

COUNCIL AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017 1.00pm

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 2 October 2017

Time: 1.00pm

Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to Council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.

Michael Tidey Acting General Manager

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 35(1)(b)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

4 **DEPUTATIONS**

No Deputations have been identified as part of this Agenda

5 PETITIONS

Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 57 and 58

No Petitions have been identified as part of this Agenda

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6 COMMUNITY REPORTS

(Community Reports allow an opportunity for Community Groups to provide Council with a three minute verbal presentation detailing activities of the group. This report is not intended to be used as the time to speak on Agenda Items; that opportunity exists when that Agenda Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Aldermen.)

No Community Reports have been registered with Council as part of this Agenda

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

7.1 Public Questions on Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(1)

(Questions on Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting. Questions on Notice will be researched by Council Officers and both the Question on Notice (as received) and the response will be provided at the Council Meeting and a reply in writing will also be provided.)

No Public Questions on Notice have been identified as part of this Agenda

7.2 Public Questions without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(2)(b)

(Members of the public who ask Questions without Notice at a meeting will have both the question and any answer provided recorded in the Minutes. Council Officers will endeavour to answer the question asked at the meeting, however, that is not always possible and more research may be required. If an answer cannot be provided at the Meeting, the question will be treated as a Question on Notice. A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.)

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Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council acts as a Planning Authority in regard to items included in Agenda Item 8 - Planning Authority.

8 PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Development Applications have been identified as part of this Agenda

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9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

9.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Monday 18 September 2017

 Attended Picture Us All 2017 Launch for the New Horizons Club at Sawtooth Gallery

Tuesday 19 September 2017

• Officiated at the Youth Council Meeting for the Youth Advisory Group in the Council Chambers

Wednesday 20 September 2017

- Attended the Angelshope launch of website at the Grand Chancellor
- Attended City Mission's Pay it Forward Dinner at Morton's Place
- Attended production "The Season of Sarsaparilla" by the Three River Theatre Company at the Earl Arts Centre

Thursday 21 September 2017

- Spoke to students from Grade 5 at East Launceston Primary School on Citizenship
- Attended The Steam NGN at Launceston College

Friday 22 September 2017

• Officiated at the launch of Blooming Tasmania at Design Tasmania

Saturday 23 September 2017

- Officiated at the launch of the Federation of Equatoria Community Association in Australia Inc Annual Conference at UTAS Newnham Campus
- Attended the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Family Fun Day at St Leonards Primary School
- Officiated at the Launceston Legacy Annual Reception at Legacy House

Tuesday 26 September 2017

- Officiated at the Waste Not Awards Ceremony at the Town Hall
- Attended Rotary Employment Day at the Grand Chancellor
- Attended Tourism Tasmania's AGM at Inside Cafe

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9.1 Mayor's Announcements ...(Cont'd)

Thursday 28 September 2017

• Officiated at the Opening of Singfest 2017 at the Albert Hall

Sunday 1 October 2017

- Attended the start of the Run & Walk for your Heart at UTAS Stadium
- Attended the Launch of Festivale at the City Park
- Attended the Launceston Male Choir Concert at the Salvation Army Auditorium

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10 ALDERMEN'S REPORTS

(This item provides an opportunity for Aldermen to briefly report on the activities that have been undertaken in their capacity as a representative of the Council. It is not necessary to list social functions that have been attended.)

11 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

11.1 Questions on Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 30

(A councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the General Manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be in writing.)

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11.1.1 Aldermen's Question on Notice - Council Meeting - 18 September 2017

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager)

QUESTION and RESPONSE:

The following question was asked by Alderman J Finlay at the Council Meeting of 18 September 2017 and has been answered by Mr Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager).

1. Can Aldermen be provided with a Cultural Strategy update?

Response:

Work is progressing following the set up of the Arts and Culture Unit with the appointment of Ms Belinda Cotton.

An update at a Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting has been scheduled with Belinda in October/November.

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11.2 Questions without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 29

(Questions without Notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting.)

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12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Pedestrian and Bike Committee Meeting - 5 September 2017

FILE NO: SF0618

AUTHOR: Cathy Williams (Built Environment Officer)

DIRECTOR: Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Pedestrian and Bike Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Meeting of the Pedestrian and Bike Committee held on 5 September 2017.

REPORT:

The Pedestrian and Bike Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2017:

- received a report from Shane Eberhardt, Director Infrastructure Services, on the recent trip to the university cities of Freiburg, Brno and Cambridge.
- received and noted the Pedestrian & Bike Strategy Progress reports.

The Committee discussed:

- reinstatement of the annual dedicated operational budget to enable continual progress to be made on implementing the Launceston Bike Strategy.
- a review of parking at the Town Hall to ensure that it maximises the potential to promote active travel.
- a variation to the Terms of Reference to enable the following appointments:
 - A representative of the University of Tasmania;
 - A representative of Bike Network;
 - A representative of the Department of State Growth, subject to availability.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

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12.1 Pedestrian And Bike Committee Meeting - 5 September 2017 ... (Cont'd)

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 2 - A city where people choose to live

Ten-year goal - To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, study and play Key Direction -

6. To promote active and healthy lifestyles

Priority Area 3 - A city in touch with its region

Ten-year goal - To ensure Launceston is accessible and connected through efficient transport and digital networks

Key Direction -

2. To improve and maintain accessibility within the City of Launceston area, including its rural areas

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.
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Shane Eberhardt: Director Infrastructure Services

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12.2 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 18 September 2017

FILE NO: SF0100

AUTHOR: Jonathan Downes (Manager Strategic Procurement)

DIRECTOR: Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Tender Review Committee (a delegated authority Committee).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Tender Review Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2017.

REPORT:

The Tender Review Committee Meeting, held on 18 September 2017, determined the following:

Provision of Supplementary Labour - CD.026/2017

The Tender Review Committee approved that the tenders submitted by Program Professionals, VMAC Employment and Searson Buck be accepted as the panel for Temporary Labour Hire based on the proposals being assessed as the preferred outcome to Council.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

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12.2 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 18 September 2017 ... (Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024 Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

This project is funded in accordance with the approved 2017/2018 budget.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation

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12.3 Audit Panel Meeting - 21 September 2017

FILE NO: SF3611

DIRECTOR: Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Audit Panel following the Meeting on 21 September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Audit Panel Meeting held on 21 September 2017.

The following is a precis of the substantive Agenda Items dealt with at the Meeting:

6.1 Internal Audit

Details The Internal Auditors attended and discussed internal audit reviews completed. The reviews completed were:

- Events and Festivals Review
- Health and Dog Licence Review
- Management Reporting Review
- Insurance Adequacy and Claims Review
- Scrap metal Contract Review
- Action Issues identified have been listed on Outstanding Internal and External Audit tasks Agenda Item 8.1 and the officer responsible for resolving each issue is listed along with the deadline.

6.2 Internal Audit - QVMAG Review

- Details The Manager Collections and Research attended and discussed actions taken to resolve all remaining issues identified in the review.
- Action The Panel approved that the outstanding items be treated as resolved.

7.1 External Audit

- Details The External Auditors attended and discussed the 2016/2017 financials and audit process and any issues that had been identified. The Deputy Auditor-General then signed the Independent Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2017 without qualification.
- Action The 2016/2017 financials will be presented to the Council for adoption.

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12.3 Audit Panel Meeting - 21 September 2017 ... (Cont'd)

8.1 Outstanding Internal and External Audit Tasks

Details A total of 22 issues were closed by the Audit Panel as being resolved. Action The remaining issues will be resolved and brought to a future Audit Panel meeting for approval.

9.1 Budget Amendments and Funding Overview

Details The Panel received the report and noted the change to the 2017/2018 budget. Action The budget amendments to be recommended to the Council.

9.2 Budget Reallocations

- Details The Panel received the report on transfers within the budget that do not require a change to the total budget.
- Action The Panel noted the reallocations.

13.1 Corporate and Directorate Risk Register

- Details The Manager Corporate Strategy attended to discuss the Risk Register and a suggestion was made that it may be beneficial for the Panel to actually visit some relevant areas to understand more fully the risks involved and whether the mitigation detailed is an effective measure.
- Action The Panel noted the report and actual visits to areas of risk will be organised where relevant.

14.1 Information Security Management Update

- Details The Manager Information Technology attended to present and issues were discussed by the Panel.
- Action The Panel noted the report.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

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12.3 Audit Panel Meeting - 21 September 2017 ... (Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024 Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation Ten-year goals - To communicate and engage consistently and effectively with our community and stakeholders Key Direction -6. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation

Paul Gimpl: Acting Director Corporate Services

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13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Council Workshops conducted on 25 September 2017 were:

- UTAS Updates
- Brisbane Street Mall Design Consultation Summary and Design
- North Bank Bridge Design and Tender Report
- Food Vans
- Planning Scheme Building Heights

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 16(5)

No Notices of Motion have been identified as part of this Agenda

15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS

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17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY DIRECTORATE ITEMS

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18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

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19 MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

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20 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

20.1 Budget Amendments 2017/2018

FILE NO: SF3611/SF7024

DIRECTOR: Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider changes to the Council's 2017/2018 Statutory Estimates.

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council in accordance with section 82(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Audit Panel - 21 September 2017 - Budget Amendments (for Council) and Funding Overview

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council approves the following amendments to the Statutory Estimates:
 - (a) Revenue
 - (i) the net increase of external funds received of \$382,500.
 - (b) Capital Works Expenditure(i) the net increase in expenditure from external funds of \$382,500.
- 2. Council notes that amendments from point 1 result in:
 - (a) the operating surplus being amended to \$28.784m (including capital grants of \$27.457m) for 2017/2018.
 - (b) the capital budget being increased to \$43.775m for 2017/2018.

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20.1 Budget Amendments 2017/2018 ... (Cont'd)

REPORT:

The budget amendments are changes to the Statutory Budget Estimates that require a Council decision. The changes relate to external grant revenue.

	Operations \$'000	Capital \$'000
Statutory Budget	11,482	26,548
Amendments previously approved by Council	16,920	16,845
Previously Approved by Council	28,402	43,393
External Funds	382	382
Statutory Budget as at 31 August 2017	28,784	43,775
Deduct Capital Grants and Contributions	(27,457)	
Underlying Operating Budget Surplus 31 August 2017	1,327	

1(a) The following items have been affected by external funding changes and affect both the Capital and Operations budgets.

Project Number	Project Description	Current Approved Amount	Transfer From	Transfer To	New Budget
G10066.12160	External Funds	-	\$10,000	-	(\$10,000)
G10066.12565	External Funds	-	\$2,500	-	(\$2,500)
CP23793	Rocherlea Long Jumps Resurfacing	\$12,500	-	\$12,500	\$25,000
	Totals	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500

The project scope of works:

The North Launceston White City Little Athletics Club have been successful in receiving a Sports and Recreation grant for the resurfacing and extension to the fencing of the long jumps at the Rocherlea Recreation Ground. The Club is contributing a further \$2,500. The long jumps are in poor condition and are due for resurfacing. The grant and Club contribution is significantly reducing the cost to Council and it has been agreed to match the funding with \$12,500 which is to be transferred from the City Wide Play Space Program. All funds will be received and managed by Council under a Capital Project.

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20.1 Budget Amendments 2017/2018 ...(Cont'd)

Project Number	Project Description	Current Approved Amount	Transfer From	Transfer To	New Budget
G10067.12160	External Funds	(\$6,725,000)	\$50,000	-	(\$6,775,000)
CP23727	Kings Meadows Rivulet Footbridge	\$40,000	-	\$50,000	\$90,000
G10066.12160	External Funds	(\$10,000)	\$320,000	-	(\$330,000)
CP23529	Churchill Park Sports Centre Upgrade	\$680,600	-	\$320,000	\$1,000,600
	Totals	(\$6,014,400)	\$370,000	\$370,000	(\$6,014,400)

The project scope of works:

Council received notification on the 21 August 2017 that it has been successful in its application for the above grant funding from the Department of State Growth as part of the Community Infrastructure Funds - Major Grants Program.

To enable further expansion and development at Churchill Park, the existing carpark located inside the sports facility needs to be relocated to the outer perimeter of the facility with the redevelopment of an existing smaller car park required to cater for the 500 cars that use the facility. Currently the cars are accessing the facility driving between sports fields and a shared pedestrian walkway. This is not ideal from a safety perspective.

The car park relocation is the critical stage 1 project in order to deliver a recreational facility that provides further opportunity towards junior sporting activities.

The Kings Meadows Rivulet Footbridge project has been expanded to include the building of a public toilet. The project will provide a public toilet for the Kings Meadows Precinct and create a link to the Kings Meadows Rivulet walkway by constructing a pedestrian bridge across the rivulet. The toilet addition is to cater to the growing needs of the community. The rivulet walkway has no link to the open space area and proposed toilet facility forcing pedestrians to walk through the hotel car park to gain access to Hobart Road. The pedestrian bridge will provide safer access to 119 Hobart Road and the open space area.

Summary Table

External Funding	Operations	Capital
Rocherlea Long Jumps Resurfacing	(\$12,500)	\$12,500
Kings Meadows Rivulet Footbridge	(\$50,000)	\$50,000
Churchill Park Sports Centre Upgrade	(\$320,000)	\$320,000
TOTAL	(\$382,500)	\$382,500

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20.1 Budget Amendments 2017/2018 ... (Cont'd)

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation
Ten Year Goal - To continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of our Organisation
Key Direction 6. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

As per the report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation

Paul Gimpl: Acting Director Corporate Services

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20.2 Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2017

FILE NO: SF2633

DIRECTOR: Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Audit Panel - 10 August 2017 - Acceptance of Financial Statements for Year Ended 30 June 2017

Audit Panel - 21 September 2017 - External Audit Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Pursuant to section 84(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, receives the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 and notes that:
 - (a) The Acting General Manager has certified the Financial Statements in accordance with Section 84(3); and
 - (b) The Financial Statements have been audited by the Auditor General in accordance with section 84(1) and the statements have received an unqualified audit opinion.
- 2. Pursuant to section 72 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, notes the Financial Statements will be included in the Annual Report.

REPORT:

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Audit Act 2008* the Council is required to have its annual Financial Statements complete in all material respects and forwarded to the Auditor-General within 45 days after the end of each financial year. While there is no formal requirement to have these accounts adopted by the Council, there is a requirement under Section 84(4) "... that the certified Financial Statements are tabled at a meeting of the council ..."

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 were signed by the Acting General Manager on 13 September 2017 and the audit certificate was signed by the Auditor General on 21 September 2017. The audit opinion was issued without qualification.

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20.2 Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2017 ... (Cont'd)

The statements will be incorporated into the Council's Annual Report which will be presented at the Council's Annual General Meeting. The Financial Statements and Annual Report will be a public document available in hard copy and on the Council's website.

A briefing on the draft statements was made available through the Audit Panel on 10 August 2017. A summary of some of the key financial results is as follows.

Statement of Financial Position

The Council's Statement of Financial Position shows net assets of \$1.80 billion compared to \$1.65 billion in 2016. The major changes in the Council's financial position are:

- 1. Infrastructure Assets have increased by \$141.0m primarily due to the revaluation of assets (recognition of land under roads prior to 30 June 2008 \$124.0m).
- 2. Current Assets have increased by \$7.2m with an increase in short term investments being the main change.
- 3. Current Liabilities are higher by \$1.5m due to Sundry Payables and Accruals and Employee Provisions.
- 4. Non-current Liabilities have increased by \$6.5m primarily as a result of the \$9.0m CH Smith Car Park five year interest free loan, offset by the previous non-current loan balance being reduced to only \$0.8m as of 30 June 2017.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Statement of Comprehensive Income shows both the Operating Result and also other non-operating items such as valuation adjustments. The Council's underlying result for the year ending 30 June 2017 was a surplus of \$1.26m which compares unfavourably to the underlying budget surplus of \$1.70m.

Operating revenue of \$103.1m was less than budget by \$0.51m.

Operating expenses of \$101.8m were on budget.

Significant items are:

•	Write Down of Assets held for sale	(\$3.0m)	unfavourable
٠	Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(\$1.3m)	unfavourable
•	Financial Assistance Grant for 2017/2018 received in advance 30 June 2017	\$2.1m	favourable
٠	Infrastructure Take-up Adjustments	\$124.3m	favourable
٠	Net Infrastructure Revaluation Increase	\$16.4m	favourable
•	Flood Disaster Net Expense after Disaster Recovery Income	\$1.0m	unfavourable

Overall the underlying surplus of \$1.26m is a sound result.

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20.2 Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2017 ... (Cont'd)

Operating Summary			
	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
Revenue	103,103	103,609	(506)
Less Expenses	101,842	101,909	67
Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)	1,261	1,700	(439)
Add			
Capital Grants	7,783	4,509	3,274
Bequests	159	-	159
Capital Interest	113	-	113
Infrastructure Take Up Adjustments	124,326	-	124,326
Disaster Recovery Income	1,051	-	1,051
Less			
Finance Assistance Grants for 2017/2018	2,104	-	2,104
Assets Held for Sale	(3,036)	-	(3,036)
Unscheduled Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(558)	-	(558)
Disaster Recovery Spending	(2,018)	-	(2,018)
Surplus/(Deficit)	131,185	6,209	124,976
Other Adjustments	19,302	-	19,302
Comprehensive Result	150,487	6,209	144,278

<u>Capital Result</u> The following figures summarise the 2016/2017 Capital Program:

Assets capitalised in 2016/2017 2016/2017 Capital Spending	\$'m 19.08 29.10	LFA \$'m 0.99 1.81	Total \$'m 20.07 30.91
Gross Capital Budget carried over to 2016/2017	39.88	11.17	51.05
Actual spending carried over to 2016/2017	21.40	15.31	36.71
Net Capital Budget carried over to 2016/2017	18.48	(4.14)	14.34

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20.2 Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2017 ... (Cont'd)

The following table reflects the status of capital projects as at 30 June 2017.

Status	Number of Projects	%
Not Started	13	5.6
Preliminary Design	19	8.1
In Progress	57	24.4
Practical Completion	114	48.7
Cancelled	30	12.8
Deferred	1	0.4
Total	234	100.0

Overall summary of the Council's Financial Position

- The Council's Balance Sheet including cash revenues continues to be in accordance with current and long term budgets.
- Loan balances are in accordance with budget.
- Cash balances remain in accordance with long term strategy and are consistent with budgeted project requirements.

The Council's Balance Sheet continues to be in a very sound position.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation Ten-year goals -

To continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of our Organisation Key Direction -

6. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation

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20.2 Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2017 ... (Cont'd)

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 (distributed electronically)

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21 GENERAL MANAGER'S DIRECTORATE ITEMS

21.1 Pedestrian Bridge - North Bank to Seaport

FILE NO: SF6579

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine the preferred design for the new pedestrian bridge.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 26 June 2017 - Agenda Item 8.1 - Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge and Cyclist Bridge - North Esk River Between 79 Lindsay Street and Seaport Boardwalk (DA0210/2017)

Workshop - 25 September 2017 - North Bank Bridge Design and Tender Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council select the Warren Half-Through Underhang Truss Bridge as the preferred design submitted as part of the design and construct tender process.

REPORT:

The Council has approved the construction of a pedestrian bridge from North Bank to Seaport. The tender process involved a design and construction requirement, with the specification including a baseline design.

The process has produced two alternatives to the baseline design. The alternatives are:

- (a) A Warren Half-Through Underhang Truss Bridge
- (b) A Cable Stayed Bridge

The evaluation of the alternatives has shown there to be minimal difference from a technical and financial perspective. Thus, the final choice comes down to a judgement about the 'fit for setting' and the overall aesthetics.

In consultation with Aldermen the preferred option is the Warren Half-Through Underhang Truss Bridge which is the recommendation.

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It is important to note that, for a variety of reasons, getting to this stage in the project has taken a long time. The funding deed requires the timely completion of the construction.

The Cable Stayed design would require a new development application because of the height being outside the parameters of the previous development application.

The Truss structure is expected to only require a minor amendment to the development application (DA0210/2017) as there are two small areas on the bridge deck that are slightly wider than the baseline design submitted in the development application.

At the 25 September 2017 Workshop Meeting, Aldermen were presented with three design options that result from the advertised tender for the North Bank Pedestrian Bridge.

At that Meeting the alternative designs were considered, together with advice from the Tender Assessment Panel as to the relative merits of each of the designs.

Whilst all three designs are predominantly made of steel, the three designs can be summarised as being represented by three basic design types, these being:

- 1. A Warren Full-Through Box Truss, similar to that used for small and large railway bridges;
- 2. A modified and strengthened Warren Half-Through Underhang Truss, often used for smaller and medium span pedestrian bridges; and
- 3. A Cable Stayed style pedestrian bridge that is often used for large span pedestrian bridges.

In terms of technical and contractual matters associated with the options, there is little to separate the Warren, Half-Through, Underhang Truss option and the Cable Stayed option.

Given these facts, it is considered that the high profile location, the strategic nature of the bridge and its juxtaposition to Seaport and North Bank Park, that the final determination of the bridge comes down to a choice based on the best fit for the location.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The bridge will contribute to the appeal of the area to visitors and locals alike by reducing the need for pedestrians to use the Charles Street bridge to access the North Bank park and thereby contributing to economic activity.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The bridge will make a positive contribution to the built environment.

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SOCIAL IMPACT:

The bridge will contribute to the appeal of the area to visitors and locals alike by reducing the need for pedestrians to use the Charles Street bridge to access the North Bank park and thereby contributing to social activity.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 6 - A city building its future

Ten-year goal - To drive appropriate development opportunities as well as infrastructure, land use planning and transport solutions

Key Direction -

1. To advocate and collaborate to address regionally significant infrastructure and transport solutions

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Acting Director Corporate Services: Paul Gimpl

Approved Budget for North Bank Project	\$
North Bank Master Plan	5,507,095
North Bank Pedestrian Bridge	3,600,000
	9,107,095

Source of Funding	\$
City of Launceston	1,757,095
State Government	1,350,000
Federal Government	6,000,000
	9,107,095

The Council has already received \$675,000 of the State Government funding and have just received (September 2017) the first instalment of Federal funding in the amount of \$1,200,000.

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21.1 Pedestrian Bridge - North Bank to Seaport ...(Cont'd)

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

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Michael Tidey. Acting General Manager	
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21.2 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange

FILE NO: SF2385

AUTHOR: Robert Dobrzynski (Former General Manager)

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine upon an asset exchange between the University of Tasmania and the City of Launceston relating to the construction of the University of Tasmania, Northern Inner City Campus at Inveresk.

In accordance with section 177 of the Local Government Act 1993, a decision to exchange land must be made by an absolute majority.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 28 August 2017 - Council - University Asset Exchange Workshop - 11 September 2017 - Council - University Asset Exchange Workshop - 25 September 2017 - Council - University Asset Exchange

RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to section 177 sale and disposal of land, sub-section (1) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which states:

- (1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of land owned by it, other than public land, in accordance with this section.
- (4) A council may exchange land for other land -
 - (a) if the valuations of each land are comparable in value; or
 - (b) in any other case, as it considers appropriate.

The Council determines to enter into an asset exchange with the University of Tasmania in the following manner:

- 1. Land to be transferred to the City of Launceston -
 - (i) Area of land indicated upon the attached diagram (Attachment 5), located on Lindsay Street, Invermay and comprised of a site of no less than 5,000m²; a building area of no less than 1,388m² together with a right of way and car parking spaces.

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- 2. Land to be transferred to the University of Tasmania -
 - (i) Site $1 = 3,405m^2$ lot next to Student Accommodation, being CT169278 /3
 - (ii) Site 2 = $1,600m^2$ +/- 'Station Building', being part of CT169278 /200
 - (iii) Site $3 = 2,900m^2 +/-$ 'Triangular Car Park', being part of CT169278/200
 - (iv) Site 4 = 2,022m² 'National Automobile Museum' site, being CT141649/10
 - (v) Site 5 = $8,000m^2$ +/- 'Circular Car Park', being part of CT169278 /200
- 1. That the transfer of Site 5 Circular Car Park (as referred to above) consistent with the outcomes sought by both the Council and the University for community space be subject to a formal binding agreement (such as an easement and memorandum of understanding) that addresses:
 - a. The use of the area for educational and community purposes;
 - b. The ongoing public access to and use of the space;
 - c. Any management arrangements for the space; and
 - d. Any other matter the parties agree is useful in ensuring the delivery of appropriate community outcomes.

The Council and the University have agreed to finalise the terms of the agreement before the transfers are concluded.

Notes:

- 1. The Council has obtained a valuation (for each site) of the land from a person who is qualified to practise as a land valuer under section 4 of the *Land Valuers Act 2001*.
- 2. The sites referred to in 2. are subject to survey when the precise areas will be determined.

REPORT:

Background

As Aldermen would be aware, negotiations have been continuing between the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and the Council regarding the proposal to establish an Inner City Northern Campus for the University on Council owned land at Inveresk and Willis Street.

The City of Launceston, together with the UTAS, the State Government and TasTAFE, executed a Memorandum of Understanding expressing the strategic intent of all signatories to work collaboratively and productively towards the establishment of the Inner City Campus.

The strategic objectives sought to be achieved by the City of Launceston in engaging with this inter-generational proposed project included the following:

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21.2 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange ...(Cont'd)

- More effectively positioning the UTAS Northern Campus as a vibrant, progressive facility in an inner city location at Inveresk which demonstrably added to the rejuvenation of Launceston CBD, together with contributing to the economic and social prosperity of the City and region.
- 2. That the proposed project addressed, through course content and structure, the extremely poor higher education levels experienced within northern Tasmania in a manner which assisted in providing positive futures for young people in northern Tasmania.
- 3. Reflecting that Launceston wears with pride the designation as a University City, acknowledging that UTAS has a profound influence in the economic and social prospects of the city.
- 4. Acknowledging that there is appropriately a symbiotic relationship between a successful tertiary institution and its community.
- 5. Ensuring that negotiations acknowledge that whilst the Council engages with the University as a key stakeholder on the Inveresk site, the Council has a Master Plan Vision for Inveresk as a multi-experience, cultural, sporting, recreational and educational precinct.

Aldermen would be aware that Council decided to transfer two parcels of land (the old Velodrome site and the Willis Street site) to the University. As the full extent of the \$260m multi-faceted University Inner City Campus has continued to be developed by the University in conjunction with other stakeholders, further land parcels have been identified as integral to the development of the University and the community-faceted facility at Inveresk.

The Launceston City Deal signed by the Prime Minister, Premier and Mayor on 20 April 2017, has, as a major commitment and centre piece, the University Inner City Campus project. The City Deal states:

Major Commitments

The \$260 million relocation and redevelopment of University of Tasmania's main Launceston campus to Inveresk is the centrepiece of the City Deal. This is the largest single infrastructure investment in Launceston's history.

Under the major commitment the agreement goes on to state.

Through the City Deal, all levels of Government will work together with the University to ensure the new campus also delivers broader benefits to the community, including a more vibrant city centre, greater support for industry innovation and world class environmental design.

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Within the infrastructure and investment section of the City Deal document, further reference is made expressing the centrality of the Inner City Campus Project not only to the City Deal, but also to the future prosperity of the City and region. The following comments are made:

Building a campus, building a city: Relocate and redevelop the University of Tasmania's main Launceston campus

The City Deal will deliver Launceston's biggest ever infrastructure project - \$260 million to relocate the University of Tasmania's main Launceston campus to Inveresk in the heart of the City, by 2020. This unique opportunity to redevelop the Inveresk campus will transform the city centre and broader region, and help position Launceston as a vibrant university city.

The university campus redevelopment is projected to increase economic output in the local community by around \$362 million per year over 10 years and have an estimated direct and indirect economic impact of \$965 million during the construction stage. It is projected to create 2,760 new jobs, including 430 new direct jobs across the construction phase and 225 new academic and supporting staff (full-time equivalent jobs). Some 20 per cent of new jobs across the construction phase will be apprenticeships and traineeships, in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Building and Construction Training Policy.

It will provide the capacity to grow student participation by 10,000 students by 2030, including more than 1,500 international students, and will eventually house 16,000 students, researchers and staff.

The project will also support local industries by providing new courses in areas of expected regional jobs growth such as agribusiness and design and technology, and providing flexible space to enable industry-led research and development.

The new campus will set a high benchmark, with world class water sensitive and energy efficient design. It will be climate resilient and where possible will use locally produced and sustainable timber products.

The university campus project complements other commitments to enliven the city, in particular, the City Heart project, a multimillion dollar investment to improve vibrancy and commercial activity in the CBD (see section on **Liveability and Sustainability**). This will be a major consideration in the design of the new campus. The campus will support the objectives of the City Heart project by delivering appropriate infrastructure to improve the flow of students and academic life across the city and by providing facilities that are available for use by the public. It is also likely that many students will choose to live off-campus, including within or near to the CBD, further contributing to the revitalisation of the city heart.

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21.2 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange ...(Cont'd)

In July 2017, the University of Tasmania released its *Inveresk Precinct Master Plan,* entitled *Transforming Lives. Transforming Cities.* A copy of this document is attached for the information of Aldermen and is publically available at utas.edu.au/northern-expansion. The University Master Plan has been the subject of broad-based community consultation which is nearing a conclusion. It is accurate to state that the Master Plan has been met with popular support within the community.

The Council has received a briefing report on the outcome of the master planning and the associated community consultation by the University before considering the asset exchange proposal, which is integral to the University and the Council realising the broad-based community benefits from the Inner City Campus Project.

1. Proposal for an Asset Exchange

Aldermen will be aware that the Willis Street site is a primary University development location for a major part of the inner city campus. The University proposes the establishment of a science and innovation-focussed hub on Willis Street as part of the overall campus development. The vision also includes the construction of the new pedestrian and cycling bridge linking the Willis Street site to the Inveresk Precinct.

Critical to the University and Council's thinking has been to undertake development of the Willis Street site in a manner that did not negatively impact on the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania (NAMT) operations as a significant tourism attraction in Launceston. Detailed negotiations have been progressing between the UTAS and NAMT over an extended period in order to develop a proposal satisfactory to all parties. Aldermen will be aware that the Council has a lease of its Council-owned land with NAMT that is current. NAMT, not unreasonably, are not prepared to consider any proposal that may result in an outcome less advantageous than they currently enjoy.

It is understood that in-principle agreement has been reached between the University, NAMT and a private developer to relocate NAMT to a purpose-built new facility in Lindsay Street opposite North Bank and the silos.

Aldermen recently received a deputation from Mr Harry Williscroft and Mr Graeme Pitt on behalf of NAMT. Mr Williscroft and Mr Pitt expressed strong support for the proposed move of the automobile museum from Cimitiere Street to Lindsay Street.

The location of the new purpose-built NAMT facility provides a further attraction within a tourism precinct incorporating the North Bank recreation and leisure area, the Silo Hotel Complex, the Pedestrian/Bike route linking North Bank and the developed Seaport area, and with Wayfinding linkages further down Lindsay Street to Inveresk, up the Boardwalk to Royal Park and Cataract Gorge and into the CBD area. All of these destinations are within comfortable walking distance.

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21.2 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange ...(Cont'd)

The University is funding the fixed cost for the construction and land associated with the NAMT relocation to a purpose-built facility is \$4.77m.

It is proposed that the Council transfer the following parcels of land to the University for educational purposes associated with the Inner City Campus. In exchange, the University will transfer to the Council, ownership of the purpose-built NAMT building, and land including car park areas.

Asset Exchange

Council to the University

Site	Area m ²	Description	Value \$m
1	3,405	Lot next to Student Accommodation being CT169278/3	0.715
2	1,600	'Station Building' being part of CT169278/200	0.700
3	2,900	'Triangular Car Park', being part of CT169278/200	0.575
4	2,022	'National Automobile Museum' site, being CT141649/10	0.625
5	8,000	'Circular Car Park', being part of CT169278/200	0.950
			\$3.565m
University to the City of Launceston			

University to the City of Launceston

• Land and buildings costing **\$4.77m** comprised of a purpose-built new National Automobile Museum of Tasmania facility, including land involved in car parking.

The cost of the land and building is the amount the University will pay for the development of the museum on Lindsay Street. The areas referred to above are subject to final survey.

The transfer of sites will enable the delivery of the educational and community outcomes, it provides the basis for the additional investment by the University in areas such as health and well-being. The transfer also includes the requirement to ensure the ongoing use for community and educational purposes.

The linkage of the site with a new pedestrian bridge funded in the relocation project will enhance public access to the precinct and the events held there.

This exchange has been negotiated to deliver on community outcomes, in particular improved educational opportunities and participation.

The assessed value of the land transferred by Council totals \$3.565m. The cost of the asset acquired by the Council is \$4.77m. This calculates to a net asset gain to the Council of \$1.205m. The land proposed to be transferred by the Council is not public land. The legislative provisions relating to the land proposed to be transferred are contained within *section 177 of the Local Government Act 1993:*

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- 177. Sale and disposal of land
 - (1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of land owned by it, other than public land, in accordance with this section.
 - (2) Before a council sells, leases, donates, exchanges or otherwise disposes of any land, it is to obtain a valuation of the land from the Valuer-General or a person who is qualified to practise as a land valuer under section 4 of the Land Valuers Act 2001.
 - (3) A council may sell:
 - (a) any land by auction or tender; or
 - (b) any specific land by any other method it approves.
 - (4) A council may exchange land for other land:
 - (a) if the valuations of each land are comparable in value; or(b) in any other case, as it considers appropriate.
 - (5) A contract pursuant to this section for the sale, lease, donation, exchange or other disposal of land which is public land is of no effect.
 - (6) A decision by a council under this section must be made by absolute majority.

2. Strategic Objectives

The University of Tasmania Campus at Inveresk is a project of inter-generational significance for Launceston and northern Tasmania. The project will have a massive estimated \$1.1b economic direct and indirect output through the construction phase. Additionally, there will be an estimated \$428m in annual ongoing economic impact from the Inner City Campus project.

Importantly, a new revitalised, contemporary University Northern Campus at Inveresk will provide comprehensive Associate degree and degree course offerings tailored to suit the needs of the students and industry in the region and State.

The University Inner City Campus Inveresk Project stands as an exemplar nationally of the enormously positive outcomes that can be achieved socially and economically in circumstances where the Federal Government, State Government, Local Government, University and community coalesce around a strongly held common vision.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The report sets out the details of the economic benefit that is forecast to result from the Northern Campus Inner City Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

There is no direct environmental impact. However, the project is expected to improve the built environment.

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21.2 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange ...(Cont'd)

SOCIAL IMPACT:

The project is designed to have a dramatic educative, community and social benefit for the City and the region.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024 Priority Area 2 - A city where people choose to live Ten-year goal - To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, study and play

Priority Area 6 - A city building its future

Ten-year goal - To drive appropriate development opportunities as well as infrastructure, land use planning and transport solutions

Key Direction -

1. To advocate and collaborate to address regionally significant infrastructure and transport solutions

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

The Northern Campus Inner City Project is expected to have a positive financial impact on the Council when completed. The financial net effect on the land asset exchange is positive based on the valuation and cost information.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

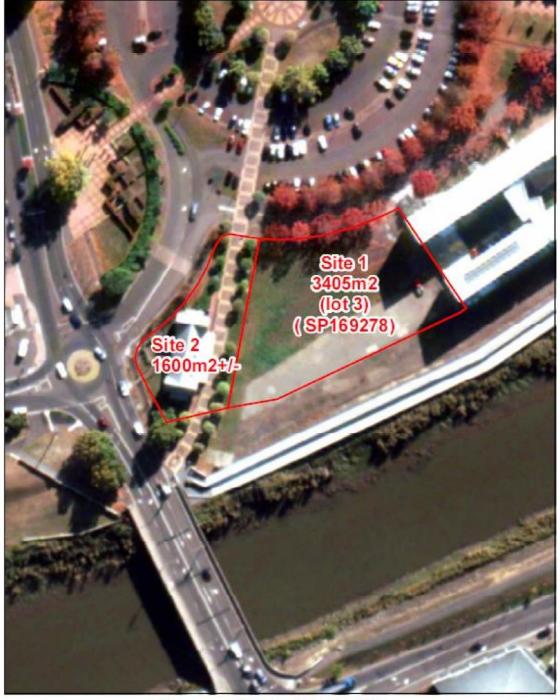
ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Site 1 and Site 2 Station Building
- 2. Site 3 Triangular Car Park
- 3. Site 4 National Automobile Museum of Tasmania
- 4. Site 5 Circular Car Park
- 5. Land to be transferred to City of Launceston
- 6. UTAS Transforming Lives Transforming Cities (July 2017) (distributed electronically)

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Attachment 1 - Site 1 and 2

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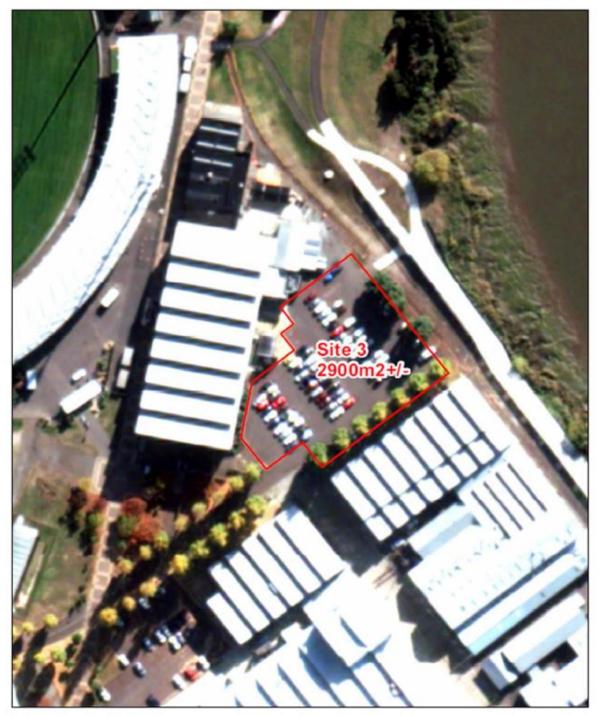


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Attachment 2 - Site 3



Proposed Transfers to UTas (Triangular Car Park)

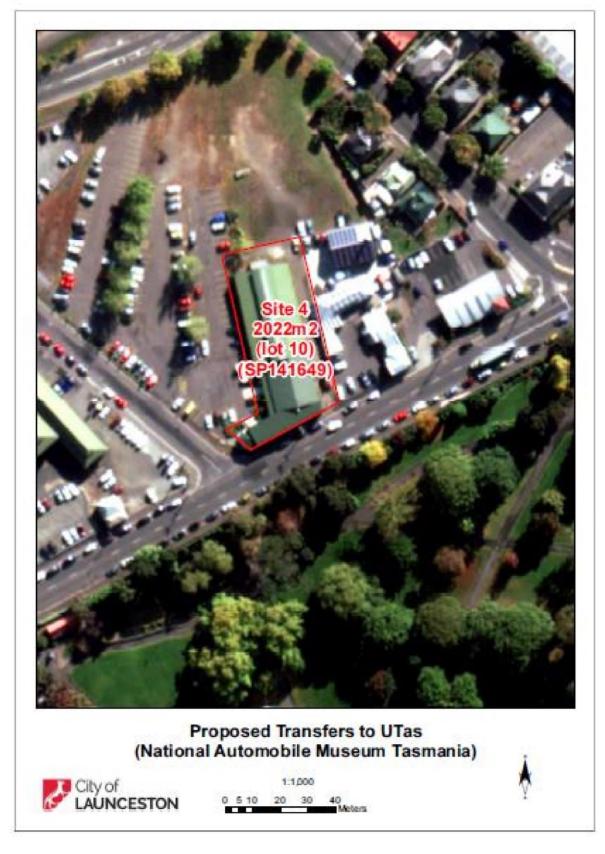


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Attachment 3 - Site 4



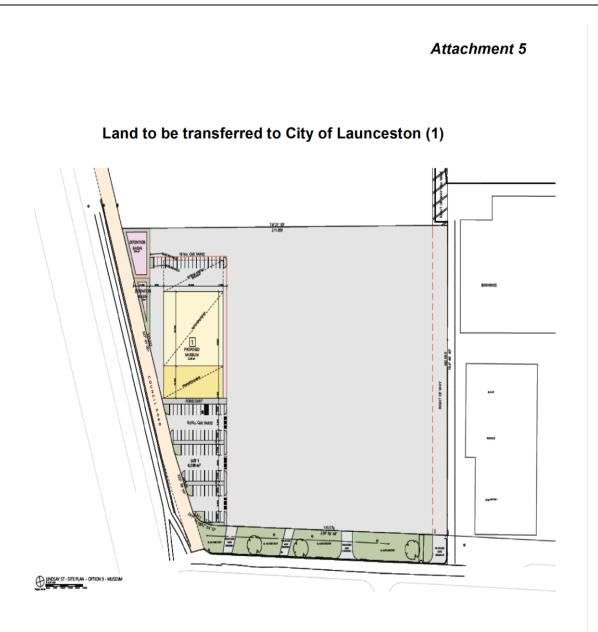
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Attachment 4 - Site 5



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LINDSAY STREET SITE DEVELOPMENT

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21.3 Appointment of General Manager

FILE NO: SF3223/POS1634

AUTHOR: John Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To confirm the appointment of the General Manager of the City of Launceston.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to section 61(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council appoints Michael Stretton as General Manager of the City of Launceston for a period of five years commencing on 16 October 2017.

REPORT:

The appointment of Michael Stretton as General Manager has been previously considered by Council as part of the recruitment process.

The recommendation in this report is to ratify this decision.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024 Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

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BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I cortify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

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22 URGENT BUSINESS

Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, states that a council, by absolute majority at an ordinary council meeting, may decide to deal with a matter that is not on the Agenda.

23 CLOSED COUNCIL

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 15(2)

- 23.1 Confirmation of the Minutes
- 23.2 North Bank Pedestrian Bridge
- 23.3 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange

RECOMMENDATION:

That, pursuant to the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council move into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

23.1 Confirmation of the Minutes *Regulation 34(6)*

23.2 University of Tasmania Asset Exchange

Regulation 15(2)(c)

- (c) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to -
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.

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Regulation 15(2)(b) and (f)

- (b) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business.
- (f) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

24 MEETING CLOSURE