STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 3 JULY 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 Agenda Items for this Meeting.

Robert Dobrzynski  
General Manager

The reports in this Agenda 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
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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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 19 June 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.
4.1 Deputation - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.00am from Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) initiated by Barry Pickett (Natural Environment Manager).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) regarding the St Patricks River Valley Progress Association's Community Plan.

REPORT:

Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) will present the Association's Community Plan for consideration and discussion (Attachment 1).

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.
4.1  Deputation - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association …(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 -
1.  To develop and consistently use community engagement processes

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.

Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:
1.  St Patricks River Valley Progress Association Incorporated Community Plan
Attachment 1 - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association Incorporated Community Plan

ST PATRICKS RIVER VALLEY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

COMMUNITY VISION

A community that works together to support the wellbeing of all residents, protects the community’s assets and promotes the region’s physical and cultural history and its ongoing social and economic development.

Version 1: 2 April 2017

The St Patricks River Valley Progress Association had its beginnings as a sub-committee of the local school parents and friends association that was formed to fight for improvements to the Tasman Highway through the district.

In the late 1960’s that group formed the ratepayers’ association, which eventually morphed into the progress association, in recognition of the diversity of issues the group was starting to pursue.

St Patricks River Valley Progress Association Inc.

ST PATRICKS

ANGELA BOWEN

RIVER

NIGEL GIBERT

MICHAEL HESSON

BRUCE MODRALL

CHRISTINE MACKNELL

NEVILLE GIBERT (Life Member)

COMMUNITY

VALLEY

ADRIANA SORRENSON

RAY JOHNSTON (President)

WIGAN COWLEY (Vice-President)

LAWRENCE SANCHEZ

GRAHAM WENTZ

RACHEL WINTEN

ACROSS THE YEARS SINCE IT FIRST STARTED, THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HAS CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGION’S INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE FRUIT OF ITS ADVOCACY HAS INCLUDED UPGRADING AND IMPROVED MAINTENANCE OF THE TASMAN HIGHWAY AND OTHER ROADS WITHIN THE DISTRICT, ACTION TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE SERVICES IN THE VALLEY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE Mt BBROW DISCOVERY TRAIL.

In many respects, the valley has so far largely untapped potential and there is significant opportunity for it to grow as a centre of popular activities including sightseeing, hiking, fishing, kayaking, mountain hiking and horse riding. Such progress as has happened so far has been achieved without the benefit of an overall strategic approach to coordination and promotion. It is hoped that this plan will be the first step towards the region achieving the profile and recognition that it deserves while maintaining a safe and friendly community.
St Patrick's River Valley is located towards the North East of Tasmania, in the east of the municipality of the City of Launceston. The river nestles between two of the region's most significant natural landmarks, Mount Arthur to the west and Mount Barrow to the east. Mt Barrow is one of the tallest mountains in the north-eastern highlands at 1413 metres, offering magnificent views, rainforest and alpine vegetation.

Mount Arthur is a majestic peak standing 1188 metres, overlooking the town of Lllydale to its north.

St Patrick's River

The St Patrick’s River originates at an elevation of 925m in the locality of Ben Ridge, which lies between mountains such as Ben Nevis (1350m) and Mount Maurice (1117m). It ends at an elevation of 218m, merging with the North Esk River having dropped just over 700 metres over its 68.2km length.

The river winds its way around the north of the Mount Barrow National Park and along its journey is fed by Camden Rivulet, Patersonia Rivulet, Coquet Creek, Barrow Creek and Seven Time Creek. It is considered to be one of Tasmania’s prime trout fishing streams, highly regarded for its pristine waters.

The river played an important part in the development of the City of Launceston. In 1857 Launceston’s fledgling municipal council constructed its first reticulated water supply, which was made possible by the construction at Nunamara of a weir, a one kilometre water race and a 154 metre tunnel that enabled the diversion of flow from the St Patrick’s River into a dam on Distillery Creek. The St Patrick’s River remains a primary source of water for Launceston to this day.

St Patrick’s River Valley

The St Patrick’s River Valley is part of the traditional lands of Pyemartinear people and is noted for its environmental heritage and natural beauty. The valley is reputed to have served as the food bowl for Launceston during the establishment of the City and played a leading role in the development of the mining, agriculture and forestry industries in Tasmania.

Permanent settlers first moved into the valley during the 1860’s. The ensuing discovery of gold in the Lisle area in the early 1870’s and subsequently on the Ochilidum Plains and burgeoning agriculture and forestry industries brought about something of a boom period for the district.

Notorious Tasmanian bushranger, Matthew Brady (1799 – 1826), was captured at the Hunting Ground area of the valley in dramatic circumstances by John Batman, who later went on to found the city of Melbourne.

The two main population centres in the valley today are Nunamara (population approximately 270) and Patersonia (100). It is estimated that around one thousand people reside within the valley region.

The district has a number of tourist attractions including the Mt Barrow Discovery Trail, Myrtle Park complex, Mountain Stream Fishery and the John Skemp Field Centre.
Our Goals for the Community

The plan will enable the Progress Association to provide:

1. All community members with opportunities to have a voice and to be informed
2. Advocacy and representation on a wide range of issues affecting individuals and groups
3. Promotion of the Valley’s unique environment and history and its potential as a tourist destination
4. Improved provision of community events and social activities
5. Care and protection of the community’s infrastructure and assets
   5.1. Nunamara Memorial Hall

Our Community Goals, Actions & Evaluation

1. Provide all community members with opportunities to have a voice and to be informed

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| Promote the work of the Progress Association and the benefits of membership | □ Increased awareness of the Progress Association’s work  
□ Growth in membership |
| Conduct a community survey to identify opportunities and prioritise issues | □ Community survey designed  
□ All residents in the region invited to participate  
□ Survey results collated, analysed and published  
□ Community plan reviewed |
| Support the publication of a community newsletter | □ A community newsletter is published regularly and circulated to residents |
| Appropriately recognise the 50th Anniversary of the Progress Association | □ The date of the anniversary is identified  
□ A subcommittee is formed to arrange a celebratory event to acknowledge the Association’s founders, key contributors and achievements |
| Improve the social media presence of the Association | □ An Association website is developed, maintained and regularly updated  
□ An Association Facebook page is established, maintained and regularly updated  
□ Sponsorship opportunities are explored |
| Trademark the St Patricks River Valley Brand | □ The feasibility of trademarking the St Patricks River Valley brand is investigated  
□ Application is made to trademark the St Patricks River Valley brand name |
| Design and trademark a logo for the Progress Association | □ Design of a logo for the Association is completed  
□ Application is made to trademark the logo |
2. Provide advocacy and representation of residents on a wide range of issues affecting individuals and groups

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| Lobby Council, State & Federal Governments for safe and well maintained roads | □ The sealing of the length of Prossers Road is achieved  
□ The condition of Patersonia Road and road signage in the area is improved  
□ Wildlife warning signs are installed on Tasman Highway in the vicinity of Drovers Run  
□ The State Government undertakes a program to eradicate weeds on the Tasman Highway roundabouts |
| Support improved mobile phone service in the valley                    | □ The installation of mobile phone towers in the valley is completed |
| Lobby for flood damage and log jams in St Patricks River to be rectified | □ Ongoing discussions held with the City of Launceston, the State Government and the Federal Government until the issue is resolved |
| Advocate for the introduction of a Drive Safe at Night campaign         | □ Representations to relevant authorities result in a Drive Safe at Night program being implemented |
| Monitor the implications of local government reform for the St Patricks River Valley | □ Discussions occur at meetings of the Progress Association on developments regarding local government reform  
□ Meetings held with appropriate individuals and agencies to discuss the implications of local government reform for residents of the valley |
| Support existing agricultural and other businesses                     | □ Discussions are initiated with farmers and other people conducting business enterprises within the region to identify ways in which the Progress Association might be able to provide support  
□ Outcomes of those discussions are collated  
□ A strategy to respond to those outcomes is developed |

3. Promote the Valley’s unique environment and history and its potential as a tourist destination

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| Gather historical information about the region                         | □ A call for historical information regarding the region is issued among past and present residents  
□ Information collected is collated and reviewed to identify significant dates and events  
□ A calendar and other appropriate summaries of the information are compiled  
□ The information is used in promoting the region |
| Map the significant environmental assets and tourist attractions within the region | □ An audit is conducted of the region’s environmental assets  
□ An audit of public and private tourist attractions is conducted  
□ Outcomes of the audit analysed issues/ opportunities identified  
□ The information collected is collated, prioritised and written up to assist with the promotion of the region |
| Promote St Patricks River Valley as a recreational and tourism destination | □ A strategy is developed and implemented to promote St Patricks River Valley within Tasmania via local media and other avenues  
□ A strategy is developed and implemented to promote St Patricks River Valley interstate with the assistance of Tourism Tasmania  
□ Roadside signage is installed on the Tasman Highway on the outskirts of Launceston and at the base of the Sliging welcoming people to the St Patricks River Valley and providing directions/distances to key centres and local attractions |
| Liasie with appropriate authorities regarding the health and usability of the St Patricks River | □ The river is inspected to identify problems in respect of agricultural and recreational usage  
□ A report of the inspection is written  
□ A strategy to address the identified issues is developed and implemented |
4. Improved provision of community events and social activities

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<td>St Patrick’s Day Event</td>
<td>☐ The potential to hold an event to celebrate St Patrick’s Day in the Valley with an event at the Nanamara Memorial Hall is explored</td>
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<td>Annual Community Get-Togethers</td>
<td>☐ At least two social functions are held annually at the Nanamara Memorial Hall to provide opportunities for residents to interact socially</td>
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<td>Make Nanamara Memorial Hall available to people and organisations who can provide services considered worthwhile to the residents of the valley and the wider community</td>
<td>☐ See Goal 5: Nanamara Memorial Hall (Page 12)</td>
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<td>Patersonia get-togethers returned to the region</td>
<td>☐ The Patersonia get-togethers are again held within the region</td>
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5. Care and protection of the community’s infrastructure and assets

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<td>Secure the future of the Nanamara Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>Map existing public assets in the region</td>
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<td>Pursue a resolution of the siting of the Nanamara Cenotaph</td>
<td>Meetings are held with residents of Nanamara and other people with an interest in the siting of the Cenotaph</td>
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<td>The outcomes of these meetings inform the development of a responsive strategy</td>
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5.1. Nanamara Memorial Hall

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<td>Identify potential uses for the hall</td>
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<td>Focus for communication to and among Nanamara and wider St Patrick’s River Valley communities</td>
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<td>Nanamara community social gatherings</td>
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<td>Base for emergency responses (e.g. bushfires)</td>
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<td>Secure transfer of ownership of the hall in the Progress Association on behalf of the St Patrick’s River Valley residents</td>
<td>A subcommittee of the Progress Association is formed to develop a business case and negotiate the terms of the transfer of ownership</td>
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<td>The members of the Progress Association endorse the terms of the transfer of ownership prior to the transfer being finalised</td>
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<td>The transfer of ownership is completed</td>
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<td>Review the Constitution of the Progress Association to ensure that it conforms to appropriate standards for the holding, management of and securing of significant capital assets</td>
<td>The Constitution of the Association is reviewed</td>
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<td>Recommendations from the review are put before a meeting of the members for ratification</td>
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<td>Any alterations to the Constitution are lodged with the Office of the Attorney General</td>
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<td>Investigate ongoing costs to own and maintain the hall</td>
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<td>Barbecues 4 per year</td>
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<td>Australian Electoral Commission (average)</td>
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<td>Total Estimated Annual Income (from known sources only)</td>
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**Potential Sources of Income To Be Explored**

- Teetra tower (possible $64 p.a.)
- Celebration of PA 50 years anniversary
- Community education (e.g., healthy rural living, preparation for work in rural settings)
- Home schooling centre
- Markets

**Identify potential sources of grants to support the Progress Association’s ownership of and future development of the hall**

- Discussions held with the City of Launceston
- Discussions held with the State Government
- Discussions held with the Federal Government
- Approach made to the Tasmanian Community Fund
- Applications made to the RACT Community Fund
- Applications made to the RACT Community Act of Loyalty
- A map compiled of potential public and private funding sources
4.2 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:
SPPC - 29 May 2017 - Agenda Item 4.3 - Dog Management Policy Review

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Strategic Management and Policy Committee discusses the Dog Management Policy 10-Plx-013 (ECM Document #4093884, Version 18) with the proposed amendments.

REPORT:
The Dog Management Policy was first adopted by Council in 2002. It underwent a number of subsequent amendments with a complete review undertaken in 2007, and the current Dog Management Policy was adopted on 24 September 2007.

The Dog Control Act 2000 outlines the requirement to have a Dog Management Policy as follows:

"7. Dog Management Policy

(1) A council is to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management in its municipal area.

(2) A dog management policy is to include the following:
   (a) a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;
   (b) the provision of declared areas;
   (c) a fee structure;
   (d) any other relevant matter."
4.2 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont’d)

(3) A council is to –
   (a) invite public submissions relating to a proposed dog management policy; and
   (b) consult with any appropriate body or organisation; and
   (c) consider any submissions and results of any consultation before finalising the policy.

(4) A council is to review its dog management policy at least once every 5 years.

(5) In reviewing its dog management policy, a council is to take the actions referred to in subsection (3)."

The Policy was put out for Public Consultation on Your Voice Your Launceston during December 2016 and January 2017. The survey was further advertised on Council’s website and on Facebook. The total number of respondents from the Your Voice Your Launceston survey and separate submissions was 192.

The survey covered off on areas of significant change, namely the tighter measures to ensure registration compliance, single non-discounted dog registration, the lifelong dog registration and the changes to declared areas.

The results were as follows:
1. 85% agreed that the Dog Management Policy contained sufficient information.
2. 85% were in favour of lifelong registration.
3. 84% said they would purchase a lifelong registration at $100 for the life of their young dog.
4. 80% were in favour of a single registration fee (ie. doing away with the discounted rate) thereby allowing us to send out a first and final notice, followed by enforcement in an attempt to reduce future non-compliances which sit at around 1300 annually.
5. 70% would not make any changes to the proposed declared areas.

Relevant Qualitative Feedback provided included:
1. The need for a discounted lifelong dog registration rate for pensioners (this has since been included in the fees and charges and a proposed fee of $50).
2. More patrols of the declared areas needed.
3. The policy does not address penalties (these are already contained in the Dog Control Act 2000).
4. Does not contain information about nuisance barking (this has since been included in the Policy).
5. Need for information on consequences of non-compliance (this has since been included in the Policy).
6. Signage is not clear enough, confusing and difficult (this has already been identified as an issue by staff and an audit of signage will be planned once the policy has been finalised).
7. Patrons would like more off-lead areas and dog parks (this is a matter for Natural Environment to consider within their Parks Planning activities).
8. Numerous suggestions regarding changes to the declared areas. Practical suggestions made by survey submitters have been included in the proposed amendments to the declared areas as outlined below.

9. Further information sought on legislative defence regarding Dog Attacks - relating to attacks from a dog within its own yard (this has since been included in the policy).

10. Better fencing and maintenance of off-lead areas (this will need to be built into Park’s maintenance budget).

The following outlines the proposed amendments:

1. A Review of the declared areas have proposed changes that have brought them into line with the legislation and as such where some areas were previously (2007) described as Restricted Area No Dogs 24hrs these have been changed to Prohibited Public Area. This category includes areas such as swimming pools, sportgrounds and playgrounds and these changes have been reflected on the new Maps. The category of Restricted Area to some maps has been added to identify areas that Council have declared (eg. City Park). This needs to be taken into consideration when reading the changes. The proposed declared areas are outlined in the attached Dog Management Policy under the heading Declared Areas by Location.

2. A review of the fee’s structure and administrative systems has resulted in the proposed introduction of the lifelong registration of dogs. The proposed conditions of this registration are outlined in the attached policy. Currently the City of Launceston has over 10,000 dogs registered. It is not uncommon for staff to be following up in excess of 1,000 outstanding registrations annually. The more people that participate in lifelong registration, the less time and money will be spent on chasing outstanding registrations and renewals. Any loss of income from annual registrations over the life of the dog would be offset by efficiencies made in administration costs. With the average lifespan of a dog estimated at being 10 years, it would be cost effective for an owner to register a dog for the life of the dog. However, currently we have a large population of dogs at different ages, which would not make it beneficial for those owners to subscribe to this fee at this time. It is for this reason that we do not anticipate that the income will be significantly impacted initially, but rather, we expect the transition will be more gradual in nature.

Where a dog dies or moves out of the area within three years of registration, a 50% refund would apply. It is proposed that lifelong dog registrations from other Tasmanian Councils will be recognised here in Launceston and it is hoped that those Councils will reciprocate.

Further changes proposed relate to the administrative processing of registrations. It is proposed that a single non-discounted registration fee be adopted with a first and final renewal notice being sent out at the renewal time. Staff will then begin following up on non-renewals and issue infringements where non-compliance is confirmed. This will allow for administrative, financial and timing efficiencies.
4.2 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont’d)

3. Compulsory microchipping is now a requirement under the Dog Control Act 2000 since 1 July 2011 and is now reflected in the proposed amended Policy.

4. Statement on Dogs on Lead, Emergency after hours, stray dogs, registration, dog attacks, dangerous dogs, barking dogs, enforcement processes, restricted breed dogs, kennel licence and the delta dog safe education program have all been included to better outline the administration of the requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:
Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

In the absence of providing designated areas for dogs to exercise, people will exercise their dogs in areas at their discretion. This could lead to dogs being exercised in sensitive habitats for fauna and flora in parks and reserves around the city, negatively impacting on protected or sensitive fauna populations. By providing designated areas and prohibited areas, some management of these protected environments will be provided.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Dogs are an important part of our society. Where dogs are not managed properly negative consequences can arise in the form of noise nuisance from barking dogs, or public safety issues from aggressive dogs, or dogs not otherwise under proper control. The Dog Management Policy along with the Dog Control Act 2000 contributes to the regulation, management and control of dogs. The Dog Management Policy further encourages responsible pet ownership.

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; to seek and champion collaboration to address major issues for Northern Tasmania; to ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way; to continue to meet our statutory obligations and deliver quality services and to continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of our Organisation
Key Directions -
1. To develop and consistently use community engagement processes
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information
4. To continually improve our service delivery and supporting processes
5. To strategically manage our assets, facilities and services
6. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation
4.2  Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont’d)

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Amendments to signage and fencing may need to be undertaken. This will lead to budgetary implications but cannot be calculated at this stage. It is proposed that any changes to the designated dog areas will be costed to the next financial year for roll out at that time.

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.

Leanne Hurst: Director Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Dog Management Policy 10-Plx-013 (ECM document # 4067854; Version 18)  
   (distributed electronically)
4.3 Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce Nomination

FILE NO: SF2377

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To discuss a Council nomination to the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee discusses a nomination to the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce with the nomination to be forwarded to Council for adoption.

REPORT:

The Hon Peter Gutwein (Treasurer and Minister for Planning and Local Government) has invited the Council to nominate a representative to serve on the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT) (Attachment 1).

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 seek and champion collaboration to address major issues for Northern Tasmania
Key Direction -
1. To develop and consistently use community engagement processes
4.3 Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce Nomination ...(Cont’d)

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.

Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Correspondence from The Hon Peter Gutwein
Dear Mayor,

I'm writing to invite your Council to nominate a representative to serve on the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT).

The establishment of the TEMT was a significant outcome of the recently signed Launceston City Deal and is funded by both the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Government.

The TEMT is to develop a River Health Action Plan during the coming financial year.

The key tasks in order of priority will be to:

- advise by on how best to mitigate the effect of Launceston’s Combined sewerage and storm water system;
- recommend priority investments and actions; and,
- propose future ongoing governance arrangements for the Estuary.

It is expected that the TEMT will report by the end of this calendar year its view of how best to mitigate the effect of the Launceston combined sewerage and storm water system with other key tasks being delivered during the 2017-18 financial year.

The TEMT will report to the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Tasmanian Treasurer and the Mayor of Launceston via the Launceston City Deal Executive Board by the end of 2017.

Allan Garcia, CEO of Infrastructure Tasmania will Chair the TEMT.

Secretariat support for the TEMT will be initially provided by Infrastructure Tasmania and Mr Stewart Sharples, Manager Economic Analysis, Infrastructure Tasmania. Stewart.Sharples@stategrowth.tas.gov.au will be the main State Government contact for the TEMT.

Mr Sharples can be contacted in the first instance on 61 664 472 to provide details in respect of the operation of the Taskforce.

I expect that the TEMT will convene in the first weeks of July when I expect that it will finalise administrative and operational matters and begin its work to deliver the River Health Action plan.
I hope that your Council is prepared to be involved in this important task and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Hon Peter Gutwein
Treasurer and Minister for Planning and Local Government
5 GENERAL BUSINESS

6 CLOSED ITEMS

No Closed Items have been identified for this Meeting

7 CLOSE OF MEETING