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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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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.



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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL, MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2024

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

The Chairperson, Mayor Olaris advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

### **Councillors**

Cr. Kristine Olaris OAM (Mayor)  
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr. Matt Arturi  
Cr. Gaetano Greco  
Cr. Ruth Jelley  
Cr. Julie O'Brien  
Cr. Alexandra Sangster  
Cr. Vasilios Tsalkos

### **Council Officers**

Michael Tudball - Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Caroline Buisson - General Manager Project Support  
Enna Giampiccolo - Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate  
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Infrastructure, Operations and Finance  
Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Felicity Walsh - Interim Manager Governance and Communications  
Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

### **Municipal Monitors**

June Anstee  
Ross Millard

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

*I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. I acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded, and this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.*

### 3. APOLOGIES

Cr. Connie Boglis OAM

### 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 9.4 Kindergarten Expansion Program pursuant to section 128(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 24-160

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 October 2024 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 25 November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson, Mayor Olaris, made the following statement:

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

*I would like to remind everyone in attendance to be respectful of each other, and as outlined in our Governance Rules, please note the following:*

- *A Councillor or any other person who addresses a Meeting must do so in a courteous and respectful manner and must take direction from the Chairperson whenever called on to do so.*
- *Any member of the public physically attending a Meeting must not utter any offensive, indecent, insulting, or objectionable item or words, including words that are racist, sexist or homophobic, or interject or gesticulate offensively in the Council Chamber.*
- *Silence must be preserved by the gallery at all times during a Meeting (other than by a person in the gallery who is invited to address the Meeting).*
- *If any member of the public engages in conduct that is improper or disorderly, the Chairperson may direct that person to cease their conduct and the person must comply with that direction.*



## 7. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The following questions were submitted for Public Question Time and responded to:

- **Sophie Peters**

When we moved to the area, a major draw was the accessibility of public spaces like BBQ and picnic areas and the open green spaces. Over the past three years, these areas have been fenced off due to reported asbestos and lead contamination. Residents have been warned to avoid even walking on the grass, yet the playground remains open, and water flows from the contaminated zone into Darebin Creek.

This raises concerns about public safety and the environment, while also deterring potential homebuyers due to the prominent signage.

We understand contamination issues can be complex, but the prolonged inaccessibility of these spaces has significantly impacted the community. Could the council provide an update or timeline on when these areas will be rehabilitated and reopened? Transparency and timely action are crucial to restoring public confidence and making these spaces usable again.

### **Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance**

Hi Sophie, thanks for your question and sharing your concerns. I can confirm that the open areas are safe for public use.

The State Government's Department of Transport and Planning own most of the closed off area and we are working with them towards remediating it and reopening it. This will take some more time.

An investigation report is currently being peer reviewed by an environmental auditor to be submitted to the EPA for final review in early 2025. This will enable us to confirm next steps on site.

- **Dean Hurlston**

What is the approximate cost per public council meeting for councillor and staff meals, refreshments and beverages? (if applicable).

### **Response from Acting General Manager Community**

Thanks for your question. The average cost of meals at public Council meetings is \$1000, which includes catering for Councillors, executive officers, presenting officers and staff. Caterers are all local or social enterprise suppliers.

- **Belinda Lloyd**

1. How many patrols of Edwardes Lake have been completed (since Mabel's attack and in the last three months).
2. How many fines have been issued for dogs off lead at Edwardes Lake since Mabel's attack and in the last three months.
3. What steps are being taken to address the lack of resources in the animal control team to enable further patrols and provide education to the community about pet safety and caring for the wildlife.

**Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy**

1. Thank you for your questions Belinda. Patrols are undertaken by City Safety Officers three (3) times a week, which has been occurring since Mabel's attack over twelve (12) months ago. The patrols occur during business hours, after hours and on weekends.
2. Council Officers prioritise education over enforcement and are focused on speaking to owners about good animal management practices. A small number of infringements have been issued in the last three (3) months. Like every public authority, Council resources are not unlimited, and Council manages a significant amount of public land. We continue to strength our service approach to ensure effective use of resources. Significant Council resources have been allocated to proactively patrolling Edwards Lake.

**• George Ibrahim**

For over 20 years, St George Cathedral has coordinated temporary road closures for religious and community events, adhering to all requirements set. Key events include:

- Street Procession
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- Community Festival

Historically, no fees were charged. This year, we faced new fees: \$135 per application and \$300 per road closure. Council waived the road closure fee, the \$135 application fee (x2 for Good Friday and Holy Saturday) remains unresolved. These fees impose a financial burden on Places of Worship in Darebin. These events are vital for faith and community engagement, benefiting hundreds of residents. The Darebin Interfaith Committee unanimously supports removing these fees.

We request councillors to exempt all Places of Worship in Darebin from temporary road closure fees, including application fees, recognising their cultural, spiritual, and community contributions.

**Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy**

Thank you for your question, George. The Manager of City Futures will call you tomorrow to discuss your situation.

**• Chris Erlandsen**

1. In light of the proposed increase in the Open Space Levy to a flat 5%, what is the timeline for a review of the unfair Assessment Criterion and Priorities of the Breathing Space Doc produced by the previous Council?
2. Will Council review the Breathing Space Assessment Criterion that has categorised our network of parks in the northern end of Darebin as all C type parks and that have suffered historic underfunding and could potentially remain that way for another 10 years?

3. In view of the Preston (High St) Activity Centre progressing with up to 15,000 new dwellings being built, what options are the Council looking at to increase the quantity and quality of green and recreational Open Space in the immediate area when Preston Oval is a dedicated premier sporting facility in the City of Darebin and should remain so and Council has already identified Central Ward as having the least amount of accessible Open Space when compared to the rest of the municipality?

### **Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy**

Thank you for your questions, Chris. Regarding your questions 1 and 2:

We are yet to confirm when we will complete work on the open space strategy review, and the Manager of City Futures will call you this week to discuss.

We are working through a review of the open space strategy – including the methodology and long-term need. Officers have also closely followed other Council planning amendments that have achieved a rate higher than 5%, to understand the methodologies supported by planning panels.

This followed Council resolving, in September 2022, to investigate long-term open space needs out to at least 2041, and to immediately start work on the planning scheme Council will consider tonight.

Regarding question 3, there are a number of actions for improving open space in the Preston Central Structure Plan that Council endorsed in December 2023.

The State Government's draft Activity Centre Plan for Preston identified that the State would develop a new and simplified approach to development contributions, and that there was a need for future open space planning for Preston.

Council's ongoing review of the open space strategy is expected to identify future open space needs for Preston.

- **Carolyn Lunt**

My questions relate to biodiversity in the City of Darebin:

1. What is the council doing about the loss and protection of our biodiversity?
2. Can you report back on the effectiveness of the current cat curfew?
3. Can the council comment on the extent to which they follow up on the enforcement of planning permit conditions; especially about the planting of Indigenous species as a condition of planning permits and those that relate to nature strip permits?

### **Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance**

Hi Carolyn and thank you for your questions. Council puts significant work into protecting biodiversity, but it remains a significant challenge given the pressures from urban development, climate change and pests.

Council's actions are guided by several strategies and policies including Darebin's Open Space Strategy, the Climate Emergency Plan and the Natural Heritage Study. Some of the main work that Council is currently doing is:

- Expanding habitat areas by rewilding and tree planting.
- Supporting wildlife corridors along the creeks and protecting remnant bushlands.

- Restoring ecological processes such as ecological burning and artificial hollows.
- Involving community in biodiversity conservation as part of ongoing education & engagement.
- Maintaining policies such as the cat curfew and planning overlays.

### **Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy**

Regarding question 2, Darebin City Council has a cat curfew which runs from 7pm – 7am which came into effect on 1 January, 2021.

This tends to be cats active hours, and the vast majority of residents comply with the curfew. When Council conducted community consultation for the Domestic Animal Management Plan later in 2021, 16% of residents said they had seen a positive change in cat management in that period, and 22% said they had not noticed a change at nights. 56% said they had noticed no change.

Council will once again undertake a review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan next year and will look to understand the communities experience of cat management. This may result in further changes to Council's animal management program.

Regarding question 3, Council actively enforces planning permits. To manage resources effectively, priority is placed on responding to complaints and enquiries from the public. Last year, a proactive planning enforcement for tree conditions was undertaken, which inspected all current planning permits across Darebin for tree compliance.

With respect to nature strip permits, permits that require removal of a street tree are rigorously enforced to ensure street trees are replaced as per the permit conditions.

### **• David Taylor**

1. My question relates to the management of the St. Georges Road median. Recently there was a gap of around nine weeks between the cutting of grass along the median with some patches of grass being allowed to grow to a metre in height. This was during the period of most rapid grass growth over spring.

Can Council explain: why the cutting of grass along this median has become so infrequent; is this the new standard that Darebin residents should now expect; can Council tell the public if any other comparable Council would permit such standards for a key entry point to the municipality; and can you please report back on what risks are posed to cyclists from long grass that might obscure a view of them from vehicle drivers at crossing points?

2. At Item 9.1 on the agenda, it is noted one of the challenges facing Council is "very high inflation" (see p. 5). Why is there no reference to an authoritative source to support such a claim and as such is it mere opinion and how can such a claim be substantiated when inflation in Australia has been falling for the last 15 months and is now nearing the RBA target range and has been for at least the last 6 months?

### **Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance**

1. Hi David, thank you for the questions. The median along St. Georges Road is maintained by the Victorian Government's Department of Transport and Planning and Council has raised maintenance issues with them. We have also sought clarity on the maintenance schedule in place and we will once again follow up.

You may wish to contact the State Government – it often helps for them to hear directly from community members.

2. The challenges we are facing into the future are in part about recent high inflation which has an ongoing impact. Prices have risen more than income and – while inflation has softened since its peak, the previous price rises remain locked in.

The analysis is based on published inflation indexes from the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the Melbourne All Groups data set and is based on the rates cap increases set by the Victorian Essential Services Commission.

Council is affected by several types of inflation. Overall inflation has been well above increases in income which are constrained by the rates cap.

On average since 2021/22 the average rate cap was 2.38% which is the amount Council's rates income has increased by. Inflation has been much higher than that over the same period. The average consumer price index was 5.68%, the average construction index was 6.2% and the average wage index was 2.8%. The construction price index was particularly high in 22/23 and 23/24 and was a time when the price for construction and maintenance work rapidly increased – this has stayed high.

Looking forward we are projecting that inflation will stabilise. From 2026-27 the forecast inflation used for the next 10 years is comparable with the Reserve Bank of Australia target inflation range (2-3%).

- **John Nugent**

1. I have been complaining about the unfair policy since October 2018. At a previous Council meeting, Council advised it had “dropped the ball” as it will not have a new sports subsidy performance policy available this financial year as yet. As I have informed previously this current policy discriminates against small junior and disability clubs that will / or have paid thousands of dollars more. This means these small junior clubs carries the responsibilities of carrying a heavier burden than senior clubs in the city. Mayor why should junior and disability clubs carry this load when Council is inefficient to develop a new sports subsidy performance policy and why Council didn't get a consultants to do the work so it would have been in place at the start of financial year.
2. Mayor my question is about asking questions from the floor at a Council meeting without being vetted? Some 2 years ago this right was taken away from the people without any discussions. Council have advised they will bring this policy back – with community input Mayor there was no better example why this policy should be brought now, the council meet in September 24, when a resident came to the meeting and wanted to ask a questions without submitting a question. Council officers advised the person couldn't as the question, as he didn't follow the procedure. Mayor, this was a right of every resident in the city and should be returned now without consultation the same as it was taken away.
3. Could you please advise me, what has Council done to promote the Christmas period and the Chinese new year which falls in late January. To date, Council has provided only a Christmas tree, no decorations. Even the Preston market has shown more Christmas spirit than Preston central and even Edwards St Reservoir has Santa greeting all the Children and adults in the Street. It seems to be the Grinch has stolen the Christmas spirit from Preston central business district.

**Response from General Manager Community**

1. Thank you for these questions. Council endorsed a minor update to the Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy on 14 August 2024 to align with the State Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap to deliver gender equitable access to publicly owned community sports infrastructure and level the playing field for women and girls.

On 29 April 2024, Council endorsed the continuation of the current Performance Subsidy Program and a wholistic review of the Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy in 2025, which will include consultation with sporting clubs and with a view to adjust the performance subsidy criteria to incentivise diverse participation more strongly. As outlined previously, junior clubs are eligible to participate in the current Performance Subsidy Program which does have a criteria relating to junior teams and encouraging and rewarding participation by people with a disability.

**Response from General Manager Customer & Corporate**

2. Thanks for the question John, I recall you asked a similar question at the September Council Meeting. Receiving questions ahead of time, provides us with the ability to have answers ready for members of the public. Not only does this mean the person asking the question receives an answer on the spot, it also means members of the gallery and viewers online can also benefit from hearing the answer. Not having prepared answers could result in having to take the question on notice, meaning that you would need to wait for up to a week for your response. We have heard your feedback and will take it into consideration as part of our review of the governance rules and also encourage members of the community to provide feedback once the community engagement process begins in the New Year.

**Response from General Manager Community**

3. Thanks for your question and comments. Darebin is a uniquely diverse and vibrant community. Council celebrates Christmas and honours the different ways our residents come together at this time of year, reflecting many different traditions and backgrounds.

Traditional Christmas displays and decorations, and Santa appearances will be enjoyed throughout Darebin's key activity centres.

We have installed a 3.6 metre Christmas Tree at Preston Town Hall this year, and 6 other Christmas trees in other locations throughout Darebin.

Darebin Celebrates and Our Songs musical performances have brought songs of joy to 22 different locations across the city over the past 2 weekends including an event at Edwardes Lake on Saturday evening, attended by hundreds of family members.

Festive angel wings and Christmas artwork are featured on shop windows in six activity centres including a festive artwork that spans 10 shops windows in Kingsbury.

Artist run workshops on making a recycled Christmas gift bag have been delivered in activity centres with over 200 community members participating.

Darebin celebrates the Lunar New year through special cultural programming held at Preston Library, the Intercultural Centre and Keon Park Children's Hub.

The full festive season & Lunar New Year program is promoted on Council's website and social media platforms.

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**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 6.34PM**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco

**SECONDED:** Cr. Arturi

**That** Public Question Time be extended by up to 30 minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

• **Susanne Newton**

1. Can the Council confirm that the new Council will continue to fully fund the crucial \$36.44M investment in IT infrastructure over the next 4 years, as per the previous Monitor's recommendation and Audit and Risk Committee recommendation?
2. Can Council confirm that the new Council will prioritise suitable staff accommodation as per the previous Monitor's recommendation, and are there any timelines available for when this will happen or high-level costings available? If not, when will this information be available?
3. Can Council confirm what advocacy approach the new Council will take to the Draft Preston (High Street) Activity Centre Plan, with the state government planning to allow up to 15,300 more apartments in Preston Central? Will the council push the state government for investment in more services, open space and infrastructure in Preston Central such as more child care centres and schools?

**Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance**

1. An update on this project can be found in the Quarterly performance report – which is item 9.2 on the agenda today – refer to page 66. Over the next few months, Council is developing the Council Plan and long term financial plan including in consultation with community. Confirmation of funding and priorities for future years will be considered through this process.
2. An update on this project can be found in the Quarterly performance report – which is item 9.2 on the agenda today – refer to page 76. Over the next few months, Council is developing the Council Plan and long term financial plan including in consultation with community. Confirmation of funding and priorities for future years will be considered through this process.

**Response from General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy**

3. In August this year, Council endorsed advocacy principles and priorities for Preston Central. We are now waiting for the State Government to release its final Plan for Preston Central, which we understand will be soon.

**Submissions**

Hellen Allison made a submission to agenda Item 9.4 Kindergarten Expansion Program.

*Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainability left the meeting at 6.44pm and returned at 6.47pm.*

Graeme Martin made a submission to agenda Item 9.9 - Lease to Flow Power - Neighbourhood Battery at 2 Wingrove Street Alphington.

**8. PETITIONS**

Nil



## 9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 9.1 DRAFT FY2025/26 BUDGET PARAMETERS AND 10 YEAR LONG TERM BUDGET ENVELOPES

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the first step in development of the draft 2025-26 budget and the draft Long Term Financial Plan, this report outlines the results of Council officers' technical review of the current external economic environment. It outlines recommended assumptions, parameters and principles for use in identifying affordable and financially sustainable budget envelopes for each of the 10 years ahead.

This report also recommends Council seek feedback from the Audit and Risk Committee about the draft Budget parameters to consider at the Ordinary Council meeting in February 2025.

Council sets a 10-year long-term financial plan to ensure it is making good decisions for community in the short, medium & long term. This is in line with Council's obligations under the Local Government Act. Regular review of external pressures, population forecasts, interest rates and other parameters used to prepare forecasts for the financial plan is essential. Council reviews the budget parameters annually.

Council's most recently adopted Long Term Financial Plan (2023/24) reflected significant changes in the external environment and significant financial challenges arising. Council established savings targets at that time within its Long Term Financial Plan.

Since then, new cost pressures have emerged and modelling has identified that the 2023/24 assumptions would not be financially sustainable. Sustained high inflation and very high construction sector inflation has put substantial budget pressure on the local government sector over the last four years, including Darebin, which was reiterated in November 2024 by a report from the Victorian Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee on '*Local government funding and services*'.

To address these challenges, this report outlines the results of the technical review and recommends Council notes updates to draft Budget parameters to reflect latest data and forecasts. The draft parameters have been recommended following benchmarking, consultation with local government CFOs and review of State Government published forecasts. The recommendations follow evaluation of multiple scenarios to assess impact on cash and other key indicators to ensure long term financial sustainability.

With inflation driving prices up, Darebin's budget doesn't fund everything it used to. In the last four years costs have increased more than revenue by an estimated \$78 million. Council has managed this significant pressure by improving efficiency, deferring some work and by reducing funding for new infrastructure. To remain financially sustainable, Council will need to carefully monitor and prioritise its budgets for the 4-year Council term and beyond.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that as the first step in preparing the draft 2025-26 budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan, Council officers have conducted a technical review of assumptions, parameters and principles based on assessment of the current external economic environment and to recommend parameters for use in identifying the affordable and financially sustainable budget envelopes.
- (2) Notes that the CEO will direct officers to prepare a draft Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan using these assumptions, parameters and principles as a starting point for Councillors to engage in the Budget and Council Plan development process.
- (3) Requests that the CEO undertake further modelling on adjusted assumptions, parameters or principles to allow Council to consider options as it develops its draft Budget and that the outcomes of this modelling are reported to Council at its ordinary Council meeting on 24 February 2025, as follows:
  - a. Inclusion of redevelopment of a large Council facility within the next 8 years,
  - b. Inclusion of redevelopment of an additional medium Council facility or an increase in investment in other infrastructure assets within the next 4 years,
  - c. Inclusion of redevelopment of an additional small council facility within the next 4 years,
  - d. Inclusion of a list of options for increasing revenue over the next 8 years, for discussion with Council.
- (4) Seeks advice from the Audit and Risk Committee on the recommended key budget assumptions, parameters and principles and requests that Council officers report the Committee's advice to Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2025.
- (5) Notes that next steps in the process of developing the detailed draft Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan will take place in early to mid 2025 and include:
  - a. consideration of feedback from community consultation from July to December 2024 which was undertaken to help develop the 2041 Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-29 .
  - b. a report to the 24 February 2025 Ordinary Council meeting to address Council's resolution of 24 June 2024 which directed "the CEO to develop options for presentation to the new Council no later than February 2025 to ensure that the review of the Long-Term Financial Plan is financially sustainable including addressing current structural budget challenges."
  - c. further community consultation following formal Council consideration of these draft plans at their April 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.
  - d. Consider of community feedback about the draft Budgets and Long Term Financial Plan and adoption in June 2025.
- (6) Notes that recent changes in the external economic environment have created significant challenges for Council due to very high inflation and much higher cost increases than income increases, and that Council will consider how best to respond to these challenges in 2025 as part of developing its draft Budget and long-term financial plan and considering community feedback.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. Arturi  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A Sangster

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that as the first step in preparing the draft 2025-26 budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan, Council officers have conducted a technical review of assumptions, parameters and principles based on assessment of the current external economic environment and to recommend parameters for use in identifying the affordable and financially sustainable budget envelopes.
- (2) Notes that the CEO will direct officers, **in consultation with councillors**, to prepare a draft Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan using these assumptions, parameters and principles as a starting point for Councillors to engage in the Budget and Council Plan development process.
- (3) Requests that the CEO undertake further modelling, **in consultation with councillors**, on adjusted assumptions, parameters or principles to allow Council to consider options as it develops its draft Budget and that the outcomes of this modelling are reported to Council at its ordinary Council meeting on 24 February 2025, as follows:
  - a) Inclusion of redevelopment of a large Council facility, **like Reservoir Leisure Centre**, within the next 8 years,
  - b) Inclusion of redevelopment of an additional medium Council facility or an increase in investment in other infrastructure assets within the next 4 years; **to be modelled in two versions: both as a 'project' constructed within the next 4 years, and as an equal spend across each of the next 4 years.**
  - c) Inclusion of redevelopment of an additional small council facility within the next 4 years,
  - d) Inclusion of a list of **short, medium and long-term** options for increasing revenue over the next **4 to 8** years, for discussion with Council.
- (4) Seeks advice from the Audit and Risk Committee on the recommended key budget assumptions, parameters and principles and requests that Council officers report the Committee's advice to Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2025, **including seeking advice about further modelling as outlined in clause 3.**
- (5) Notes that next steps in the process of developing the detailed draft Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan will take place in early to mid 2025 and include:
  - a) consideration of feedback from community consultation from July to December 2024 which was undertaken to help develop the 2041 Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-29 .
  - b) a report to the 24 February 2025 Ordinary Council meeting to address Council's resolution of 24 June 2024 which directed "the CEO to develop options for presentation to the new Council no later than February 2025 to ensure that the review of the Long-Term Financial Plan is financially sustainable including addressing current structural budget challenges."
  - c) further community consultation following formal Council consideration of these draft plans at their April 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.
  - d) **Consideration** of community feedback about the draft Budgets and Long Term Financial Plan and adoption in June 2025.

- (6) Notes that recent changes in the external economic environment have created significant challenges for Council due to very high inflation and much higher cost increases than income increases, and that Council will consider how best to respond to these challenges in 2025 as part of developing its draft Budget and long-term financial plan and considering community feedback.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-161**

**MOVED:** Cr. Arturi  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Sangster

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that as the first step in preparing the draft 2025-26 budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan, Council officers have conducted a technical review of assumptions, parameters and principles based on assessment of the current external economic environment and to recommend parameters for use in identifying the affordable and financially sustainable budget envelopes.
- (2) Notes that the CEO will direct officers, in consultation with councillors, to prepare a draft Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan using these assumptions, parameters and principles as a starting point for Councillors to engage in the Budget and Council Plan development process.
- (3) Requests that the CEO undertake further modelling, in consultation with councillors, on adjusted assumptions, parameters or principles to allow Council to consider options as it develops its draft Budget and that the outcomes of this modelling are reported to Council at its ordinary Council meeting on 24 February 2025, as follows:
  - a) Inclusion of redevelopment of a large Council facility, like Reservoir Leisure Centre, within the next 8 years,
  - b) Inclusion of redevelopment of an additional medium Council facility or an increase in investment in other infrastructure assets within the next 4 years; to be modelled in two versions: both as a 'project' constructed within the next 4 years, and as an equal spend across each of the next 4 years.
  - c) Inclusion of redevelopment of an additional small council facility within the next 4 years,
  - d) Inclusion of a list of short, medium and long-term options for increasing revenue over the next 4 to 8 years, for discussion with Council.
- (4) Seeks advice from the Audit and Risk Committee on the recommended key budget assumptions, parameters and principles and requests that Council officers report the Committee's advice to Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2025, including seeking advice about further modelling as outlined in clause 3.
- (5) Notes that next steps in the process of developing the detailed draft Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan will take place in early to mid 2025 and include:
  - a) consideration of feedback from community consultation from July to December 2024 which was undertaken to help develop the 2041 Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-29 .
  - b) a report to the 24 February 2025 Ordinary Council meeting to address Council's resolution of 24 June 2024 which directed "the CEO to develop options for presentation to the new Council no later than February 2025 to ensure that the review of the Long-Term Financial Plan is financially sustainable including addressing current structural budget challenges."

- c) further community consultation following formal Council consideration of these draft plans at their April 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.
  - d) Consideration of community feedback about the draft Budgets and Long Term Financial Plan and adoption in June 2025.
- (6) Notes that recent changes in the external economic environment have created significant challenges for Council due to very high inflation and much higher cost increases than income increases, and that Council will consider how best to respond to these challenges in 2025 as part of developing its draft Budget and long-term financial plan and considering community feedback.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 9.2 2024/2025 Q1 PERFORMANCE REPORT (FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL) ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the 2024/2025 Quarter One (Q1) Performance Report (non-financial and financial) to 30 September 2024. This report includes:

- (1) Non-financial performance, including Council Plan Action Plan (CPAP), Capital Works Performance and Council Resolutions; and

Financial performance including 2024/2025 Quarter One Financial Report and Q1 Procurement update. The 2024/2025 Q1 (July – September 2024) Performance Report includes progress of the CPAP, Capital Works Program, Council Resolutions, Procurement (**Appendix A**), and Financial Performance (**Appendix B**).

The 2024/2025 CPAP provides an overview of Council's performance in delivering the year three actions that will contribute to the completion of the four-year strategic actions in the Council Plan 2021/2025.

Overall, the Q1 results indicate that delivery of the 2024/2025 Council Plan Action Plan is progressing well, with 86% (61 actions) on track, 10% (7 actions) delayed and 4% (3 actions) completed, as detailed in **Appendix A**.

The 2024/2025 Q1 Financial Report in **Appendix B** provides an update of the financial results ending 30 September 2024. To comply with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) the report includes the following comparisons for the three months ended 30 September 2024:

- A comparison of actual and budgeted results to date (s.97(2)(a))
- An explanation of any material variations (s.97(2)(b))
- Any other matters prescribed by the regulations (s.97(2)(c))

### Impact of asset revaluation and depreciation

Asset revaluation has created a 'once off' effect on the full year forecasted Operating Surplus. The Q1 forecast at September reflects a reduction in full year Operating Surplus to \$2.4M which is a reduction of \$7.7M compared to the adopted budget. This is primarily due to the unbudgeted increase in annual depreciation (non-cash) of \$6.7M as noted above. Other movements in revenue and expenses are noted in detail below. Regular monitoring will continue quarterly with any further changes reflected in Q2 forecast. Valuation of Council assets are required every 3 years in line with relevant audit requirements and internal policies with changes to the value reflected as a year-end adjustment. The long-term impact of asset revaluation (and increased costs of constructing assets), is that higher depreciation will be incurred in future years, and Council will need to budget at higher levels to fund the renewal of assets.

The underlying surplus result provides a clearer indication of how Operating performance in regard to level of income and level of expenditure is tracking: for the three months ended 30 September 2024, Council has recorded an Operating surplus of \$116.51 million, which is \$0.16 million unfavourable to the YTD budget. After eliminating capital and other items, the adjusted underlying surplus is \$116.48 million, which is \$0.19 million unfavourable to the year-to-date budget.

**Officer Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the quarter one Performance Report 2024-25 including Council Plan Action Plan Progress at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes the quarter one update of the Capital Works program at **Appendix A**.
- (3) Notes the quarter one update on Council Resolutions contained within this report for the current financial year 2024/2025.
- (4) Notes the Financial Report for the three months ended 30 September 2024 at **Appendix B**
- (5) Notes the quarter one Procurement update contained within this report.

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the quarter one Performance Report 2024-25 including Council Plan Action Plan Progress at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes the quarter one update of the Capital Works program at **Appendix A**.
- (3) Notes the quarter one update on Council Resolutions contained within this report for the current financial year 2024/2025.
- (4) Notes the Financial Report for the three months ended 30 September 2024 at **Appendix B**
- (5) Notes the quarter one Procurement update contained within this report.

*Cr Greco proposed an amendment to point (1) as follows which was accepted by mover & seconder:*

- (1) ~~Endorses~~ **Notes** the quarter one Performance Report 2024-25 including Council Plan Action Plan Progress at Appendix A **and receives a Council report at the Council Ordinary meeting on 28 January 2025 on options to complete rather than defer (as recommended by offices) finalisation of Cultural Diversity and LGBTIQ+ Action Plans before 30 June 2025 as per the endorsed Council Plan Action Plan timelines.**

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 24-162

**MOVED:** Cr. Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the quarter one Performance Report 2024-25 including Council Plan Action Plan Progress at **Appendix A** and receives a Council report at the Council Ordinary meeting on 28 January 2025 on options to complete rather than defer (as recommended by offices) finalisation of Cultural Diversity and LGBTIQ+ Action Plans before 30 June 2025 as per the endorsed Council Plan Action Plan timelines.
- (2) Notes the quarter one update of the Capital Works program at **Appendix A**.
- (3) Notes the quarter one update on Council Resolutions contained within this report for the current financial year 2024/2025.
- (4) Notes the Financial Report for the three months ended 30 September 2024 at **Appendix B**
- (5) Notes the quarter one Procurement update contained within this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**9.3 GOVERNANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- Summary of Councillor attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors. (**Appendix A**)
- Appointment of Councillor Delegates to:
  - State-wide, Metropolitan, Regional and Darebin-based Organisations (**Table A**)
  - Council Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups (**Table B**)
  - Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Employment Matters Committee (**Table C**)
- Freedom of Information (FOI) Statistics for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25, 1 July to 30 September 2024 (**Table D**)
- Bi-annual confidential resolutions review for the period of 1 June 2024 to 1 December 2024 (**Table E**)
- Audit and Risk Committee matters (**Appendices C, D, E, F and G**)
- Councillor expenses for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25, 1 July to 30 September 2024 (**Appendix H**)
- General Planning Information - Applications determined by VCAT, December 2024 (**Appendix I**)

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – December 2024.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Appoints Councillor representatives to the State-wide, Metropolitan, Regional and Darebin-based Organisations and entities as listed in the report at **Table A** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (4) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Council Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups as listed in the report at **Table B** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (5) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Employment Matters Committee as listed in the report at **Table C** below in the Report for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (6) Notes the Freedom of Information (FOI) statistics for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25, 1 July to 30 September 2024 (**Table D**).
- (7) Notes the confidential items considered by Council from 1 June 2024 to 1 December 2024 listed in **Table E**, that have been reviewed and are required to remain confidential.
- (8) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2024 (**Appendix C**) and the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 25 June 2024 (**Appendix D**).

- (9) Endorses the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (**Appendix E**).
- (10) Appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as an independent member on Council's Audit and Risk Committee for a term of three years (from 1 January 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and as per the recommendation in confidential (**Appendices F and G**).
- (11) Notes the Councillor Expenses for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25 - 1 July to 30 September 2024 - (**Appendix H**)
- (12) Notes the General Planning Information - Applications determined by VCAT – December 2024 (**Appendix I**).

<b>Amended Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – December 2024.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) **Endorses the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (Appendix E) with the following change to section 4.1.13:**

**The two Councillor members to comprise:**

- **Either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor as appointed by Council; and**
- **One Councillor as appointed by Council.**

**Councillors should also nominate one proxy to attend in the event that a Councillor member is unable to attend a Committee meeting.**

**All other Councillors may attend as observers.**

- (4) **Appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as an independent member on Council's Audit and Risk Committee for a term of three years (from 1 January 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and as per the recommendation in confidential (Appendices F and G).**
- (5) Appoints Councillor representatives to the State-wide, Metropolitan, Regional and Darebin-based Organisations and entities as listed in the report at **Table A** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (6) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Council Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups as listed in the report at **Table B**, and to the **Welcoming Cities Community Reference Group** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (7) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Employment Matters Committee as listed in the report at **Table C** below in the Report for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (8) Notes the Freedom of Information (FOI) statistics for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25, 1 July to 30 September 2024 (**Table D**).
- (9) Notes the confidential items considered by Council from 1 June 2024 to 1 December 2024 listed in **Table E**, that have been reviewed and are required to remain confidential.

- (10) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2024 (**Appendix C**) and the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 25 June 2024 (**Appendix D**).
- (11) Notes the Councillor Expenses for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25 - 1 July to 30 September 2024 - (**Appendix H**)
- (12) Notes the General Planning Information - Applications determined by VCAT – December 2024 (**Appendix I**).

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. Arturi  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – December 2024.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Endorses the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (**Appendix E**) with the following change to section 4.1.13:

The two Councillor members to comprise:

- Either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor as appointed by Council; and
- One Councillor as appointed by Council.

Councillors should also nominate one proxy to attend in the event that a Councillor member is unable to attend a Committee meeting.

All other Councillors may attend as observers.

- (4) Appoints **Marco Bini** as an independent member on Council's Audit and Risk Committee for a term of three years (from 1 January 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and as per the recommendation in confidential (**Appendices F and G**).
- (5) Appoints Councillor representatives to the State-wide, Metropolitan, Regional and Darebin-based Organisations and entities as listed in the report at **Table A** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (6) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Council Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups as listed in the report at **Table B** and to the Welcoming Cities Community Reference Group for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (7) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Employment Matters Committee as listed in the report at **Table C** below in the Report for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (8) Notes the Freedom of Information (FOI) statistics for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25, 1 July to 30 September 2024 (**Table D**).
- (9) Notes the confidential items considered by Council from 1 June 2024 to 1 December 2024 listed in **Table E**, that have been reviewed and are required to remain confidential.
- (10) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on

30 May 2024 (**Appendix C**) and the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 25 June 2024 (**Appendix D**).

- (11) Notes the Councillor Expenses for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25 - 1 July to 30 September 2024 - (**Appendix H**)
- (12) Notes the General Planning Information - Applications determined by VCAT – December 2024 (**Appendix I**).

*Cr Greco proposed an amendment to add new point (7) (and to subsequently re-number the remaining points) as follows, which was accepted by mover & seconder:*

- (7) Notes that all Council Advisory Committees and Reference Groups sunset on 30 June 2025 and a full review will be conducted to consider which Committees should be reestablished, along with review of the terms of reference. The review report be received by Council no later than the last Council meeting in May 2025 and be undertaken according to the following (but not limited to) guiding points with each to be reported upon:
  - a) length of operation of the advisory committee.
  - b) the committee's terms of reference and especially their purpose and the extent to which that purpose has been achieved.
  - c) the positioning of the advisory committee within the structure outlined in the Darebin Community Engagement Policy, February 2023.
  - d) numbers of community representatives and their particular expertise as it relates to the purpose of the advisory committee.
  - e) key achievements of the advisory committee over the length of their operation and especially in the last 12 months.
  - f) mechanisms within the Terms of Reference or otherwise for reporting of committee advice to Councillor briefings and Council meetings.
  - g) the extent and nature of advice formally provided to Council in the last 12 months.
  - h) the function and effectiveness of existing six-monthly reports to Council and the extent to which those reports from advisory committees have directly influenced Council resolutions, especially in the last 12 months.
  - i) Commits to offering an opportunity for community representatives of advisory committees to address Councillors about the importance of their advisory committee.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-163**

**MOVED:** Cr. Arturi  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – December 2024.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for

incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.

- (3) Endorses the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (**Appendix E**) with the following change to section 4.1.13:

The two Councillor members to comprise:

- Either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor as appointed by Council; and
- One Councillor as appointed by Council.

Councillors should also nominate one proxy to attend in the event that a Councillor member is unable to attend a Committee meeting.

All other Councillors may attend as observers.

- (4) Appoints Marco Bini as an independent member on Council's Audit and Risk Committee for a term of three years (from 1 January 2025) in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and as per the recommendation in confidential (**Appendices F and G**).
- (5) Appoints Councillor representatives to the State-wide, Metropolitan, Regional and Darebin-based Organisations and entities as listed in the report at **Table A** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (6) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Council Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups as listed in the report at **Table B** for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.
- (7) Notes that all Council Advisory Committees and Reference Groups sunset on 30 June 2025 and a full review will be conducted to consider which Committees should be reestablished, along with review of the terms of reference. The review report be received by Council no later than the last Council meeting in May 2025 and be undertaken according to the following (but not limited to) guiding points with each to be reported upon:
- a) length of operation of the advisory committee.
  - b) the committee's terms of reference and especially their purpose and the extent to which that purpose has been achieved.
  - c) the positioning of the advisory committee within the structure outlined in the Darebin Community Engagement Policy, February 2023.
  - d) numbers of community representatives and their particular expertise as it relates to the purpose of the advisory committee.
  - e) key achievements of the advisory committee over the length of their operation and especially in the last 12 months.
  - f) mechanisms within the Terms of Reference or otherwise for reporting of committee advice to Councillor briefings and Council meetings.
  - g) the extent and nature of advice formally provided to Council in the last 12 months.
  - h) the function and effectiveness of existing six-monthly reports to Council and the extent to which those reports from advisory committees have directly influenced Council resolutions, especially in the last 12 months.
  - i) Commits to offering an opportunity for community representatives of advisory committees to address Councillors about the importance of their advisory committee.
- (8) Appoints Councillor representatives to the Audit and Risk Committee and CEO
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Employment Matters Committee as listed in the report at **Table C** below in the Report for a period of 12 months, or until such time as Council makes a further resolution on the matter.

- (9) Notes the Freedom of Information (FOI) statistics for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25, 1 July to 30 September 2024 (**Table D**).
- (10) Notes the confidential items considered by Council from 1 June 2024 to 1 December 2024 listed in **Table E**, that have been reviewed and are required to remain confidential.
- (11) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2024 (**Appendix C**) and the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 25 June 2024 (**Appendix D**).
- (12) Notes the Councillor Expenses for Quarter 1 FY 2024/25 - 1 July to 30 September 2024 - (**Appendix H**)
- (13) Notes the General Planning Information - Applications determined by VCAT – December 2024 (**Appendix I**).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Table A - State-Wide, Metropolitan, Regional and Darebin-Based Organisations**

State-wide, metropolitan or regional organisation	Nominees required	Appointments 2024/25
Municipal Association of Victoria	One Councillor and one proxy	Councillor: Cr Arturi Proxy: Cr Greco
M9 Alliance	Mayor of Day and proxy CEO	Mayor: Cr Olaris OAM Proxy: CEO
Local Government Mayor Taskforce on People Seeking Asylum	Mayor of Day and proxy	Mayor: Cr Olaris OAM Proxy: Cr Dimitriadis
Friends of Baucau Inc.	One Councillor	Cr O'Brien
Climate Emergency Australia	One Councillor	Cr Sangster
Metropolitan Transport Forum	One Councillor	Cr Jelley
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	One Councillor	Cr Dimitriadis
Northern Council Alliance	Mayor of the Day, one proxy and Chief Executive Officer	Mayor: Cr Olaris OAM Proxy: Cr Dimitriadis CEO
Merri Merri Wayi	One Councillor	Cr Sangster
Darebin Ethnic Communities Council	Two Councillors	Cr Arturi Cr Boglis OAM
Darebin Creek Management Committee Inc.	One Councillor <i>(This is a legally separate Incorporated Association of which Council is a member. Committee members need to act in the Association's interests when in this role (it is not a representative role). Council can nominate up to 2 committee members but does not have to. The AGM of the Association receives Council's nomination and then decides whether to appoint the nominee. Historically it has nominated 1 Councillor.)</i>	Cr Dimitriadis

Merri Creek Management Committee Inc.	<p>One Councillor  <i>(This is a legally separate Incorporated Association of which Council is a member. Committee members need to act in the Association's interests when in this role (it is not a representative role). The AGM of the Association receives Council's nomination and then decides whether to appoint the nominee.)</i></p>	Cr O'Brien
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**Table B - Council Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups**

<b>Community Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Nominees required (Based on adopted Terms of Reference)</b>	<b>Appointments 2024/25</b>
Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee, and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Boglis OAM Proxy: Cr Greco
Art and Heritage Advisory Panel	One Councillor nominated as Chair, and a community member as co-chair of the Committee, and one Councillor as a proxy	Chair: Cr Sangster Proxy: Cr Olaris
Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee	One Councillor nominated as Chair, and a community member as co-chair of the Committee, and one Councillor as a proxy	Chair: Cr O'Brien Proxy: Cr Dimitriadis
Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Olaris Proxy: Cr Dimitriadis
Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee	The current Mayor nominated as the Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair (Mayor): Cr Olaris OAM Proxy: Cr Greco
Darebin Disability Advisory Committee	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Tsalkos Proxy: Cr Arturi
Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Boglis OAM Proxy: O'Brien
Darebin Education Network	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Jelley Proxy: Cr Arturi
Darebin Interfaith Council	One Councillor nominated as Chair, and a community member as co-chair of the Committee, and one Councillor as a proxy	Chair: Cr Sangster Proxy: Cr Jelley
Darebin Nature Trust	Three Councillors, one nominated as Chair and a community member as co-chair of the Committee, two Councillors as members with one being proxy.	Cr Tsalkos Cr O'Brien
Darebin Welcoming Cities Community Reference Groups	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Greco Proxy: Cr Jelley
Gender Equity Advisory Committee	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy	Chair: Cr Olaris OAM Proxy: Cr Jelley
Darebin LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy. Note: One Councillor must be a female	Chair: Cr O'Brien Proxy: Cr Olaris
Edwardes Lake Water Quality Task Force	One Councillor nominated as Chair of the Committee and one as a proxy.	Chair: Cr Greco Proxy: Cr Tsalkos
Young Citizens Jury	Young citizen Councillor(s) appointed by Council annually and a Council Officer nominated by the Chief Executive Officer (both non-voting).	No Councillor appointment.

**Table C - Standing Committees**

Standing Advisory Committees	Nominees required (Based on adopted Charter and/or the Local Government Act)	Appointments 2024/25
Audit and Risk Committee	Two Councillors (one of which is proposed in the revised draft Terms of Reference before Council for endorsement at this meeting, to be the Mayor)	Cr Dimitriadis Cr Tsalkos Proxy: Cr O'Brien
CEO Employment Matters Committee	<p>When there is a vacancy in the position of CEO and the Committee is advising Council on the recruitment and appointment process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Chair</li> <li>• All Councillors</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>All other times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Chair</li> <li>• Mayor</li> <li>• Deputy Mayor</li> <li>• 3 Councillors</li> </ul>	<p>All Councillors</p> <hr/> <p>Mayor: Cr Olaris OAM Deputy Mayor: Cr Dimitriadis Councillors: Cr Tsalkos Cr Jelley Cr Greco</p>

**ACTIVITY REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS - 16 DECEMBER 2024**

**REPORT OF CR. KRISTINE OLARIS OAM (MAYOR)**

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

- Declaration of results ceremony
- Councilor induction program
- Ceremonial opening of treaty negotiations
- Special council meeting to elect mayor and deputy mayor
- Councilor induction program
- Darebin chess club tournament
- Councilor briefing session
- Djirra’s activism festival
- Mayoral taskforce supporting people seeking asylum
- Reservoir neighbourhood house end of year event
- Our Darebin project
- Bundoora homestead summer season opening event
- Councillor briefing session
- Hearing of submissions
- Darebin end of year staff celebration
- LGBTIQQ+ health & wellbeing action plan launch
- MAV Mayor training



- MAV Mayor training
- Citizenship ceremony
- Our songs at Preston market
- Friends of Edwardes Lake volunteer thank you

### **REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS (DEPUTY MAYOR)**

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

- Special Meeting to swear in Councillors
- Special Meeting to elect the Mayor
- One week of Councillor Induction
- MAV training for Mayors and Deputy Mayors
- Attended Perry Street Kindergarten's presentation of their Road Safety Improvement Plan
- Visited Preston Baseball Cricket Club at HLT Oulton
- Attended Djirra's 16 Days of ACTIVEism Festival at Darebin Arts Centre
- Attended the beginning of treaty negotiation between the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria and the Victorian Government at Darebin Parklands
- Attended Ordinary Council meeting

### **REPORT OF CR. MATT ARTURI**

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

- Councillor swearing-in ceremony
- Councillor induction training
- Opening of treaty negotiations
- Preston symphony orchestra performance
- Special meeting to elect mayor and deputy mayor
- Northern business association awards gala dinner
- Meeting with our Darebin deliberative panel
- Hearing of submissions committee meeting
- Greek orthodox archdiocese annual Christmas carols
- Councillor briefings x 3

### **REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Special Council meeting
- Councillor Briefings
- Reservoir Bowls
- Hearing of Submissions meeting

**REPORT OF CR. RUTH JELLEY**

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

- Swearing in ceremony
- Induction 18-22 November
- Ceremonial opening of treaty negotiations
- Special council meeting 25 November - election of mayor and deputy mayor
- Councillor briefing and induction 26 November
- Algwa end of year event (online meeting)
- Our songs at Thornbury picture house
- Online meeting with constituents
- Darebin deliberative panel presentation of community vision
- Councillor briefing session
- Hearing of submissions

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE O'BRIEN**

Cr. O'Brien reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Mandatory Councillor training
- Special council meeting
- Councillor briefings
- Deliberative panel workshop
- Participated in Merri creek working bee
- Hearing of submissions meeting
- Participated in sustainable gift bag workshop @ Northcote library
- Contact (in person/online) with residents on various matters including wood smoke pollution, reuse of materials in schools, hard rubbish services, tree protection, footpath conditions, rat-running on side streets, parking fine challenges, and cycling safety around schools in Darebin.

**REPORT OF CR. ALEXANDRA SANGSTER**

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

- Mandatory Council Training
- Special Council Meeting
- Councillor briefings
- Deliberative Panel Workshop
- Hearing of Submissions meeting
- Contact (online/phone with residents regarding events/traffic/Palestine/Israel, Tree's, dogs and pollution

**REPORT OF CR. VASILIOS TSALKOS**

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

- Swearing in to the office of Councillor
- Induction training
- Opening of treaty negotiations
- Preston symphony orchestra end of year concert
- Special meeting - mayor and deputy mayor
- Greek community of Melbourne visit by the ambassador of Greece to Australia, Mr. Stavros Venizelos
- Nbaa gala dinner
- Our Darebin project - deliberative panel meeting
- Greek orthodox archdiocese annual Christmas carols
- Councillor briefing sessions x 3
- Hearing of submissions committee meeting

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## 9.4 KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION PROGRAM

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*Vanessa Petrie, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 9.4 Kindergarten Expansion Program pursuant to section 128(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020 as a family member is the Deputy Secretary Early Childhood Education, who oversees the state government department responsible for involvement in expansion, including planning and policy, funding consideration, leasing considerations, etc. and left the meeting at 7.15pm.*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Expansion of kindergarten capacity to meet the extra demand created by the roll-out of funded three-year-old kindergarten has been a Council priority for several years, as reflected in Council Plan Strategic Objective 2-6. The need to expand has been further influenced by the State Government's recent plan to introduce 30 hours of Pre-Prep for four-year-olds, to be universally rolled-out by 2036.

Kindergarten expansion is a major State Government priority and Council is working closely with the Department of Education (DE) to achieve our joint objectives of expanding kindergarten capacity to meet demand. Council has signed a Building Blocks Partnership Agreement with DE that outlines co-investment in a pipeline of kindergarten expansion projects.

In October 2023, Council committed to three projects as the first tranche of kindergarten expansion program projects. Council requested a further update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program, including a report on options for the next tranche of projects to be included in the Kindergarten Expansion Program.

Council budgeted \$8.25M in total over four years in the Capital Works Program (CWP) for the Kindergarten Expansion Program; we are in year two of the four-year program. The total CWP budget is offset by 25% indicative State Government grant funding; grant funding is based on the number of additional places created by the works.

This report provides an update on work completed to date under the Kindergarten Expansion Program and makes recommendations for the remaining years of this program. The report also provides an update on kindergarten projects being led by DE, which Council is supporting as part of Council Plan Strategic Objective of expanding funded three-year-old kindergarten

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program including the completion of the Stage 1 expansion of Merri Community Child Care and Kindergarten, Thornbury, in September 2024 and the expected completion of the upgrade of 2A Raleigh Street, Thornbury, in December 2024.
- (2) Notes the awarding of the construction contract for the expansion of Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten, Kingsbury, is expected to Council for consideration and approval in February 2025.
- (3) Notes the outcomes of the feasibility assessment on the potential for expansion at JS Grey Reserve Kindergarten, Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten, Blake Street Kindergarten, Thornbury Kindergarten and Clyde Street Kindergarten.

- (4) Endorses the addition of the following sites to the Kindergarten Expansion Program to be progressed to the design stage:
  - a. Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten expansion – design to be progressed in 2024-25, with the aim of commencing construction in 2025-26 (subject to confirmation through the annual budget process) for completion by January 2027.
  - b. Blake Street Kindergarten expansion – design to be progressed in 2025-26, with the aim of commencing construction in 2026-27 (subject to confirmation through the annual budget process) with the aim of completion by June 2027.
- (5) Notes the proposed expansions at Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten are based on initial feasibility work only, and the feasibility, cost and size of the expansions achievable at each site will need to be confirmed through the design stage.
- (6) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the Department of Education to add Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten to the Building Blocks Partnership Agreement project pipeline to confirm in-principle agreement between Council and the State Government to co-fund expansion at these two sites.
- (7) Notes Council is working with the Department of Education to support the delivery of several State Government-led projects including the Thornbury High School Kindergarten (to open in 2025), Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten (to open in 2026), and the Reservoir Government-managed Early Learning Centre (location and timing to be confirmed).
- (8) Requests a further update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program, including the progress of planning, design and construction at all sites included in the program, by 31 December 2025.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. Tsalkos  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program including the completion of the Stage 1 expansion of Merri Community Child Care and Kindergarten, Thornbury, in September 2024 and the expected completion of the upgrade of 2A Raleigh Street, Thornbury, in December 2024.
- (2) Notes the awarding of the construction contract for the expansion of Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten, Kingsbury, is expected to Council for consideration and approval in February 2025.
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  - b. Blake Street Kindergarten expansion – design to be progressed in 2025-26, with the aim of commencing construction in 2026-27 (subject to confirmation through the annual budget process) with the aim of completion by June 2027.

- (5) **Notes the the remaining kindergartens outlined in this report will be reconsidered should additional funding opportunities to improve the capacity and condition of these facilities become available.**
- (6) Notes the proposed expansions at Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten are based on initial feasibility work only, and the feasibility, cost and size of the expansions achievable at each site will need to be confirmed through the design stage.
- (7) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the Department of Education to add Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten to the Building Blocks Partnership Agreement project pipeline to confirm in-principle agreement between Council and the State Government to co-fund expansion at these two sites.
- (8) Notes Council is working with the Department of Education to support the delivery of several State Government-led projects including the Thornbury High School Kindergarten (to open in 2025), Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten (to open in 2026), and the Reservoir Government-managed Early Learning Centre (location and timing to be confirmed).
- (9) Requests a further update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program, including the progress of planning, design and construction at all sites included in the program, by 31 December 2025.

*Cr Greco proposed an amendment to point (6) as follows which was not accepted by mover & seconder:*

- (6) Notes the proposed expansions at Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten are based on initial feasibility work only, and the feasibility, cost and size of the expansions achievable at each site will need to be confirmed through the design stage, **with a high priority given to maximising beyond the places already considered in the initial feasibility work to properly address the impact of increasing demand for kindergarten services in areas of high need and socio-economic disadvantage.**

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco

**SECONDED:** -

- (1) Notes the update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program including the completion of the Stage 1 expansion of Merri Community Child Care and Kindergarten, Thornbury, in September 2024 and the expected completion of the upgrade of 2A Raleigh Street, Thornbury, in December 2024.
- (2) Notes the awarding of the construction contract for the expansion of Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten, Kingsbury, is expected to Council for consideration and approval in February 2025.
- (3) Notes the outcomes of the feasibility assessment on the potential for expansion at JS Grey Reserve Kindergarten, Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten, Blake Street Kindergarten, Thornbury Kindergarten and Clyde Street Kindergarten.
- (4) Endorses the addition of the following sites to the Kindergarten Expansion Program to be progressed to the design stage:
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- (5) Notes the the remaining kindergartens outlined in this report will be reconsidered should additional funding opportunities to improve the capacity and condition of these facilities become available
- (6) Notes the proposed expansions at Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten are based on initial feasibility work only, and the feasibility, cost and size of the expansions achievable at each site will need to be confirmed through the design stage, **with a high priority given to maximising beyond the places already considered in the initial feasibility work to properly address the impace of increasing demand for kindergarten services in areas of high need and socio-economic disadvantage.**
- (7) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the Department of Education to add Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten to the Building Blocks Partnership Agreement project pipeline to confirm in-principle agreement between Council and the State Government to co-fund expansion at these two sites.
- (8) Notes Council is working with the Department of Education to support the delivery of several State Government-led projects including the Thornbury High School Kindergarten (to open in 2025), Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten (to open in 2026), and the Reservoir Government-managed Early Learning Centre (location and timing to be confirmed).
- (9) Requests a further update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program, including the progress of planning, design and construction at all sites included in the program, by 31 December 2025.

**LAPSED (FOR WANT OF A SECONDER)**

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

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 24-164**

**MOVED: Cr. Tsalkos**  
**SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program including the completion of the Stage 1 expansion of Merri Community Child Care and Kindergarten, Thornbury, in September 2024 and the expected completion of the upgrade of 2A Raleigh Street, Thornbury, in December 2024.
- (2) Notes the awarding of the construction contract for the expansion of Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten, Kingsbury, is expected to Council for consideration and approval in February 2025.
- (3) Notes the outcomes of the feasibility assessment on the potential for expansion at JS Grey Reserve Kindergarten, Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten, Blake Street Kindergarten, Thornbury Kindergarten and Clyde Street Kindergarten.
- (4) Endorses the addition of the following sites to the Kindergarten Expansion Program to be progressed to the design stage:

- a. Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten expansion – design to be progressed in 2024-25, with the aim of commencing construction in 2025-26 (subject to confirmation through the annual budget process) for completion by January 2027.
  - b. Blake Street Kindergarten expansion – design to be progressed in 2025-26, with the aim of commencing construction in 2026-27 (subject to confirmation through the annual budget process) with the aim of completion by June 2027.
- (5) Notes the the remaining kindergartens outlined in this report will be reconsidered should additional funding opportunities to improve the capacity and condition of these facilities become available
  - (6) Notes the proposed expansions at Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten are based on initial feasibility work only, and the feasibility, cost and size of the expansions achievable at each site will need to be confirmed through the design stage.
  - (7) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the Department of Education to add Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten and Blake Street Kindergarten to the Building Blocks Partnership Agreement project pipeline to confirm in-principle agreement between Council and the State Government to co-fund expansion at these two sites.
  - (8) Notes Council is working with the Department of Education to support the delivery of several State Government-led projects including the Thornbury High School Kindergarten (to open in 2025), Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten (to open in 2026), and the Reservoir Government-managed Early Learning Centre (location and timing to be confirmed).
  - (9) Requests a further update on the Kindergarten Expansion Program, including the progress of planning, design and construction at all sites included in the program, by 31 December 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*7.22pm – Vanessa Petrie returned to the meeting.*



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## 9.5 MIGRATION PUBLIC ARTWORK LOCATION OPTIONS

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises the location scouting undertaken by Council officers in collaboration with commissioned artist James Nguyen to find a suitable, prominent and accessible location for the Migration Public Artwork.

Following extensive investigations into location options, officers recommend the artwork be installed in GE Robinson Park, Reservoir.

The Migration Public Artwork project is seeking Council's endorsement of the preferred location. The deadline for the delivery of this project has been extended from March to June 2025 to present Council with a range of suitable location options for consideration. A decision on location is now required to ensure the project is delivered this financial year within the agreed budget and contract parameters. Should a decision on the location not be made at the December 2024 meeting, Council may face a potential breach of contract.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses GE Robinson Park, Reservoir, as the permanent location for the Migration Public Artwork to be installed.
- (2) Endorses installation of a small plaque that includes the artist's name, artwork title, brief project information and a QR code linking to more detailed information about the commissioned artwork.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** -

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses **Preston Civic Precinct, Preston, ~~GE Robinson Park, Reservoir~~**, as the permanent location for the Migration Public Artwork to be installed.
- (2) **Note that this location is consistent with Project Brief that clearly states that:**
  - (a) **The location for the migration public artwork will be on Gower Street, Preston, near the corner of High Street, within the Preston Civic Precinct.**
  - (b) **This site has been chosen because of its proximity to Darebin's new Intercultural Centre, to give prominence to Darebin's migration histories and deeply honour the relationship that Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people have with the land.**
  - (c) **The Migration Public Artwork will be located in the heart of Preston as a central and visible expression of Council's commitment to a diverse and equitable community.**
  - (d) **Artist concepts should take into consideration the relationship of the proposed artwork to existing artworks and infrastructure in this precinct. Namely, the following installations on High Street:**

- (e) Darebin is looking to commission a site-specific sculptural or installation artwork that is connected to the Intercultural Centre (350 High Street Preston) and the Preston Civic Precinct on the corner of Gower and High Streets.
  - (f) The site is a high traffic area (vehicle and foot traffic) and is near Darebin Council offices, the Darebin.
  - (g) Intercultural Centre, Preston Library, Preston Market and numerous well-loved local restaurants a café.
  - (h) Note that should the artwork construction impede on any footpaths or roads, permits will need to be sought. Further site information including lighting parameters, high restrictions and land measurements will be provided to the shortlisted artists.
- (3) Due consideration is given to safety and access and enjoyment issues.
- (4) Endorses installation of a small plaque that includes the artist's name, artwork title, brief project information and a QR code linking to more detailed information about the commissioned artwork.

**LAPSED (FOR WANT OF A SECONDER)**

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. Sangster  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Jelley

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses GE Robinson Park, Reservoir, as the permanent location for the Migration Public Artwork to be installed.
- (2) Endorses installation of a small plaque that includes the artist's name, artwork title, brief project information and a QR code linking to more detailed information about the commissioned artwork.

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

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 24-165**

**MOVED:** Cr. Sangster  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Jelley

**That Council:**

- (3) Endorses GE Robinson Park, Reservoir, as the permanent location for the Migration Public Artwork to be installed.
- (4) Endorses installation of a small plaque that includes the artist's name, artwork title, brief project information and a QR code linking to more detailed information about the commissioned artwork.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Arturi, Dimitriadis, Jelley, O'Brien, Sangster, Tsalkos and Olaris  
**Abstained:** Cr Greco

## 9.6

## GENERAL LOCAL LAW REVIEW

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report:

- Describes why the General Local Law 2015 needs to be replaced by 30 June 2025, and the process that Council needs to follow when reviewing and making a new Local Law
- Presents a draft General Local Law 2025 and recommends that it be released for community engagement.

A General Local Law enables Council to support everyone to enjoy Darebin by protecting community health and safety, amenity, our public spaces and Council assets. It does this by setting out rules for what can and cannot occur in public spaces and on private property, and by establishing financial penalties for breaches.

Darebin's General Local Law 2015 sunsets on 30 June 2025. A new Local Law is needed to replace the current local law.

**Officer Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 (**Attachment A**) for community engagement.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 before community engagement commences, where these are insubstantial but required for correctness, clarity, formatting or the like.
- (3) Requests that an Exposure Draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 is developed, informed by feedback received during community engagement, and tabled at Council for consideration for public exhibition.

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. O'Brien  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Arturi

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 (**Attachment A**) for community engagement.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 before community engagement commences, where these are insubstantial but required for correctness, clarity, formatting or the like.
- (3) Requests that an Exposure Draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 is developed, informed by feedback received during community engagement, and tabled at Council for consideration for public exhibition.

*Cr Greco proposed an amendment to point (1) as follows, which was accepted by mover & seconder:*

- (1) Endorses the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 (Attachment A) for community engagement, **with the inclusion of the word “racist” under clause 37(1) d and (e).**

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-166**

**MOVED:** Cr. O'Brien

**SECONDED:** Cr. Arturi

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 (**Attachment A**) for community engagement, with the inclusion of the word “racist” under clause 37(1) d and (e).
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the consultation draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 before community engagement commences, where these are insubstantial but required for correctness, clarity, formatting or the like.
- (3) Requests that an Exposure Draft Community Amenity Local Law 2025 is developed, informed by feedback received during community engagement, and tabled at Council for consideration for public exhibition.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.7 AMENDMENT C210DARE - CONSIDERATION OF PANEL REPORT AND ADOPTION**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Planning Scheme Amendment C210dare is a planning scheme amendment that seeks to increase Darebin's open space contributions revenue. The amendment will do this by removing the existing contribution rates of 2%, 3% and 4% for smaller subdivisions that create two, three and four additional lots and instead, enable up to a 5% contribution for these types of subdivisions under the State standard provisions of the *Subdivision Act 1988*. The mandatory 5% contribution rate for the creation of five additional lots or more will remain.

It is estimated that this change could increase Darebin's open space contributions revenue by up to \$2.5 million per year.

Amendment C210dare was exhibited between 22 February 2024 and 22 March 2024, and seven (7) submissions were received through this process: two supportive, three neutral and two requesting changes to the amendment. On 22 July 2024, Council resolved to refer all submissions to an independent planning panel for consideration.

A Panel Hearing was held on 16 September 2024 and the panel's report (**Appendix A**) was provided to officers on 24 September. The panel found the amendment to be strategically justified, makes the public open space contributions system in Darebin fairer, and should be adopted as exhibited (without changes).

Amendment C210dare is the first step in a two-step process to increase Council's open space contributions revenue over time to align with the open space needs of our growing community. The second step, which has already commenced, involves a strategic review of Council's open space planning to support a more substantive future change to the open space contribution rate in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

Officers recommend that Council adopt Amendment C210dare as exhibited.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-167**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Jelley

**That Council:**

- (1) Considers the Amendment C210dare Panel Report (**Appendix A**), pursuant to section 27 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- (2) Adopts Amendment C210dare (**Appendix B**) as exhibited in accordance with section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- (3) Notes the C210dare Background Report (**Appendix C**), prepared and exhibited in support of Amendment C210dare (in response to conditions of authorisation of the amendment).
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the Amendment documents where these are insubstantial but required for correctness, clarity or the like, including changes after approval of the Amendment by the Minister for Planning to ensure consistency with the approved planning provisions.

- (5) Submit the adopted Amendment C210dare, together with the prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval pursuant to section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- (6) Writes to all submitters thanking them for their submission and advising them of Council's decision.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.8 CT202425 CONTRACT AWARD FOR KP HARDIMAN  
RESERVE PAVILION**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The KP Hardiman Reserve pavilion redevelopment project aims to address the lack of gender-inclusive facilities for sporting clubs in Darebin, while also replacing the existing pavilion, which is in poor condition and no longer meets the community's needs.

In 2023/2024, detailed designs for the new pavilion were completed and presented to Council in a briefing session held in September 2024, before moving into the public tender process. Council sought to engage a qualified contractor to lead the construction, with the goal of delivering the new pavilion for community use by January 2026.

A tender evaluation was completed through a detailed evaluation process, financial checks and risk assessment.

This report presents the outcome of the tender process and seeks Council's approval for the recommendation put forward by the tender evaluation panel.

If endorsed, the contract will be effective beginning in February 2025 and concluding on 31 November 2026.

**Officer Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Award contract No. CT202425 KP Hardiman Pavilion to \_\_\_\_\_ for the contract sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (exclusive of GST).
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (exclusive of GST), approximately 10% of the contract sum, to cover variations and unforeseen items under contract No. CT202425.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer execute any contract variations on behalf of the Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of the Council.

**Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. Tsalkos**  
**SECONDED: Cr. O'Brien**

**That Council:**

- (1) Award contract No. CT202425 KP Hardiman Pavilion to **Harris HMC Pty Ltd** for the contract sum of **\$2,414,440.42** (exclusive of GST).
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of **\$241,440.42** (exclusive of GST), approximately 10% of the contract sum, to cover variations and unforeseen items under contract No. CT202425.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer execute any contract variations on behalf of the Council.

- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of the Council.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-168**

**MOVED:** Cr. Tsalkos  
**SECONDED:** Cr. O'Brien

**That** Council:

- (1) Award contract No. CT202425 KP Hardiman Pavilion to Harris HMC Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$2,414,440.42 (exclusive of GST).
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$241,440.42 (exclusive of GST), approximately 10% of the contract sum, to cover variations and unforeseen items under contract No. CT202425.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer execute any contract variations on behalf of the Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of the Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION – 7.51PM**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That** the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**9.9 LEASE TO FLOW POWER - NEIGHBOURHOOD BATTERY  
AT 2 WINGROVE STREET ALPHINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends that Council establish a lease with Flow Power, for the installation of a neighbourhood battery in partnership with Village Power at Village Power's preferred location within Council's land located at 2 Wingrove Street, Alphington (**Attachment A - Site Plans - Neighbourhood Battery and Licensed Areas**).

Council previously resolved to approve in principle a full commercial lease between Village Power and Council for a period of 9 years at 2 Wingrove Street, Alphington. Council and Village Power have been working together on this lease agreement but due to unforeseen issues with Village Power obtaining insurance, are unable to finalise and enter into the lease.

Village Power has identified a commercial partner, Flow Power, to take on ownership and insurance of the battery and to implement Village Power's battery subscription model.

As owner and operator of the battery, Flow Power would hold the lease agreement with Council and therefore amendment of the previous resolution is required to reflect a lease to the proposed alternative tenant.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that, despite the best efforts of the organisation, Village Power are unable to meet the requirements of a lease with Council due to issues obtaining insurance.
- (2) Not proceed with its decision on 18 December 2023 to grant a new lease to Village Power.
- (3) Grants a new lease to Flow Power to occupy part of Council's land located at 2 Wingrove Street, Alphington, for the establishment of the community battery in partnership with Village Power. The lease will be drafted to include the following key terms and conditions:
  - a) Initial Lease term of 9 years with no option for a further term
  - b) Full Market Rental Value as determined by Council's valuer
  - c) Rent increases: 3% per annum
  - d) Lease Area – Approximately 15 square metres.
  - e) Break Date – Council will have the right to terminate the lease at any time after six years from the commencement date of the lease at no penalty to Council.
  - f) Community benefit reporting – Village Power to provide Council with annual reports on the benefit this battery installation is providing to the community and the environment.
- (4) Notes there is no requirement for community consultation to establish a lease for Council property in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020.
- (5) Authorises the Manager Buildings, Property & Capital to negotiate and finalise all other terms and conditions of the lease.

- (6) Notes that Flow Power intends to deliver the battery and have it operational by a date no later than December 2025.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That Council:**

- (7) Notes that, despite the best efforts of the organisation, Village Power are unable to meet the requirements of a lease with Council due to issues obtaining insurance.
- (8) Not proceed with its decision on 18 December 2023 to grant a new lease to Village Power.
- (9) Grants a new lease to Flow Power to occupy part of Council's land located at 2 Wingrove Street, Alphington, for the establishment of the community battery in partnership with Village Power. The lease will be drafted **as per the previous contract, and** to include the following key terms and conditions:
- a) ~~Initial~~ Lease term of 9 years ~~with no option for a further term~~
  - b) ~~Full Market Rental Value~~ **Reasonable Market Rental Value** as determined by Council's valuer
  - c) Rent increases: 3% per annum
  - d) Lease Area – Approximately 15 square metres.
  - e) Break Date – Council ~~will~~ **may** have the right to terminate the lease at any time after six years from the commencement date of the lease at no penalty to Council.
  - f) Community benefit reporting – Village Power to provide Council annual reports on the benefit this battery installation is providing to the community and the environment.
  - g) All parties to be responsible for their own Legal Fees.**
- (10) Notes there is no requirement for community consultation to establish a lease for Council property in accordance with *Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020*.
- (11) Authorises the Manager Buildings, Property & Capital to negotiate and finalise all other terms and conditions of the lease **without passing on additional costs**.
- (12) Notes that Flow Power intends to deliver the battery and have it operational by a date no later than December 2025.

*Cr Greco proposed an amendment to point (3) f) as follows, which was accepted by mover & seconder:*

- f) Community benefit reporting – Village Power to provide Council **with objective evidence based** annual reports on the benefit this battery installation is providing ~~to the~~ **across the broader Darebin** community and the environment.

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

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 24-169

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that, despite the best efforts of the organisation, Village Power are unable to meet the requirements of a lease with Council due to issues obtaining insurance.
- (2) Not proceed with its decision on 18 December 2023 to grant a new lease to Village Power.
- (3) Grants a new lease to Flow Power to occupy part of Council's land located at 2 Wingrove Street, Alphington, for the establishment of the community battery in partnership with Village Power. The lease will be drafted as per the previous contract, and to include the following key terms and conditions:
  - a) Lease term of 9 years.
  - b) Reasonable Market Rental Value as determined by Council's valuer
  - c) Rent increases: 3% per annum
  - d) Lease Area – Approximately 15 square metres.
  - e) Break Date – Council ~~will~~ may have the right to terminate the lease at any time after six years from the commencement date of the lease at no penalty to Council.
  - f) Community benefit reporting – Village Power to provide Council with objective evidence based annual reports on the benefit this battery installation is providing to the across the broader Darebin community and the environment.
  - g) All parties to be responsible for their own Legal Fees.
- (4) Notes there is no requirement for community consultation to establish a lease for Council property in accordance with *Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020*.
- (5) Authorises the Manager Buildings, Property & Capital to negotiate and finalise all other terms and conditions of the lease without passing on additional costs.
- (6) Notes that Flow Power intends to deliver the battery and have it operational by a date no later than December 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.10 PROPERTY MATTERS – LEASING OF PART OF BUNDOORA PARK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A TELECOMMUNICATION MONOPOLE**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends completion of the statutory procedures for the amended lease terms and conditions offered to Amplitel Pty Ltd, to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications monopole and battery extension cabinet at Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora Park.

The lease was previously endorsed by Council at a meeting in September 2022, however the key lease terms as put out to community engagement and endorsed by Council were incorrectly recorded, and so further engagement was required on the correct lease terms.

In August 2024 Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to proceed with a lease on amended terms. No submissions have been received and this report recommends endorsing the proposed lease.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-170**

**MOVED:** Cr. Arturi  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Jelley

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the decision at its meeting on 26 September 2022 to endorse a lease to Amplitel
- (2) Notes that due to an administrative oversight, full details of key lease terms were not included in the notice which was put out to the public prior to the 2022 Council decision, and accordingly, it was necessary to conduct a further period of community engagement to meet Council's responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2020* ('LGA').
- (3) Notes that no submissions were received in response to Council's public notice to enter into a lease with Amplitel Ltd to lease part of Bundoora Park for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a telecommunications monopole.
- (4) Enters into a lease with Amplitel on amended terms as follows and as advertised:
  - a) **Term:** 20 years
  - b) **Indicative Commencement Date:** 1 March 2025
  - c) **Lease Area:** Monopole (4500mm x 4500mm) & Equipment cabinet (5000mm x 2500mm)
  - d) **Commencing rent:** \$27,810 plus GST per annum.
- (5) Authorises the CEO (or delegate) to negotiate all other terms of the lease, and execute any documents required to enter into the lease.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.11 PROPERTY MATTERS - SALE OF MINOR ASSETS - 182-184 HIGH STREET AND 1 BUTLER STREET, NORTHCOTE**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends completion of the statutory procedures for the sale of the section of a discontinued road adjoining 182-184 High Street and 1 Butler Street, Northcote, and more particularly shown as Lots 2 and 3 on Title Plan TP969622V (**Figure 2 – Appendix A ‘Site Plans’**) (‘Subject Road’).

Public notice was given of Council’s intention to sell the subject road and the notice period has now concluded, with one submission received in writing and heard at the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024.

This report recommends Council take note of the submission but proceed with endorsement of the sale having given public notice of a proposal to sell the Subject Road the owner of 1 Butler Street, Northcote, by private treaty in accordance with Council’s Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022 (‘Council’s Policy’).

**Officer Recommendation**

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the discontinued road between 182 & 184 High Street and 1 Butler Street, Northcote, (‘Subject Road’):

- (1) Notes that one submission was received in response to the proposal to sell the Subject Road, which was heard at a Hearing of Submissions meeting held on 9 December 2024.
- (2) Directs that the land from the Subject Road be sold by private treaty to the owner of the adjoining property at 1 Butler Street, Northcote, in accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2020 and Council’s Sale of Minor Assets Policy.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or Delegate) to sign all documents to give effect to the sale and transfer of any land from the Subject Road to the owner of the adjoining property
- (4) Directs that the sale of the Subject Road will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the roads in connection with any pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the roads.
- (5) Notifies all submitters of Council’s decision and the reasons for the decision as soon as practicable.

**Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. Tsalkos**  
**SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis**

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the discontinued road between 182 & 184 High Street and 1 Butler Street, Northcote, (‘Subject Road’):

- (1) Notes that one submission was received in response to the proposal to sell the Subject Road, which was heard at a Hearing of Submissions meeting held on 9 December 2024.
- (2) **Defer this item to a future Council meeting**
- (3) **Request that officers explore, in accordance with the relevant sections of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy the potential for a 50:50 sale of the subject site with adjoining owners; including contacting each of the relevant owners**
- (4) **Table a report at a future Council meeting outlining the outcome of the investigation and options for Council to consider.**

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-171**

**MOVED: Cr. Tsalkos**  
**SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis**

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the discontinued road between 182 & 184 High Street and 1 Butler Street, Northcote, ('Subject Road'):

- (1) Notes that one submission was received in response to the proposal to sell the Subject Road, which was heard at a Hearing of Submissions meeting held on 9 December 2024.
- (2) Defer this item to a future Council meeting.
- (3) Request that officers explore, in accordance with the relevant sections of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy the potential for a 50:50 sale of the subject site with adjoining owners; including contacting each of the relevant owners
- (4) Table a report at a future Council meeting outlining the outcome of the investigation and options for Council to consider.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.12 PROPERTY MATTERS - SALE OF MINOR ASSETS - 6  
TASMAN STREET AND 5 BISCHOFF STREET, PRESTON**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends completion of the statutory procedures for the sale of the section of discontinued road adjoining 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston, being more particularly shown as ROW Segment 1 and ROW Segment 2 on the attached ROW Plan (**Figure 1 – Appendix A**) (collectively the ‘Subject Road’)

This report recommends Council endorse the sale, having given public notice of a proposal to sell the Subject Road to the owners of 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston, by private treaty in accordance with Council’s Sale of Minor Assets Policy (‘the Policy’).

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-172****MOVED: Cr. O'Brien****SECONDED: Cr. Jelley****That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the discontinued road between 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston (‘Subject Road’):

- (1) Notes that there were no submissions received in relation to the proposal to sell the Subject Road.
- (2) Directs that the land from the Subject Road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2020 and Council’s Sale of Minor Assets Policy.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents to give effect to the sale and transfer of any land from the Subject Road to the owners of the adjoining properties.
- (4) Directs that the sale of the Subject Road will not affect any right, power or interest held by Melbourne Water and Darebin City Council, in the roads in connection with any pipes under the control of Melbourne Water and Darebin City Council in or near the roads.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.13 PROPERTY MATTERS - SALE OF MINOR ASSETS - 27  
GEORGE STREET, RESERVOIR**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends completion of the statutory procedures for the sale of the section of a discontinued road adjoining 27 George Street and 80 Pine Street, Reservoir, shown in **Figure 1 in Appendix A, and** shown as Lot 8 on Title Plan TP23509T (collectively the 'Subject Road').

This report recommends Council endorse the sale, having given public notice of a proposal to sell the Subject Road to the owner of 27 George Street, Reservoir, by private treaty in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy (the Policy).

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-173**

**MOVED:** Cr. Tsalkos  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the discontinued road between 27 George Street and 80 Pine Street, Reservoir, ('Subject Road'):

- (1) Notes that there were no submissions received in relation to the proposal to sell the Subject Road.
- (2) Directs that the land from the Subject Road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (Or Delegate) to sign all documents to give effect to the sale and transfer of any land from the Subject Road to the owner of the adjoining property
- (4) Directs that the sale of the Subject Road will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the roads in connection with any pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the roads.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**9.14 PROPERTY MATTERS - SALE OF MINOR ASSETS - 4/1  
FURZER STREET, PRESTON**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends completion of the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance and sale of a road adjoining 4/1 Furzer Street, Preston, specifically known as Lot 1 on Title Plan TP971534E, and shown in **Figure 1** in **Appendix A** ('Subject Road').

This report recommends Council endorse the discontinuance and sale, having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue and sell the Subject Road to the owners of 4/1 Furzer Street, Preston, by private treaty in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy (the Policy).

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-174**

**MOVED:** Cr. Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue and sell the road adjoining 4/1 Furzer Street, Preston (Subject Road):

- (1) Notes that there were no submissions received in relation to the proposal to discontinue and sell the Subject Road.
- (2) Directs that the land from the Subject Road be discontinued and sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property in accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy.
- (3) Directs that notice of the discontinuance be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or Delegate) to sign all documents to give effect to the sale and transfer of any land from the Subject Road to the owner of the adjoining property
- (5) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Melbourne Water and Darebin City Council, in the roads in connection with any pipes under the control of Melbourne Water and Darebin City Council in or near the roads.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED**

Nil

## 11. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 11.1 RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE ADVOCACY

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 16 December 2024, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

*In developing a funding strategy for the Reservoir Leisure Centre, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Federal and State Governments seeking funding support for funding in partnership with Darebin City Council.*

**Notice Received:** 1 December 2024  
**Notice Given to Councillors** 1 December 2024  
**Date of Meeting:** 16 December 2024

#### Motion

**MOVED:** Cr. Tsalkos  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Arturi

**That Council:**

In developing a funding strategy for the Reservoir Leisure Centre, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Federal and State Governments seeking funding support for funding in partnership with Darebin City Council.

*Cr Greco proposed an amendment to the motion as follows, which was not accepted by mover & seconder:*

**That Council:**

In developing a funding strategy for the Reservoir Leisure Centre, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Federal and State Governments seeking funding support for funding in **an equal three way partnership commitment with one third funding from the Federal Govt, one third from the State Govt and one third from Darebin City Council partnership** with Darebin City Council.

#### Amendment

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Jelley

**That Council**

In developing a funding strategy for the Reservoir Leisure Centre, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Federal and State Governments seeking funding support for funding in an equal three way partnership commitment with one third funding from the Federal Govt, one third from the State Govt and one third from Darebin City Council.

**LOST**

**For:** Cr Greco

**Against:** Crs Arturi, Dimitriadis, Jelley, O'Brien, Sangster, Tsalkos and Olaris

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-175**

**MOVED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**SECONDED:** Cr. Arturi

**That Council:**

In developing a funding strategy for the Reservoir Leisure Centre, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Federal and State Governments seeking funding support for funding in partnership with Darebin City Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11.2

## 2 WINGROVE ST ALPHINGTON

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 16 December 2024, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Notes at the 27 May 2024 council meeting, council resolved to direct all future decisions relating to short, mid and long-term use of at 2 Wingrove Street Alphington be reported to Council meetings for decision rather than being made under delegation as follows:*
  - (a) *Decisions relating to the future use of the site including establishment or conclusion of leases or licences.*
  - (b) *Decisions at key stages of the work towards master planning including approval of the project plan (and scope), approval of the community engagement plan, receiving the feasibility study and decisions about outcome of any future EOI process.*
  - (c) *For avoidance of doubt, only operational matters relating to this site are to remain within the CEO's delegated authority.*
- (2) *Receives a report at the 29 January 2024 council meeting to include broader community consultation as part of stage one of master planning for the site at 2 Wingrove St Alphington.*

**Notice Received:** 1 December 2024

**Notice Given to Councillors** 1 December 2024

**Date of Meeting:** 16 December 2024

*With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Dimitriadis moved the Notice of Motion with amendments as follows:*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes at the 27 May 2024 council meeting, council resolved to direct all future decisions relating to short, mid and long-term use of at 2 Wingrove Street Alphington be reported to Council meetings for decision rather than being made under delegation as follows:
  - (a) Decisions relating to the future use of the site including establishment or conclusion of leases or licences.
  - (b) Decisions at key stages of the work towards master planning including approval of the project plan (and scope), approval of the community engagement plan, receiving the feasibility study and decisions about outcome of any future EOI process.
  - (c) For avoidance of doubt, other currently delegated functions relating to this site are unchanged

- (2) Resolves that for avoidance of doubt, only operational matters relating to this site are to remain within the CEO's delegated authority.
- (3) Receives a report at the ~~28 January~~ **24 February 2025** council meeting to include broader community consultation as part of stage one of master planning for the site at 2 Wingrove St Alphington.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-176**

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes at the 27 May 2024 council meeting, council resolved to direct all future decisions relating to short, mid and long-term use of at 2 Wingrove Street Alphington be reported to Council meetings for decision rather than being made under delegation as follows:
  - (d) Decisions relating to the future use of the site including establishment or conclusion of leases or licences.
  - (e) Decisions at key stages of the work towards master planning including approval of the project plan (and scope), approval of the community engagement plan, receiving the feasibility study and decisions about outcome of any future EOI process.
  - (f) For avoidance of doubt, other currently delegated functions relating to this site are unchanged
- (2) Resolves that for avoidance of doubt, only operational matters relating to this site are to remain within the CEO's delegated authority.
- (3) Receives a report at the 24 February 2025 council meeting to include broader community consultation as part of stage one of master planning for the site at 2 Wingrove St Alphington.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Arturi, Dimitriadis, Greco, O'Brien, Sangster, Tsalkos and Olaris  
**Abstained:** Cr Jelley

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**11.3 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 16 December 2024, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Receives a report on relevant policies, strategies, plans and associated processes that inform how we currently manage vegetation including:*
  - *How we ensure protection of existing vegetation with a specific focus on trees on or near private development sites and within Council open space planting projects.*
  - *How we plan what we plant and where we do it, including open space and street trees.*
  - *How we define 'significant trees' on private and Council land.*
  - *The specific permit and compliance regime in place to manage potential development impacts on existing vegetation.*
  - *The numbers, types and locations of complaints received from the community from 2022 – 2024 in relation to vegetation management, follow up compliance actions and fines issued, analysing and documenting what trends may exist in this information and data. Include complaints received directly to Council (Customer Service or via Councillors) and through the 'Snap Send Solve' app.*
  - *Investigating and documenting what best practice vegetation/tree management looks like in other comparable municipalities.*
  - *Identify any current gaps that we have in Darebin and associated opportunities for improvements that we could adopt as part of upcoming Council priorities such as Local Laws, the Council Plan and any other relevant policies, strategies or plans.*
- (2) *Noting that prioritisation needs to be given to the Local Laws review project in the near term, that the Report is delivered to the Mar/Apr 2025 meeting (TBC) based on most effective timing to inform a strategic priority around vegetation/tree maintenance and management in the new Council Plan should we decide to give effect to something there.*
- (3) *Publicises information contained in this motion through Council's website and social media channels, including information about how residents can contribute further information based on their own observations and experiences.*

**Notice Received:** 2 December 2024

**Notice Given to Councillors** 2 December 2024

**Date of Meeting:** 16 December 2024

*With leave of the Chairperson, Cr O'Brien moved the Notice of Motion with amendments as follows:*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. O'Brien  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) **Notes that maintenance and management of vegetation, particularly mature tree removals, overhanging vegetation on private land and Council planting in open space are a matter of concern for the community.**
- (2) **Notes that with work underway to review and improve Local Laws and develop the new four-year Council Plan, there is an opportunity to identify gaps and improve processes for vegetation maintenance and management across the municipality.**
- (3) **Note that development of the new General Local Law by 30 June 2025 is aiming to strengthen Council's ability to protect its assets, including street trees.**
- (4) **Considers as part of the development of its 2025-2029 Council Plan relevant Darebin policies, strategies, plans and associated processes that currently govern vegetation management, with a view to improving vegetation management, and that these considerations should include:**
  - Ensuring protection of existing vegetation with a specific focus on trees on or near **private construction sites and adequate enforcement for breaches by developers.**
  - **Planning** what is planted and where, including open space and street tree **improvements by Council.**
  - **The definition of 'significant trees'** on private and Council land.
  - **Strengthening** the permit and compliance regime to **mitigate** development impacts on existing vegetation.
  - **Community complaints regarding vegetation management including on matters of compliance.**
  - Best practice vegetation/tree management in other comparable municipalities.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-177**

**MOVED:** Cr. O'Brien  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that maintenance and management of vegetation, particularly mature tree removals, overhanging vegetation on private land and Council planting in open space are a matter of concern for the community.
- (2) Notes that with work underway to review and improve Local Laws and develop the new four-year Council Plan, there is an opportunity to identify gaps and improve processes for vegetation maintenance and management across the municipality.



- (3) Note that development of the new General Local Law by 30 June 2025 is aiming to strengthen Council's ability to protect its assets, including street trees.
- (4) Considers as part of the development of its 2025-2029 Council Plan relevant Darebin policies, strategies, plans and associated processes that currently govern vegetation management, with a view to improving vegetation management, and that these considerations should include:
- Ensuring protection of existing vegetation with a specific focus on trees on or near private construction sites and adequate enforcement for breaches by developers.
  - Planning what is planted and where, including open space and street tree improvements by Council.
  - The definition of 'significant trees' on private and Council land.
  - Strengthening the permit and compliance regime to mitigate development impacts on existing vegetation.
  - Community complaints regarding vegetation management including on matters of compliance.
  - Best practice vegetation/tree management in other comparable municipalities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11.4 REVISITING YOUR STREET YOUR SAY GROUP B

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 16 December 2024, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Notes that council on 8 January 2024 resolved, in relation to the Your Street Your Say – Group B, to prioritise projects “to ensure that children’s safety is in the top 5 list of priorities to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre”.*
- (2) *Notes that on 24 June 2024 council resolved to reprioritise those projects which obtained significantly lower community support throughout the consultation process.*
- (3) *Accordingly, seeks a Council report at the 29 January 2024 ordinary Council meeting that provides advice on the impacts and implementation required to suspend the projects listed in paragraphs (1)(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Council Resolution 9.4 (Minute No. 24-105), including reprioritising the following four projects pursuant to the community feedback of the Your Street Your Say Group B:*
  - (a) *Design and install a raised intersection at Separation Street and Perry Street with zebra crossings across all four sides of the intersection (subject to Department of Transport and Planning approval), near Perry Street Childcare Centre and Fairfield Primary School.*
  - (b) *Consult Thornbury High School and undertake surveys to understand whether people are mostly entering the school off Matisi Street near Collins Street or north of Theobald Street. Then reposition and construct the wombat crossing to suit desire-line.*
  - (c) *Raised zebra crossings across all approaches to roundabouts on Newcastle Street between Dundas Street and Pender Street near Pender’s Grove Primary School and Thornbury Kindergarten.*
  - (d) *Install a raised intersection at Jones Street and Collins Street, with zebra crossings across all four sides of the intersection, near Thornbury High School.*

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*With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Dimitriadis moved the Notice of Motion with amendments as follows:*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That Council:**

- (1) *Notes that council decided to prioritise the Your Street Your Say – Group B projects on the 8 January 2024 “to ensure that children’s safety is in the top 5 list of priorities to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre”.*
- (2) *Notes that on 24 June 2024 council voted to reprioritise those projects.*

- (3) Notes that from community consultation, people expressed most support for the safety projects around schools, kindergarten and childcare centres:
- The raised zebra crossing outside Thornbury High School on Matisi Street received 88% support.
  - The raised zebra crossings outside Perry Street childcare received 86% support.
  - The raised zebra crossings outside Thornbury Kindergarten on Newcastle Street received 90% support.
  - The raised intersection at Jones St and Collins St outside Thornbury High School received 84% support.
- (4) Notes that the top four priority projects are currently the following. However, from community consultation, people expressed less support for these projects:
- Separated bike lanes on Victoria Rd before Separation St received 34% support.
  - Removal of parking on South Crescents to make way for bike riders received 67% support.
  - Separated bike lanes on Victoria Rd after Separation St received 55% support.
- (5) Accordingly, seeks a report at the 28 January 2025 Council meeting that provides advice on the impacts and implementation required to suspend the following projects pursuant to the community feedback of Your Street Your Say Group B:
- Install a trial solution along South Crescent near Mason Street. If the trial is unsuccessful, remove all parking from the south side of South Crescent between Mason Street and Plant Street.
  - Investigate options to improve road safety along Victoria Road between South Crescent and Separation Street (feasibility study), but not physically separated bike lanes.
  - Investigate options for separated bike lanes on Victoria Road, between Darebin Road and Separation Street (near Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre) and investigate further treatments to provide safe crossing for bicyclists near the entrance to the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.
  - Install a trial one-way (westbound) on Railway place between Station Street to Gillies Street. If safety assessment following the trial still requires the zebra crossing on Railway Place near Gillies Street to be straightened and raised then this should be considered for future funding.
- (6) According to the results of the community consultation, also receives a report to reprioritising the following four projects in Your Street Your Say Group B:
- Design and install a raised intersection at Separation Street and Perry Street with zebra crossings across all four sides of the intersection (subject to Department of Transport and Planning approval), near Perry Street Childcare Centre and Fairfield Primary School.
  - Consult Thornbury High School and undertake surveys to understand whether people are mostly entering the school off Matisi Street near Collins Street or north of Theobald Street. Then reposition and construct the wombat crossing to suit desire-line.
  - Raised zebra crossings across all approaches to roundabouts on Newcastle Street between Dundas Street and Pender Street near Pender's Grove Primary School and Thornbury Kindergarten.
  - Install a raised intersection at Jones Street and Collins Street, with zebra crossings across all four sides of the intersection, near Thornbury High School.

- (7) Notes that the concept of a trial one-way (westbound) on Railway Place between Station Street to Gilles Street did not go to community consultation, therefore Council agrees to consult the community on options to improve safety at the intersection of Gillies Street and Railway Place and returns this data to Council, before a trial is implemented.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-178**

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that council decided to prioritise the Your Street Your Say – Group B projects on the 8 January 2024 “to ensure that children’s safety is in the top 5 list of priorities to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre”.
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- d. Install a trial one-way (westbound) on Railway place between Station Street to Gillies Street. If safety assessment following the trial still requires the zebra crossing on Railway Place near Gillies Street to be straightened and raised then this should be considered for future funding.
- (6) According to the results of the community consultation, also receives a report to reprioritising the following four projects in Your Street Your Say Group B:
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**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Arturi, Dimitriadis, Greco, Tsalkos and Olaris

**Against:** Crs Jelley, O'Brien and Sangster

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION – 8.40PM**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Tsalkos

**That** the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **EXTENSION OF TIME – 8.45PM**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. Tsalkos  
**SECONDED:** Cr. O'Brien

**That** the Council meeting continue after 9pm for up to 30 minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11.5 RLC, AGED CARE, HARD WASTE AND MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 16 December 2024, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Reservoir Leisure Centre*
  - (a) *Notes the timelines on the Council Website on the future redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre as follows:*
    - (i) *Community consultation - 8th August 2024- 15th September 2024 (completed)*
    - (ii) *Analysis of feedback and development of options - October 2024- November 2024 (active)*
    - (iii) *Report to Council on engagement outcomes, recommended options and next steps - December 2024 (incomplete).*
  - (b) *Accordingly receives a Council report in February 2025 on engagement outcomes, recommended options and next steps.*
- (2) *Council in-house home care services*
  - (a) *Notes the Aged Care Reforms at Federal Government level, scoping and feasibility work currently underway and development of a new Council Plan 2025-2029.*
  - (b) *Notes with concern the decisions of other Councils to not continue in-house Council home care services for senior residents.*
  - (c) *Re-affirms its current commitment to provide quality in-house home care services for the aged community in Darebin which are delivered by trusted Council staff.*
- (3) *Review of Council's 2025 booked hard waste annual collection service*
  - (a) *Notes the changes made by the previous Council to Council's long standing winter bulk hard waste annual collection service and booked collection service in spring.*
  - (b) *Notes that in 2025 Council will be introducing a more limited booked hard waste collection system for a trial period.*
  - (c) *Receives a Council report to immediately review the changes made to the Council's winter bulk hard waste annual collection service and booked collection in spring, as soon as practical and before the proposed rollout of the new trial at a 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.*
- (4) *2024-2025 Council mid-year budget review*
  - (a) *Notes the election of a new council with seven new Councillors*
  - (b) *Receives Council report at the Ordinary Council meeting in February 2025 to consider any new cost implications, priorities or changes that may be considered as part of the 2024 – 2025 Council budget midyear review process*

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**Motion**

**That Council:**

- (1) Reservoir Leisure Centre
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    - (i) Community consultation - 8th August 2024- 15th September 2024 (completed)
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- (2) Council in-house home care services
  - (a) Notes the Aged Care Reforms at Federal Government level, scoping and feasibility work currently underway and development of a new Council Plan 2025-2029.
  - (b) Notes with concern the decisions of other Councils to not continue in-house Council home care services for senior residents.
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- (3) Review of Council's 2025 booked hard waste annual collection service
  - (a) Notes the changes made by the previous Council to Council's long standing winter bulk hard waste annual collection service and booked collection service in spring.
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  - (c) Receives a Council report to immediately review the changes made to the Council's winter bulk hard waste annual collection service and booked collection in spring, as soon as practical and before the proposed rollout of the new trial at a 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.
- (4) 2024-2025 Council mid-year budget review
  - (a) Notes the election of a new council with seven new Councillors
  - (b) Receives Council report at the Ordinary Council meeting in February 2025 to consider any new cost implications, priorities or changes that may be considered as part of the 2024 – 2025 Council budget midyear review process.

*With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Jelley proposed that each part of the Notice of Motion be voted on separately.*

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-179**

**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. Arturi**

**That Council:**

- (1) Reservoir Leisure Centre
  - (a) Notes the timelines on the Council Website on the future redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre as follows:
    - (i) Community consultation - 8th August 2024- 15th September 2024 (completed)
    - (ii) Analysis of feedback and development of options - October 2024- November 2024 (active)
    - (iii) Report to Council on engagement outcomes, recommended options and next steps - December 2024 (incomplete).
  - (b) Accordingly receives a Council report in February 2025 on engagement outcomes, recommended options and next steps.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-180**

**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. Arturi**

**That Council:**

- (2) Council in-house home care services
  - (a) Notes the Aged Care Reforms at Federal Government level, scoping and feasibility work currently underway and development of a new Council Plan 2025-2029.
  - (b) Notes with concern the decisions of other Councils to not continue in-house Council home care services for senior residents.
  - (c) Re-affirms its current commitment to provide quality in-house home care services for the aged community in Darebin which are delivered by trusted Council staff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 24-181**

**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. Arturi**

**That Council:**

- (3) Review of Council's 2025 booked hard waste annual collection service
  - (a) Notes the changes made by the previous Council to Council's long standing winter bulk hard waste annual collection service and booked collection service in spring.



- (b) Notes that in 2025 Council will be introducing a more limited booked hard waste collection system for a trial period.
- (c) Receives a Council report to immediately review the changes made to the Council's winter bulk hard waste annual collection service and booked collection in spring, as soon as practical and before the proposed rollout of the new trial at a 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Arturi, Dimitriadis, Greco, Tsalkos and Olaris  
**Against:** Crs Jelley, O'Brien and Sangster

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-182**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. Arturi

**That Council:**

- (4) 2024-2025 Council mid-year budget review
  - (a) Notes the election of a new council with seven new Councillors
  - (b) Receives Council report at the Ordinary Council meeting in February 2025 to consider any new cost implications, priorities or changes that may be considered as part of the 2024 – 2025 Council budget midyear review process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**13. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil.

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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