

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 Daria Kellander (Mayor) Altona Ward

Councillors:

Cr Rayane Hawli (Deputy Mayor) Altona North Ward

Cr Diana Grima Altona Meadows Ward

Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson Laverton Ward

Cr Kristin Bishop Spotswood Ward

Cr Lisa Bentley Williamstown Ward

Cr Michael Disbury Williamstown North Ward

Kerry Thompson Acting Chief Executive Officer Hobsons Bay City Council

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Directorate: Corporate Services

Responsible Officer: Acting Manager Corporate Integrity
Reviewer: Acting Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. 20250410 Unconfirmed Audit and Risk Committee

Meeting Minutes [9.1.4.1 - 10 pages]

Purpose

To present to Council the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10 April 2025.

Recommendation

That Council notes and receives the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 10 April 2025.

Summary

Under section 54(6) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure the preparation and maintenance of agendas, minutes and reports of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter adopted by the Council in 2022 specifies the functions and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee. The Charter further provides that minutes of Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be presented to the next Council meeting.

Background

A meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee was held on 10 April 2025. The minutes of the meeting are now provided to Council for noting.

Discussion

Key topics considered by the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 10 April 2025, include, but are not limited to:

- review of the Annual Work Plan
- External Audit Strategy 2024-25 update
- the Chief Executive Officer's update
- outstanding audit recommendations
- Biannual Report

- risk management and insurance report update
- quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 December 2024
- cash and investment balances as at 31 March 2025.

Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses priorities from the following strategic documents:

Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision

This report does not relate to a specific priority of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

Council Plan 2021-25

Objective 5: A High Performing Organisation

Strategy 5.4: Enhance transparency, accountability and good governance practice

Policies and Related Council Documents

The Audit and Risk Committee operates in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Audit and Risk Committee Charter 2022.

Legal/Statutory Obligations and Risk

Appointed by Council pursuant to section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Audit and Risk Committee is not a delegated committee as defined by the Act. It is advisory in nature.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter specifies the minutes of Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be presented to the next Council meeting.

Financial and Resource Implications

The work of the Audit and Risk Committee ensures strategic and independent oversight of Council's operations and risk management practices, and assurance against financial management and financial position.

Independent members are compensated for their participation on this committee as provided for in section 53(6) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

The sitting fees payable to independent members are provided for within the Corporate Integrity Unit's operational budget.

Environmental, Social and Economic Impacts

There are no specific environmental, social or economic impacts arising from this report.

Consultation and Communication

The minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10 April 2025 have been reviewed and endorsed, out of session, by the Independent Members who attended the meeting.

Meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee are not open to members of the public and there is no requirement for community consultation.

The minutes are presented at a Council meeting open to the public and made available on Council's website.

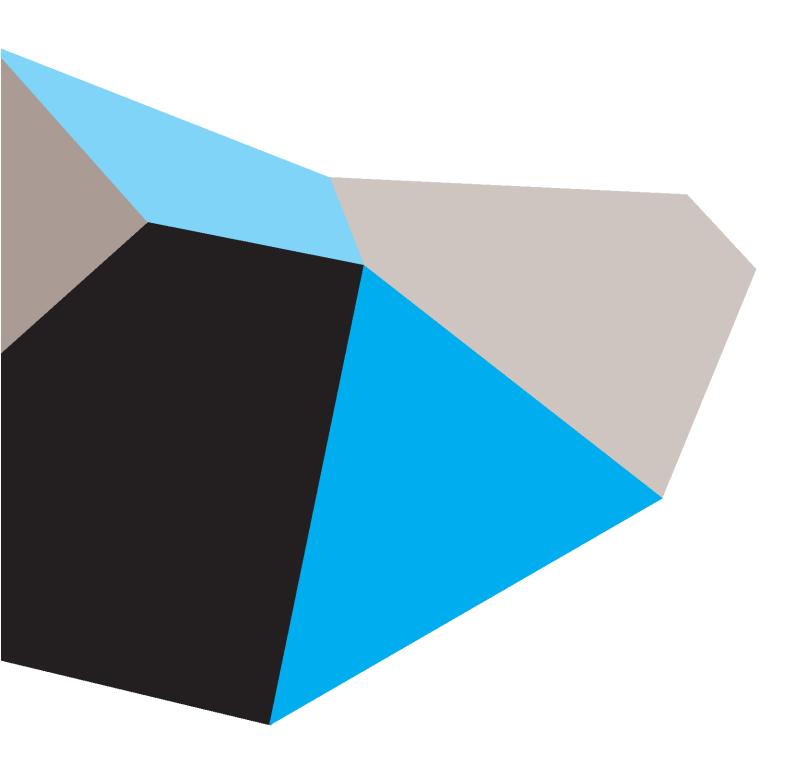
Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff to disclose any general or material conflict of interest in matters to be considered at a Council meeting.

Council staff involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.







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