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# MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS  
COMMITTEE OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN  
CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017**

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THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00PM

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF  
SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

<b>Committee Decision</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions committee meeting held on 1 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 5.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

**Author:** Council Business and Governance Officer

**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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#### Report Background

In accordance with section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to review and determine Mayoral and Councillor allowances within six months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later. The allowances fixed become payable for the next four financial years subject to any variations or adjustments by the Minister for Local Government.

#### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 13 February 2017, Council resolved:

*'That:*

- (1) *Public Notice be given, in accordance with sections 74 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, of Council's intention to:*
  - *Set the Mayoral allowance at \$94,641 per annum plus an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years.*
  - *Set Councillor allowances at \$29,630 per annum plus an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years.*
- (2) *Council note that the allowances set will be subject to any variations or adjustments made by the Minister for Local Government during the four-year period.*
- (3) *Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed allowances 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 7.00 pm on 27 March 2017.'*

#### Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

#### Summary

Public Notice was given on 16 February 2017 in The Age newspaper, with a copy also included in the Northcote and Preston Leaders on 21 and 22 February 2017, respectively inviting submissions from the public.

There were no submissions received.

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**Committee Decision**

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

**That** Council note the Mayor and Councillor Allowances will continue to be paid in accordance with the resolution adopted by Council on at its meeting held on 13 February 2017.

**CARRIED**

**6. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.03pm.