Cochrane – Manager Finance
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business
Karlee Ferrante – Council Business Officer
Christina Plant – Council Business Officer
Tony Homfray – Senior Media Advisor

2. APOLOGIES

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

An apology was lodged for the absence of Cr. Lina Messina.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Rennie disclosed a conflict of interest in a proposed Urgent Business item.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-100

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Anne Laver of Northcote**

Question One:

- a) The Dec 2017 Financial Report stated there was an \$86million balance in cash and investments - what is the budget for this line item for 2018-19?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The Budgeted Balance Sheet (pg. 25) of the Proposed Budget shows the budgeted balances as at 30 June 2019 of Cash and cash equivalents to be \$25.440 million and other financial assets to be \$23.847 million. Accordingly, the budgeted balance as at 30 June 2019 of cash and investments is \$49.287 million.

- b) The Accumulated Surplus is stated as \$541million with a Reserve of \$830million why are such large reserves being held when they could be spent on urgent maintenance programmes?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The equity section of the Budgeted Balance Sheet (pg. 25) of the Proposed Budget shows the budget reserves balance as at 30 June 2019 as \$826.101 million and the budgeted total of all the surpluses that have accumulated over the years as at 30 June 2019 as \$559.934 million.

The budgeted total of the equity section as at 30 June 2019 of \$1,386.035 million represents the net financial worth of Council; i.e. the total assets less total liabilities.

The budgeted reserves of \$826.101 million as at 30 June 2019 is comprised of:

Asset revaluation reserve	\$811,699,000
Drainage reserve	\$23,000
Car park development reserve	\$227,000
Public open space and recreation reserve	\$13,820,000
Developer contribution scheme reserve	\$332,000

A description of the purpose and use of each reserve is detailed on page 44 of the Proposed Budget 2018/19.

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record the increased (net) value of Council's property, infrastructure, plant, and equipment assets over time. This is an accounting reserve that is not available for any funding purposes.

The other reserves are funds that Council wishes to separately identify as being set aside to meet a specific purpose in the future.

It should be noted that the Proposed Budget 2018/19, contains expenditure of \$5.189 million from the developer contribution reserve and \$3.865 from the public open space and recreation reserve.

There are external restrictions placed on the use of the funds held in both of these reserves.

- c) The Budget States "Supplementary Rates and Charges" actual of \$1.175 million - what are these charges for and which ratepayers incur these charges?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

In certain circumstances, property valuations must be undertaken between general valuations.

These are known as supplementary valuations and are required when properties are

- physically changed, for example, when buildings are altered, erected or demolished
- amalgamated
- subdivided
- rezoned, or
- portions are sold off.

If a supplementary valuation is carried out on a property and the property value changes, a revised rates notice is issued. The difference between the original rates notice and the revised rates notice is recognised in the financial statements as supplementary rates and charges.

Supplementary rates and charges are paid by the ratepayer of the property where the value has changed as the result of a supplementary valuation.

- d) The Budget states a reduced income from recycling of \$768,000 – why is this income declining? Is it because the recycling program is collapsing as reported in media?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

As a result of changes in the recycling market, Council is forecasting that no income will be received from recycling in 2018/19.

AL: Is that because the contract is not going to be renewed?

KLC: It is not to do with the contract but with the state of the recycling sector at the moment.

AL: So the recycling industry is basically collapsing?

Response from Sue Wilkinson, CEO:

Thank you Madam Mayor, no I do not think collapsing is the right word, certainly the market and the price of the commodity is changing significantly and China have adopted a different approach in terms of the quality of the materials and that has had a huge impact on the price. So I would not say that the sector is collapsing, but that it has become more expensive.

- e) The Council wish to focus on Climate change inactivates, yet the budget states only 2,000 trees and 3,800 indigenous plants are budgeted for in 2018-19.

The solution to Climate Change is not just about reducing car emissions and increasing Solar. It is imperative that more trees are planted – not just grasses. Will the Council consider increasing substantially the number of trees planted this financial year?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

One of the Council Plan's big actions is to increase our tree canopy and urban forest to make Darebin a city in the trees. While Council has allocated funding for the planting program for 2018/19, additional planting of trees and plants could be undertaken should funding become available through the mid-year budget review as what occurred in 2017/18 when an additional 1,500 were planted. So in the event that happens again, there will be money allocated to plant more trees.

The Climate Emergency Plan recognises the importance of trees, including their role in reducing the urban heat island effect. The plan includes actions around planting trees in line with Urban Forest and Green Streets strategies, as well as implementing legislation to protect significant trees on private property. Council is considering the introduction of a local law to protect significant trees on private property, which would include a significant Tree Register.

Question Two

So you currently don't have a tree register?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

There is some form of Tree Register, Councillor McCarthy would you like to respond?

Further response from Cr. McCarthy:

There is a significant tree register at the moment which was put in place a few years ago. It is a currently a voluntary tree register. At the time of its creation, I did push for a mandatory system, but it did not have the support of that Council, and so the option is to look at a revised model of our tree register which is not voluntary but in-fact has stronger powers and controls. So that is still in progress and I can imagine the CEO and Officers can update us over time.

Question Three:

The Darebin Council must be fully aware of the damage that is being done to the community because of recent media reports. What steps are being done to improve this situation and to provide the community with greater transparency and unity while putting the community first, rather than politics?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

As the question wasn't explicit about the Media Reports in question, we have assumed you are talking about the report in The Age that references four of the Councillors in the room. The Local Government Act requires that all elected Councillors fulfil their duties in the best interests of residents and not party politics.

I can confidently say that Councillors and staff work extremely hard every day of the week for the benefit of the Darebin Community and will continue to do this going forward.

We remain committed as a team to ensuring the provision of high quality services that meets the needs of all of our citizens. Recent media reports have not impacted this in any way.

Mayor Le. Cerf also advised Anne Laver that if she would like to put in writing the impact that these media reports have had, in terms of Councils ability to do their job and provide services, Cr. Le Cerf would be happy to have a conversation about that.

- **David Schulz of Reservoir**

Does the council have any plans to repair the Reservoir Leisure Centre Hydro pool properly?

At the moment when tiles come loose they bring a diver in to fix those loose tiles, however just days later, more tiles are loose/broken, and the fixed ones only last a few weeks before again coming loose. They aren't given enough time to set. At one stage the other week, 1/3 of the pool was blocked off. A proper repair job needs to be considered in order to fix the issue in the long term, rather than continued ad-hoc fixes.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

Over last 2 months –

- The Company we use to repair loose/broken tiles have repaired and grouted over 550 tiles throughout the pool.
- We have followed the instructions given by ATS (Contractor) regarding the amount of time required for tiles/grout to set and would not open the areas affected unless it is safe for patrons.
- Divers advise that over half of the pool has now been completed and they will be coming out after hours to do the rest of the pools tiles and grout in order to ensure there is a limited likelihood of further tiles coming away. This will be done over the next week.

- **Victoria Aitken of Preston**

A zebra crossing was supposed to be installed as part of the Clinch avenue redevelopment a few years back. Since then a number of local residents have called the council and also asked for an update at council meetings with no clear answer given. School students travelling towards Preston West primary have no safe way to cross this Street. They have to cross as the foot path ends near the train line forcing you to cross. We as residents have seen many near accidents, involving children, elderly people and women with prams who cannot cross quickly enough for people (often speeding) coming around blind corners.

Will the Clinch Avenue crossing be built as previously promised?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

- **Geoffrey Richards of Reservoir**

Question One:

This question is a follow on to two questions concerning the approved removal of a nature-strip tree outside 32 Storey Road Reservoir.

Two fully explanatory answers were received, regrettably understood but appreciated, and whilst my concern over that action is closed, I wish to consider the future of such tree avenues and individual street trees. I appreciate the answers given about tree protection tonight given my Councillor McCarthy and I would like some more information about the tree register that we have in place please.

1. I understand there may be some form of Heritage Tree Protection within Darebin. If so, and relevant what are the details and can such 'tree protection,' be used to allow for some form of community input to future planned street tree removals? Indeed, similar concerns may arise in parklands.
2. If no such protection format exists would Council please consider some?

Response:

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

Question Two:

Recently the Council contractor completed re-paving of sections of the connecting streets walkway within the reserve. This was a safety issue arising from uneven blocks and the attention to same with sound workmanship is appreciated.

The reserve is small, one block in size, with a children's playground. Fencing exists on all sides with one side being newly erected by the site developer at 49 Storey Road, which is 10 years old, has not been maintained and boards are rotting, paint is peeling and splintering wood rails exist. The Owners Corporation is aware of the issue but no action to date.

1. Whose responsibility is it to repair and maintain the fence?
2. Does the usual sharing of cost between neighbours apply to Council properties?

Response:

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

- **John Nugent of Epping**

Madam Mayor, could you please advise me as to why this Council has taken a stance against Poker Machines when owned by AFL and NFL Clubs, but won't back the children in the city that are charged \$25 per head from NFL to run the junior finals. The \$25 charge can have an effect on whether children have the opportunity to play or not.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

So I think the question is in relation to the junior fees from the Northern Football League and I know that there was a letter that was sent to you on Friday from Officers that you may not have received as yet. So in terms of the fees that are set by clubs such as the Northern Football League, those fees are set by them and Council has no involvement in that process of how they are set. I understand that we have some sort of agreement in terms of the oval that the NFL use and that is the extent of our influence with the NFL. Our licence agreement is for the ground, we don't run the competition that is a question for the Northern Football League.

JN: But you do have a scope of influence over them.

KLC: In terms of our aims to encourage participation of kids, women and others in the community, we do, we provide discounts to clubs who are actively pursuing increased participation of these communities.

JN: Clubs use their ovals in the city and the Northern Football League use Barling Reserve around here, you interfere with AFL and NFL Clubs who have pokie machines and you are taking a stance there, but girls and boys are being disadvantaged by these fees and that is what I am upset with. Is there no backbone to stand up to the League and say no, this is unfair. Your predecessor and the CEO they were both unhappy when the Northern Football Club came in. You have a sphere of influence over them. They make an absolute fortune out of the charges attached to the Preston Oval, of course you have an influence over them, and what goes on. And to say you don't is a very disappointing answer from you.

KLC: I don't know if I can add anything more to my previous answer. The Northern Football League is a separate entity that runs a competition there are many different leagues in terms of football, netball, cricket that operate within the municipality we do not get involved in any of those leagues in terms of them setting their fee structures, of-course we do have a relationship with some of those leagues and particularly the clubs that use our venues, but we do not have a say over the fees that any of these leagues apply. Of course we want to make sure that we maximise participation across Darebin because getting out and playing sport is very important in terms of both physical and mental health and we are strong advocates for that, but we do not have any direct control in setting the fees in any of the leagues including Northern Football League.

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 19 March 2018.

At the Council meeting held on 19 March 2018, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf.

- **Rosemary Popovska of Northcote submitted the following question regarding the Northcote Leisure Centre.**

"I would like to ask if there is any intention to re develop Northcote Leisure Centre on Victoria Street. These facilities are in desperate need for an extensive renovation. The facilities are extremely poor!"

Written response dated 19 March 2018, provided to Ms Popovska by Kassia Gibbs, Leisure Contracts Coordinator

Thank you for your question regarding if Council has any intentions to redevelop the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

Council is currently finalising a Feasibility Study to determine if the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre requires a re-development and if so to what extent.

Council will be making decisions over the next few months. Once a decision has been determined the community will be notified and if required another community consultation will commence.

- **Serena O'Meley of Reservoir submitted the following question regarding the Comprehensive and Progressive Transpacific Partnership Agreement (CPTPP).**

"Noting that the recently signed Comprehensive and Progressive Transpacific Partnership Agreement (CPTPP) was signed on 8 March 2018, and will impact council's ability to make future decisions due to the provisions of the Services Chapter and the risk of multinational corporations suing council using Investor State Dispute Settlement, will Darebin Council:

1. Work with sister councils, Moreland and Yarra to campaign against the CPTPP and submit individual and/or joint submissions to the public inquiry process?
2. Write to the Trade Minister, the Opposition, cross-benchers, Senator Derryn Hinch and the member for Batman to support (i) a Senate Inquiry into the CPTPP and (ii) support an independent assessment of the economic, health and environmental impacts of the CPTPP?"

Written response dated 9 April 2018, provided to Ms O'Meley by Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf,

Council is keen to address all the issues surrounding the signing of the partnership agreement, including investor state dispute settlement. Accordingly Council resolved at its meeting on 19 March 2018 to:

That ALGA:

- (1) Explore all the potential impacts that the TPP agreement may have which could limit the ability of councils to enter into a range of strategies and policies such as environmental initiatives, local procurement, jobs programs and insourcing
- (2) Develop an advocacy strategy as required to protect the role of local government now and in the future
- (3) Communicate to all councils information on the impacts that TPP may have on their operations

The ALGA is the Australian Local Government Association and the resolution of Council is to raise this motion at the ALGA's National General Assembly on 17 June. This is an assembly attended by local governments from across Australia. This will raise the matter for attention by all Councils across Australia and Council will seek action from this peak body.

6. PETITIONS

Nil

7. URGENT BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Cr. Rennie disclosed an indirect interest in the following item describing the interest as a conflicting duty as she is a director on the Alliance for Gambling Reform.

Cr. Rennie left the chambers prior to admitting the item at 6.25pm.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-101

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'MAV State Conference' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.1.

CARRIED

7.1 MAV STATE CONFERENCE

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-102

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

That MAV State Council:

- (1) Condemns Woolworths for operating Australia's biggest poker machine business in a reckless and unsustainable fashion, deluging harm and misery on the community by making more than 12,000 predatory and addictive gambling machines available at 300 hotels across Australia, including 80 in Victoria.
- (2) Authorises the MAV to engage with the Vision Super board to advocate for full divestment of its Woolworths investment by the end of 2018 if the Woolworths board has not publically announced its intention to divest its poker machine division.

CARRIED

Cr. Rennie returned at the conclusion of the above item at 6.31pm.

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-103**

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'Upgrade of Reservoir Leisure Centre' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.2.

CARRIED**7.2 UPGRADE OF RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-104**

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

That Council:

Notes:

- (1) The Reservoir Leisure Centre is close to reaching its 'use by date' and is now in need of a total upgrade and rebuild.
- (2) The current physical state of the centre is inadequate in meeting the communities needs and requires costly maintenance work to keep it functional and safe.
- (3) There is an increase in demand from residents, young families and people coming into the area for newer and more suitable leisure facilities.

And:

- (4) Resolves to immediately write to John Eren, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Robin Scott, Minister for Finance and Member for Preston inviting them to tour the Reservoir Leisure Centre and to commit to working in partnership with Council to co-fund a full a detailed feasibility study as part the 2018/19 State government's budget spending program.

CARRIED

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-105**

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'Extension of Tram Route 11' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.3.

CARRIED**7.3 EXTENSION OF TRAM ROUTE 11****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-106**

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

That Council:

Notes;

- (1) The years of neglect by successive state governments to honour the community's long standing expectation of having the Gilbert Road Tram extended to Edwardes Lake as originally envisaged.
- (2) The Tram extension is a key feature of the Reservoir Structure Plan which was endorsed by the Minister for Planning.
- (3) Darebin Council's Transport Policy and years of advocacy on extending the Tram to Address the lack of public transport options in the north of Darebin.
- (4) The growing density in housing and population numbers which is putting more demand on better integrated public transport options for the north.
- (5) The many community petitions and surveys demanding that the State government as the responsible authority for public transport in Victoria finally extends the Tram.
- (6) The clear commitments made at the last two elections in Batman by the Labor Party to fund the extension of the Tram.

And

- (7) Resolves to immediately write to Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Transport and Robin Scott MP, Minister for Finance and Member for Preston requesting that the Victorian Labor Government (as the responsible public transport authority) commits to fully funding the extension of the Gilbert Road Tram in the 2018/19 State government budget.

CARRIED

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 DRAFT 2018/19 BUDGET RELEASE FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Author: Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

Report Background

The draft 2018/19 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulations and using the model budget template. This report recommends that Council adopt the draft 2018/19 budget for public release, community consultation and invites submissions.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

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 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 draft 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").

Key highlights of the draft 2018/19 Budget include;

- Continued progress to achieve the goals and objectives of the Council Plan
 - Delivery of a large capital program
 - Delivery of high quality services and programs for the community
 - Maintenance of our long term financial sustainability
 - No borrowings
 - An overall average rate increase of 2.25% in line with the rate cap set by the Victorian State government.
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Sustainability initiatives include;

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

Community initiatives include;

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

Public infrastructure initiatives include;

- Commencement of a new multi-purpose stadium (WMSS) at John Cain Reserve to provide more sports opportunities for women and girls
- Planning for future improvements to the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre
- A wide program of improvements and new works in our parks, open spaces, playgrounds and sporting facilities across the municipality
- Ongoing investment to ensure our critical assets and infrastructure are maintained including roads, footpaths and drains
- The ongoing provision of an outstanding performing arts and cultural programme
- Works to reinvigorate the Darebin Arts Centre.

Strategy and planning initiatives include;

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

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft 2018/19 Budget 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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018, the 2018/19 Budget (**Appendix A**) presented to this 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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2018/19 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 draft 2018/19 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, 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 6.00 pm on Thursday 31 May 2018.
- (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.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft 2018/19 Budget for the purposes of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.
 - a. Freezing all non-statutory concession fees and charges to current 2017/18 rates.
 - b. Increasing the Pensioner Rate Rebate by \$25.00 to \$175.00.
 - c. Increase Council funding for the employment of young apprentices from 10 to 15 and trainee from 2 to 4.

Points (2) to (5) as per officer recommendation.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, declared the Amendment to be lost.

Amendment

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

That Council:

1. Adopts the draft 2018/19 Budget for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - a. Increasing funding for Cheddar Road and High street beautification works by \$25,000 and \$15,000 respectfully.
 - b. Allocating \$50,000 to clean up and temporarily improve former Ruthven Primary School site for greater community access and use.
 - c. Including the building upgrade (\$675,000) of the East Preston Senior Citizen Centre.
 - d. Edwardes Lake Park Reserve upgrades worth (\$424,000) which include a water quality improvement feasibility study.
 - e. Including sports Field Lighting funding of \$300,000 for IW Dole Reserve.
 - f. Including funding of \$2,650,000 (multi year project) for the upgrade IW Dole Reserve Pavilion which involves the demolition of the change room building and the construction of female-friendly sports facilities.

Points (2) to (5) as per officer recommendation.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, declared the Amendment to be lost.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft 2018/19 Budget 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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018, the 2018/19 Budget (**Appendix A**) presented to this 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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2018/19 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 draft 2018/19 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, 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 6.00 pm on Thursday 31 May 2018.

- (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. 18-107

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft 2018/19 Budget 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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018, the 2018/19 Budget (**Appendix A**) presented to this 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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2018/19 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 draft 2018/19 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, 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 6.00 pm on Thursday 31 May 2018.
- (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

8.2 ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY DAREBIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Author: Coordinator Energy and Adaptation

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Report Background

This report proposes the appointment of six community members of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee (CEDAC).

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 26 February 2018, Council resolved:

'That Council

- (1) Notes the outstanding work of the Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board and writes to the members to thank them for their time and commitment.*
- (2) Adopts the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A to this report.*
- (3) Calls for applications for the community/independent members of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee and receives a further report regarding appointment of the community/independent members by the first week of April with a view to holding the first meeting in mid-April as per the report.*
- (4) Appoints the Mayor and Councillor Trent McCarthy as Councillor representatives of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee.*
- (5) Considers an allocated operational budget for Climate Emergency Darebin in the 2018/2019 budget considerations.*
- (6) Considers a further report regarding an independent Climate Emergency Darebin model by February 2019.'*

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - A sustainable city

Darebin Climate Emergency Plan

Summary

An expression of interest process has been undertaken to recruit community members from/connected to Darebin's community for CEDAC.

The applications received and officer evaluation against the selection criteria has been provided to Councillors separately as Confidential **Appendix B** (in accordance with Privacy Legislation).

This report is to advise Council of the six people selected by the panel and seeks Council endorsement of each of these people as new appointees to the CEDAC.

Recommendation

That Council appoints:

- a. _____;
- b. _____;
- c. _____;
- d. _____;
- e. _____; and
- f. _____.

to the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-108

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

That Council appoints:

- a) Vanessa Petrie;
- b) Philip Sutton;
- c) Adrian Whitehead;
- d) Luke Taylor;
- e) Emma Jenkin, and;
- f) Madeleine Brennan,

to the Climate Emergence Darebin Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

8.3 COUNCIL ENERGY CONTRACTS**Author:** Energy Project Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Report Background

Council's contracts for electricity and gas conclude 30 June 2018 and this report proposes the tender process for future energy purchase.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 1 February 2016, Council resolved the following for meeting items 14.1 Electricity Contract (Large and Small Sites), 14.2 Natural Gas Contracts and 14.3 Public Lighting Electricity Contract:

'That Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tender(s) name and contract period.

*Successful Tenderer: AGL Sales Pty Ltd
Contract Period: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018*

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - A well governed Council

Council's Procurement Policy and Guidelines

Summary

- Council requires new energy contracts for all electricity, street lighting and natural gas accounts from July 1, 2018.
- Council's current energy contracts are with AGL Sales Pty Ltd at an annual cost of \$1.375 million inc GST.
- Energy prices are expected to rise significantly in comparison to the rates secured under current contracts.
- Procurement Australia have been appointed as Council's tendering agent for energy contracts to take advantage of the large contract buying power and will tender for fixed price energy for the July 1 2018 to June 30, 2020 period.
- Energy markets are more volatile and retailers can no longer hold price offers longer than two weeks and therefore pre-approval to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contracts is recommended, subject to the satisfactory outcome of Procurement Australia's tendering process.
- Officers are also investigating options that include renewable energy purchases for Council's electricity supplies. Establishing these options within current contract expirations is not achievable but will be considered for future contracts.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-109

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

That Council:

- (1) Award contract number CT201819 Procurement Australia Energy: Fixed price fixed term procurement to the recommended tenderer(s) for all of Council's electricity and gas accounts, subject to the satisfactory outcome of the Procurement Australia tender process, for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020.
 - (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms of the contract(s) (including the fees and charges) on the basis that she sees fit and execute all contract documentation.
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CARRIED

Allan Cochrane, Manager Finance, left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.42pm.

8.4 PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND SALE OF COUNCIL LAND AND DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY (ROAD) ADJOINING 148 WESTGARTH STREET, NORTHCOTE

Author: Property Manager

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

Report Background

To consider the completion of the statutory procedures relating to the discontinuance and sale of part of a right-of-way/road adjoining 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote as shown cross-hatched and hatched on the Statutory Plan in **Appendix A** and Site Plan in **Appendix B**.

Previous Council Resolution

At its ordinary meeting held on 7 August 2017 Council resolved to:

- '(1) Commence the statutory procedures, pursuant to section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989, for the sale of the 1.03m wide section of Council owned land adjoining 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote, shown cross-hatched on Appendix C. Commence the statutory procedures, pursuant to section 189 of the Local Government.*
- (2) Give Public Notice under sections 189, 82A and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of the proposed sale of the Council land in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and that such notice state that Council intends to sell the section of Council land to the owners of the adjoining property at 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote, by private treaty.*
- (3) Subdivide its land contained within certificate of title Volume 2530 Folio 836 creating one lot for sale and setting the balance of the land out as Road R1 consistent with its current use.*
- (4) Commence statutory procedures, pursuant to section 206 clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989, to discontinue and sell the 0.08 to 0.11m wide sliver of Road adjoining 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote, shown hatched on Appendix C.*
- (5) Give Public Notice under sections 207A, 82A and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and that such notice state that if discontinued Council proposes to sell the land from the Road to the owners of the adjoining property at 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote, by private treaty.'*

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - A well governed Council

Summary

This report provides the history and background for the 1.03m section of Council-owned land and sliver of right-of-way/road adjoining 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote as shown cross-hatched and hatched on the Statutory Plan in **Appendix A** and in the Site Plan in **Appendix B**, as well as the outcome of the statutory procedures into its proposed discontinuance of the road.

In 2015 an enquiry was received from the owner of 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote requesting the discontinuance and sale of what was believed to be part of a road enclosed within their property. Initial investigations identified that the land comprised of part of Lot 1 on Title Plan 592360Y of which Council is the registered owner on title (Volume 2096 Folio 133) and a sliver of the right-of-way/road bound by Albert Street, Westgarth Street, Jeffrey Street and Westfield Street, Northcote.

At its ordinary meeting of 7 August 2017, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures and give public notice of the sale of the 1.03m wide section of Council owned land and the proposed discontinuance and sale of the occupied part of the Road.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the Preston Leader and Northcote Leader newspapers on 22 and 23 August 2017, respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 22 September 2017, with no submissions received.

This report recommends that following the completion of the statutory procedures for the sale of a section of Council-owned land and the proposed discontinuance and sale of a sliver of right-of-way/road and having received no submissions, that the Road be discontinued and sold by private treaty in accordance with Council Policy and that any land not sold be transferred to Council ownership.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-110

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

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the 1.03m wide section of Council owned land and to discontinue the road adjoining 148 Westgarth Street, Northcote, shown cross-hatched and hatched on **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Subdivide its land contained within certificate of title Volume 2530 Folio 836 creating one lot for sale and setting the balance of the land out as Road R1 consistent with its current use.
- (2) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (2) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (3) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and signed 'in principle agreements' and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners;
- (4) Signs and seals all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties; and
- (5) Delegates power to the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED

8.5 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE REAR 30-36 JESSIE STREET, NORTHCOTE**Author:** Property Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

To complete the statutory procedures for the discontinuance and sale of right-of-way/road at the rear 30 to 36 Jessie Street and 25 to 29 Green Street, Northcote, shown hatched on the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** (Road).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2016, an enquiry was received from the owner of 36 Jessie Street, Northcote requesting the discontinuance and sale of the Road. Investigations revealed that although the Road remains a road on title, it is not in Council's Register of Public Roads and appears to have been enclosed by the adjoining properties at 30 to 36 Jessie Street for many years. It further identified, that due to the narrow width of the Road it was not considered practicable to divide the Road.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed discontinuance with the property owners of 34 and 36 Jessie Street, Northcote confirming their interest by signing 'in principle agreements' to purchase the land from the Road at market value as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the discontinuance of the Road.

Late 2017, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures and give public notice of the proposed discontinuance and sale of the Road to adjoining property owners, as well as transferring to itself any land from the Road that was not sold. The process provided the community and all abutting property owners, including those not in occupation, with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the Preston Leader and Northcote Leader newspapers on 5 and 6 December 2017, respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 2 March 2018, with no submissions received.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-111**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the right-of-way/road at the rear 30 to 36 Jessie Street and 25 to 29 Green Street, Northcote, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989:

- (1) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for access to the adjoining properties;

- (2) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (3) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (4) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and signed 'in principle agreements' and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners;
- (5) Signs and seals all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties; and
- (6) Delegates power to the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED

8.6 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE REAR OF 1 AND 3 MCCARTEN STREET AND ADJOINING 25 SOUTHERNHAY STREET, RESERVOIR**Author:** Property Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

To complete the statutory procedures for the discontinuance and sale of part of the right-of-way/road at the rear of 1 and 3 McCarten Street and adjoining 25 Southernhay Street, Reservoir.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2014, an enquiry was received from the owner of 3-5 McCarten Street requesting the discontinuance and sale of the Road. Investigations revealed that although the Road remains a road on title, it is not in Council's Register of Public Roads and appears to have been enclosed by the adjoining property at 25 Southernhay Street for many years as shown in the aerial view in **Appendix C**.

Despite initial consultation with the adjoining property owners confirming the feasibility of the proposed discontinuance, with the property owner of 3-5 McCarten Street declaring their interest by signing an 'in principle agreement', no agreement regarding the division of the land from the Road (in accordance with Council Policy) has been reached. Accordingly, it is proposed that Council proceed with the discontinuance of the Road and take title to the land in the first instance, with a view of undertaking further negotiations with the adjoining owners concerning the proposed sale of the land from the Road whilst protecting Council's interest in the land.

Late 2017, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures and give public notice of the proposed discontinuance and sale of the Road to adjoining property owners, as well as transferring to itself any land from the Road that was not sold. The process provided the community and all abutting property owners with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the Preston Leader and Northcote Leader newspapers on 30 and 31 January 2018, respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 12 January 2018, with no submissions received.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-112**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue part of the road at the rear of 1 and 3 McCarten Street and adjoining 25 Southernhay Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial photo in **Appendix C** to this report, is no longer required for access to the adjoining properties;
- (2) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (3) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (4) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners;
- (5) Signs and seals all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties; and
- (6) Delegates power to the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Education committee – 6 March 2018
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 7 March 2018
- Preston Business Advisory committee – 7 March 2018
- Councillor Budget Briefing Session – 7 March 2018
- Councillor Budget Briefing Session – 14 March 2018
- Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee – 15 March 2018
- Councillor Budget Briefing Session – 21 March 2018
- Councillor Briefing Session – 26 March 2018

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-113

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 6, 7, 14, 15, 21 and 26 March 2018 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-114

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

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

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

- Regular Meetings with Communications
- Regular Meetings with Chief Executive Officer
- Meeting with ICLEI Secretariat
- Say No To Racism Panel Discussion
- Multicultural Festival – Harmony Day
- Budget Briefing
- Bendigo Bank “Connecting Community” Breakfast
- Opening of New Asquith Building at PRACE
- Harmony Week Event “Proud to Belong”
- Discussion re Speech for New Darebin Youth Access Hub
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Creative Darebin Networking Breakfast #60
- Regular Meeting with Deputy Mayor
- Darebin Careers Fair for Year 10 Students Across Darebin Schools
- Discuss Speech for Pitch It Grand Final
- Darebin Community & Kite Festival
- Local Government Climate Action in Metro Melbourne
- CEO’s 6 Month Review – Employment Matters Committee & Mary Crooks
- Council Briefing Session
- 2018 Season Launch of AFL/VFL Victoria
- Meeting with Director City Sustainability & Strategy
- Fairfield Village Community Reference Group
- School Visit – Northcote Primary School
- Discussion regarding Budget Processes
- Meeting with Susan Harrop, Principal Northcote High School

- Meeting to Discuss Australian Federation of Hellenic Gymnastics & Athletics Association
- NAGA Advocacy Working Group Meeting
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Budget briefing March 21st
- Meeting with Port Phillip Councillor Kat Copsey
- Meeting with delegation of members of the Sri Lankan parliament to discuss increasing representation of women in all levels of government (hosted by DFAT and AsiaLink)
- Darebin Careers Fair
- Tour of Yanada House
- Darebin Kite Festival
- Council briefing session March 26th
- Coffee catchup with new General Managers Cathy Henderson and Ingrid Bishop
- Regular meeting with CEO

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Say no to racism Panel discussion
- Housing advisory committee
- Budget Briefing
- DECC meeting - viv govt multicultural policy
- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Council Briefing
- Meeting with General Manager Cathy Henderson
- Meeting with CEO

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Advocacy Committee Meeting
- Meeting regarding Alphington Food Hub and Melbourne Farmers Market at MIC
- CEO Six Monthly Review
- Budget Briefing
- Opening of new Asquith Building at PRACE

- Council Briefing Session
- Darebin Careers Fair for Year 10's
- Penders Park Masterplan Project Control Group

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Housing Advisory Committee
- Budget Briefing
- VLGA Board Meeting
- Opening of new Asquith Building at PRACE
- Yanada House tour
- Council Briefing Session
- Darebin Creative Industry Networking Series – Creative 3072
- Kite Festival

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Say No to Racism Panel Discussion
- Budget briefing
- Audit Committee Meeting
- CEO employment matters committee 6 monthly review
- Council briefing session
- Meeting with General Manager Rachel Olliver
- Meeting with General manager Cathy Henderson
- Meeting with Manager Planning Darren Rudd
- Metropolitan Transport forum
- Visit to Yanada House

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Life Long Learning reference group
- Fire station exhibition
- Association for children with a disability workshop
- NDIS training for 5 weeks
- Preston Business Advisory Committee

- Budget Briefing Session
- Council meeting
- Budget Briefing
- Yanada tour
- Undiagnosed Children's Awareness Day
- Islamic Museum of Australia morning tea
- Ladies Amateur football team
- Wales st primary school fete
- Use of the PCO with Preston Bullants & EMT
- Council Briefing Session
- Opening of Moon Rabbit Café
- CEO 6 month employment review
- Catch up with CEO March
- Kite Festival

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

The Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf prior to closing the meeting thanked residents for coming along and informed the meeting that the Community Grants Application process is currently out and residents can put their Application for a community grant. Applications will close on 27 April 2018, ensure Applications are in before the deadline.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.