



City of
LAUNCESTON

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017**

10.00am

COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON

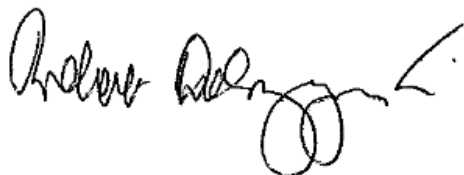
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

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 to Council in the Minutes Items for this Meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

The reports in these Minutes are provided to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee in order to explain the intent of the process/proposal proposed. Whilst the reports are in Council Meeting format, no decision is being sought.

Venue: Committee Room, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston

Time: 10.00am

Present: Alderman R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)
R L McKendrick
R J Sands
D H McKenzie
J G Cox
D C Gibson
J Finlay
D W Alexander (attended at 11.09am)
S R F Wood
E K Williams
K P Stojansek

Apologies: Alderman A M van Zetten (Mayor)

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman R I Soward, opened the Meeting at 10.00am and noted an apology from the Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received for this Meeting.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION STATEMENT:

To resolve that the Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting held on 29 May 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 19 June 2017

MOTION

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman S R F Wood.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.

CARRIED 10:0

4 MINUTES ITEMS

4.1 Deputation - Healthy Tasmania 2025 Plan

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.00am from Mrs Belinda Fettke (Health Advocate and Co-founder) and Ms Diane Webb (Credentialled Diabetes Educator) (Nutrition for Life) initiated by Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mrs Belinda Fettke (Health Advocate and Co-founder) and Ms Diane Webb (Credentialled Diabetes Educator) (Nutrition for Life) regarding the Healthy Tasmania 2025 Plan and how it may be achievable.

Mrs Belinda Fettke and Ms Diane Webb presented to the Committee regarding making healthy choices - the easy choices. Mrs Fettke discussed the Healthy Tasmania Five-Year Strategic Plan by noting sugar related health issues in Tasmania, including obesity and diabetes, along with the advocated health outcomes. Mrs Fettke also discussed added sugar with regards to diet and health. Initiatives underway to improve overall health outcomes include reducing sugar laden foods distributed in hospitals, the CSIRO low-carb diet, Sugar by Half and Re-Think Sugary Drink campaigns and educational programs. Keys to success of programs were discussed including the need for practical support, training, provision of healthy eating advice and changes in canteen and kiosk offerings.

Ms Diane Webb noted that the way forward was to make improvements by taking small steps and create small and supportive work environments to tackle the issue.

4.2 Deputation - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.30am from Mrs Mel Reid (Launceston spokesperson - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania), Mr Lyndon Walsh (Launceston Area Centre Owner) and Ms Trudi Quinn (Launceston Centre Manager) initiated by Alderman J Finlay.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mrs Mel Reid (Launceston spokesperson - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania), Mr Lyndon Walsh (Launceston Area Centre Owner) and Ms Trudi Quinn (Launceston Centre Manager) regarding the economic effects of the lowering the school age.

Mrs Mel Reid, Mr Lyndon Walsh and Ms Trudi Quinn (Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania) presented to the Committee regarding National Quality Framework for early childhood education and care and explained the current standards used in Australia with specific reference to Tasmania and Launceston in particular. Mr Walsh discussed the proposed changes and effects to legislation in Tasmania allowing children to attend a formal school environment at three and a half-years of age thus causing many child care centres to become unsustainable. Possible effects of the changes could include closure of child care centres, employment losses and increased costs for remaining child care fees. Mrs Reid requested that Council understand the current standards and support the case for retention of current school age groups by contacting government ministers and asking for support whilst questioning the impacts and possible changes that could occur.

Aldermen requested that the completed Childcare Alliance survey, due for completion at the end of June, be forwarded to Council for further consideration.

It was also suggested that further discussions occur with a view to an upcoming notice of motion to Council.

4.3 Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response

FILE NO: SF6540

AUTHOR: Eve Gibbons (Flood Response Project Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a progress report on the City of Launceston Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

SPPC - 21 November 2016 - Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee notes the progress made in relation to the following actions in the City of Launceston Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response:

- City of Launceston Response Management
 - CCTV Installation
 - Flood Levee Gate Improvements
 - Levee Protection for Hart Street
 - North and South Esk Rivers Hydrological Study
 - Flood Intelligence System
 - Mobile Pumps and Generator Sets
 - TasWater
 - Bureau of Meteorology Monitoring System
 - West Tamar Highway flood mitigation
 - North Esk Flood Response Triggers
 - Response plan for assessment of businesses
 - Launceston Flood Authority
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Mr Rod Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management) noted that the report was provided as an update following committee action since the floods in 2016. Mr Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services) noted that tenders for levees are being released in the near future. Work is continuing with the report and delivering the recommendations as soon as practical.

4.4 Lord Mayor Correspondence Seeking Support for Australia Day Date Change

FILE NO: SF0341

AUTHOR: John Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Alderman Sue Hickey, Lord Mayor of Hobart's motion to seek support for a change of the date for Australia day, to be presented to the July Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee discuss the motion which will be presented to the 26 June 2017 Council Meeting.

Mr John Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy) requested guidance from Aldermen with regards to a recommendation to Council. Aldermen discussed the Lord Mayor's letter and there was general agreement that a position on this matter could only be adopted by Council after conducting informed discussions with relevant community groups and individuals.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

6 CLOSED ITEMS

No Closed Items have been identified as part of this Minutes

7 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman R I Soward, closed the Meeting at 11.54am.
