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# MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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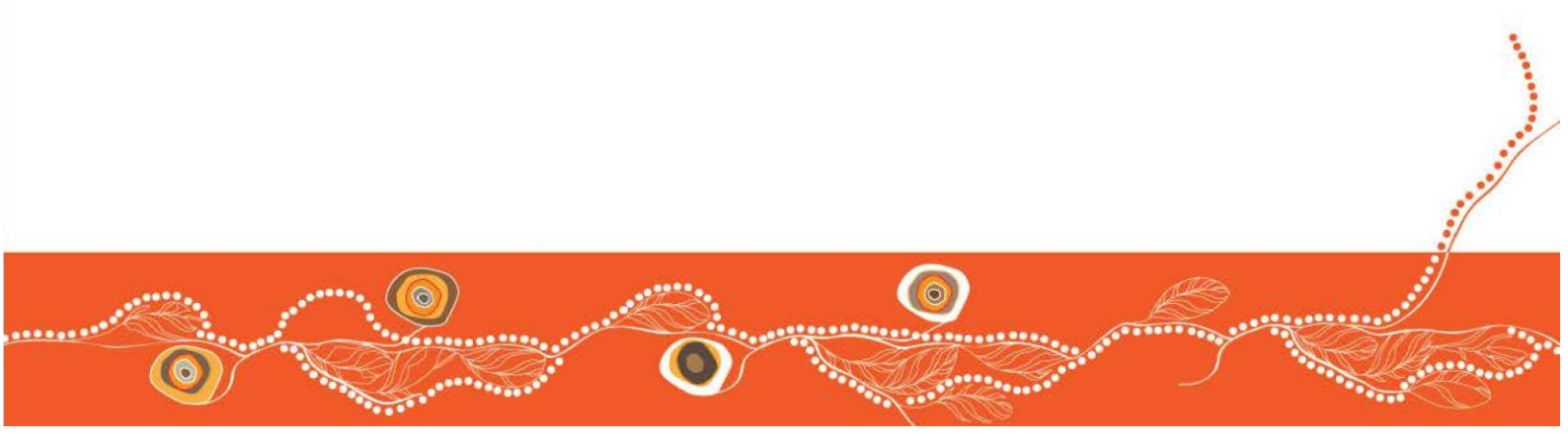
## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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.



### English

These are the Minutes for the Planning Committee meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

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### Chinese

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### Greek

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### Hindi

ये योजना समिति की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

### Italian

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### Macedonian

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### Nepali

यी योजना समितिको बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

### Punjabi

ਇਹ 'ਪੇਜਨਾਰਬੰਦੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ' (Planning Committee) ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobada kulanka Guddiga Qorshaynta. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

### Spanish

Estas son las Actas de la reunión del Comité de planificación. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

### Urdu

یہ پلاننگ کمیٹی کی میٹنگ کی روداد کے نقاط ہیں۔ روداد کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

### Vietnamese

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**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON, 9 OCTOBER 2023**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.37PM**

## **WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Susanne Newton opened the meeting with the following statement:

*“I acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people who are the Traditional Owners of the land. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging. I recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and culture.”*

## **1. PRESENT**

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Susan Rennie

### ***Council Officers***

Vanessa Petrie – General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Chad Griffiths – Manager City Futures

Hamish Jacobsen – Acting Coordinator Strategic Planning

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Mayor, Cr Julie Williams, and Cr. Lina Messina were apologies.

Cr Trent McCarthy was on approved leave of absence.

## **3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

<b>Committee Decision</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Newton, made the following statement:

*"Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending tonight's meeting, feels safe both physically and emotionally."*

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 5.1 AMENDMENT C210DARE - OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTIONS

**Author:** Acting Strategic Planning Coordinator

**Reviewed By:** Acting Manager Governance & Engagement

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In late 2022 Council discontinued Amendment C186dare which proposed to increase the Open Space Contribution rate in the Darebin Planning Scheme to 10%. At the same time Council resolved to pursue an incremental, two-step approach to increasing contributions over time:

- Commence a new amendment to remove content within the schedule to Clause 53.01 and enable Darebin to require an open space levy of up to 5% for individual applications (up from the current 'capped' sliding scale of 2% to 5%).
- Revise the existing strategic work to develop a longer term (20 years+) open space strategy and associated contribution/funding mechanism to support a new, future amendment which may involve further increasing the open space levy.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's decision to request the Minister for Planning to authorise commencement of Amendment C210dare, which will progress the initial step by proposing to remove the existing sliding scale from the scheme in order to default to the state-standard provisions in the *Subdivision Act 1988 (Subdivision Act)* for subdivisions creating less than 5 additional lots. The sliding scale artificially caps the contribution rate at 2, 3 or 4% for some subdivisions, while section 18 of the Subdivision Act allows a maximum 5% contribution.

Analysis suggests that Council is potentially forgoing in the order of \$2.5M per annum in open space contributions as a result of the ceiling imposed by the sliding scale.

In line with Council's endorsed approach, officers will undertake work to revise the strategic justification for a substantive contribution rate increase in the scheme while Amendment C210dare is progressing. This will lead to a longer-term amendment to ensure that Council's open space needs are adequately supported by developer contributions on a fair and equitable basis.

**Committee Decision****MINUTE NO. 23-088**

**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Hannan

**That Council:**

- (1) Requests under section 8A (2) and (3) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* that the Minister for Planning authorise Darebin City Council to prepare Amendment C210dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) When authorised by the Minister for Planning, exhibit Amendment C210dare for a period of one month and/or in accordance with notice requirements under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- (3) Seeks community and stakeholder feedback as part of the exhibition period, on the proposed changes to the planning scheme.
- (4) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make alterations, corrections, and additions, as necessary to, Amendment C210 material as attached at Appendix A prior to lodgement of the authorisation request with the Minister for Planning and/or exhibition period.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY VCAT - REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The General Planning Information attached at Appendix A contains:

- A summary of decisions upheld by VCAT by financial year 2023-2024, to date at Table 1; and
- A summary of decisions issued since last reported to Council (financial year 2023-2024) at Table 2.

<b>Committee Decision</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 23-089**

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

**That** the General Planning Information attached as **Appendix A**, be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil.

**8. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 6.47pm.

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