

Resolutions of the Hobsons Bay City Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026

Agenda item 4

Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

Agenda Item 6.1.1

Joint letter: Watson Street residents and local community - South Kingsville

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the joint letter in relation to Watson Street Community Demands. Advises the lead petitioner of the outcome.
2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.

Agenda Item 7.2.1**Council Improvement Action Plan - Draft Action Plan****Resolved:**

1. That Council endorses the Council Improvement Action Plan as detailed in Attachment 1
2. That Council notes the current status of implementation of the detailed Council Improvement Action Plan.

Agenda Item 7.2.2**Response to Notice of Motion 1282: Public Art in Laverton****Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Notes the report in response to the questions and suggestions raised in Notice of Motion 1282 relating to the public artwork *Linking Laverton*.
2. Notes that recasting or replicating the works is not supported.
3. Notes that the remaining element of *Linking Laverton* currently in storage can be relocated to an indoor location.
4. Supports or endorses the opportunity to commission a new public artwork for Laverton, to be referred to future budgets.
5. Develops a communications plan to ensure our community are kept informed of next steps.

Agenda Item 7.2.3

Aquatic Strategy Review and Action Plan 2025-2030

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Endorses the Hobsons Bay Aquatic Strategy Review and Action Plan 2026-30 as a guide to aquatic service provision for the next five years, subject to the following amendments to the document:
 - 1.1. On pages 8, 10, 46 and 49 where the heading Aquatic Provision in West of Hobsons Bay City Council appears, add the following sentence at the end of the section: “This assessment shall include examining the need for and viability of the Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre or an alternative provision of additional aquatic facilities at Bruce Comben Reserve.”
2. Shall receive a report regarding funding options for aquatic infrastructure, after the next Federal Election but at least 12 months before receiving the new Aquatic Strategy. This report shall include but not be limited to:
 - 2.1. Considering funding for expansion of BayFit facilities as endorsed by the 5 Year Action Plan, the possible expansion of facilities at Laverton and the potential for a future aquatic facility at Bruce Comben Reserve
 - 2.2. A review of funding commitments from the State and Federal Election
 - 2.3. Other potential State or Federal Government funding avenues
 - 2.4. Private investment partner funding
 - 2.5. Partnerships with neighbouring councils to co-develop facilities
 - 2.6. Other funding options as determined by officers

Agenda Item 7.2.4**Annual Budget 2026-2067 Community Engagement****Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Receives the Early Strategic Engagement (Stage 1) report and notes that the feedback received is being incorporated into developing the draft Annual Budget 2026-27.
2. Endorses the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 Summary to be placed on public exhibition until 27 May 2026.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice and make available for inspection the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 Summary.

Agenda Item 7.2.5**Council plan 2025-29: Proposed Annual Action Plan – Year 2 (2026-27) for public exhibition****Resolved:**

1. That Council endorses the proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan – Year 2 (Attachment 1) to proceed to public engagement, alongside the 2026-27 Annual Budget community information.

Agenda Item 7.2.6**The Avenue Powerline Commitment Update – April 2026****Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes from the community consultation completed by Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority (VIDA) and Transurban.
2. Accepts that CPB–John Holland joint venture (JV) will deliver their original open space enhancement proposal and the new mitigation proposal including significant planting within The Avenue Reserve, for the non-delivery of their earlier commitment.
3. Accepts the \$1 million financial compensation offered by the JV for the creation of an easement at The Avenue Reserve and resulting impact on local amenity.
4. Accepts the \$320,000 financial contribution offered by VIDA towards Council's delivery of open space enhancement works along Watson Street.
5. Commits to utilising the funding offered to deliver a community garden, landscaping and improved pathway connections works along Watson Street consistent with initial community input.
6. Engages with the community as the design of these open space enhancement works along Watson Street is further developed.
7. Requests that officers initiate the formal statutory process for the permanent closure of Watson Street to all vehicular traffic.
8. Commits any remaining funding following completion of the Watson Street works to future local open space enhancement works through the annual budget process and engages with the community as those works are further developed.

Agenda Item 7.2.7**Update to instruments of delegation of S5, S6 and S18 – April 2026****Resolved:**

That Council:

1. In the exercise of the power conferred by section 11(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020, resolves that:
 - 1.1. There be delegated to the person holding or acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (Attachment 1), subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
 - 1.2. The Instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor.
 - 1.3. On the coming into force of the instrument the previous S5 Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer as adopted on 23 September 2025 is revoked.
 - 1.4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
2. Substitutes the table under section 11.2.1, Additional delegation to the Chief Executive Officer in Appendix 2 of Council's Procurement Policy 2026, with the following table:

Delegation limit	Procurement activities / Additional guidance and conditions
Up to \$5,000,000 (inclusive of GST)	Power to declare a contract is required to be entered into due to an emergency and to award, enter into and sign such contracts up to a value of \$5,000,000.
As included in the approved budget	Procuring loan borrowings within the approved budget

\$5,000,000 (inclusive of GST)	Procuring utilities (e.g. electricity, gas, water and telecommunications)
\$5,000,000 (inclusive of GST)	Making payments for insurance premiums, WorkCover premiums, employee superannuation payments
\$10,000,000 (inclusive of GST)	Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund levy

3. In the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the Instrument of Delegation at Attachment 3, resolves that:
 - 3.1. There be delegated to members of Council staff holding or acting in the positions referred to in the Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (Attachment 3), the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument.
 - 3.2. The instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer and Mayor.
 - 3.3. On the coming into force of the instrument the previous S6 Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) as adopted on 23 September 2025 is revoked.
 - 3.4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
4. Revokes the 6A Instrument of Delegation from Council to Members of Council staff as adopted by Council on 24 February 2026.
5. In the exercise of the power conferred by s 437(2) of the Environment Protection Act 2017 and the Instrument of Delegation of the Environment Protection Authority under the Act dated 4 June 2021, resolves that:
 - 5.1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding or acting in the positions referred to in the Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (Attachment 5), the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.

- 5.2. The instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer and Mayor.
 - 5.3. On the coming into force of the instrument the previous S18 Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (Environment Protection Act 2017) as adopted on 23 September 2025 is revoked.
 - 5.4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
6. Notes that in accordance with section 47(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Chief Executive Officer may by instrument of delegation delegate any power, duty or function of Council that has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by Council, to a member of Council staff.

Agenda Item 7.2.8

Change of June 2026 Council Meeting Date

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Reschedules the Council meeting currently scheduled to be held on Tuesday 23 June 2026, to Monday 29 June 2026.

Agenda Item 7.3.1.

West Gate Tunnel Project Update – April 2026

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Notes this final update on the status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.

Agenda Item 7.3.2

Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Project Update – April 2026

Resolved:

That Council:

1. Notes the update report on the status of the Point Cook Road Central Avenue Upgrade Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.

Agenda Item 7.3.3.**Level Crossing Removals Project Update – April 2026****Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Notes this update report on the proposed level crossing removals at Champion Road and Maddox Road, Newport; Maidstone Street, Altona; Hudsons Road, Spotswood and the Sunshine Superhub Project.

Agenda Item 8.1.1.**Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes – 12 March 2026****Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 12 March 2026.

8.2 Delegate Reports**Resolved:**

1. That Council receives and notes the recent delegate reports:
 - 1.1. Municipal Association of Victoria – January to March 2026
 - 1.2. LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee – 25 February 2026
 - 1.3. 2026.2.2

9. Reports of Informal Meetings of Councillors**Resolved:**

1. That Council receives the following reports of informal meetings of Councillors:
 - 1.1 Pre Council Meeting Briefing 24 March 2026
 - 1.2 Councillor Briefing 13 April 2026
 - 1.3 Councillor Briefing 14 April 2026