



City of
LAUNCESTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2020
1.40pm**

A Special Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held by Video Meeting:

Date: 2 April 2020

Time: 1.40pm

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
Chief Executive Officer

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PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCIL MEETING

Public attendance at this meeting was not permitted. We asked members of the public to stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19 and provided the following information for people wishing to speak to an item in the agenda.

Do you wish to speak to an item in the Agenda of the Council Meeting?

- You are invited to speak to an item on the Agenda by emailing a statement of no more than 300 words. Your statement will be read aloud at the meeting.

Do you have a question to ask during Public Question Time?

- You are invited to email up to three questions. If accepted, your questions will be read aloud at the meeting, and answered or taken on notice. If your questions are not accepted, reasons will be given.

Questions or statements emailed to contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au by 12pm, Thursday 2 April 2020 were read out by Council officers at the appropriate item in the agenda.

LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

At the City of Launceston, the positions of General Manager Community and Place, General Manager Organisational Services, General Manager Infrastructure and Assets and General Manager Creative Arts and Cultural Services do not assume the functions and powers of the term *general manager* in a legislative sense: any legislative functions and powers to be delegated to these roles will be made by Council or the Chief Executive Officer. At the City of Launceston, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*. For the avoidance of doubt, *Chief Executive Officer* means *General Manager* for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

City of Launceston

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 2 April 2020

Present: Councillor **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**
D C Gibson (Deputy Mayor)
J Finlay
D H McKenzie
R I Soward
J G Cox
K P Stojansek
A E Dawkins
N D Daking
P S Spencer
A G Harris
T G Walker

In Attendance: **Mr M Stretton (Chief Executive Officer)**
Ms L Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)
Mr S Tennant (Team Leader Communications)
Mrs L Purchase (Manager Governance)

Apologies: Councillor **Nil**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 1.40pm.

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.)

Councillor D H McKenzie declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.1 - Community Care and Recovery Package

Councillor A E Dawkins declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.1 - Community Care and Recovery Package

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

3.1 Public Questions Without Notice**3.1.1 Mr Lionell Morrell (President, Tasmanian Ratepayers Association Inc) -
Councillor Allowances and Senior Staff Salaries**

- 1. Will Aldermen and Senior staff be asked to take a significant allowance and salary cut to reflect the financial distress being felt by Ratepayers in the Launceston Community?**

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten responded by saying that a reduction in allowances would be a decision for individual Councillors.

Mr Michael Stretton, Chief Executive Officer, advised that there is no proposal to reduce salaries of staff and Council are in the process of working through the revised 20/21 Budget, but it is not envisaged at this stage.

- 2. Will Council please consider reducing all rates by at least 10% for 2020-2021 in view of the ongoing pandemic emergency (refer previous correspondence that was not considered by Council at its last general Meeting)?**

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten advised that Council has agreed to a zero percent increase and Councillors will discuss further during Budget reviews.

- 3. Mr Lionel Morrell (President, Tasmanian Ratepayers Association Inc) -
Alternate Duties for Staff**

What are the alternate duties being carried out by staff ordinarily employed in facilities that are not currently [open] to the public? example QVMAG, LAC, York Park etc (please provide a response to the full list).

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten responded by saying that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 16 April 2020.

4 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

4.1 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.)

No Councillor's Questions Without Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

5 COMMUNITY AND PLACE NETWORK ITEMS**5.1 DELEGATIONS - LUPAA 1993 (Tas) - Council to Chief Executive Officer****FILE NO:** SF2378, SF0113**AUTHOR:** Philippa Glover (Team Leader Planning Assessments)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Leanne Hurst (Community and Place Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a temporary delegation during the COVID-19 pandemic from Council to Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Community and Place and Manager City Development of particular powers and functions under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas)*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

1. Pursuant to section 6 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas)*, delegates to the holder(s) of the position(s) in Column One of the Schedule, the functions and powers under the sections of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993(Tas)* specified in Column Two of the Schedule, subject to restrictions (if any) referred to in Column Three of the Schedule.
 2. Determines that the delegations made by this decision are for a period of six months or until it has been declared by the State Government that the COVID-19 pandemic is over, whichever is earlier.
 3. Determines that the delegations made by this decision are made in addition to, and do not revoke or otherwise vary, any previous delegation made under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas)*.
 4. 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 affected by these Recommendations.
 5. Notes, for the avoidance of doubt, the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.
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**5.1 DELEGATIONS - LUPAA 1993 (Tas) - Council to Chief Executive Officer
...(Cont'd)**

6. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 1.

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Position	Extent of Delegation	Restrictions
<p>Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>General Manager Community and Place</p> <p>Manager City Development</p>	<p>Section 57.</p>	<p>The delegation under section 57(2) is exercisable only where such an application cannot lawfully be approved; and/or only exercised where an applicant will not agree to an extension of time that appears that Council will not be able to deal with the application within the time prescribed by section 57 of the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> (Tas); and/or only where Council is not able to or does not make a decision upon the application within the time prescribed under section 57 of the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> (Tas).</p> <p>A decision to grant or refuse a permit pursuant to section 57(6) can only be made by the holder of a position in Column One if the holder of each of the other two positions unanimously agree.</p> <p>A decision to grant a permit pursuant to section 57(6) cannot be made if it is reasonably foreseeable that the relevant project value is greater than ten million dollars exclusive of GST.</p> <p>A decision to grant a permit pursuant to section 57(6), may only be made if any submissions received from a regulated entity pursuant to section 56P(1) of the <i>Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008</i>, indicates it 'does not object to' or 'does not object if the permit is subject to conditions' regarding a notice of application from Council to the regulated entity pursuant to section 56O(2) of the <i>Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008</i>.</p>

5.1 DELEGATIONS - LUPAA 1993 (Tas) - Council to Chief Executive Officer ...(Cont'd)

Mr M Stretton (Chief Executive Officer) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 2 April 2020

MOTION

Moved Councillor D C Gibson, seconded Councillor J G Cox.

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 6 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas)*, delegates to the holder(s) of the position(s) in Column One of the Schedule, the functions and powers under the sections of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993(Tas)* specified in Column Two of the Schedule, subject to restrictions (if any) referred to in Column Three of the Schedule.
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 3. Determines that the delegations made by this decision are made in addition to, and do not revoke or otherwise vary, any previous delegation made under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas)*.
 4. 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 affected by these Recommendations.
 5. Notes, for the avoidance of doubt, the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.
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5.1 DELEGATIONS - LUPAA 1993 (Tas) - Council to Chief Executive Officer
...(Cont'd)

CARRIED 11:1

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy 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, Councillor J G Cox and Councillor A G Harris
AGAINST VOTE: Councillor T G Walker

6 ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK ITEMS**6.1 Partial Suspension of Council Meetings Policy (Frequency and Commencement Time) - 14-Plx-001****FILE NO:** SF0975**AUTHOR:** Leanne Purchase (Manager Governance)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider suspending the requirement for Council to meet every second Thursday for the duration of the public health emergency in Tasmania.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 22 November 2018 - Agenda Item 19.1 - Council Meetings Policy (Frequency and Commencement Time) (14-Plx-001)

RECOMMENDATION:

That, for the duration of the public health emergency in Tasmania, Council:

1. Suspends the requirement for fortnightly Council Meetings to be held in compliance with the Council Meetings Policy (Frequency and Commencement Times) - 14-Plx-001 and
 2. Determines to meet once per calendar month as proposed by regulation 4(4) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*; and
 3. Determines that the next ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 14 May 2020, with Council Meetings thereafter to be convened by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer, as provided for by regulation 4(1) and 4(5) respectively of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*; and
 4. Notes that further changes to the Council Meeting schedule may occur as a consequence of legislation that may progress through Parliament in response to local government business continuity during this public health emergency; and
 5. Notes, for the avoidance of doubt, *Chief Executive Officer* is a term of reference used for the *General Manager* as appointed under section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).
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6.1 Partial Suspension of Council Meetings Policy (Frequency and Commencement Time) - 14-Plx-001 ...(Cont'd)

Ms L Foster (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 2 April 2020

MOTION

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor J Finlay.

That, for the duration of the public health emergency in Tasmania, Council:

1. Suspends the requirement for fortnightly Council Meetings to be held in compliance with the Council Meetings Policy (Frequency and Commencement Times) - 14-Plx-001 and
2. Determines to meet at least once per calendar month as proposed by regulation 4(4) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*; and
3. Meetings will be convened by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer, on an as needs basis as provided for by regulation 4(1) and 4(5) respectively of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*; and
4. Notes that further changes to the Council Meeting schedule may occur as a consequence of legislation that may progress through Parliament in response to local government business continuity during this public health emergency; and
5. Notes, for the avoidance of doubt, *Chief Executive Officer* is a term of reference used for the *General Manager* as appointed under section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.

CARRIED 10:2

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy 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 J G Cox

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK ITEMS**7.1 Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic****FILE NO:** SF7108/SF3805**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Community Care and Recovery Package in respect to the declared COVID-19 pandemic.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 19 March 2020 - Agenda Item 21.1 - Notice of Motion A M van Zetten
Community Care and Recovery Package

Workshop - 26 March - Community Care and Recovery Package

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agree to the delivery of the following actions as part of a Community Care and Recovery Package to assist our community to both manage and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Provide a remission of the general rate and general charge for a period of six (6) months for the Commercial and Sport and Recreation rates categories, with the exclusion of the following groups:
 - Supermarkets
 - Shopping Centres
 - Multi-national fast food establishments
 - Bottle Shops
 - Butchers
 - Chemists
 - Petrol stations
 - Churches
 - Banks
 - Large retailers (Myer, Bunnings, Harvey Norman etc)
 - Post Offices
 - Schools
 - Federal and State Government owned buildings
 - UTAS owned buildings
 - Private Carparks
 - Doctors Surgeries (health providers – physiotherapists)
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7.1 Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic ...(Cont'd)

2. Not pass on the CBD marketing rate to the businesses included in Recommendation 1, and cover the cost of running CityProm for a period of six months within the Council's budget(s);
 3. Waive fees for Food Business Registrations, Public Health Risk Activities, On-street Dining, Food vendors (mobile vans) and the commission on Visitor Information Centre accommodation and tour bookings for a period of six months;
 4. Waive the minimum Development Application fee for a period of six months;
 5. Initiate a multi-faceted grants program, which will be delivered to City of Launceston businesses and groups, but which can be quickly expanded to other Municipal Areas if the respective Council's elect to fund the program in their areas. The grants program will focus on digital innovation and circular economy initiatives, as follows:
 - Digital Innovation - Grants will enable small and medium business in the Launceston Municipal Area have an improved chance to continue trading, while community, sporting and cultural groups are able to remain active and support social cohesion. These grant(s) will provide small and medium sized business, sporting, cultural and community groups with the support to rapidly transition to alternate models of commerce, outreach and engagement, primarily digital solutions. This support will include professional advice (level 1) and financial grants (level 2) to provide and rapidly deploy a relevant front end digital solution to support their core business ; and
 - Circular Economy grants will provide new opportunities for economic resilience and meaningful activity for displaced workers and developed as a springboard for innovation in the recovery period. These grants will further develop the circular economy concept from simple re-use (Uptipity) to repair, re-make and revalue and in doing so develop longer term circular economy opportunities at scale. Building on the existing partnership with City Mission through Uptipity, broaden the scope and scale of activities progressively. Bring additional partners in once concept prototype has been established and expand regionally.
 6. Re-direct existing services to deliver a range of community assistance initiatives within the Launceston municipal area.
 7. Actively work with event organisers to reschedule all events and not require the return of any event sponsorship funds.
 8. Hold all applications for event sponsorship and community grants that recently closed and review assessment dates in two months' time.
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7.1 Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic ...(Cont'd)

9. Deliver an Annual Plan and Budget for 2020/2021 financial year based on a 0% general rate increase.
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Mr M Stretton (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, handed the Chair to Councillor Finlay at 2.19pm.

DECISION: 2 April 2020**MOTION 1**

Moved Councillor A M van Zetten, seconded Councillor D C Gibson.

That Council agree to the delivery of the following actions as part of a Community Care and Recovery Package to assist our community to both manage and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- 1. Provide a remission of the general rate and general charge for a period of six (6) months for the Commercial and Sport and Recreation rates categories, with the exclusion of the following groups:**
 - Supermarkets
 - Shopping Centres
 - Multi-national fast food establishments
 - Bottle Shops
 - Butchers
 - Chemists
 - Petrol stations
 - Churches
 - Banks
 - Large retailers (Myer, Bunnings, Harvey Norman etc)
 - Post Offices
 - Schools
 - Federal and State Government owned buildings
 - UTAS owned buildings
 - Private Carparks
 - Doctors Surgeries (health providers – physiotherapists)
 - Vacant buildings

 - 2. Not pass on the CBD marketing rate to the businesses included in Recommendation 1, and cover the cost of running CityProm for a period of six months within the Council's budget(s);**
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7.1 Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic ...(Cont'd)

- 3. Waive fees for Food Business Registrations, Public Health Risk Activities, On-street Dining, Food vendors (mobile vans) and the commission on Visitor Information Centre accommodation and tour bookings for a period of six months;**
 - 4. Waive the minimum Development Application fee for a period of six months;**
 - 5. Initiate a multi-faceted grants program, which will be delivered to City of Launceston businesses and groups, but which can be quickly expanded to other Municipal Areas if the respective Council's elect to fund the program in their areas. The grants program will focus on digital innovation and circular economy initiatives, as follows:**
 - Digital Innovation - Grants will enable small and medium business in the Launceston Municipal Area have an improved chance to continue trading, while community, sporting and cultural groups are able to remain active and support social cohesion. These grant(s) will provide small and medium sized business, sporting, cultural and community groups with the support to rapidly transition to alternate models of commerce, outreach and engagement, primarily digital solutions. This support will include professional advice (level 1) and financial grants (level 2) to provide and rapidly deploy a relevant front end digital solution to support their core business ; and**
 - Circular Economy grants will provide new opportunities for economic resilience and meaningful activity for displaced workers and developed as a springboard for innovation in the recovery period. These grants will further develop the circular economy concept from simple re-use (Uptipity) to repair, re-make and revalue and in doing so develop longer term circular economy opportunities at scale. Building on the existing partnership with City Mission through Uptipity, broaden the scope and scale of activities progressively. Bring additional partners in once concept prototype has been established and expand regionally.**
 - 6. Re-direct existing services to deliver a range of community assistance initiatives within the Launceston municipal area.**
 - 8. Hold all applications for event sponsorship and community grants that recently closed and review assessment dates in two months' time.**
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7.1 Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic ...(Cont'd)

9. Deliver an Annual Plan and Budget for 2020/2021 financial year based on a 0% general rate increase.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy 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, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

DECISION: 2 April 2020

MOTION 2

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, seconded Councillor P S Spencer

That an additional three minutes speaking time be granted to Councillor T G Walker

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy 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, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, resumed the Chair at 3.02pm

Councillor D H McKenzie and Councillor A E Dawkins withdrew from the debate, having declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.1, Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic [Recommendation 7]

7.1 Community Care and Recovery Package - COVID-19 Pandemic ...(Cont'd)

MOTION 3

Moved Councillor R I Soward, seconded Councillor A G Harris

That Council agree to the delivery of the following actions as part of a Community Care and Recovery Package to assist our community to both manage and recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- 7. Actively work with event organisers to reschedule all events and not require the return of any event sponsorship funds.**

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor N D Daking , Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

DID NOT VOTE due to DECLARATION of INTEREST: Councillor A E Dawkins and Councillor D H McKenzie

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK ITEMS**7.2 Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy - 23-Plx-011****FILE NO:** SF6641/SF0521**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider adopting the Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy - 23-Plx-011 (ECM Document Set ID 4270743); and
2. Determines that, where there is conflict or inconsistency between the Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy - 23-Plx-011 and the Rates and Charges Policy - 23-Plx-010, the Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy - 23-Plx-011 will prevail.
3. Pursuant to s 22(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) delegates the powers contained in Part 9, Division 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) necessary to administer the policy at Recommendation 1 to the Chief Executive Officer.
4. 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.
5. Notes, for the avoidance of doubt, the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

Mr M Stretton (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

7.2 Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy - 23-Plx-011 ...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 2 April 2020

MOTION

Moved Councillor R I Soward, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

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

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY: 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy 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, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

23 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 3.15pm.
