



City of
LAUNCESTON

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 29 MAY 2017**

10.00am

COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON

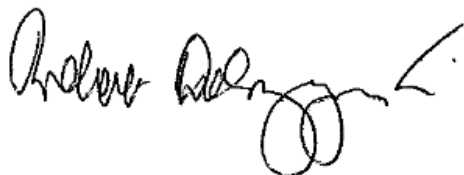
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

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
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 made 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 15 May 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 29 May 2017

MOTION

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

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

CARRIED 10:0

4 MINUTES ITEMS

4.1 Deputation - Tamar NRM

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.00am from Ms Gillian Basnett (Program Coordinator), Mr Greg Lundstrom (Program Coordinator) and Mr Roger Tyshing (President - Tamar NRM) initiated by Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation Ms Gillian Basnett (Program Coordinator), Mr Greg Lundstrom (Program Coordinator) and Mr Roger Tyshing (President - Tamar NRM) regarding the Annual Report presentation by Tamar NRM.

Mr Roger Tyshing , Ms Gillian Basnett and Mr Greg Lundstrom (Tamar NRM) presented their deputation to the Committee. Mr Tyshing provided background information of Tamar NRM's activities over the last 12 months and current activities. Information regarding alignment with the City of Launceston's strategic plan and the relationship between the two organisations was discussed. It was noted that approximately \$363,000 worth of grants had been received since January 2016. Mr Greg Lundstrom and Ms Gillian Basnett provided an overview of active programs being conducted by Tamar NRM including active weed, educational and emergent programs, work for the dole and green army volunteer activities and a series of landholder workshops, tree planting activities, sustainable living initiatives, feral cat forums, fire mitigation and biodiversity workshops. The delegation noted the large number of partners and community support involved with the group to ensure its success.

Aldermen requested feedback from the group regarding active participation by the City of Launceston with regards to projects such as feral cats and the master tree growers program. The General Manager indicated possible support for the sustainable living initiative and noted that the Council would be prepared to engage in further discussions.

4.2 Deputation - Primary Health 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 Mr Phil Edmondson (CEO Primary Health Tasmania) initiated by the Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mr Phil Edmondson (CEO Primary Health Tasmania) regarding the provision of an update of current activities.

Mr Phil Edmondson provided information to the Committee regarding the commissioning of health services and how local government can support relevant health initiatives and provide advocacy for services. Current commissioning work includes areas such as mental health, alcohol and drug treatments, indigenous health with future planned projects to include those related to suicide prevention and adult mental health initiatives. Mr Edmondson also provided a summary of completed activities including areas such as rural health, youth health, aboriginal integrated care and short term mental health supplementary services. Mr Edmondson then suggested areas in which the Council could provide substantial assistance and influence such as health needs assessments, health home care, primary health support and transformation and outer urban health issues and challenges. Questions were posed regarding how Primary Health Care Tasmania and the Council can work together in a productive and progressive collaborative partnership to increase positive outcomes for the community.

Aldermen noted that in order to achieve success in this area initiatives need to be community driven and adequately supported by other organisations. The General Manager noted that the Council needs to be cognisant of projects requiring collaborative dialogue in order to achieve success.

4.3 Dog Management Policy Review

FILE NO: SF0079

AUTHOR: Debbie Fortuin (Manager Environmental Services)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 12 August 2002 - Agenda Item 9.4 - Dog Management Policy

Council - 28 July 2003 - Agenda Item 9.3 - Dog Management Plan - Review

Council - 22 September 2003 - Agenda Item 9.15 - Dog Management Plan - Review

Council - 25 July 2005 - Agenda Item 16.1 - Dog Management Policy Review

Council - 24 September 2007 - Agenda Item 11.1 - Dog Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That Aldermen consider the Dog Management Policy 10-Plx-013 (ECM Document # 4067854; Version 13) with proposed amendments.

Ms Debbie Fortuin (Manager Environmental Services) and Ms Erica McCarthy (Regulations Officer) provided background information to the Committee regarding the current review and update of the Dog Management Policy. Ms Fortuin noted that, according to legislative requirements, the Dog Management Policy needs to be reviewed every five years.

Areas of review for this policy have primarily included life-long dog registration initiatives, issuing of outstanding infringement notices, compliance and removal of discounted fees and changes to declared maps. Ms McCarthy noted that the changes to the current policy have been updated to reflect the legislative requirements of the policy.

Following the presentation, Aldermen highlighted the perceived disparity in the intent and interpretation of the legislation with that of the proposed changes to the policy regarding dogs in recreational areas during sporting events. It was suggested that further investigation be carried out in this area.

4.3 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont'd)

It was also noted that once the changes were accepted, adequate public information should be provided to reflect the changes. It was also noted that the life-long registration fee is an optional fee - it is not compulsory. Comment was made on the suitable provision of infrastructure once the changes are implemented.

4.4 Waste Charges to Cover Disposal Voucher

FILE NO: SF0633

AUTHOR: Rachael Eberhardt (Natural Environment Officer)

DIRECTOR: Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an increase in the Domestic and Commercial/Trade Waste fees for 2017/2018 to recover lost revenue from the two free entry vouchers provided to each residential property.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 5 December 2016 - March and October Free Tip Days

Consideration was given to the March and October free tip days. It was agreed that the remaining free voucher for the March 2017 free day could be used at any time at the Launceston Waste Centre, Nunamara or Lilydale Waste Transfer Stations between 1 February 2017 and 30 June 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Issues two vouchers for the Launceston Waste Centre, Nunamara and Lilydale Transfer Stations for 2017/2018 with the following conditions:
 - that vouchers for the Launceston Waste Centre need to be validated at the recycling centre prior to presenting at the transfer station
 - that vouchers are only redeemable for domestic loads and vehicles less than 3 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass
 - no mattresses or tyres allowed
 - that vouchers be designed to prevent forgery
 - to continue monitoring for multiple entries and cease use of free voucher after four entries
 2. Increases the Domestic and Commercial and Trade Waste fees for 2017/2018 to cover the reduced revenue from the two free entry vouchers.
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4.4 Waste Charges To Cover Disposal Voucher ...(Cont'd)

Table 3: Proposed 2017/2018 fees for Waste Disposal

Details	GST Status	Approved 2016/2017 GST Inclusive	Approved 2017/2018 GST Inclusive	Proposed 2017/2018 GST Inclusive	Proposed 2017/2018 Increase versus 2016/2017 %
Domestic Waste					
Domestic Waste	Mixed	\$66.00	\$72.00	\$77.00	16.7%
Mattress Disposal	Mixed	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	-
Refrigerators and Air Conditioners	Mixed	\$66.00	\$72.00	\$77.00	16.7%
Lilydale and Nunamara Waste Transfer Stations					
Car/Wagon	Taxable	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	10.0%
Ute/Van/Single Axle Trailer	Taxable	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	6.2%
Tandem Axle Trailer	Taxable	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	11.1%
Commercial and Trade Waste					
Commercial Waste	Mixed	\$93.00	\$95.00	\$100.00	7.5%
Controlled Waste/Controlled Burials					
Controlled Waste	Mixed	\$150.00	\$153.00	\$158.00	5.3%

Mr Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services) noted that with the provision of the two free tip vouchers a corresponding full cost recovery will need to be applied. Aldermen discussed numerous issues related to the free vouchers in terms of cost increases, tip and waste management efficiencies, cost recovery, charges to non-residents using the facilities, an increase in the general rate levy and the introduction of green waste bins.

It was suggested that a further report be provided to Aldermen taking into account items discussed including canvassing alternative options, the quantification of benefit, option modelling, how the introduction is addressed in future budgets.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Alderman D C Gibson - Removal of Civic Square Trees

Alderman D C Gibson, following a question from a member of the public over the weekend, asked if the trees planted by Princess Dianna on her visit to Tasmania were being removed as part of the Civic Square redevelopment?

Mr D Sinfield (Director Major Projects) indicated that this question would be taken on notice and a response provided via the Aldermen's Bulletin.

6 CLOSED ITEMS

No Closed Items were identified for these Minutes

7 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman R I Soward, closed the Meeting at 11.49am.