

COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019 1.00pm

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

Thursday 11 July 2019

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 11 July 2019

Time: 1.00pm

#### **Certificate of Qualified Advice**

#### **Background**

To comply with section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas):

- 1. A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- 2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless -
- (a) the general manager certifies, in writing -
  - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
  - (ii) the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

#### Certification

I certify that:

- (i) the advice of a qualified person has been sought where required;
- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee: and
- (iii) a copy of the advice, or a written transcript or summary of advice provided orally, is included with the minutes item.

Michael Stretton General Manager

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Present: Councillor D C Gibson (Acting Mayor)

J Finlay
A E Dawkins
N D Daking
D H McKenzie
K P Stojansek
R I Soward
P S Spencer
T G Walker

In Attendance: Mr M Stretton (General Manager)

Mr M J Skirving (Acting Director Infrastructure

Services)

Mrs L M Hurst (Director Development Services)
Mr S G Eberhardt (Acting Director Facilities

Management)

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)
Mrs L Purchase (Acting Manager Corporate

Strategy)

Mrs A Rooney (Committee Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor A M van Zetten (Mayor)

J G Cox A G Harris

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#### 1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm and noted apologies from the Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Councillor J G Cox and Councillor A G Harris.

Aboriginal elder, Aunty Sharon Holbrook, provided a Welcome to Country. The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, provided an Acknowledgement of Country: In the spirit of reconciliation, we the citizens of Launceston, recognise that Launceston is situated on country of which the Tasmanian Aboriginal people have been owners for over 35,000 years and on which they have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We acknowledge the Aboriginal Community of today, their living culture and unique role in the life of this region and offer our deep appreciation of their ongoing contribution to the community.

#### 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.)

No Declarations of Interest were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 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 27 June 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor J Finlay, seconded Councillor P S Spencer.

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

**CARRIED 9:0** 

FOR VOTE: Acting Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor T G Walker

#### 4 DEPUTATIONS

No Deputations were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 5 PETITIONS

Local Government Act 1993 - sections 57 and 58

No Petitions were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 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 Minutes Items; that opportunity exists when that Minutes Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Councillors.)

#### 6.1 Mr Casey Farrell (General Manager) - Enterprize Tasmania Ltd

Mr Farrell provided Council with an overview of Enterprize Tasmania Ltd's activities ahead of taking up its tenancy of Macquarie House and turning it into a centre of technology and innovation in Launceston. Enterprize Tasmania Ltd supports local tech start-ups in Hobart and Launceston, in the pre-incubation and incubation stage of their development, by offering mentoring services and coordinating special events like incubation programs. Looking ahead, Enterprize Tasmania Ltd is working on its website and activities around cyber security, lifestyle businesses and more public events.

#### 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 were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 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.)

#### 7.2.1 Mr Steve Saunders - Climate Change Crisis

1. Given the extreme nature of environmental degradation, loss of wildlife and species, pollution of the oceans and an almost certain change in the way our society is going, what radical action can the Council possibly take in response to the climate crisis that faces society and our community in particular?

The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, responded by saying that one of the Councillors has advised that they intend to submit a Notice of Motion with regard to the climate emergency in the near future. Additionally, the Council has a dedicated Sustainability Officer on staff.

Mr Michael Stretton (General Manager) added that at the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting last week, a motion was passed in respect of sectorial action on the climate emergency. The Council is also very active in this space and has appointed a dedicated Sustainability Officer who is progressing the development of a Sustainability Strategy which will be coming to Council for adoption in the near future. The Council has worked hard around flood mitigation, adaptation and stormwater management. As a result of the motion passed last week at the LGAT Meeting, more positive sectorial action will be undertaken.

#### 7.2.2 Ms Jo Saunders - Development Within the Gorge Precinct

- 1. When will the Council publicly exhibit the Skyways Gondola project for consideration of the public, including detail of the visual impact of the whole development clearly represented, so we can see the towers, pylons, cabins and cables in their entirety in the landscape of the Gorge amphitheatre?
- 2. Will the Council, as part of the process of informing the public prior to a Development Application, undertake a Visual Impact Assessment which includes, but is not limited to the scenic view points as identified in the Cataract Gorge Management Area Code overlay?

Mr Michael Stretton (General Manager) responded by saying that a proposal has been put forward by a proponent but it has not formally been lodged with the Council in terms of the Council being able to enact any statutory processes. Ahead of Council determining whether or not consent will be given for a Development Application to be lodged, Council is about to go through a process that will determine how the proposal performs against the strategic direction that has been set for the Gorge. If a Development Application is ultimately lodged with Council, there will be consideration of the issues noted including the ability to be able to visualise the impact from different perspectives. To aid this process the Council has a 3D model capability where the Council will be able to articulate that with precision should the application get to that point.

3. What is the process prior to submission of a Development Application? When does the public get a chance to see that and input into the discussion?

Mr Michael Stretton (General Manager) added that the process will be enacted as laid out in the Reimagining the Gorge process in terms of the Council making the decision whether there will be consent to lodging a Development Application, if it gets to that stage. That does involve an element of public consultation.

#### 7.2.3 Mr Jai Larkman - Climate Change

1. Will the City of Launceston put declaring a climate emergency on the Agenda for the next Meeting following on from Hobart and Kingborough Councils and if not, why not?

The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, responded by saying that a Notice of Motion on this topic is being prepared and it is proposed to be submitted for the next Council Meeting. Subject to meeting the regulatory lodgment timelines will determine if it appears on the next or the following Council Meeting Agenda.

2. Is the Council a member of the Green Building Council of Australia and what measures towards green building standards and retro-fitting of old buildings, in the light of building efficiency, is the Council considering or putting towards current proposals?

The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, indicated that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 25 July 2019.

3. What proposals for a resilient City and community in the face of unprecedented climate events, aside from flooding, is the Council currently considering or enacting?

Mr Shane Eberhardt (Acting Director Facilities Management), responded by saying that as part of the 12-month community engagement program *Tomorrow Together*, the Council has commenced public consultation of the first theme - "A Resilient City" and public can provide input on-line via *YourVoice YourLaunceston*. This theme investigates how we, as a community, can we better manage the impacts of climate change and how we, as a community and a Council, can determine what actions can be taken to mitigate and reduce our impact.

### 7.2.4 Mr Vaughan Fisher - Launceston Skyline

1. What has happened to skyline preservation in Launceston?

#### 7.2.5 Mr Vaughan Fisher - Trevallyn Pipeline

1. [With reference to a cast-iron pipe that pierces the Cataract Hill at the valley beneath the "Giant's Grave" and goes through a tunnel and trenches beneath the West Tamar Highway bridge], could I, as the son of a surveyor, suggest that we might first make motions towards restoration of the Tamar and redirect the said pipeline to the closest tertiary sewage treatment plant in Launceston? Where does the pipeline go to?

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#### 7.2.6 Mr Vaughan Fisher - Connecting City Walkway

1. Would it be possible to build outrider walkways on the highway bridge from Sacred Heart College to an area landing on the other side of the West Tamar Highway near Tamar Marine and then across the river to land at the tramways?

#### 7.2.7 Ms Christine Smart - Trevallyn Walkway

1. Regarding my ongoing dispute with the Council, I am asking has the Council received external advice from a solicitor and why has it not been disclosed?

Mr Michael Stretton (General Manager) responded by saying that yes, legal advice has been received and it will be considered in Closed Session today after which a response will be provided once direction is received from Council.

2. As the matter being discussed is to do with the walkway, why is the Council considering the matter in Closed Council and why I do not have an opportunity to provide my point of view to Councillors?

Mr Michael Stretton (General Manager) responded by saying that the purpose of the matter being discussed today is to provide direction to staff and it is not appropriate for third parties to be involved. The purpose is to provide staff with details on how to proceed with the matter - it is not a matter for debate and discussion at this point.

3. In relation to the fact that the walkway has been classified by the Council as a highway, what facts does the Council have that classify the walkway as a highway and how long has Council actually owned this piece of land?

Councillor D C Gibson, the Acting Mayor responded by saying that as previously indicated, correspondence will be provided as an update following today's Closed Session.

#### 7.2.8 Mr Eliot Bowden - Homelessness in Launceston

1. [With reference to partitioned bench seating that is commonly used in various parts of the world to discourage people from sleeping on bench seats], what is the Council doing to address the homeless problem that we currently have, rather than spending money that could have gone to addressing it directly on things that conceal the problem?

Mrs Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services), noted that Council officers are currently in the process of preparing information to be presented at a Council Workshop so that Councillors can form a position and identify actions that the Council wishes to take with regard to homelessness in Launceston.

The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, noted that the speaker has written to the Council, requesting an integrated approach and one where ideas are shared amongst the sector and other parts of the State, to collaboratively tackle that significant issue.

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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 were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

#### 9.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

#### Thursday 27 June 2019

- Chaired the Friends of Library Annual General Meeting
- Attended the South Launceston Rotary Changeover dinner

#### Friday 28 June 2019

Attended a morning tea to mark change of St Giles Chief Executive Officer

#### Saturday 29 June 2019

Officiated at the Tomorrow Together Symposium

#### Sunday 30 June 2019

- Attended the 25 year celebration of Landcare
- Attended the Plastic Free July launch

#### Tuesday 2 July 2019

Officiated at Public Citizenship Ceremony

#### Thursday 4 July 2019

Hosted a reception for the Miss Teen Australia National Finals

#### Friday 5 July 2019

- Officiated at the Junction Arts Festival 2019 program launch
- Attended the Junction Arts party

#### Monday 8 July 2019

- Officiated at a NAIDOC Week Flag Raising ceremony
- Chaired the NAIDOC Week forum for 2019

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

#### The Acting Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, noted:

- The Local Government Association of Tasmania's recognition to the contribution and service of former Alderman Robin McKendrick by the awarding of an Outstanding Commitment and Service to Local Government Award
- Highlighted the *I Love Mowbray* invitation to join in on a community consultation day on Monday, 22 July 2019
- Mentioned the collaboration between the City of Launceston and the organisation *Just Like Jack* which has resulted in the purchase and installation of all ability play carousel in Royal Park

#### 10 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

(This item provides an opportunity for Councillors 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.)

#### 10.1 Councillor R I Soward

 Acknowledged the work of the people involved in the Clean Up Local event over the weekend which saw 13 bags of rubbish removed from the East Tamar Highway

#### 10.2 Councillor A E Dawkins

 Promoted the Sixth Communities for Children Conference - Every Child Succeeds - that will be held in Launceston on 18-20 May 2020

#### 10.3 Councillor D H McKenzie

 Promoted the Friends of Theatre North - Party in the Princess event to be held on 31 August 2019

#### 10.4 Councillor J Finlay

- Provided a report on the Launceston Safer Communities Partnership Meeting focussing on public transport and acknowledged the participation and positive contributions of Metro Tasmania and State Growth in this area
- Visited the First Tasmanians exhibition at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery at Royal Park

#### 10.5 Councillor T G Walker

 Attended the flag raising ceremony on Monday, 8 July 2019 at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre as part of NAIDOC week

#### 11 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

#### 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 Councillor's Questions on Notice - Councillor T G Walker - Council Meeting - 27 June 2019

**FILE NO:** SF2375

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Michael Stretton (General Manager)

#### **QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

The following questions, asked at Council on 27 June 2019 by Councillor T G Walker, have been answered by Mrs Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services).

#### Questions:

1. As the City of Launceston is sponsoring a Miss Teen Australia event, could you clarify the nature Council's commitment to this event which seems to be a children's beauty competition including a swimsuit parade?

#### Response:

The City of Launceston support for this event is in-kind in the form of providing a venue and associated costs, totalling just over \$4,000 costed against the Cool Season Strategy budget for 2019/2020. Additionally, the event organisers requested that the Mayor host a formal reception for the participants, which was granted.

2. What is the process undertaken and what are the policies in place within the City of Launceston that allows association with this event?

#### Response:

The Cool Season Strategy was adopted by Council in 2017. It is a multi-agency supported strategy designed to attract more events to Launceston between the months of April and October. The partner agencies for the strategy are Tourism Northern Tasmania, Silverdome Stadium, Business Events Tasmania, Cityprom and City of Launceston. In 2018 the working group (with TNT as bid lead) submitted a bid to host Miss Teen Australia due primarily to national media reach (including via Google TV and Apple TV) and an undertaking by the organisers that the heritage and natural attractions of Launceston would be captured in videography coverage. There were 25 finalists and a support crew of approximately 20 people in Launceston participating in various activities from Wednesday, 3 July to Sunday, 7 July 2019. The crowning ceremony event was held at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

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Finalists also participated in various activities throughout the City including visits to Cataract Gorge Reserve, Tasmanian Zoo, the Star Theatre and events at local restaurants. Finalists and crew stayed at the Best Western Plus where judging was held. The attraction of this event to Launceston is consistent with both the Cool Season Strategy and the City of Launceston Events Strategy.

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11.1.2 Councillor's Questions on Notice - Councillor D C Gibson - Council Meeting - 27 June 2019

**FILE NO:** SF2375

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Michael Stretton (General Manager)

#### **QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

The following question, asked at Council on 27 June 2019 by Councillor D C Gibson, has been answered by Mr Matthew Skirving (Acting Director Infrastructure Services).

#### Question:

1. Where are we at with regard to the reforming of the outcomes, and achieving the outcomes, of the Mall redevelopment and what further steps, such as placement of greenery and the like, are still to be implemented?

#### Response:

Council Officers will provide an update of proposed additional greenery and other options being considered for further enhancements of the Brisbane Street Mall at the upcoming Council Workshop on 18 July 2019.

#### 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.)

#### 11.2.1 Councillor T G Walker - Culling of Black Swans

1. Can Council investigate the nature of the permits allowing the culling of black swans on the upper reaches of the kanamaluka/Tamar River? How many black swans are being killed? Are other options being investigated and does Council have a position regarding the culling?

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#### 12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 12.1 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 20 June 2019

FILE NO: SF0100/CD010/2019

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive a report from the Tender Review Committee (a delegated Authority Committee).

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the decision of the Tender Review Committee to accept the tender submitted by Tas City Builders for the LAC Program Pool Upgrade - Contract Number CD010/2019 for \$208,409 (excluding GST).

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor N D Daking.

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

**CARRIED 9:0** 

FOR VOTE: Acting Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor T G Walker

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#### 13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

#### 13.1 Council Workshop Report

FILE NO: SF4401

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That, pursuant to Regulation 2(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures)*Regulations 2015, Council notes the Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

Workshops conducted on 4 July 2019:

#### **Cricket Tasmania**

Councillors received a presentation regarding the outcomes of the 2018/2019 BBL.

#### **Reconciliation Action Plan Process**

Councillors considered an approach to developing a Reconciliation Action Plan for the City of Launceston.

#### **Proposed Optus Communication Tower**

Councillors were presented with plans for a telecommunications tower in the Cataract Gorge Basin Carpark where landowner consent is required..

#### **Dementia Friendly Communities**

Councillors received a presentation regarding Dementia Australia's Dementia Friendly Communities project.

#### **Cimitiere Street Carpark**

A briefing for Councillors was provided on the Cimitiere Street Carpark.

#### **Launceston CBD Bus Interchange**

Councillors received an update on CBD bus interchange works.

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#### 13.1 Council Workshop Report ...(Cont'd)

#### **Election Funding and Western Australia Stadium Study Tour**

A briefing was provided to Councillors regarding election funding commitments and a recently undertaken Western Australian Stadium study tour.

#### **Tomorrow Together - A Resilient City Launch Event Update**

An update was provided to Councillors on the launch event held for the Tomorrow Together - Resilient Cities.

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor J Finlay, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

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

CARRIED 9:0

FOR VOTE: Acting Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor T G Walker

#### 14 NOTICES OF MOTION

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

No Notices of Motion were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS

#### 16.1 Lease - Ambulance Tasmania - 1c George Town Road, Newnham

FILE NO: SF2645

**AUTHOR:** Andrew McCarthy (Acting Manager Architectural Services)

**DIRECTOR:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Director Facilities Management)

#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the leasing arrangement for a portion of the property located at 1c George Town Road, Newnham (Volume 143014 Folio 1), to Ambulance Tasmania.

Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) requires that a decision to dispose of an interest in land must be by an absolute majority of Council.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Closed Council - 8 October 2007- Agenda Item 12.1 - Northern Suburbs Ambulance Base

Strategic Planning and Policy Committee - 1 October 2007 - Agenda Item 3.8 - Northern Suburbs Ambulance Base

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

#### That Council:

 in accordance with section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), agrees to lease 1c George Town Road, Newnham (Volume 143014 Folio 1) to Ambulance Tasmania, for the purposes of providing an Ambulance Base.



#### 16.1 Lease - Ambulance Tasmania - 1c George Town Road, Newnham ... (Cont'd)

- 2. The General Manager is authorised to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
  - The term shall be five years commencing on 1 August 2019
  - The rent is \$4,825 annually excluding GST, adjusted by CPI annually
  - The tenant is to be responsible for:
    - Government taxes
    - energy costs
    - volumetric and connection charges for water
    - sewerage charges
    - contents insurance
    - maintaining prescribed essential building services
    - and all other service charges if any
  - The tenant shall continuously maintain:
    - any infrastructure or any infrastructure installed by the tenant or Council in relation to the tenants occupation
    - building in good and reasonable order
    - public liability insurance of at least \$10 million

Mr S Eberhardt (Acting Director Facilities Management) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor P S Spencer.

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

#### **CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9:0**

FOR VOTE: Acting Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor T G Walker

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#### 17 CREATIVE ARTS AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 19 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

19.1 Delegation From Council to General Manager and Council Officers - Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (Tas)

**FILE NO: SF0113** 

**AUTHOR:** Duncan Campbell (Governance and Paralegal Officer)

**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the delegation from Council to Council officers of particular powers and functions under the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas).

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council Meeting - 7 February 2019 - Agenda Item 15.3 - Delegation From Council to General Manger and Council Officers - Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (Tas)

Council Meeting - 10 August 2015 - Agenda Item 18.1 - Delegations Under Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

#### That Council:

- 1. pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas), delegates to the holder(s) of the position(s) in Column One of the schedule listed at Recommendation 6, the powers and functions under the sections of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas) specified in Column Two of that schedule, subject to restrictions (if any) referred to in Column Three of that schedule.
- 2. notes that the delegation of powers under sections 41, 46 and 99 includes delegation of Council's power to:
  - (a) authorise a Council officer to be an authorised officer pursuant to section 41;
  - (b) authorise another person to exercise Council's powers pursuant to section 46; and
  - (c) authorise a person to be an authorised officer for the purpose of section 99(1) and to
  - (d) authorise an officer to exercise Council's powers under section 99(4).

## 19.1 Delegation From Council to General Manager and Council Officers - Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (Tas) ...(Cont'd)

- notes that the holder of a position delegated a power or function by these
  Recommendations may seek the assistance of such other Council employees, agents
  or contractors as are necessary to exercise the power or perform the function so
  delegated, provided always that the decision to exercise the power or perform the
  function is made by the delegate.
- 4. subject to Recommendation 1 being resolved in the affirmative, and pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas), revokes any delegation(s) under the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas) made prior to the Recommendations under consideration.
- 5. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* (Tas), authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made by this decision, by signing an instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations.
- 6. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 1.

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Position	Extent of	Restrictions
	delegation	
General Manager (GM)	7(2), 10, 11, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 95, 96, 99, 104, 107, 109, 110, 112	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.
Director Infrastructure Services	7(2), 10, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 50, 52, 54, 95, 96, 99, 104, 109, 110, 112	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the GM's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of GM. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.

# 19.1 Delegation From Council to General Manager and Council Officers - Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (Tas) ...(Cont'd)

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Position	Extent of	Restrictions
	delegation	
Manager Technical Services	10, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 54, 95, 96,104	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the GM's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of GM. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.
Manager Operations	27, 30, 34, 39, 42, 44, 54, 104	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the GM's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of GM. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.
Manager Built Environment	19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 34, 39, 44, 54, 95, 96, 104	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the GM's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of GM. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.

19.1 Delegation From Council to General Manager and Council Officers - Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (Tas) ...(Cont'd)

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Position	Extent of	Restrictions
	delegation	
Director Facilities Management	104, 107	
Manager Parking and Carr Villa	104, 107	
Parking Coordinator	104, 107	
Director Corporate Services	109(2)	
Manager Strategic Procurement	109(2)	
<b>Director Development Services</b>	45	
Manager Health and	45	
Compliance		
Team Leader Regulation	45	
Services		
Team Leader Environmental	45	
Health		
Regulations Officer	45	
Senior Administration Officer	45	
Administration and Technical	45	
Officer		

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) and Mr D Campbell (Governance and Paralegal Officer) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor R I Soward, seconded Councillor J Finlay.

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

**CARRIED 9:0** 

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## 19.2 Long Term Financial Plan 2019-2029

**FILE NO:** SF4812/SF5947

**AUTHOR:** Nathan Williams (Manager Finance)

**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider adoption of Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2019-2029.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 11 April 2019 - Adoption of Strategic Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan 2019-2020

Audit Panel - 8 May 2019 - Long Term Financial Plan

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That, pursuant to section 70 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 (Tas), Council adopts the Long Term Financial Plan 2019-2029 (ECM Document Set ID 4083207).

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) and Mr N Williams (Manager Finance) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

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

CARRIED 9:0

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## 19.3 Strategic Asset Management Plan 2019-2039

**FILE NO: SF6945** 

**AUTHOR:** Randall Langdon (Senior Asset Management Adviser)

**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider adoption of the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2019-2039.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 11 April 2019 - Review of Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan 2019-2039

Audit Panel - 27 September 2018 - Agenda Item11.2 - Strategic Asset Management Plan

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That, pursuant to sections 70B and 70D of the *Local Government Act* 1993 (Tas), Council adopts the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2019-2039 (ECM Document Set ID 4082942).

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

#### **MOTION**

Moved Councillor J Finlay, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

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

**CARRIED 9:0** 

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## 19.4 Residential Waste Charges

**FILE NO: SF1047** 

**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

## **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the Residential Waste Charges Policy which describes the residential and commercial kerbside waste and recycling services available within the City of Launceston and specifies how the relevant rates, fees and charges prescribed by Council are to be collected.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 20 June 2019 - Residential Waste Charges Policy

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Residential Waste Charges Policy (33-PI-005) as set out below.
- 2. pursuant to section 22(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), delegates to the General Manager the necessary powers under Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), to collect, postpone or remit the collection of kerbside waste and recycling rates, fees and charges in accordance with this policy.
- 3. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* (Tas), authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made at Recommendation 2. by signing an instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations.

## **Residential Waste Charges Policy**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To detail the waste collection services available for residential properties including unit developments, and to specify Council's policy in relation to the collection of waste services fees and charges.

## SCOPE:

The policy describes the extent of waste collection services and the Council's policy in relation to the collection of applicable waste services fees and charges that apply to:

- (a) domestic rateable properties; and
- (b) small commercial rateable properties.

## **POLICY:**

#### 1. General

All domestic and small commercial rateable properties within the Launceston municipality (including Council owned properties), are liable to pay any applicable fee adopted by Council pursuant to the *Local Government Act* 1993.

#### 2. Standard Residential Service

All residential rateable properties, and small commercial/other rateable properties under special arrangement, that are paying the relevant waste management fee for that service will receive as standard a kerbside:

- 140 litre waste bin, collected weekly; or
- 240 litre recycling bin collected fortnightly.

Single residential rateable properties cannot opt out of the kerbside recycling or garbage service. Multiple unit dwellings may have a service amended as shown in section 4.

If, in the opinion of the General Manager, a property cannot be serviced due to the condition of the road (including practicability to use by collection vehicles), status/limitation given non-public roads, or due to commercial considerations (including unreasonable cost to provide the service) the ratepayer can choose to either:

- (a) provide their own service, and have the waste charge removed from their annual rates bill, or
- (b) pay the waste charge and move their bins to the nearest serviceable road on each collection day.

## 3. Service Upgrades and Additions

Individual rateable properties can increase/reduce the size of the waste bin for an additional fee/reduction in fee or pay for additional waste bins, in accordance with any fee structure determined by Council.

A food and garden organics (FOGO) kerbside collection is available voluntarily to approved areas providing the property is already receiving a kerbside service and pays the relevant Council-approved fee. One 240ltr Organics Bin, collected fortnightly (off week to recycling service) per waste management charge is permitted.

## 4. Multiple Unit Developments (MUDs) - Special Collections

For multiple unit developments (MUDs) where there is insufficient kerbside space for each unit to place a 140 litre waste bin and a 240 litre recycling bin out for collection safely or practically, Council must apply one of the following options:

## 19.4 Residential Waste Charges ... (Cont'd)

- (a) Council's kerbside collection contractor may enter the property to provide a kerbside service for individual mobile garbage bins (MGBs) as follows:
  - i. An off-street collection agreement will be required between the property owner/body corporate and Council's waste contractor which protects the contractor from damage and provides consent for the contractor's collection vehicles to enter the property.
  - ii. Multiple dwelling properties will be required to provide appropriate and accessible off-street storage of waste and recycling MGBs for an off-street collection of waste and recyclables from residents.
  - iii. Waste collection will occur weekly.
  - iv. Recycling collection will occur fortnightly.
- (b) A shared service may be provided where fewer bins with larger capacity than standard MGBs are provided and collected by Council's kerbside collection contractor as follows:
  - i. An off-street collection agreement will be required between the property owner/body corporate and Council's waste contractor which protects the contractor from damage and provides consent for the contractor's collection vehicles to enter the property.
  - ii. For waste collection, a minimum airspace of 120 litres per unit will be provided.
    - For recycling collection, a minimum airspace of 240 litres per unit will be provided.
    - Waste collection will occur weekly.
    - Recycling collection will occur fortnightly.
- (c) A private contractor is engaged to provide garbage and recycling collection services; and
  - i. Before the private contractor has commenced the service, Council must receive documentation to its satisfaction from the owner/body corporate demonstrating that a weekly garbage and fortnightly recycling service will be provided to residents. Council may request the owner/body corporate provides annual documentation confirming the ongoing provision of a private waste collection service; and
  - ii. then relevant Council waste management collection fees and charges will not be collected from that MUD while a satisfactory private waste collection service is provided.

A determination to allow special collections for MUDs should generally be made following review and inspection of the property concerned by Council officers.

A service is defined as removing waste from the property and disposing of it to a permitted receiver for the waste services type being collected.

## 5. Small Commercial Rateable Properties and Schools

Small commercial rateable properties and schools can request a waste and recycling service. For small commercial properties, this service is available for properties that produce only domestic-type waste and recycling.

Small commercial rateable properties and schools can discontinue the service at any time. The waste service charge and the bins will be removed from the property at the cancellation of the service.

## 6. Waste Management Fee Opt Out Register

A register is to be kept of all rateable properties currently not paying a waste management service fee.

An annual audit of the properties is to be completed to ensure those not paying the waste management charge are still adhering to the policy.

The audit consists of a letter requesting the owner to send evidence of a collection service such as receipts or service agreements and site visits if necessary.

#### **PRINCIPLES:**

To provide standard and equitable kerbside waste collection services to the community.

#### RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

33-Fmx-177 Agreement - Off-Street Waste/Recycling Collection Service

### **RELATED LEGISLATION:**

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) sections 22, 93, 94, 100, 107 and 205 (Fees and Charges)

#### **REFERENCES:**

N/A

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

'Commercial rateable property' - for this policy shall be a non-residential property, from which a business is conducted.

## **REVIEW:**

This policy will be reviewed no more than one year after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 11 July 2019** 

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor J Finlay, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

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## **PRINCIPLES:**

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#### RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

33-Fmx-177 Agreement - Off-Street Waste/Recycling Collection Service

#### RELATED LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) sections 22, 93, 94, 100, 107 and 205 (Fees and Charges)

#### REFERENCES:

N/A

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

'Commercial rateable property' - for this policy shall be a non-residential property, from which a business is conducted.

#### REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed no more than one year after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

**CARRIED 9:0** 

#### 20 GENERAL MANAGER'S DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

#### 21 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 Minutes.

No Urgent Items were identified as part of these Minutes

## 22 CLOSED COUNCIL

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council moves into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

## 22.1 Confirmation of the Minutes

Regulation 35(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* 2015 states that at the next closed meeting, the minutes of a closed meeting, after any necessary correction, are to be confirmed as the true record by the council or council committee and signed by the chairperson of the closed meeting.

## 22.2 Local Government Association - General Management Committee By-Election Nomination

Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* 2015 states that a part of a meeting may be closed to the public to discuss:

(g) information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential.

## 22.3 Launceston City Deal - 2019 Progress Report

Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* 2015 states that a part of a meeting may be closed to the public to discuss:

(g) information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential.

## 22.4 Legal Advice Relating to Ongoing Dispute

Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* 2015 states that a part of a meeting may be closed to the public to discuss:

(i) matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council.

**DECISION**: 11 July 2019

**MOTION** 

Moved Councillor J Finlay, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

That Council moves into Closed Session.

## **CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9:0**

FOR VOTE: Acting Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor T G Walker

Council moved into Closed Session at 2.03pm

Council returned to Open Session at 2.38pm

#### 22.5 End of Closed Session

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That, pursuant to Regulation 34(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, resolves to report that it has considered the following matters in Closed Session.

Minutes Item	Matter	Brief Description
22.1	Closed Council Minutes - 13 June 2019	Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 13 June 2019.
22.2	Local Government Association of Tasmania - General Management Committee By-Election Nomination	Determination of a nominee for a Committee Member for the Northern Electoral District (population >20,000), for the General Management Committee by-election to be held in August 2019.
22.3	Launceston City Deal - 2019 Annual Progress Report	Endorsement of the draft Launceston City Deal Annual Progress Report for the 2018/2019.
22.4	Legal Advice Relating to Ongoing Dispute	Considered legal advice in respect of an ongoing dispute and issued instructions to the General Manager regarding resolution of the matter.

**DECISION**: 11 July 2019

#### **MOTION**

Moved Councillor R I Soward, seconded Councillor D H McKenzie.

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

**CARRIED 9:0** 

FOR VOTE: Acting Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer and Councillor T G Walker

## 23 MEETING CLOSURE

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor D C Gibson, closed the Meeting at 2.39pm.