

Council Meeting Minutes

13 September 2022

Council Chamber
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona

HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL



OUR MISSION

We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

OUR VALUES

Respectful

Community driven and focused

Trusted and reliable

Efficient and responsible

Bold and innovative

Accountable and transparent

Recognised

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Chairperson:

Cr Peter Hemphill (Mayor)

Strand Ward

Councillors:

Cr Diana Grima (Deputy Mayor)

Wetlands Ward

Cr Antoinette (Tony) Briffa JP

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Daria Kellander

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Jonathon Marsden

Strand Ward

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Strand Ward

Cr Matt Tyler

Wetlands Ward

Aaron van Egmond
Chief Executive Officer
Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 September 2022 at
7.05pm.****Present****Chairperson**

Cr Peter Hemphill (Mayor) Strand Ward

Councillors

Cr Diana Grima (Deputy Mayor)	Wetlands Ward
Cr Daria Kellander	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Jonathon Marsden	Strand Ward
Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud	Strand Ward
Cr Matt Tyler	Wetlands Ward

Officers

Mr Aaron van Egmond	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew McLeod	Director Corporate Services
Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Ms Penelope Winslade	Director Sustainable Communities
Ms Diane Eyckens	Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Ms Julie Brne	Coordinator Governance and Information Management and Minute Secretary

1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways.

The Chairperson called for a minute's silence to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and noted that a condolence motion would be moved later in the meeting.

2 Leaves of Absence

Cr Antoinette (Tony) Briffa has advised the Mayor that she is seeking a leave of absence from Council duties from 9 September to 12 October 2022.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:

That Council grants a leave of absence to Cr Antoinette (Tony) Briffa from Council duties from 9 September to 12 October 2022.

Carried unanimously

3 Apologies

The Chairperson called for apologies received from Councillors who are unable to attend this meeting.

Nil

4 Disclosure of Interest

In accordance with sections 127 and 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are required to disclose a general or material conflict of interest. A conflict of interest must be disclosed in accordance with rule 15.3 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

Nil

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 9 August 2022 (copy previously circulated).

Motion

Moved Cr Marsden, seconded Cr Kellander:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 9 August 2022.

Carried unanimously

6 Councillor Questions

Cr Daria Kellander referred to a recent article in the *Herald Sun* which reported that 40 out of Victoria's 79 councils could no longer afford to pay for the school crossing supervisor service, which is funded through a 50-50 split between councils and the Victorian Government, past the end of the year. Cr Kellander asked whether the service was at risk within the Hobsons Bay City Council area.

Mr Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services, responded that Council has a strong tradition of supporting its school crossing supervisors and that in 2022, for the first time ever, Council had received a financial contribution from the Victorian Government for 100 per cent of the crossings in Hobsons Bay. Mr McLeod noted that the subsidy was about, or slightly over, half of the total cost of the service, and that Council continued to provide about \$750,000 to subsidise the wages of school crossing supervisors. Mr McLeod stated that there is no intention at this point for officers or Council to contemplate changing the current funding arrangements for the service.

Cr Daria Kellander requested an update on the progress of the Pier Street project and the Weaver Reserve car park works in Altona.

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that the Weaver Reserve car park was in the final stages and would be open for use by traders and members of the public next week.

With regard to the Pier Street project, Mr Manivasagasivam stated that works were continuing and projected to finish in early November 2022. Mr Manivasagasivam stated that Council had hoped to book the works in for July, but this was delayed due to Powercor's scheduling and a lack of resources and staff. Mr Manivasagasivam stated that Powercor was now on site and Council was working closely with them to get the works done.

Mr Manivasagasivam noted that the project footprint had been made smaller so that traders would have access to the footpath and car park in order not to interrupt business activities. Mr Manivasagasivam added that Council was considering undertaking some night and weekend works to complete the project as soon as possible.

Cr Daria Kellander asked when residents would receive an update on the paper bag trial for food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection.

Ms Pene Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that over 4,300 households participated in the trial and that Council had received some very positive feedback. Noting that all participants provided survey feedback, Ms Winslade stated that around 70 per cent reported the paper bags made their recovery of organics more efficient and about 50 per cent stated that they would be happy to pay for paper bags in future.

Ms Winslade stated that Council would now offer the paper bags as an ongoing program, with residents able to purchase fitted bags at a cost (neutral to Council) of \$7 per 40 bags, or the flat plain bags at a cost of \$4 per pack of 40 bags. Ms Winslade added that households that have not participated in the pilot would have access to a pilot pack.

Cr Daria Kellander asked whether Council would be advertising the ongoing program shortly.

Ms Pene Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that Council would.

Cr Daria Kellander asked what was being done to address the dip in Millers Road on the bridge over Kororoit Creek, who was responsible for managing the bridge, and when was it last reviewed.

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that both Millers Road and the bridge itself were the responsibility of the Victorian Government, both being managed by the Department of Transport (DoT). Mr Manivasagasivam stated that Council had passed the request on to DoT, noting that it was last reviewed five years ago when similar issues occurred, that DoT had fixed the problem at the time and would need to look at it again.

Cr Peter Hemphill asked whether Council could request that the DoT address an issue with the traffic lights on Millers Road and Mason Street that can result in drivers who are heading north and turning right into Mason Street being forced to wait an inordinate amount of time at a red arrow when there is no oncoming traffic.

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that Council officers would discuss the issue with DoT.

7 Public Question Time

Adeline Barham

Q How much did the upgrade to the Weaver Reserve cost ratepayers, and what is the value to ratepayers?

A The Weaver Reserve project, including upgrades to open space areas and a new car park, cost \$1,290,000. The open space area design was completed following community feedback requesting more spaces within the precinct for passive activities, and an area that could accommodate a range of functions. As such, Weaver Reserve has been opened up so it can be flexible to accommodate a range of community activities and events in the future.

Q What was the cost of the Pier Street/Logan Reserve works, and why is it taking so long?

A The Pier Street Stage 4 works have a contract value of \$1,555,000. The project has been delayed because the completion of works by the power authority were not met in accordance with their original commitment due to resourcing issues. Works are due to be completed in November and will include road rehabilitation works, upgraded streetscape areas and improved pedestrian safety outcomes.

Q Will Council encourage the return of the Pier Street Tuesday market, and where will it be situated?

A The decision to pause the Altona Beach Market was taken by the Altona Village Traders Association (AVTA). If AVTA, as the event producer, were to determine to resume the market, Council would work with the group on appropriate arrangements.

8 Petitions and Joint Letters

8.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

8.1.1 Petition - Social Housing Development in Curlew Community Park, Epsom Street, Laverton

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Governance Officer
Reviewer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Nil

Purpose

To receive a written petition containing 124 signatories, requesting that Council relocate the proposed social housing development at Curlew Community Park on Epsom Street, Laverton.

Motion

Moved Cr Matt Tyler, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the petition in relation to relocating the proposed social housing development at Curlew Community Park, Epsom Street, Laverton.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the petition in relation to relocating the proposed social housing development at Curlew Community Park, Epsom Street, Laverton.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

Summary

The petition was received on 10 August 2022 and acknowledged on 12 August 2022. It has been reviewed to verify that it meets the minimum requirement of 25 valid signatories in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules and can therefore be dealt with by Council.

The petition reads as follows:

“We, the undersigned, petition Hobsons Bay Council to reposition the proposed social housing development, at Curlew Community Park, Epsom St, Laverton, on the following grounds:

1. 65 dwellings is a **significantly high concentration** of households, many with social issues, crammed into such a small space. Little, if any consideration, has been thus far made for the **existing residents, park visitors and businesses** in the surrounding area.
2. **Traffic** congestion will ensue, with such a large development, impeding fire truck access for the station on Epsom Street and restricting parking for current residents and park visitors.
3. **Noise** will increase exponentially for current residents. The noise level is already at the point of being unbearable, given the proximity of the freeway and explosion of new nearby housing estates. With 65 new households on the block, there is no accounting for the extra noise these will generate and its effect on existing households.
4. The housing development will severely **reduce access to light** during the day and to a **dark night sky**, with 2-4 storey buildings blocking the sun and increased use of artificial light at night-time.
5. Curlew Park will **no longer act as a ‘public’ park**, social housing residents will undoubtedly take ownership, as it will be their front and backyard. The park has become popular with families, particularly with young children, from many surrounding suburbs as well, which is also a boom for new hospitality businesses in the area.
6. The **character of Laverton** as neighbourly, friendly, a ‘small village’ type of neighbourhood will be ruined by the monstrous size and scope of the development. Why not ‘spread’ social housing around the suburbs?
7. **Crime** will increase in the immediate area. We are already witnessing assaults, drug dealing, vandalism, car theft, burglary, in and around the park. This activity will only worsen with such a high density of people, with **social issues, without adequate, 24/7 supports. Safety** will be further compromised, especially for the aging population in the vicinity. Laverton Police station closed several years ago and we endure long response wait-times already.
8. New businesses are emerging and residents are also making an effort to ‘uplift’ the area, with their own building and renovation works. Several existing residents are attempting to add value to their homes. Such a development will undoubtedly **decrease house/land value** and also cause issues for local businesses.
9. There are several larger and well serviced tracts of **Council land, more suitable** for such a development. Why cram it into such a popular, attractive and well-used public facility?”

8.1.2 Petition – Don't Block Our Future Bike Path

Cr Daria Kellander tabled a petition/joint letter containing 65 signatories which read as follows:

“Dear Hobsons Bay City Council,

Please reserve the space for the future bike path, that will, in the long term connect pedestrians and cyclists to Aloha Street.

The incorporated Comprehensive Development Plan for Precinct 15 in Altona North, requires a future urban structure that includes a bike path connection linking directly to Aloha Street in South Kingsville.

A subdivision plan that blocks off that development's section of this public path will, in the long-term, result in Precinct 15 not being able to properly integrate with the surrounding cycling network, including the on-road bike path on Aloha Street that connects to Birmingham Street and Spotswood Station.

We understand that the properties currently on New Street may no redevelop for many years and that in the short-term an indirect cycling connection to Aloha Street from the path 90 meters north could be provided. But, this is definitely not a long-term alternative to the safe, direct and connected link at Aloha Street that in the Comprehensive Development Plan.

This petition aims to secure that when the New St properties redevelop, sometime in the future, the direct and connected bike path link will not have been blocked off and can be completed to properly interconnect to the surrounding neighbourhood.”

Motion

Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council:

- 1. Subject to a review of the petition in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, receives and notes the petition in relation to reserving space for a future bike path connection to Aloha Street, South Kingsville.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council Meeting.**

Carried unanimously

9 Business

9.1 Office of the Chief Executive

9.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations

Directorate:	Office of the Chief Executive
Responsible Officer:	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Reviewer:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	1. CEO Report on Operations - August 2022 [9.1.1.1 - 40 pages]

Purpose

To present the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report on Operations.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.

Summary

The attached CEO's Report on Operations provides Councillors and community with a regular update from the CEO on key initiatives, projects and performance.

Discussion

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of recent issues, initiatives and projects undertaken across Council. The report is provided on a monthly basis.

In accordance with rule 10.7.1 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, Council maintains records of meetings attended by Councillors in the CEO's Report on Operations to ensure transparency and equity of information. A summary of meetings for the period between 1 August 2022 and 31 August 2022 is provided in this month's report.

9.1.2 Future East-West Metro Rail

Directorate:	Office of the Chief Executive
Responsible Officer:	Manager Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
Reviewer:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	1. Rail Futures Presentation and Brochure - August 2022 [9.1.2.1 - 22 pages]

Purpose

To formalise Council's support for the East-West Metro Rail Link while shifting from its current advocacy priority where it supports the Melbourne Metro 2 (MM2) train line.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That Council amends the current strategic advocacy priority on rail transport to read as follows:

Council encourages the state and federal governments to:

- *bring forward the funding and planning for the Rail Futures Institute's east-west metro rail link*
- *reinstate the Paisley train station on the Werribee line*

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council amends the current strategic advocacy priority on rail transport to read as follows:

Council encourages the state and federal governments to:

- *bring forward the funding and planning for an east-west metro rail link*
- *reinstate the Altona North train station on the Werribee line*
- *provide passenger connection from Newport to Sunshine*

Summary

Council has previously included support for the proposed MM2 in its 2021-22 Advocacy Priorities but is now considering to shift this advocacy to support an alternative proposal – the East-West Metro Rail (EWR) – that promises to achieve equal or better outcomes for the Hobsons Bay community.

Background

In November 2021, Council endorsed its 2021-22 Advocacy Priorities, which included advocating for the Victorian Government to “bring forward the funding and planning for Melbourne Metro 2 and ensure its completion prior to the building of the outer suburban rail line to reduce congestion, encourage sustainable and integrated transport options and increase health and wellbeing outcomes”.

The MM2 is a proposed train line that would connect to existing services, with a tunnel between Newport and Clifton Hill via Fishermans Bend, Southern Cross, Flagstaff, Parkville and Fitzroy.

This service would provide a direct link for the western region to employment centres in Melbourne’s CBD, Parkville and Fishermans Bend. This rail project has the capacity to free up Footscray Station and enable track duplication on the Altona Loop.

Since Council endorsement of MM2, the alternative proposal of the EWR has emerged from transport think-tank, the Rail Futures Institute. This proposal was recently presented to a Councillor Briefing.

Discussion

In proposing the EWR, Rail Futures says it combines the best features of the Victorian Government’s stalled Western Rail Plan with Stage 1 of MM2.

EWR would provide metro style services to Melton and the Werribee/Wyndham Vale area, crossing beneath Melbourne’s CBD with new underground stations at Spotswood, Fishermans Bend, Southern Cross, Flagstaff, Parkville and terminating at a train/bus/tram interchange under Alexandra Parade in Fitzroy.

Like the MM2, the EWR would provide a direct link for the western region (including Hobsons Bay) to employment centres in Melbourne’s CBD, Parkville and Fishermans Bend, as well as providing better transport options for visitors coming into Hobsons Bay, such as patrons of Scienceworks.

The proposed underground station at Spotswood would provide easy interchange with trains to Footscray, Newport, Williamstown and Altona.

In addition, the EWR would provide greater access and connectivity to the cities of Wyndham and Melton, whose combined population is forecast to grow to more than a million in the next 30 years. This rapid growth requires a transport solution that relieves pressure from road and rail networks which are already at breaking point.



Figure 1: Map of train lines affected by the proposed EWR stage 1 (red) and 2 (green) and also the Melbourne Metro 1 tunnel (blue) currently under construction

Since releasing its proposal in July 2022, Rail Futures has presented to mayors and officers of those councils through which the EWR would pass and therefore stand to gain benefit from its construction. These include Melbourne, Yarra, Port Phillip, Darebin, Melton, Wyndham, Maribyrnong and Brimbank.

Feedback on the proposal from mayors, particularly those from the western metropolitan region, was generally favourable.

The Rail Futures proposal has also featured prominently in recent public debate about the merits of pushing back the Suburban Rail Loop and bringing forward an east-west rail link project. However, the Victorian Government remains committed to the Suburban Rail Loop as its priority project.

At a minimum, the EWR achieves benefits for the Hobsons Bay community equal to the MM2.

However, it should be noted that the EWR proposal has not been costed, nor reviewed by Infrastructure Australia or Infrastructure Victoria, and the Victorian Government has provided no indication that it would consider reversing its commitment to proceeding with the Suburban Rail Loop ahead of an east-west rail link.

9.2 Corporate Services

9.2.1 Paid Parking Consultation

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. What We Heard Report - Altona Beach Precinct Parking [9.2.1.1 - 1 page] 2. Altona Beach Precinct Parking Strategy Map - Revised [9.2.1.2 - 1 page]

Purpose

To provide Council with the feedback received from the community engagement conducted regarding the expansion of paid parking for visitors on the Esplanade in Altona.

Motion

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback from the six-week period of community consultation regarding the introduction of paid parking on the Esplanade in Altona.
2. Supports the introduction of paid parking on the Esplanade in Altona.

Deferred

Deferral Motion

Moved Cr Matt Tyler, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council defers the motion to the next Council Meeting.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback from the six-week period of community consultation regarding the introduction of paid parking on the Esplanade in Altona.
2. Supports the introduction of paid parking on the Esplanade in Altona.

Summary

A paid parking system for visitors is currently established in parts of Williamstown. Residents are provided with free parking permits in these areas.

Council has considered the expansion of paid parking to other locations with high car parking demand, such as the Esplanade in Altona.

Background

Paid parking is designed to provide equitable and accessible parking spaces for residents and visitors at premium locations in the municipality.

Council resolved to introduce ticket machine parking into parts of Williamstown in August 1987, leading to the installation of 44 machines along Nelson Place and the Esplanade. These machines are still in use and the charges are set as part of Council's budget process, increasing in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Residents are currently entitled to park two vehicles for free by using ticket machine parking permits which are issued every two years at no cost to residents.

Discussion

Visitors to Hobsons Bay's magnificent foreshore currently benefit from free parking without contributing to the upkeep of the amenity Council provides. The introduction of paid parking meters along the foreshore would allow Council to recoup these costs and would also assist in improving parking turnover during peak periods.

The Esplanade in Altona has been identified as having high car parking demand and visitor numbers. Paid parking assists with increasing the turnover of car parking spaces at premium locations, which assists local traders. It also encourages more environmentally sustainable methods of transport.

Paid parking is proposed be introduced in Altona on the Esplanade between Sarros (Romawi) Street and Millers Road, comprising 195 spaces. The 129 angled parking spaces closest to Pier Street are proposed to be subject to 3P (three hour) 8am-8pm restrictions, with the remaining 66 spaces subject to P (all day) 8am-8pm restrictions.

Parking permit holders will not to be charged parking meter fees.

Community Consultation

As the introduction of the parking meters would result in changes to parking behaviour in Altona, the Altona Beach Precinct Parking Strategy Map has been developed to manage the impacts. The focus is on ensuring local residents' on-street parking and access would be protected. It involved:

- introduction of 1P parking restrictions with resident and visitor permit exemptions on:
 - The Esplanade from Bent Street to the bend between Millers Road and Surf Street
 - Sarros Street between the Esplanade and Queen Street
 - McBain Street between the Esplanade and Blyth Street

- Sargood Street between the Esplanade and Blyth Street
- Davies Street between the Esplanade and Blyth Street
- Mount Street between the Esplanade and Queen Street
- Bayview Street between the Esplanade and Queen Street
- Seves Street between the Esplanade and Queen Street
- provision of “hockey stick” line marking at driveways on residential streets to guide motorists to park clear of parked vehicles
- introduction of 2P (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12noon Sat) on Pier Street between the Esplanade and Queen Street, which matches other nearby restrictions on Pier Street
- introduction of two ¼P (8am-8pm) spaces at the southern end of Bent Street to support local businesses
- introduction of 2P (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12noon Sat) on Millers Road between the Esplanade and Queen Street, which matches restrictions on Pier Street near the commercial precinct

Consultation engagement on the introduction of paid parking in Altona and the measures in the Altona Beach Precinct Parking Strategy Map was conducted in July 2022, with 1,476 letters sent to residents that may be impacted by this change. There were 335 social media comments and 2,575 visits to Participate Hobsons Bay resulting in 525 survey submissions. Hobsons Bay residents accounted for 89 per cent of responses while 11 per cent came from residents of other areas of Victoria.

Following the feedback, changes were made in response to suggestions and concerns from local residents. The changes include:

- the proposed 1P (one hour) restriction in residential streets changed to 2P (two hour) between November and March (i.e. to only apply over the summer peak period)
- a modest extension of the area where parking restrictions are to be provided on residential streets to include parts of David Street, Davies Street and McBain Street
- provision of “hockey stick” markings on all local streets where parking restrictions are to be introduced, to encourage drivers to park clear of driveways

Surveys and monitoring would occur over the first year of the meters' introduction to understand impacts to local residents parking and access. Changes to the management approach would be implemented where suitable.

9.2.2 Draft Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement 2021-22

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Reviewer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Draft Annual Financial Report 2021-22 [9.2.2.1 - 47 pages] 2. Draft Performance Statement 2021-22 [9.2.2.2 - 23 pages]

Purpose

To present the Draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022 for in-principle approval to be certified in their final form.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council:

1. Notes that the Audit and Risk Committee received, noted and provided recommendations in relation to the Draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022.
2. In accordance with section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, records its approval “in principle” to the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to send the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement to the Auditor-General.
3. Pursuant to section 99(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and subject to the review of the final version of the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement, authorises the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer), the Mayor Cr Peter Hemphill and Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud to certify the final versions.
4. Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to implement any non-material changes as recommended by the Auditor-General.
5. Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to make any material changes requested by the Auditor-General after discussion with the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee before reporting to Council.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Notes that the Audit and Risk Committee received, noted and provided recommendations in relation to the Draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022.**
2. **In accordance with section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, records its approval “in principle” to the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to send the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement to the Auditor-General.**
3. **Pursuant to section 99(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and subject to the review of the final version of the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement, authorises the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer), the Mayor Cr Peter Hemphill and Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud to certify the final versions.**
4. **Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to implement any non-material changes as recommended by the Auditor-General.**
5. **Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to make any material changes requested by the Auditor-General after discussion with the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee before reporting to Council.**

Summary

The audited Draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022 are attached. It is important to note that both are subject to final approval by the Auditor-General.

The Draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement are now presented to Council for examination and adoption in principle, subject to any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General.

Council’s Audit and Risk Committee received and noted the Draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022, in conjunction with the Interim Financial Report, at its meeting held on 31 August 2022.

The Draft Annual Financial Report indicates an operational surplus for 2021-22 of \$28.792 million compared to the original operational budget of \$31.201 million. This does not include Council’s significant investment in capital expenditure of \$54.744 million in 2021-22.

The Draft Annual Financial Report demonstrates that Council is in a reasonable financial position and is financially sustainable in the short and medium term, despite the significant impact of COVID-19.

Background

The Draft Annual Financial Report result is inferior when compared to budget as COVID-19 has had a greater impact than originally anticipated. While an operational surplus was achieved, it should be noted that surpluses are required to fund Council's significant investment in capital expenditure. The Financial Plan has been updated and indicates that Council can remain in a reasonable financial position and continue to be financially sustainable.

9.2.3 Interim Financial Report - Year Ended 30 June 2022

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Reviewer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Interim Financial Report 2021-22 [9.2.3.1 - 16 pages] 2. Capital Works Program 2021-22 [9.2.3.2 - 2 pages]

Purpose

To present Council with the interim financial results for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:

That Council notes the interim financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council notes the interim financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Summary

The interim financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 (Attachment 1) and a detailed report on the Capital Works Program (Attachment 2) are attached.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee received and noted the interim financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022, in conjunction with the audited Draft Annual Financial Report, at its meeting held on 31 August 2022.

The financial results are yet to be finalised and are subject to the end-of-year audit currently being conducted. The interim operational surplus for 2021-22 is \$28.793 million compared to the original operational budget of \$31.199 million, although this does not include Council's significant investment in capital expenditure of \$58.982 million in 2021-22.

When compared to budget, income decreased by \$86,00 and operational expenditure increased by \$2.3 million.

The result of the Capital Works Program compared to budget is a deficit of \$84,000 after forecast adjustments and carryovers are considered.

Quarterly financial reporting provides accountability and transparency in relation to Council's operations and capital works. Council budgets are subject to internal scrutiny, driven by regular reports to the Executive Leadership Team and meetings with managers.

Background

The interim result is inferior when compared to budget as COVID-19 has had a greater impact than originally anticipated. While an operational surplus was achieved, it should be noted that surpluses are required to fund Council's significant investment in capital expenditure. The Financial Plan has been updated and indicates that Council can remain in a reasonable financial position and continue to be financially sustainable.

When compared to previous financial plans, current and projected income funding streams such as user charges and statutory fees have been and continue to be significantly impacted by COVID-19. It is difficult to assess how long it will take for these income streams to recover from the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. These assumptions will affect the amount of funding expected to be available in future years of the Financial Plan to be used by Council to maintain critical community assets.

Council will continue to monitor the impact of the financial results in relation to Council's overall financial viability. The Annual Budget 2022-23 and Financial Plan have been developed to reflect the 1.75 per cent rate cap for 2022-23 announced by the Victorian Government.

9.3 Sustainable Communities

9.3.1 Waste Service Charge and Reserve Policy

Directorate:	Sustainable Communities
Responsible Officer:	Manager Strategy Economy and Sustainability
Reviewer:	Director Sustainable Communities
Attachments:	1. Waste Service Charge and Reserve Policy 2022 [9.3.1.1 - 16 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the Waste Service Charge and Reserve Policy 2022.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:

That Council:

- 1. Revokes the Waste Service and Charge Policy 2017 and the Waste Management Financial Reserve Policy 2018.**
- 2. Adopts the Waste Service Charge and Reserve Policy 2022.**

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Revokes the Waste Service and Charge Policy 2017 and the Waste Management Financial Reserve Policy 2018.**
- 2. Adopts the Waste Service Charge and Reserve Policy 2022.**

Summary

Council has reviewed two expired policies, the Waste Service and Charge Policy 2017 and the Waste Management Financial Reserve Policy 2018, to align them with the current waste service offering. The two policies have been consolidated into one revised policy, the Waste Service Charge and Reserve Policy 2022, which is now being presented for endorsement.

Background

The Waste Service and Charge Policy was adopted by Council on 14 November 2017. This followed Council's adoption of its first Municipal Waste Service and Charge Policy in April 2013. The Waste Service and Charge Policy outlined the level of municipal waste service provided by Council and the fees and charges that apply. The objective was to ensure that the waste charge is applied by Council in an equitable and transparent manner.

The Waste Management Financial Reserve Policy was adopted by Council on 10 April 2018. The Waste Management Financial Reserve was established to address future waste and litter management initiatives. The Waste Management Financial Reserve Policy guides how funds from the Financial Reserve are used, how decisions are made and how any savings or additional income is deposited into the Financial Reserve.

Both policies have now expired. Since these policies were adopted, Council has endorsed or noted changes to the waste service including:

- a new four-bin system endorsed on 8 November 2019 and implemented in February 2020
- changes to frequency of collection endorsed on 29 June 2021 and implemented in November 2021
- option for a reduced charge for a tailored service for businesses noted on 8 March 2022

The 2022-23 standard Waste Service Charge of \$274 and additional user pays options were endorsed by Council as part of the adoption of the Annual Budget on 28 June 2022.

Discussion

Council's Waste Service and Charge Policy 2017 and Waste Management Financial Reserve Policy 2018 have expired and require updating to reflect changes to the waste service over recent years as outlined in the Background section of this report, and to increase clarity about service eligibility and compliance.

It is proposed the two policies be combined for simplicity. The updated policy is attached (Attachment 1).

This policy guides the setting of the annual Waste Service Charge and the management of funds in the Waste Service Reserve. The policy's objectives are to:

- enable a cost-effective waste service with full cost recovery
- ensure Council's waste service and waste service charge is delivered and applied in a transparent, consistent, inclusive, fair and impartial manner
- prioritise and incentivise community behaviour that avoids waste in the first instance and then prioritises reuse and recycling over disposal to landfill consistent with the waste hierarchy

The contents of the new policy align with Council's previously endorsed positions and does not include any new commitments. The setting of the current Waste Service Charge has already been publicly confirmed through the endorsement of the 2022-23 Council Plan and Budget.

9.3.2 Hobsons Bay Sister Cities

Directorate: Sustainable Communities
Responsible Officer: Manager Arts Culture Community
Reviewer: Director Sustainable Communities
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide background on Council's three sister city relationships, noting the invitation for a Councillor representative to visit Anjo, Japan as part of the Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association delegation in 2023, and plans to reconnect in person with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire and Buloke Shire.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

1. Notes the context of the three Hobsons Bay friendship alliances.
2. Reaffirms the value of the alliances during the current Council term.
3. Notes the timing for upcoming sister city visits and reconnections.
4. Provides a report on the outcomes of the friendship associations to date and the investment by Council in the associations in the last ten years.

Carried

Division

For: Cr Matt Tyler, Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, Cr Jonathon Marsden, Cr Peter Hemphill

Against: Cr Daria Kellander, Cr Diana Grima

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the context of the three Hobsons Bay friendship alliances.
2. Reaffirms the value of the alliances during the current Council term.
3. Notes the timing for upcoming sister city visits and reconnections.

Summary

Three long-standing sister city or friendship alliances are in place in Hobsons Bay, with the City of Anjo in Japan, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council in Far North Queensland and Buloke Shire Council in rural Victoria. These deliver a range of benefits for both the councils and communities.

The Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association (HBIFA) coordinates a consistent program of visits between Anjo and Hobsons Bay. HBIFA plans to resume its program as travel becomes more normalised following COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

A Hobsons Bay community delegation plans to visit Anjo in April 2023. The Mayor is invited to travel to Anjo as part of this delegation. A reciprocal visit has also been planned, with a delegation from Anjo travelling to Melbourne in October 2023. The year 2023 is significant as it is the 35th anniversary of the alliance.

Visits are also proposed to Buloke and Yarrabah. Council can further consider opportunities to acknowledge and continue to strengthen relationships with the Buloke and Yarrabah communities. This includes the opportunity to renew the Memorandums of Understanding and formalise connection through the term of Council.

Background

Council maintains a formal relationship with three sister cities or friendship alliances. They are longstanding relationships that were instigated or have developed through reciprocal activities including community connections. The Anjo relationship is managed through the HBIFA, comprising local volunteers. The alliances with Buloke and Yarrabah are supported by Memorandums of Understanding between the respective councils.

Discussion

Geographically and culturally, the friendship alliances present a balanced program. In each case, connections were made by and with the community.

- **Anjo in the Aichi Prefecture, Japan** (*population 180,000; land area 86sq km*) is an international commercial and agricultural city. The alliance has its base in education and community, the relationship starting with a Bayside College connection in 1988. It is maintained by the HBIFA, made up of community representatives who volunteer time and expertise.
- **Yarrabah in Far North Queensland** (*population 2,500; land area 154sq km*) is one of the most significant Aboriginal communities in Australia. The friendship commenced in 2002 through research of the Towards Reconciliation working group before it was formalised. In 2005, the Hobsons Bay and Yarrabah alliance won the award for Strengthening Indigenous Partnerships in the National Local Government Awards.
- **Buloke in Victoria** (*population 6,400; land area 8,000sq km*) is a regional rural shire. The program was formalised by the two councils in May 2006 to help break down the “urban/rural” divide. Local support including through the Altona Village Traders Association, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, sports and cultural groups have contributed to its strength. In 2008 the program won the award for Excellence in Corporate and Community Planning in the LGPro Awards.

The last formal Council visits with sister cities were:

- In 2018, community representatives including the Mayor of Hobsons Bay visited Anjo to mark the 30th anniversary of the alliance. Council hosted the reciprocal anniversary visit of the delegation from Japan in October 2018, which included a dinner attended by community members as well as representatives of Buloke Shire and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire.
- In May 2016, Buloke Shire hosted the 10th anniversary of the Buloke-Hobsons Bay alliance, with a program of activities across the shire including a formal dinner attended by then Mayor Cr Peter Hemphill, Councillors, staff and several community members.
- In 2012, the Mayor and CEO visited Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire.

The year 2023 marks the 35th anniversary of the Anjo alliance, first established with the then City of Altona and continued post-amalgamation through Hobsons Bay City Council. Until the COVID-19 pandemic began to impact on international travel from March 2020, the HBIFA coordinated a regular cycle of travel between Anjo and Hobsons Bay, being reciprocal annual student exchanges and triennial community or citizen delegations.

The HBIFA is under way with plans to resume its program in 2023, with a community citizen delegation trip planned to Anjo in April 2023. An invitation will be issued for the Mayor or a Councillor to travel to Anjo with the group. A delegation from Anjo is then scheduled to visit Melbourne in October 2023. Council will work with the HBIFA and Anjo representatives on a proposed itinerary.

As workforces return to the office and travel becomes more normalised, it is also timely to consider reconnecting with Australian sister cities in person. Discussions are in train to prepare potential visits with both Australian sister cities towards the end of September and October.

9.4 Infrastructure and City Services

9.4.1 Draft Play Space Strategy

Directorate:	Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer:	Manager Active Communities and Assets
Reviewer:	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments:	1. Play Space Strategy Review 2022 [9.4.1.1 - 98 pages]

Purpose

To update Council on the development of the Draft Play Space Strategy and seek approval to place it on public exhibition for four weeks.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

- 1. Approves the Draft Play Space Strategy for public exhibition from 19 September 2022 to 16 October 2022.**
- 2. Receives a further report following the public exhibition period.**

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Approves the Draft Play Space Strategy for public exhibition from 19 September 2022 to 16 October 2022.**
- 2. Receives a further report following the public exhibition period.**

Summary

The need to develop an updated Play Space Strategy was required following the adoption of the Hobsons Bay Open Space Strategy (OSS) in 2018. The Draft Play Space Strategy (Attachment 1) has been developed to align with the park hierarchy identified in the OSS and its implementation priorities.

The public exhibition period of the draft strategy will be hosted on Participate Hobsons Bay website for four weeks. There will be an online survey that can be filled in and there will be opportunities for the community to discuss the draft strategy at various onsite drop-in

sessions and one online drop-in session. The community will be notified of opportunities to provide feedback via Council's social media platforms.

Following the closure of the public exhibition period, feedback will be reviewed, and the updated strategy will be presented for Council's final adoption.

Background

Hobsons Bay has a total of 90 play space areas. Council last updated its Play Space Strategy in 2013, which established a vision statement, core values with associated principles, accessibility, quality, diversity, equity, safety and sustainability. It established a two-tier hierarchy for all play spaces throughout the municipality with the categories being either a local space or a destination space.

The scope of this strategy is consistent with the 2013 strategy, in that it includes publicly accessible facilities that are owned or managed by Council; it does not include those facilities provided in children's centres or schools.

The purpose of the strategy is to:

- guide decisions regarding the provision, design and play opportunities possible across Hobsons Bay
- assess the existing benchmarks for play spaces by open space hierarchy and categories
- review and update the service standards for play spaces
- consider a variety of facilities that cater for all ages and abilities, and amenities that cater for short and long duration visits.
- investigate opportunities at strategic locations for potential play space developments in the future.

Discussion

The draft strategy has been developed to specifically address the following key issues in relation to the upgrade and development of play spaces within Council's public spaces:

- review the current vision, core values and principles and expand on these as necessary, particularly in relation to Council's Universal Design Policy Statement for parks and playgrounds (2018)
- align the Play Space Strategy with the parks hierarchy established in the OSS
- review the progress of the original implementation program against actual delivery over the past five-year period, and the true costs associated with play space development
- develop a revised 10-year play space program that aligns with the community parks upgrade program established from the OSS
- develop a realistic cost estimate in relation to the development and upgrade of play spaces and include in the 10-year program.
- strengthen standards in relation to natural and constructed natural shade, drinking water access and fencing

A draft strategy has been developed and presented with the following key sections:

- changing values and demographics
- future planning and policy framework
- policy principles and standards
- existing facility review including the distribution of play spaces in Hobsons Bay
- strategy implementation: priority allocations, resources, and key actions

The public exhibition period will commence on 19 September 2022 and will run until 16 October 2022.

9.4.2 Better Places Brooklyn and Altona North - Draft Place Guide

Directorate:	Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer:	Manager Active Communities and Assets
Reviewer:	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments:	1. Better Places Brooklyn and Altona North - Draft Place Guide [9.4.2.1 - 94 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Draft Place Guide for Better Places Brooklyn and Altona North (BPBAN) to be placed on public exhibition.

Motion

Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

1. Endorses the Draft Brooklyn and Altona North Draft Place Guide to be placed on public exhibition from 14 September to 14 October 2022.
2. Receives a further report to adopt the Brooklyn and Altona North Place Guide at a future Council Meeting.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Draft Brooklyn and Altona North Draft Place Guide to be placed on public exhibition from 14 September to 14 October 2022.
2. Receives a further report to adopt the Brooklyn and Altona North Place Guide at a future Council Meeting.

Summary

The Draft Place Guide for BPBAN (Attachment 1) includes projects and initiatives identified as part of the visioning phase for Brooklyn and Altona North. Several proposed projects can be funded and implemented under existing budgets, while others will require future funding to be secured. All projects identified in the plan will go on to have further consultation and involvement from community. The Draft Place Guide steps the reader through the Better Places process from start to finish so that they can understand how the outcomes were determined.

Public exhibition of the Draft Place Guide for BPBAN will occur for four weeks and will be hosted on Participate Hobsons Bay.

Background

The Better Places model is focused on a design-led and place-based approach to projects. It helps to provide a clear vision and understanding of the elements required to make better places, and therefore provides better outcomes for the community.

It is ultimately about moving to a more collaborative and multi-disciplinary approach that moves away from the traditional model of delivering projects as “pieces” to an approach where the whole “place” is considered and driven by a community vision for the suburb.

Better Places Laverton was the pilot project for this new approach to planning projects and working with the community. This approach provided the community with greater ownership of their neighbourhood by encouraging them to be actively involved in steering the future direction of their suburb. The Laverton Place Guide was endorsed in September 2020, which was then followed by the Place Guide for Spotswood and South Kingsville that was endorsed in October 2021.

The success of Better Places is due to actively involving community to help shape the places they live in and use. Feedback and ideas gathered during multiple stages of community consultation informs the development of a Place Guide that includes practical on the ground projects and initiatives the community have asked for, and that community have asked for, wants and needs.

The development of the Better Places Brooklyn and Altona North Draft Place Guide commenced in November 2021 and has included three stages of community consultation.

Discussion

Stage one consultation commenced with the community and key stakeholder group workshops throughout November and December 2021. The community was asked to share their thoughts and ideas on three questions, what they love, might want to change and any ideas in relation to their suburbs of Brooklyn and Altona North. This feedback was sourced through a survey that was mailed out to residents and was also available on Participate Hobsons Bay. Over 2300 responses were received in this stage.

From the feedback received, the community views were shaped into a shared vision for Brooklyn and Altona North which was supported by the below key themes:

- improving the liveability and amenity of the area
- a place that is easier and safer to move around
- bringing the community closer together

These themes describe what the Brooklyn and Altona North community value most, as well as the elements that they want to see protected and improved into the future.

Stage two consultation was undertaken between January and March 2022 when the shared vision and the three key themes were on public exhibition for feedback. Initial project ideas based on the key themes were also sourced from the community as part of this process. A key consultation activity in this stage was the Out and About Festival events at Paisley Park and Brooklyn Reserve. Overall, 77 per cent of the responses received from this consultation period supported the draft vision, and the three key themes received good support.

Stage three consultation occurred throughout June and July 2022 where Draft Place Projects shaped from community feedback in Stage 2 were placed on public exhibition. In total almost 550 responses were received. Feedback from this consultation was overwhelmingly positive with some comments and suggestions adopted into the current Draft place guide.

The Draft Place Guide is the result of the Better Places process that starts with wide-ranging, open-ended questions then narrows down to a set of projects and programs designed to help the local community move towards a shared vision for the future. The BPBAN draft Place Guide includes a “next steps” section that helps define exactly how each project will transition from planning into implementation.

10 Delegate Reports

Purpose

To consider reports by Councillors who have been appointed as delegates to Council and community committees.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council receives and notes the recent delegate reports.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the recent delegate reports.

RoadSafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services

Councillor Delegate: Cr Diana Grima

Date of Meeting: 20 July 2022

During the month of July road safety messages were about speed and speeding. The billboard trailer was located at the Western Freeway opposite Moreton Close in Caroline Springs and displayed "Speed Kills, Grave Mistake" and "Speed, Drugs, Last Exit" for the first two weeks of the month.

The billboard was then relocated to the Princess Freeway Melbourne Water location (near Little River turn-off) displaying "Speed Kills, Grave Mistake" and "Adhere to the Speed Limit" until the end of the month.

In August 2022 the road safety messages will be about young drivers.

Due to COVID-19 protocols compliance issues and social distancing restraints, no RACV Years Ahead or Senior Driver Expos sessions are planned for the 2022-23 financial year.

Hobsons Bay City Council Update

Updates were provided on a range of road safety projects including the Mason Street, Ferguson Street and Merton Street Black Spot projects which are all under construction.

Other Member Council Updates

Officers from Maribyrnong City Council, Melton City Council and Wyndham City Council provided an update on road safety projects, local area traffic management projects and progress on grant projects.

Other Updates

The police representative provided an update on state-wide operations, including Operation Scoreboard and Operation Furlong, with both operations to target road safety issues.

Metropolitan Transport Forum

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services

Councillor Delegate: Cr Jonathon Marsden

Date of Meeting: 6 July 2022

Regular meeting of metropolitan councils to discuss and advocate for improvements to the transport system, particularly for sustainable transport.

Dr John Stone, Senior Lecturer, Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne, presented on Better Buses for Melbourne's West. John provided a summary from the two recent briefing papers into zero emissions buses and improvements to the bus network in Melbourne's western suburbs.

The main points were:

- difficult to increase the speed of the electric bus rollout due to constraints in franchise agreements with bus companies
- the western suburbs have a complicated bus network with many routes running to poor frequencies and large areas not having easy access to services
- it was found that the network could be reformed into a high-frequency grid with the same overall number of service hours as the existing system

Council Updates

Each month four participating councils provide a presentation to the forum. Cardinia and Greater Dandenong councils had been invited to present this month, but were apologies.

Kathleen Petras, Team Leader Transport Planning from Banyule City Council, outlined the Council's ongoing projects that include the Greensborough Bus Interchange, North-East Link, and the Banyule Transport Action Plan.

Jon Liston, Strategic Transport Coordinator from Brimbank City Council, outlined Sunshine's role at the centre of Melbourne's western metro area. Current projects include advocacy for Airport Rail, the Sunshine Station superhub, and local policies such as the Transport Priorities paper and the new Streets for People policy.

11 Notices of Motion

11.1 Notice of Motion No. 1240: Condolence - The Late Peter Lalor

Cr Peter Hemphill has given notice of the following:

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council acknowledges the recent passing of former City of Williamstown Mayor Peter Thomas Lalor and sends a letter of condolence to his family written under the signature of the Mayor.

Carried unanimously

That Council acknowledges the recent passing of former City of Williamstown Mayor Peter Thomas Lalor and sends a letter of condolence to his family written under the signature of the Mayor.

12 Urgent Business

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That Council considers items of Urgent Business relating to:

12.1 Condolence – Queen Elizabeth II

Carried

12.1 Condolence – Queen Elizabeth II

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That Council acknowledges the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and pays respects to the royal family for their loss.

Carried

13 Supplementary Public Question Time

Kaylene O'Shea

Q Regarding the sister cities, why is it necessary for the Mayor to travel to Japan at the cost of ratepayers, what are the costs associated with this travel, and what is the value of the alliances, particularly the Japanese alliance?

A The cost of the visit cannot be estimated at this time as no flights have been booked or other preparations made.

In relation to the value of the friendship alliances, the response will come back through the report that was requested as part of the motion on this item.

14 In Camera Business

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 66(2)(a) and section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it relates to personal information:

14.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal 2022

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 66(2)(a) and section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it relates to personal information:

14.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal 2022

Council considered the report and discussed the matter in camera.

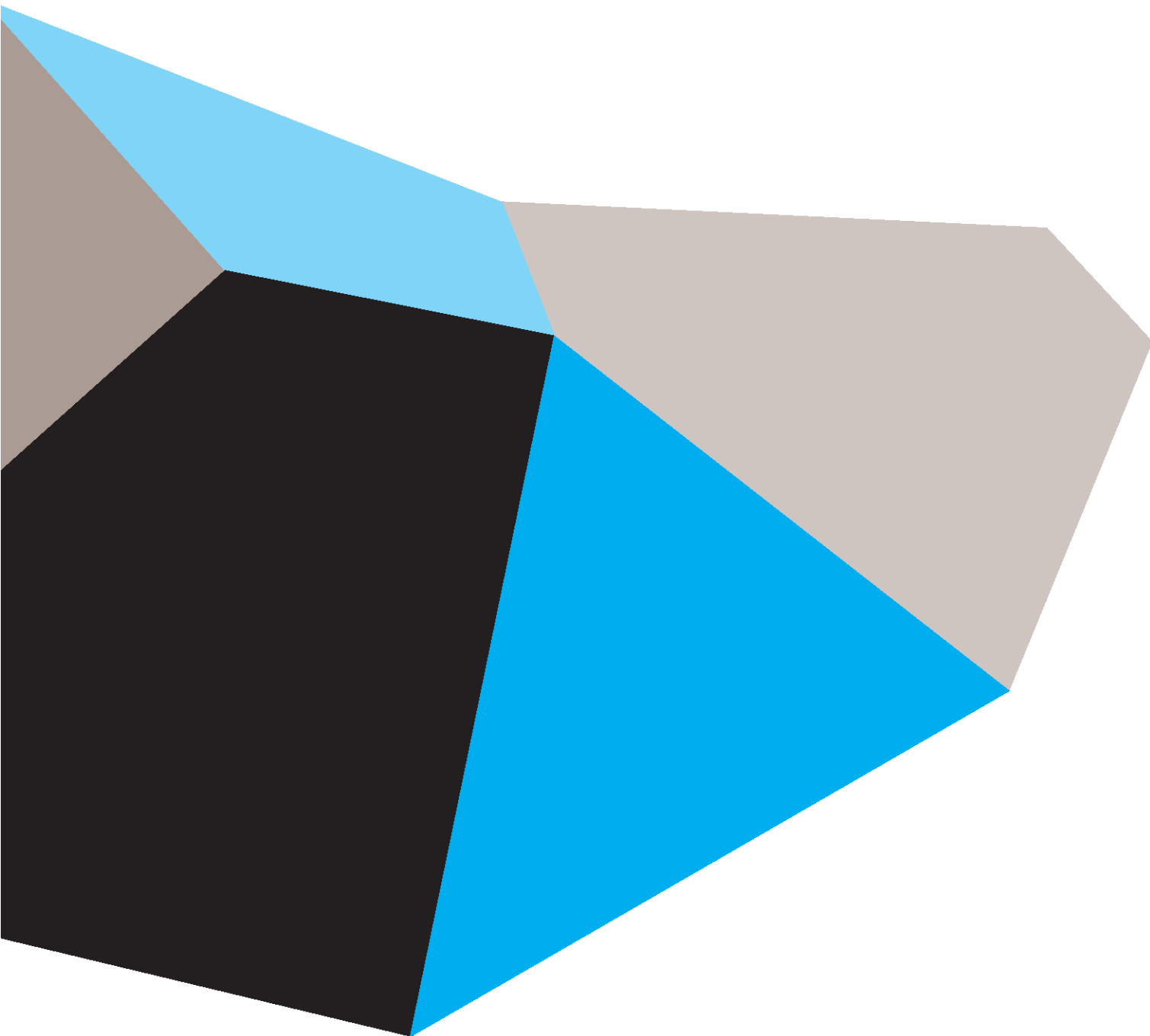
15 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Chairperson – Cr Peter Hemphill

Signed and certified as having been confirmed.

11 October 2022



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