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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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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

Đây là những Biên bản Hội Ủy ban Quy hoạch. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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**MINUTES OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2023**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.31pm

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor Williams opened the meeting with the following statement:

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

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Julie Williams (Mayor)
Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Tom Hannan
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Susan Rennie

Council Officers

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Chad Griffiths - Manager City Futures
Alia Slamet - Principal Strategic Planner
Hamish Jacobsen – Acting Coordinator, Strategic Planning

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
Cr. Gaetano Greco

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Decision

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

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

Author: Principal Strategic Planner

Reviewed By: City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018 the State Government commenced a major reform of the Victorian Planning System as part of the 'Smart Planning' program.

As part of this reform, the State Government introduced a new format for Victorian planning schemes, called the Planning Policy Framework (PPF). All councils are required to undertake the administrative task of converting their Local Planning Policy Frameworks (LPPF) to the new PPF structure. With state, regional and local policies in one place, the PPF format aims to improve the operation of planning policy while retaining local content, making planning schemes more aligned, consistent and easier to navigate, without losing the intent of local policy.

A draft translation of Darebin's LPPF into the new PPF format has been prepared under the strict guidance of the Department of Planning and Transport (DTP) in accordance with a comprehensive set of a 'drafting guides and rules' which govern the translation and outline criteria to remove content from policies to make them simpler and more relevant.

The process involved:

- retaining local content that guides and supports planning decisions, while
- identifying policy that is duplicated, superseded, covered by other legislation, or that does not relate to planning matters and confuses decision making.

The Department of Transport and Planning considers the PPF translation to be policy-neutral, as no new strategic planning policy is being implemented. Consequently, it is intended that the Minister for Planning implement the new Darebin Planning Policy Framework via a Ministerial amendment, without public consultation. This is the approach adopted by the majority of other municipalities.

The Department of Transport and Planning have requested that Council endorse the draft PPF prior to the amendment commencing.

As the translation into the new format is not an opportunity to introduce new policy into the planning scheme, it is recommended that Council continue to pursue its progressive planning reform and policy ambitions through the range of projects and amendments currently underway, such as the Open Space Levy, Preston Central structure planning and the sector-wide reform project for higher ESD standards.

It is recommended that Council endorses the draft PPF translation for implementation into the Darebin Planning Scheme via a planning scheme amendment. Due to the policy neutral and administrative nature of the changes, it is recommended that Council support the proposed Ministerial Amendment 20(4) which does not involve public exhibition.

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Darebin Council (and all Victorian councils) are required by the State Government to translate the planning scheme into the new Planning Policy Framework format.
- (2) Endorses the draft Darebin Planning Policy Framework translation at **Appendix A** and supports a Ministerial 20(4) amendment to implement it into the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (3) Authorises the General Manager of City Sustainability & Strategy to undertake administrative corrections to the Draft PPF translation in **Appendix A** as necessary to finalise the planning scheme amendment documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 GENERAL PLANNING INFORMATION - VCAT APPLICATIONS**Author:** Statutory Planner**Reviewed By:** City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The General Planning Information attached at **Appendix A** contains:

- A summary of VCAT decisions since last report to Council.

Committee Decision

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

8. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 6:39pm.

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