



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022
1.00pm

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

Date: 19 May 2022

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 agenda item.



Michael Stretton
Chief Executive Officer

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - AGENDA ITEM 8

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If attending the Council Meeting in person, you may ask up to three questions during Public Question Time. If accepted, your questions will be either answered at the Meeting, or Taken on Notice and answered at a later Council Meeting.

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Please note the following important information:

- Each item on the Agenda includes a Recommendation prepared by a Council Officer.
- You may speak for up to two minutes, either for or against the Recommendation.
- You may not ask questions or enter into debate with Councillors or Council Officers.
- Your statement is not to be defamatory, inappropriate or abusive, or be intended to embarrass any person, including Councillors or Council Officers.
- The Chair may direct you to stop speaking if you do not follow these rules, or if your statement repeats points that have already been made.
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Present:

Councillor A M van Zetten (Mayor)
Councillor D C Gibson (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor R I Soward
Councillor D H McKenzie
Councillor J G Cox
Councillor K P Stojansek (retired from Meeting at 1.29pm)
Councillor A E Dawkins
Councillor P S Spencer
Councillor A G Harris
Councillor T G Walker
Councillor K M Preece

In Attendance:

Michael Stretton (Chief Executive Officer)
Dan Ryan (General Manager Community and Place Network)
Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)
Shane Eberhardt (General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)
Duncan Payton (Town Planner) (Agenda Item 9.1)
Leanne Purchase Manager Governance)
Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

Apologies:

Councillor N D Daking

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1. OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm and noted an apology from Councillor N D Daking.

2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There were no Mayoral Acknowledgements for this Meeting

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences).

Councillor A G Harris declared an interest in Agenda Item 16.1 - Councillor Conference Attendance.

4. 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 5 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 5 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)

5.1 Council Workshop Report - 12 May 2022

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*

RECOMMENDATION:

That, pursuant to Regulation 8(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 12 May 2022:

e-Scooter Update

Councillors received an update on the e-Scooter trial.

Dining Decks Trial

Councillors received information regarding the update on the Expressions of Interest process for the Dining Decks trial.

Tasmanian Irrigation Presentation

Councillors received a presentation regarding the Tamar Irrigation Scheme.

Salaries and Wages - Long Term Financial Plan Implications

Councillors discussed the impact of salary and wages on the Long Term Financial Plan.

Budget, Rate Modelling and Public Consultation Feedback

Councillors discussed feedback received during the public consultation process.

Bus Interchange Update

Councillors were provided with an update on the bus interchange.

Chief Executive Officer Quarterly Update

Councillors were provided with a quarterly update from the Chief Executive Officer.

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

Moved Councillor P S Spencer, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

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FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

6. COUNCILLORS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)

No Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications were identified as part of these Minutes

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

7.1 Trish Haeusler (Coordinator) - Plastic Free Launceston, Tamar NRM's Catch it in the Catchment and Source to Sea Projects

Trish Haeusler provided information to Council on the activities and projects of *Plastic Free Launceston*, *Catch it in the Catchment* and the *Source to Sea*. Trish noted that *Plastic Free Launceston* is in its fifth year of operation and encourages local projects with a focus on single use plastics. *Catch it in the Catchment*, held in the first week of November, is in its fourth year and is aided by volunteers. The *Source to Sea* project, funded by TasNetworks, commences at the Kings Meadows Rivulet and concludes at Queechy Lake. Four excursions have been run to date hosting local schools including John Calvin, Punchbowl Primary and The Childrens' University. The City of Launceston staff contribute significantly to this project by providing expert advice and information including that relating to flood mitigation and the management of reserves.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

8.1 Public Questions on Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(1)

**8.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Christopher Green - Energy Concern -
5 May 2022**

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Michael Stretton

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following question, asked at the Council Meeting on 5 May 2022 by Christopher Green, has been answered by Justin Dale (Business Leader Leisure and Aquatic Centre).

Questions:

1. Could we be provided with an audit on how the performance of the solar panels at the Launceston Aquatic Centre are effecting the Council's budget?

Response:

The Launceston Leisure and Aquatic Centre's solar system was installed and operational from 1 May 2021. To date, the system has produced 134.2MWh of renewable electricity. Much of this electricity is consumed by the Centre, meaning that very little is exported to the grid.

The system's operational and financial performance is in line with the Council's forecasts for the 2021/2022 financial year.

8.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Jim Dickenson - Albert Hall Development Proposal - 5 May 2022

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Communities Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Michael Stretton

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following questions, asked at the Council Meeting on 5 May 2022 by Jim Dickenson, have been answered by Shane Eberhardt (General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network) and Dan Ryan (General Manager Community and Place Network).

Questions:

1. From the third clause - 3. Perforated Metal Screens - in today's Agenda, why has that item in particular been picked out for special attention? Why does it need to be presented to the Manager City Development prior to approval?

Response:

Dan Ryan (General Manager Community and Place Network)

The material palette for the perforated metal screens is described conceptually in the application and was assessed as compliant with the Local Historic Cultural Heritage Code. The relevant permit condition will require the final details to be provided for approval when resolved. It is usual for matters of detail to be resolved after the issuing of a planning permit. The requirement for submission of the final details to the Manager City Development provides certainty on the approval pathway. It is noted that this approach is consistent with the Tasmanian Heritage Council's permit conditions which require a number of other matters of detail to be resolved to the satisfaction of its Works Manager.

2. On the north-eastern aspect of the development, there appears to be an issue with downpipes coming from the roof. Can someone guarantee that this will not be a problem?

Response:

Shane Eberhardt (General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)

The box gutters and downpipes on the north-east facade of the proposed extension will not be visible from Cimitiere Street or from City Park as they will be concealed within the wall cavity by the sheet metal façade cladding. Downpipes on the east of the building, which currently service the heritage hall's main roof, will be diverted onto the new extension's roof where the downpipes will not be visible from City Park. Sizing of the down pipe has been designed to accommodate the respective roofed area.

8.1.3 Public Questions on Notice - Lionel Morrell - Paterson Street Carpark, Launceston - 11 May 2022

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Communities Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Michael Stretton

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted in writing to the Council on 11 May 2022 by Lionel Morrell (as President of the Tasmanian Ratepayers' Association Inc.), have been answered by Michael Stretton (Chief Executive Officer).

Questions:

1. What is Council's position regarding the Federal Court Appeal Hearing Ref TAD 50/2021 scheduled for 13/05/2022 Creative Property Holdings Pty Ltd (Trustee) v Carparks Super Pty Ltd (Trustee) and City of Launceston Council (Second Respondent), in relation to disputed Paterson Central Carpark at 41-55 Paterson Street, Launceston given that in Court documents filed by Simmons Wolfhagen, the City of Launceston Council's submission states:
 2. *If the Court determines that there is a currently enforceable contract between the parties, the Second Respondent will comply with any obligations that it has that might arise pursuant to that contract.*

The City of Launceston (CoL) has always been clear that it has an agreement with Creative Property Holdings Pty Ltd (CPH) to construct a bus interchange on the Paterson Street Central Car Park site in the event that CPH gains ownership of the site. In the event that the Court case proceeds and it determines that there is a current, enforceable contract between the parties, the Council will honour this agreement.

Does this undertaking mean that the City of Launceston (CoL) Council will again be guarantor?

No, that is not the case.

Will the CoL Council again provide the deposit from ratepayer's funds for the purchase contract?

This is not a stipulation of the Council's agreement with Creative Property Holdings.

Why is the CoL Council supporting a private developer's project in this manner using ratepayer's funds, when it appears very clear to any reasonable person that this developer has not provided credible evidence that it has the funds available to settle a purchase of this property?

The Council is not supporting a private developer's project and has made that clear on a number of occasions.

As has been stated a number of times, the Council is simply seeking to build a publicly-owned and funded bus interchange on the Paterson Street Central Car Park site, which would be co-located with the proposed, privately funded Creative Precinct building.

The Council remains of the view that a centrally located bus interchange is an important strategic objective for the CBD and that the proposed creative precinct represents a significant cultural, economic and employment opportunity for the broader Northern Tasmanian community.

2. How much of ratepayer's funds has the CoL Council expended to date to advance a development on land at 41-55 Paterson Street and what additional ratepayer's funds have been allocated for future development and other costs (please provide a full breakdown of each detailed expenditure)?

Response:

The Council has previously answered the question in terms of current expenditure for the design of the bus interchange (refer Council Minutes - 10 March 2022).

At this stage, given the extensive delay and uncertainty with the project, the Council has not allocated funding for the development of the bus interchange in the 2022/2023 financial year.

An allocation of funding would occur if the site is secured and in determining the quantum, there would need to be engagement with the State Government and other stakeholders.

Any amendment to the Council's budget would need to be publicly considered at a future Council Meeting.

**8.1.4 Public Questions on Notice - Paul Mallett - Local Government Election Issues
- 11 May 2022**

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Communities Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Michael Stretton

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted in writing to the Council on 11 May 2022 by Paul Mallett, have been answered by Leanne Purchase (Manager Governance).

Questions:

1. Under Strategic Priority 3 in the City of Launceston Annual Plan 2021-22, it notes the Council's commitment *[t]o fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations by providing information and advice to prospective Councillor candidates.* Beyond the basic *Standing as a Candidate* section of your website, what does the Council have planned to fulfill this commitment and when? How do prospective candidates access this information? Will Council specifically seek to ensure this information is communicated to/accessible to community members not usually represented on Council, such as recently arrived citizens, citizens speaking languages other than English and Generation Z (those born after 2000)?

Response:

The Council intends to run Candidate Information Sessions in the lead up to the 2022 local government elections. Other promotional opportunities may be considered to supplement information that will be produced by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission and the Local Government Association of Tasmania. The information on the Standing as a Candidate section of the Council's website will be updated when information as to the conduct of the 2022 local government elections is available from the Tasmanian Electoral Commission. In the interim, the Council's officers raise the upcoming local government elections as opportunities arise. For example, the writer spoke with a group of English language students on 11 May 2022 and took the opportunity to discuss candidacy and the role of Councillors with those in attendance.

2. The *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) makes provision for the General Manager's Roll (giving some individuals a second vote), but there is no provision for those vulnerable community members without a fixed address. How does the Council reconcile the issue that citizens on the House of Assembly Electoral Roll, will cast one vote; citizens on that roll and also on the General Manager's Roll will cast two votes and some citizens (for example those experiencing homelessness) may not be afforded the opportunity to vote at all? Have we lost sight of the democratic ideal of *one vote, one value*? How is the City of Launceston responding to those members of the community disenfranchised by the universal postal voting system? Is it time for resources to be dedicated to ensure disenfranchised community members are afforded the opportunity to vote in our upcoming local government elections?

Response:

The Council has previously indicated its support for reform around the General Manager's Roll and in relation to the 'one person, one vote' principle in 2019, in its submission to the Local Government Legislative Framework Review.

Information on enrolment for people with no fixed address is available at: [Enrolment for people with no fixed address - Australian Electoral Commission \(aec.gov.au\)](#).

8.2 Public Questions Without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(2)(b)

8.2.1 Malcolm Cowan - Launceston Air Quality Issues

1. Following the *State of the City* report that recognised that air quality is an issue in Launceston, what action is the Council undertaking to improve air quality?

Dan Ryan (General Manager Community and Place Network) responded by saying that the Council acknowledges this issue was raised in the *State of the City* report, however, it is not currently resourced to engage in significant proactive work in this space. The Council also acknowledges that improving air quality in Launceston is a whole of community issue which will require the collaboration of all levels of government.

That said, however, the Council's Officers are currently focussing on maintaining its regulatory role around educating wood heater users on how to burn their wood heaters correctly. The City of Launceston's Environmental Health team continues to work closely with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania to undertake localised surveying of wood smoke, including deployment of local smoke pollution monitors to assist with particularly persistent and severe cases of wood smoke pollution.

2. In particular, what action is being taken to reduce the level of pollution created by woodsmoke?

In dealing with wood smoke pollution, the City of Launceston is bound by the legislation and regulations passed by the State Government. The regulations relied upon to deal with wood smoke are the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Smoke) Regulations 2016*. Based on these regulations, action is, generally only taken where wood smoke causes a nuisance to a neighbouring property. This is undertaken with an education first approach wherever possible. For particularly persistent wood smoke complaints the Council works with the EPA to undertake localised air monitoring. If there is certainty as to who is responsible for lighting the fire and causing smoke to be emitted, enforcement action can be undertaken as required. The City of Launceston also actively supports the promotion of EPA Tasmania's annual *Burn Brighter this Winter* educational campaign.

3. Will the Council consider developing a *Clean Air Strategy* that takes a regional holistic approach to the problem?

The development of a *Clean Air Strategy* is not currently proposed, however, this is something that the Council is prepared to consider. Whatever the future approach might be, the outcome must be one which can achieve uniform health improvements and adequate winter heating for all of Launceston's residents without unintended consequences. This is especially important as Tasmania has the coldest winters in Australia and almost 7% of deaths in Australia from 1988 to 2009 were attributable to cold weather.

8.2.2 Ron Baines - eScooter Concerns

1. Once again I ask this Council if it will prevent e-scooter from being used on our footpaths? I would like a yes or no answer.

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, responded by saying that the eScooter trial is still underway and the trial will determine the final outcome and ultimate response to this question.

8.2.3 Ron Baines - Maintenance Issues

1. Does the Council intend to repair the access road leading into the Boathouse Complex? It has been in its current condition for two years?

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, responded that the road is currently being repaired and the work should be completed within a couple of weeks.

2. When Peter Jordan was the City Manager, he would walk our main sewer system in order to check the structural integrity to prevent any accidents, eg. a busload of kids falling down a sinkhole. Is this protocol still in place?

Shane Eberhardt (General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network) responded by saying that the sewage assets are the responsibility of TasWater, however, the City of Launceston does have some significant large underground drainage assets. Based on criticality of the asset, the impact of failure and the condition of the asset, they are inspected at different intervals.

9. PLANNING AUTHORITY

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 9 - Planning Authority.

9.1 11-45 Abels Hill Road, St Leonards - Amendment 69 - Rezoning from Rural Resource to General Residential and Subdivision to Create 17 Lots

FILE NO: SF7380/DA0537/2021

AUTHOR: Duncan Payton (Town Planner)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Dan Ryan (Community and Place Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a statement to the Tasmanian Planning Commission subsequent to the public exhibition period for an amendment to the Launceston Interim Planning Scheme 2015 and application for subdivision to create 17 lots.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Launceston Interim Planning Scheme 2015

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 10 March 2022 - Agenda Item 9.1 - 11-45 Abels Hill Road, St Leonards - Amendment 69 - Rezoning from Rural Resource to General Residential and Subdivision to Create 17 Lots.

Council resolved to initiate Amendment 69 to the Launceston Interim Planning Scheme 2015 to:

- Change the zoning from Rural Resource to General Residential at 11 - 45 Abels Hill Road, St Leonards (CT3598/1).

In accordance with former section 43A of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to:

- Approve development application DA0537/2021 for subdivision to subdivide one lot into 16 residential lots plus road and balance at 11 - 45 Abels Hill Road, St Leonards (CT3598/1) subject to the conditions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. in accordance with former section 39(2) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, notifies the Tasmanian Planning Commission that two representations were received during the public exhibition period for Amendment 69; and
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2. in accordance with former section 43F(6) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, notifies the Tasmanian Planning Commission that two representations were received during the public exhibition period for DA0537/2021; and
 3. provides advice to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that Amendment 65 be approved as certified and exhibited; and
 4. provides advice to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that the decision of the Planning Authority under the former section 43F(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to grant permit DA0537/2021 subject to conditions, be confirmed.
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DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson.

That Council:

1. in accordance with former section 39(2) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, notifies the Tasmanian Planning Commission that two representations were received during the public exhibition period for Amendment 69; and
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4. provides advice to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that the decision of the Planning Authority under the former section 43F(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to grant permit DA0537/2021 subject to conditions, be confirmed.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, announced that Council no longer sits as a Planning Authority.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

10.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Friday 6 May 2022

- Attended the *Investiture of Recipients of the 2022 Australia Day Order of Australia* Honours at Government House, Hobart

Saturday 7 May 2022

- Attended the *Launceston Ukulele Jamboree* at the Boathouse

Monday 9 May 2022

- Attended *The Salvation Army's 2022 Red Shield Appeal* launch

Wednesday 11 May 2022

- Hosted a private citizenship ceremony at Launceston Town Hall
- Attended the opening of the *Launceston City Mission's - The Ark* - community garden
- Presented trophies at the *Launceston Competitions Speech and Drama* evening

Friday 13 May 2022

- Attended the *Trevallyn Bowls and Community Club Inc. presentation evening*

Saturday 14 May 2022

- Announced the winners of the *Launceston Busking Competition* in the Brisbane Street Mall
- Attended the *Interloper World Premiere and VIP Party* at the Earl Arts Centre

Tuesday 17 May 2022

- Officiated at the *Red Cross Community Celebration* in Civic Square
- Attended the *Smart City Strategy Roundtable* conversation

Wednesday 18 May 2022

- Officiated at the launch of the *Australian Musical Theatre's Festival - Some Enchanted Evening* - at the Princess Theatre
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The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, noted that, due to inclement weather conditions, he did not present the busking competition awards on Saturday, 14 May 2022.

11. COUNCILLORS' 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).

11.1 Councillor D C Gibson

- **Attended *Rooke's Interloper* at the Earl Arts Centre**
- **Attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations for the Rotary Club of Launceston West**

11.2 Councillor D H McKenzie

- **Attended *Blowing Bubbles* celebrating Neighbourhood House Week**
- **Attended celebrations at the Northern Suburbs Community Centre to celebrate Volunteer Week and to recognise local contributors**

11.3 Councillor A G Harris

- **Attended the *Smart City Strategy* launch in Launceston**
- **Attended the *Planning Congress* and participated in discussions regarding the City Deal**

11.4 Councillor T G Walker

- **Attended the Civic Square Climate Change Rally**

12. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

12.1 Councillors' 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 Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be provided in writing).

No Councillors' Questions on Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

12.2 Councillors' 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 Councillors' Questions Without Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Council Committee Hearing - Petition to Amend Sealed Plans - 16325 and 19533 - 304 and 308 Penquite Road, Norwood - 21 April 2022

FILE NO: 11250

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Communities Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Council Committee Hearing Meeting held on 21 April 2022.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, under section 103 of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (Tas)*, notes the decision that in relation to the petition to amend Sealed Plans 16325 and 19533 - 304 and 308 Penquite Road, Norwood, that the petition be refused.

The Chief Executive Officer, Michael Stretton, advised that this Agenda Item had been withdrawn from the Agenda in order to meet with the petitioners.

13.2 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 28 April 2022

FILE NO: CD.044/2021/SF0100

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Communities Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Tender Review Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the decision of the Tender Review Committee to accept the tender submitted by Mulch Management, Contract Number CD.044/2021 for \$149,400.00 (plus GST).

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

Moved Councillor P S Spencer, seconded Councillor J G Cox.

That Council notes the decision of the Tender Review Committee to accept the tender submitted by Mulch Management, Contract Number CD.044/2021 for \$149,400.00 (plus GST).

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

13.3 Transport Committee Meeting - 31 March 2022

FILE NO: SF7429

AUTHOR: Cathy Williams (Built Environment Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Shane Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Transport Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Transport Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2022.

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor D H McKenzie.

That Council receives the report from the Transport Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2022.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

14. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS NETWORK

14.1 Launceston Flood Authority Report

FILE NO: SF4493

AUTHOR: Debbie Pickett (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Shane Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report - January to March 2022.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, in accordance with Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020*, receives the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report, January to March 2022 (ECM Doc Set ID 4716430).

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That Council, in accordance with Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020*, receives the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report, January to March 2022 (ECM Doc Set ID 4716430).

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

15. ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK

15.1 City of Launceston Annual Plan 2021/2022 - Progress Against Annual Plan Actions for Period Ending 31 March 2022

FILE NO: SF6811

AUTHOR: Courtney Osborne (Corporate Performance and planning Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the progress against Council's 2021/2022 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 March 2022.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 17 June 2021 - Agenda Item 19.3 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2021/2022

Council - 4 November 2021 - Agenda Item 19.1 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2021/2022 - Progress Against Annual Plan Actions for Period Ending 30 September 2021

Council - 10 February 2022 - Agenda Item 19.2 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2021/2022 - Progress Against Annual Plan Actions for Period Ending 31 December 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes progress against 2021/2022 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 March 2022.

Strategic Priority 1: We *connect with our Community and our Region* through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

Our interactions with our community are authentic, timely, accurate and open. We want to build strong and productive relationships with our community and regional partners.

10-Year Goal: To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Focus Area: To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement a rolling program of proactive community engagement through <i>Tomorrow Together</i> .	Organisational Services	80%
Comment		
Final theme (A Sustainable Council) from the original program to be completed by May 2022. Planning for next program of engagement almost completed ready for implementation in 2022/2023.		
Focus Area: To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Community Engagement - Policy, Strategy, Framework and Toolkit.	Organisational Services	70%
Comment		
Internal familiarisation and implementation underway. Training sessions have commenced with teams across organisation.		
Focus Area: To lead the implementation of the Greater Launceston Plan via collaborative and constructive relationships with our regional partners		
Action	Network	% Complete
Work with regional partners to complete the review of the Greater Launceston Plan (GLP). Provide an agreed vision and evidence based plan to guide sustainable development of the GLP area over the medium and longer-term horizons, which is supported by all member Councils.	Organisational Services	20%
Comment		
Expression of Interest process commenced in consultation with Steering Committee. Indications are additional funding will be required to complete project scope, identification of grant funding opportunities has commenced.		
Focus Area: To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities		
Action	Network	% Complete
Complete a Regional Sports Facility Plan in conjunction with sporting clubs, the State Government and neighbouring Councils.	Infrastructure and Assets	25%
Comment		
A consultant is delivering the plan for the City of Launceston and neighbouring Councils through Northern Tasmania Development Corporation. Stakeholder consultation and data collection is underway		
Focus Area: To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and implement an effective advocacy strategy for the State and Federal elections.	Chief Executive Officer	98%

Comment
Based on the Council's Four Year Delivery Plan, advocacy on the Council's priority projects has been occurring with the State and Federal Governments and more recently, specifically with the sitting Federal member and Labor candidate.

Strategic Priority 2: We *Facilitate Prosperity* by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

We use our influence and resources to deliver the foundations for ongoing economic development. We want Launceston to be the heart of a thriving regional economy.

10-Year Goal: To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy, and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

Focus Area: To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and progress Smart Cities initiatives.	Organisational Services	70%
Comment		
Initial tranche of smart city initiatives developed under the Greater Launceston Transformation Plan are well underway with considerable number implemented. Work is underway to review and engage the organisation in next stages of future activities.		
Focus Area: To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implementation of outcomes of Cityprom review.	Organisational Services	70%
Comment		
On schedule for June 2022 completion.		
Focus Area: To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Review and implement Sister Cities Engagement Program.	Organisational Services	80%
Comment		
Engagement with our Sister Cities is positive, with most indicating a willingness to continue the relationship at least in the spirit of friendship and with some interest in progressing to commitments with measurable outcomes. The Sister City Committee will soon be convened to discuss the various positions taken by our Sister Cities with a view to finalising an engagement plan by 30 June 2022.		
Focus Area: To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Review <i>Horizon 2021</i> - Economic Development Plan.	Organisational Services	80%
Comment		
Review complete and revised Economic Development Plan draft due to be finalised by mid-2022.		

Strategic Priority 3: We are a **Progressive Leader** that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

Our decision-making and actions are evidence-based, strategic, transparent and considered. We are ethical, fair and impartial in complying with and enforcing the law.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Area: To provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue to support the long-term recovery of the municipal area in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Chief Executive Officer	75%
Comment		
The Launceston economy is performing well despite the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and this was highlighted in the Council's 2022 <i>State of the City Report</i> . The Council's Long Term Financial Plan has been revised to provide a balanced approach to addressing the financial impacts of the Pandemic without placing undue financial stress on Launceston ratepayers. This will necessitate a glide path that will return the Council to operational surplus within the medium term.		
Focus Area: To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Provide information and advice to prospective Councillor candidates and support the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in the delivery of the Local Government election.	Organisational Services	Not Started
Comment		
Not yet commenced.		
Focus Area: To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Level of Service Planning Stage 1 • Develop a project plan to document service levels, review appropriateness of services and engage with the community around expectations.	Organisational Services	5%
Comment		
Scoping has commenced. Extension to contract role approved by the Executive Leadership Team.		
Focus Area: To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Organisational Cultural Development Roadmap • Continue to implement an organisational development program.	Organisational Services	50%

Comment		
The Cultural Roadmap has been updated and endorsed by Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and Senior Leadership Team (SLT).		
The Values' Champions group is working really well and has moved to a model of encouraging members of the group to take on additional responsibility, eg. chairing, taking minutes and special projects. The next value of <i>we care about our community</i> has been endorsed by ELT.		
A Values in Action initiative was completed to recognise employees demonstrating our values and this was well received with nominees receiving a letter from the Chief Executive Officer just prior to Christmas.		
The Leadership Development Framework has been further developed, with further progression of some initiatives, eg. Team Leader cohort.		
Forty of our leaders have participated in <i>The Foundation Leaders Program</i> .		
Focus Area: To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence development of a Business Performance Measurement framework, as well as Strategic, Operational and Community satisfaction focused KPIs which can be tracked in a consistent manner and reported on.	Organisational Services	5%
Comment		
Investigation has commenced. Project on hold due to competing priorities.		
Focus Area: To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the recommendations of the UTAS Stadium Future Direction Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	75%
Comment		
The Council's Officers are currently working with the State Government to form the new entity <i>Stadiums Tasmania</i> which will assume ownership of the UTAS Stadium. It is envisaged that this will occur by the end of 2022.		
Focus Area: To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
	Network	% Complete
Implement recommendations of the QVMAG Futures Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	55%
Comment		
The Council's Officers have been working with the State Government to achieve a common position on the QVMAG Futures Plan. The Plan is currently in the process of being revised and is expected to be finalised and formally considered by Council in mid-2022.		
Focus Area: To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Future Workforce Planning Framework.	Organisational Services	45%

Comment

Research has been conducted. A paper was presented to the Executive Leadership Team in December 2021 with the approach endorsed. A Project Plan for the project has been developed and approved by the General Manager Organisational Services Network. Engagement sessions with members of the Senior Leadership Team have been held.

Strategic Priority 4: We value our **City's Unique** Identity by celebrating our special heritage and culture and building on our competitive advantages to be a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

We facilitate our community's sense of place by enhancing local identity. We want people to be proud to say that Launceston is *my City*.

10-Year Goal: To sustain and promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, learn and play.

Focus Area: To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and implement an improvement plan for Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre upgrade implementation.	Infrastructure and Assets	2%
Comment		
A high-level masterplan has been developed and Councillors and key stakeholders have been engaged with design feedback being sought. External and internal traffic advice has been provided on the impact to Earl Street and the proposed foyer. High level design has been altered to exclude Earl Street foyer and budget estimate and stages of works has been outlined. Consultant has been engaged to deliver Conservation Management Plan for the Princess Theatre.		
Focus Area: To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Undertake review of the City of Launceston Open Space Strategy.	Infrastructure and Assets	Not Started
Comment		
This project will be undertaken within the 2022/2023 year due to internal resourcing constraints.		
Focus Area: To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence Albert Hall renewal.	Infrastructure and Assets	15%

Comment		
<p>Conservation management plan and impact assessment are completed. Audio visual upgrades to the main Hall are completed. Development Application for Stage 3 works (Eastern Wing) has been advertised. Project Team is working on detailed design documentation for Stage 2 and Stage 3 building construction. All tenants have exited the premise. Current schedule of existing events being held at the Hall are due to be finalised early June 2022.</p>		
Focus Area: To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	%Complete
<p>Launceston City Heart - Design and engage on projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paterson Street urban upgrade. • St John Street removal of bus stops and urban upgrade. • Traffic changes to support City Heart. 	Community and Place	50%
Comment		
<p>The Concept Design has been finalised. This has been developed following extensive community consultation, together with stakeholder input and best practice design. This was the basis for a <i>Building Better Regions Fund</i> application. Further design and engagement will continue in 2022/2023 once there is a clearer direction on the transport hub project. Community and business engagement for implementation of traffic changes will not be undertaken in 2021/2022.</p>		
Focus Area: To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Prepare for Launceston City Heart CBD traffic changes.	Infrastructure and Assets	10%
Comment		
<p>Preliminary intersection and streetscape layout determined based on required traffic function. This project is on hold until there is a clearer direction on the transport hub project.</p>		
Focus Area: To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue work on the Launceston City Heart Transport Hub.	Infrastructure and Assets	2%
Comment		
<p>Pre-functional design with associated estimate complete. Investigation and design for required pavement works in Dechaineux Way commenced.</p>		
Focus Area: To support the central business district and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Deliver redevelopment of the former Birchalls building.	Chief Executive Officer	25%

Comment		
<p>The Expression of Interest (Eol) process to identify a preferred proponent and re-development proposal is still live and is currently awaiting determination of the dispute in respect to the Paterson Street central carpark site. Once there is certainty on the future of this site, the Council will be able to finalise the Eol process and move into the next phase of the project to re-develop the Birchalls building.</p>		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
<p>Launceston Heritage List Review and Precincts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue review of the City of Launceston's local heritage list. 	Community and Place	80%
Comment		
<p>The proposed Local Heritage Place and Precinct listings from Stage 1 have been included in the Local Provisions Schedule for the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme and datasheets for Stages 2, 3 and 4 Places have been prepared for consultation. Work on the Stage 5 Places is underway. A project plan for completion of documents for remaining precincts and associated community consultation is being developed.</p>		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
<p>Complete implementation of the <i>TASMANAC</i> Tourism Information Platform in collaboration with State partners.</p>	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	50%
Comment		
<p>Project remains on hold by state partners due to resourcing constraints. The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery has confirmed they will be managing this project separately through to delivery. The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's inputs for the initial content ingestion have been completed.</p>		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
<p>Complete implementation of the Digital Culture Experience in collaboration with State partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection Management System (DCE). • <i>Augmented Reality Education App</i>. 	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	80%
Comment		
<p><i>Augmented Reality Education App</i> has been completed and is awaiting go live pending Department of Education/State Growth decision on hosting and maintenance. The acceptance certificate for the Collection Management System and Collections Search interface have been issued. Partners are now working through system configuration, functional refinements, data migration and establishment of a Heads of Agreement in order for the system to move into the production (live) environment.</p>		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
<p>QVMAG Collection Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to create consistent and accessible records for each asset/object. 	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	5%

Comment		
The Collection Audit is ongoing. The Audit Registrar role is currently vacant and recruitment process is underway to cover maternity leave. The team has five dedicated staff members, all in a part-time capacity. They are continuing to audit the Visual Arts and Design (VAD) collection. QVMAG staff from the History department have commenced auditing the extensive historic photographic collection. Digitisation of QVMAG accession registers has commenced. This work is being completed by an external contractor. Objects totalling 8,302 have been audited as of 31 March 2022.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Plan and launch new exhibitions of QVMAG permanent collections with a focus on contemporary and local stories • Open Storage - Inveresk. • Main Gallery - Royal Park.	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	70%
Comment		
New permanent displays opened at the Art Gallery at Royal Park on 31 July 2021. Planning for the Open Storage display at Inveresk is underway. The foyer area of Inveresk will display type collections that have never been publicly exhibited while the Plant Shop store is being remodelled to allow Open Days for the public.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the City of Launceston.	Community and Place	75%
Comment		
The Cultural Advisory Committee is finalising an action plan for the next four years. A number of Year 1 actions have already been implemented.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Place Brand implementation.	Community and Place	100%
Comment		
A Launceston Place Brand Policy was adopted by Council on 27 January 2022. All creative concepts have been finalised and are available for public use at www.launnie.com.au . The implementation plan is being refined and rolled out and discussions with multiple stakeholders underway as to how they can best use the Place Brand.		

Strategic Priority 5: We *Serve and Care* for our Community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

We are invested in our community's long term health, well-being, safety and resilience. We want to be trusted and respected by our community.

10-Year Goal: To offer access to services and spaces for all community members, and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

Focus Area: To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics and needs of our community.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement Council commitments from the <i>My Place My Future</i> Plan.	Community and Place	65%
Comment		
The second series of the <i>Ignite Us</i> leadership program is just wrapping up. The public WiFi project continues to rollout and there is a focus on anti-hooping. Potential grant applications are being looked at for some of the bigger projects identified, especially through to the next financial year		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Development of a Social Inclusion Framework.	Community and Place	30%
Comment		
This project is on hold until a new officer is recruited to take carriage of this project.		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Council wide Aboriginal Partnership Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
Comment		
The Council's Officers have undertaken preliminary consultation with several stakeholders concerning the development of an Aboriginal Partnership Plan to frame up the Council's approach. This approach has been workshopped with Councillors. Background research has now been completed for the development of the Plan and an engagement process will be undertaken over the next two months. The Plan will be finalised and submitted to Council for consideration in June.		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop an action plan under the Access Framework for Action.	Community and Place	100%
Comment		
The 2021/2022 Action Plan has been developed and endorsed by the Access Advisory Committee.		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the action plan for the Access Framework.	Community and Place	75%
Comment		
The 2022/2023 Action Plan is being finalised with input from the Access Advisory Committee and various internal stakeholders. There is great support and willingness to implement actions that will make a difference to people with accessibility issues.		

Focus Area: To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue to roll out the <i>ABCDE</i> Learning Sites community development program to communities across the municipality.	Community and Place	80%
Comment		
The Kings Meadows <i>ABCDE</i> Learning Site is well progressed and moving into transition back to the community. Planning work has commenced on the Invermay learning site for 2022/2023.		
Focus Area: To develop and manage infrastructure and resources to protect our community from natural and other hazards.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop planning controls for levee protected areas.	Community and Place	50%
Comment		
Community survey and flood risk analysis completed. Work commenced on the draft planning provisions.		

Strategic Priority 6: We *Protect our Environment* by caring for our unique natural assets and amenity and sensitively managing future development opportunities.

We strive to minimise the impact of our actions on the environment, while planning for, adapting to and managing the impact of climate change. We want to protect the special character and values of our city for future generations.

10-Year Goal: To enhance the unique natural character, values, and amenity of our City by minimising the impacts of our organisation's and our community's activities in the environment.

Focus Area: To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the City of Launceston Sustainability Strategy and Carbon Reduction Plan to achieve carbon neutrality and sourcing 100% renewable energy for the Council's owned buildings by 2025.	Infrastructure and Assets	75%
Comment		
Carbon Reduction Plan developed and approved by Council. Priority actions underway and in sight for asset owner groups with respect to upcoming budgets. The <i>Sustainability Action Plan</i> was completed and endorsed by Council in January 2022.		

Focus Area: To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Support the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce. Provide technical support for TasWater/NRM in implementation of the <i>kanamaluka</i> /Tamar Estuary River Health Action Plan (catchment management and combined system improvements, public education and policy development).	Infrastructure and Assets	75%
Comment		
Technical support is being provided as required.		

Strategic Priority 7: We are a *City Planning for our Future* by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure investment is coordinated, progressive, and sustainable.

We play a leading role in balancing the enviable amenity of our municipality with the needs of future development and growth. We want to influence the delivery of the right investment for our City and Region.

10-Year Goal: To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment, and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

Focus Area: To ensure that our application of the land-use planning system at a local and regional level is effective and efficient.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Planning Scheme, Local Provisions Schedule.	Community and Place	85%
Comment		
The public hearings into scheme representations are underway and will be finalised by 17 May 2022. It is anticipated that the Tasmanian Planning Commission will finalise its assessment in July with the scheme coming into effect shortly afterwards.		
Focus Area: To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence project to identify highest and best use of the Council's owned buildings and land.	Organisational Services	15%
Comment		
Internal working group established and development of framework has commenced.		
Focus Area: To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Northern Regional Land Use Strategy Review.	Community and Place	100%
Comment		
Stage 1 review completed. Work commenced on preparation for a broader review in conjunction with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation and Tasmanian Government.		

Focus Area: To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Place Making Framework.	Community and Place	10%
Comment		
This is currently on hold.		
Focus Area: To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the Launceston Transport Strategy.	Infrastructure and Assets	75%
Comment		
A work plan has been completed to complement the Launceston Transport Strategy. The initiatives contained within the work plan are in various stages of completion. Significant progress has been made on the shared micro-mobility trial with preferred vendors selected, transport committee terms of reference drafted and the planning work complete for a speed limit review for our high activity centres.		
Focus Area: To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue work on South Prospect Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan.	Community and Place	75%
Comment		
Preliminary work to support a rezoning is at an advanced stage.		
Focus Area: To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
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Comment		
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The strategic focus for *My Place My Future* is progressing across the three levels of government.

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The Community and Business Advisory Group met on 7 March 2022. Presentations were delivered to West Tamar and George Town Councillors, providing updates on Deal commitments and extension programming.

Focus Area: To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.

Action	Network	% Complete
City Deal Agreement - determination of projects for additional five years.	Chief Executive Officer	75%

Comment

Research and detailed analysis on potential projects is progressing.

The Council's contribution is on track to meet the mid-2022 completion date for the 2022 to 2027 Implementation Plan. There is potential for the implementation plan to be delayed due to the timing of the election.

Councillor K P Stojansek retired from the Meeting at 1:29pm

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

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

That Council notes progress against 2021/2022 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 March 2022.

Strategic Priority 1: *We connect with our Community and our Region* through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

Our interactions with our community are authentic, timely, accurate and open. We want to build strong and productive relationships with our community and regional partners.

10-Year Goal: To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Focus Area: To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement a rolling program of proactive community engagement through <i>Tomorrow Together</i> .	Organisational Services	80%
Comment		
Final theme (A Sustainable Council) from the original program to be completed by May 2022. Planning for next program of engagement almost completed ready for implementation in 2022/2023.		
Focus Area: To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Community Engagement - Policy, Strategy, Framework and Toolkit.	Organisational Services	70%
Comment		
Internal familiarisation and implementation underway. Training sessions have commenced with teams across organisation.		
Focus Area: To lead the implementation of the Greater Launceston Plan via collaborative and constructive relationships with our regional partners		
Action	Network	% Complete
Work with regional partners to complete the review of the Greater Launceston Plan (GLP). Provide an agreed vision and evidence based plan to guide sustainable development of the GLP area over the medium and longer-term horizons, which is supported by all member Councils.	Organisational Services	20%
Comment		
Expression of Interest process commenced in consultation with Steering Committee. Indications are additional funding will be required to complete project scope, identification of grant funding opportunities has commenced.		
Focus Area: To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities		
Action	Network	% Complete
Complete a Regional Sports Facility Plan in conjunction with sporting clubs, the State Government and neighbouring Councils.	Infrastructure and Assets	25%
Comment		
A consultant is delivering the plan for the City of Launceston and neighbouring Councils through Northern Tasmania Development Corporation. Stakeholder consultation and data collection is underway		
Focus Area: To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities		

Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and implement an effective advocacy strategy for the State and Federal elections.	Chief Executive Officer	98%
Comment		
Based on the Council's Four Year Delivery Plan, advocacy on the Council's priority projects has been occurring with the State and Federal Governments and more recently, specifically with the sitting Federal member and Labor candidate.		

Strategic Priority 2: We Facilitate Prosperity by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

We use our influence and resources to deliver the foundations for ongoing economic development. We want Launceston to be the heart of a thriving regional economy.

10-Year Goal: To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy, and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

Focus Area: To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and progress Smart Cities initiatives.	Organisational Services	70%
Comment		
Initial tranche of smart city initiatives developed under the Greater Launceston Transformation Plan are well underway with considerable number implemented. Work is underway to review and engage the organisation in next stages of future activities.		
Focus Area: To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implementation of outcomes of Cityprom review.	Organisational Services	70%
Comment		
On schedule for June 2022 completion.		
Focus Area: To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Review and implement Sister Cities Engagement Program.	Organisational Services	80%
Comment		
Engagement with our Sister Cities is positive, with most indicating a willingness to continue the relationship at least in the spirit of friendship and with some interest in progressing to commitments with measurable outcomes. The Sister City Committee will soon be convened to discuss the various positions taken by our Sister Cities with a view to finalising an engagement plan by 30 June 2022.		

Focus Area: To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Review <i>Horizon 2021</i> - Economic Development Plan.	Organisational Services	80%
Comment		
Review complete and revised Economic Development Plan draft due to be finalised by mid-2022.		

Strategic Priority 3: We are a *Progressive Leader* that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

Our decision-making and actions are evidence-based, strategic, transparent and considered. We are ethical, fair and impartial in complying with and enforcing the law.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Area: To provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue to support the long-term recovery of the municipal area in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Chief Executive Officer	75%
Comment		
The Launceston economy is performing well despite the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and this was highlighted in the Council's 2022 <i>State of the City Report</i> . The Council's Long Term Financial Plan has been revised to provide a balanced approach to addressing the financial impacts of the Pandemic without placing undue financial stress on Launceston ratepayers. This will necessitate a glide path that will return the Council to operational surplus within the medium term.		
Focus Area: To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Provide information and advice to prospective Councillor candidates and support the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in the delivery of the Local Government election.	Organisational Services	Not Started
Comment		
Not yet commenced.		
Focus Area: To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.		

Action	Network	% Complete
Level of Service Planning Stage 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a project plan to document service levels, review appropriateness of services and engage with the community around expectations. 	Organisational Services	5%
Comment		
Scoping has commenced. Extension to contract role approved by the Executive Leadership Team.		
Focus Area: To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Organisational Cultural Development Roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to implement an organisational development program. 	Organisational Services	50%
Comment		
The Cultural Roadmap has been updated and endorsed by Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and Senior Leadership Team (SLT).		
The Values' Champions group is working really well and has moved to a model of encouraging members of the group to take on additional responsibility, eg. chairing, taking minutes and special projects. The next value of <i>we care about our community</i> has been endorsed by ELT.		
A Values in Action initiative was completed to recognise employees demonstrating our values and this was well received with nominees receiving a letter from the Chief Executive Officer just prior to Christmas.		
The Leadership Development Framework has been further developed, with further progression of some initiatives, eg. Team Leader cohort.		
Forty of our leaders have participated in <i>The Foundation Leaders Program</i> .		
Focus Area: To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence development of a Business Performance Measurement framework, as well as Strategic, Operational and Community satisfaction focused KPIs which can be tracked in a consistent manner and reported on.	Organisational Services	5%
Comment		
Investigation has commenced. Project on hold due to competing priorities.		

Focus Area: To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the recommendations of the UTAS Stadium Future Direction Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	75%
Comment		
The Council's Officers are currently working with the State Government to form the new entity <i>Stadiums Tasmania</i> which will assume ownership of the UTAS Stadium. It is envisaged that this will occur by the end of 2022.		
Focus Area: To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
	Network	% Complete
Implement recommendations of the QVMAG Futures Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	55%
Comment		
The Council's Officers have been working with the State Government to achieve a common position on the QVMAG Futures Plan. The Plan is currently in the process of being revised and is expected to be finalised and formally considered by Council in mid-2022.		
Focus Area: To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Future Workforce Planning Framework.	Organisational Services	45%
Comment		
Research has been conducted. A paper was presented to the Executive Leadership Team in December 2021 with the approach endorsed. A Project Plan for the project has been developed and approved by the General Manager Organisational Services Network. Engagement sessions with members of the Senior Leadership Team have been held.		

Strategic Priority 4: We value our *City's Unique Identity* by celebrating our special heritage and culture and building on our competitive advantages to be a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

We facilitate our community's sense of place by enhancing local identity. We want people to be proud to say that Launceston is *my City*.

10-Year Goal: To sustain and promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, learn and play.

Focus Area: To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and implement an improvement plan for Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre upgrade implementation.	Infrastructure and Assets	2%

Comment		
<p>A high-level masterplan has been developed and Councillors and key stakeholders have been engaged with design feedback being sought. External and internal traffic advice has been provided on the impact to Earl Street and the proposed foyer. High level design has been altered to exclude Earl Street foyer and budget estimate and stages of works has been outlined. Consultant has been engaged to deliver Conservation Management Plan for the Princess Theatre.</p>		
<p>Focus Area: To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.</p>		
Action	Network	% Complete
Undertake review of the City of Launceston Open Space Strategy.	Infrastructure and Assets	Not Started
Comment		
<p>This project will be undertaken within the 2022/2023 year due to internal resourcing constraints.</p>		
<p>Focus Area: To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.</p>		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence Albert Hall renewal.	Infrastructure and Assets	15%
Comment		
<p>Conservation management plan and impact assessment are completed. Audio visual upgrades to the main Hall are completed. Development Application for Stage 3 works (Eastern Wing) has been advertised. Project Team is working on detailed design documentation for Stage 2 and Stage 3 building construction. All tenants have exited the premise. Current schedule of existing events being held at the Hall are due to be finalised early June 2022.</p>		
<p>Focus Area: To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.</p>		
Action	Network	%Complete
<p>Launceston City Heart - Design and engage on projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paterson Street urban upgrade. • St John Street removal of bus stops and urban upgrade. • Traffic changes to support City Heart. 	Community and Place	50%
Comment		
<p>The Concept Design has been finalised. This has been developed following extensive community consultation, together with stakeholder input and best practice design. This was the basis for a <i>Building Better Regions Fund</i> application. Further design and engagement will continue in 2022/2023 once there is a clearer direction on the transport hub project. Community and business engagement for implementation of traffic changes will not be undertaken in 2021/2022.</p>		

Focus Area: To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Prepare for Launceston City Heart CBD traffic changes.	Infrastructure and Assets	10%
Comment		
Preliminary intersection and streetscape layout determined based on required traffic function. This project is on hold until there is a clearer direction on the transport hub project.		
Focus Area: To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue work on the Launceston City Heart Transport Hub.	Infrastructure and Assets	2%
Comment		
Pre-functional design with associated estimate complete. Investigation and design for required pavement works in Dechaineux Way commenced.		
Focus Area: To support the central business district and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Deliver redevelopment of the former Birchalls building.	Chief Executive Officer	25%
Comment		
The Expression of Interest (EoI) process to identify a preferred proponent and re-development proposal is still live and is currently awaiting determination of the dispute in respect to the Paterson Street central carpark site. Once there is certainty on the future of this site, the Council will be able to finalise the EoI process and move into the next phase of the project to re-develop the Birchalls building.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Heritage List Review and Precincts • Continue review of the City of Launceston's local heritage list.	Community and Place	80%
Comment		
The proposed Local Heritage Place and Precinct listings from Stage 1 have been included in the Local Provisions Schedule for the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme and datasheets for Stages 2, 3 and 4 Places have been prepared for consultation. Work on the Stage 5 Places is underway. A project plan for completion of documents for remaining precincts and associated community consultation is being developed.		

Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Complete implementation of the <i>TASMANAC</i> Tourism Information Platform in collaboration with State partners.	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	50%
Comment		
Project remains on hold by state partners due to resourcing constraints. The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery has confirmed they will be managing this project separately through to delivery. The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's inputs for the initial content ingestion have been completed.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Complete implementation of the Digital Culture Experience in collaboration with State partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection Management System (DCE). • <i>Augmented Reality Education App</i>. 	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	80%
Comment		
<i>Augmented Reality Education App</i> has been completed and is awaiting go live pending Department of Education/State Growth decision on hosting and maintenance. The acceptance certificate for the Collection Management System and Collections Search interface have been issued. Partners are now working through system configuration, functional refinements, data migration and establishment of a Heads of Agreement in order for the system to move into the production (live) environment.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
QVMAG Collection Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to create consistent and accessible records for each asset/object. 	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	5%
Comment		
The Collection Audit is ongoing. The Audit Registrar role is currently vacant and recruitment process is underway to cover maternity leave. The team has five dedicated staff members, all in a part-time capacity. They are continuing to audit the Visual Arts and Design (VAD) collection. QVMAG staff from the History department have commenced auditing the extensive historic photographic collection. Digitisation of QVMAG accession registers has commenced. This work is being completed by an external contractor. Objects totalling 8,302 have been audited as of 31 March 2022.		

Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Plan and launch new exhibitions of QVMAG permanent collections with a focus on contemporary and local stories • Open Storage - Inveresk. • Main Gallery - Royal Park.	Creative Arts and Cultural Services	70%
Comment		
New permanent displays opened at the Art Gallery at Royal Park on 31 July 2021. Planning for the Open Storage display at Inveresk is underway. The foyer area of Inveresk will display type collections that have never been publicly exhibited while the Plant Shop store is being remodelled to allow Open Days for the public.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the City of Launceston.	Community and Place	75%
Comment		
The Cultural Advisory Committee is finalising an action plan for the next four years. A number of Year 1 actions have already been implemented.		
Focus Area: To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Place Brand implementation.	Community and Place	100%
Comment		
A Launceston Place Brand Policy was adopted by Council on 27 January 2022. All creative concepts have been finalised and are available for public use at www.launnie.com.au . The implementation plan is being refined and rolled out and discussions with multiple stakeholders underway as to how they can best use the Place Brand.		

Strategic Priority 5: We Serve and Care for our Community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

We are invested in our community's long term health, well-being, safety and resilience. We want to be trusted and respected by our community.

10-Year Goal: To offer access to services and spaces for all community members, and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

Focus Area: To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics and needs of our community.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement Council commitments from the <i>My Place My Future</i> Plan.	Community and Place	65%
Comment		
The second series of the <i>Ignite Us</i> leadership program is just wrapping up. The public WiFi project continues to rollout and there is a focus on anti-hoarding. Potential grant applications are being looked at for some of the bigger projects identified, especially through to the next financial year		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Development of a Social Inclusion Framework.	Community and Place	30%
Comment		
This project is on hold until a new officer is recruited to take carriage of this project.		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Council wide Aboriginal Partnership Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
Comment		
The Council's Officers have undertaken preliminary consultation with several stakeholders concerning the development of an Aboriginal Partnership Plan to frame up the Council's approach. This approach has been workshopped with Councillors. Background research has now been completed for the development of the Plan and an engagement process will be undertaken over the next two months. The Plan will be finalised and submitted to Council for consideration in June.		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop an action plan under the Access Framework for Action.	Community and Place	100%
Comment		
The 2021/2022 Action Plan has been developed and endorsed by the Access Advisory Committee.		
Focus Area: To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the action plan for the Access Framework.	Community and Place	75%

Comment		
The 2022/2023 Action Plan is being finalised with input from the Access Advisory Committee and various internal stakeholders. There is great support and willingness to implement actions that will make a difference to people with accessibility issues.		
Focus Area: To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue to roll out the <i>ABCDE</i> Learning Sites community development program to communities across the municipality.	Community and Place	80%
Comment		
The Kings Meadows <i>ABCDE</i> Learning Site is well progressed and moving into transition back to the community. Planning work has commenced on the Invermay learning site for 2022/2023.		
Focus Area: To develop and manage infrastructure and resources to protect our community from natural and other hazards.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop planning controls for levee protected areas.	Community and Place	50%
Comment		
Community survey and flood risk analysis completed. Work commenced on the draft planning provisions.		

Strategic Priority 6: We *Protect our Environment* by caring for our unique natural assets and amenity and sensitively managing future development opportunities.

We strive to minimise the impact of our actions on the environment, while planning for, adapting to and managing the impact of climate change. We want to protect the special character and values of our city for future generations.

10-Year Goal: To enhance the unique natural character, values, and amenity of our City by minimising the impacts of our organisation's and our community's activities in the environment.

Focus Area: To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the City of Launceston Sustainability Strategy and Carbon Reduction Plan to achieve carbon neutrality and sourcing 100% renewable energy for the Council's owned buildings by 2025.	Infrastructure and Assets	75%

Comment		
Carbon Reduction Plan developed and approved by Council. Priority actions underway and in sight for asset owner groups with respect to upcoming budgets. The <i>Sustainability Action Plan</i> was completed and endorsed by Council in January 2022.		
Focus Area: To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Support the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce. Provide technical support for TasWater/NRM in implementation of the <i>kanamaluka</i> /Tamar Estuary River Health Action Plan (catchment management and combined system improvements, public education and policy development).	Infrastructure and Assets	75%
Comment		
Technical support is being provided as required.		

Strategic Priority 7: We are a *City Planning for our Future* by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure investment is coordinated, progressive, and sustainable.

We play a leading role in balancing the enviable amenity of our municipality with the needs of future development and growth. We want to influence the delivery of the right investment for our City and Region.

10-Year Goal: To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment, and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

Focus Area: To ensure that our application of the land-use planning system at a local and regional level is effective and efficient.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Planning Scheme, Local Provisions Schedule.	Community and Place	85%
Comment		
The public hearings into scheme representations are underway and will be finalised by 17 May 2022. It is anticipated that the Tasmanian Planning Commission will finalise its assessment in July with the scheme coming into effect shortly afterwards.		
Focus Area: To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Commence project to identify highest and best use of the Council's owned buildings and land.	Organisational Services	15%

Comment		
Internal working group established and development of framework has commenced.		
Focus Area: To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Northern Regional Land Use Strategy Review.	Community and Place	100%
Comment		
Stage 1 review completed. Work commenced on preparation for a broader review in conjunction with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation and Tasmanian Government.		
Focus Area: To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Place Making Framework.	Community and Place	10%
Comment		
This is currently on hold.		
Focus Area: To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement the Launceston Transport Strategy.	Infrastructure and Assets	75%
Comment		
A work plan has been completed to complement the Launceston Transport Strategy. The initiatives contained within the work plan are in various stages of completion. Significant progress has been made on the shared micro-mobility trial with preferred vendors selected, transport committee terms of reference drafted and the planning work complete for a speed limit review for our high activity centres.		
Focus Area: To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue work on South Prospect Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan.	Community and Place	75%
Comment		
Preliminary work to support a rezoning is at an advanced stage.		
Focus Area: To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.		

Action	Network	% Complete
City Deal Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with the Commonwealth and State Governments to successfully implement all of the City of Launceston's commitments under the City Deal program to deliver a range of economic and social benefits to the City. 	Chief Executive Officer	75%
Comment		
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Focus Area: To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.		
Action	Network	% Complete
City Deal Agreement - determination of projects for additional five years.	Chief Executive Officer	75%
Comment		
<p>Research and detailed analysis on potential projects is progressing.</p> <p>The Council's contribution is on track to meet the mid-2022 completion date for the 2022 to 2027 Implementation Plan. There is potential for the implementation plan to be delayed due to the timing of the election.</p>		

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

15.2 2021/2022 Budget - Budget Amendments

FILE NO: SF6817/SF7334

AUTHOR: Nathan Williams (Manager Finance)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

For Council to consider changes to the Council's 2021/2022 Statutory Estimates.

A decision for Recommendation 1. requires an absolute majority of Council in accordance with section 82(4) of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and by absolute majority, approves the following changes to the 2021/2022 Statutory Estimates:
 - (a) Revenue
 - i. the net increase in revenue from external grants and contributions of \$6,120,000.
 - (b) Expenses
 - i. the net decrease in operations expenditure of \$9,396.
 - (c) Capital Works Expenditure
 - i. the net increase in expenditure from external funds of \$6,120,000.
 - ii. the increase in the Council's funded expenditure of \$9,396.
 2. notes that amendments from Recommendation 1. result in:
 - (a) the operating surplus being amended to \$17,609,034 (including capital grants of \$24,866,380) for 2021/2022.
 - (b) the capital budget being increased to \$47,811,007 for 2021/2022.
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DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

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

That Council:

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CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

16. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

16.1 Councillor Conference Attendance

FILE NO: SF0121

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVAL: Michael Stretton

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the request of Councillor A G Harris to attend the *Local Government Climate Change Conference*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agrees to request of Councillor A G Harris to attend the *Local Government Climate Change Conference* in Launceston on Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

Due to a Declaration of Interest in Agenda Item 16.1 - Councillor Conference Attendance, Councillor A G Harris withdrew from the Meeting at 1:37pm.

DECISION: 19 May 2022

MOTION

Moved Councillor A E Dawkins, seconded Councillor R I Soward.

That Council agrees to request of Councillor A G Harris to attend the *Local Government Climate Change Conference* in Launceston on Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

CARRIED 9:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor K M Preece
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

Councillor A G Harris re-attended the Meeting at 1:38pm.

17. MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 1.38pm.

18. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 2 June 2022 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.