



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL AGENDA

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025
1.00PM**

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 8 May 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

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 - (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

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- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
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**Sam Johnson OAM
Chief Executive Officer**

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1. OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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).

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. 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 17 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

5.1. Council Workshop Report - 1 May 2025

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Lorraine Wyatt (Team Leader Executive Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, notes the Council Workshops conducted and attended since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

1. Workshop conducted on 1 May 2025:

Bathurst Street Carpark

Councillors received a presentation about the potential to develop Bathurst Street Carpark.

Corporate Application Transformation Program - Project Ignite

Councillors were provided with an update on the Corporate Application Replacement Program. Including pre-execution reference checking, proposed procurement process and budget considerations.

George Street Dining Deck Trial - Outcomes and Next Steps

Councillors had the opportunity to provide feedback and input into the future direction of the George Street Dining Deck Trial initiative.

In Attendance: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton

Apologies: Councillor Prof G Razay and Councillor L M McMahon

REPORT:

Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* says that the Agenda of an Ordinary Council Meeting is to include the date and purpose of any Council Workshops held since the last Meeting.

Attendance is recorded for noting and reporting in the Council's Annual Report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

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 Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.
4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Chief Executive Officer have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

6. COUNCILLORS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS

Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications will be considered in Closed Council at Agenda Item 24.5 - Councillors' Leave of Absence.

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).

No Community Reports have been identified as part of this Agenda

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 - Andrew Smith - Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan and Bushland Clearing - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Andrew Smith, has been answered by the Business Leader Carr Villa.

Question:

1. Will the council avoid clearing the bushland at Carr Villa to protect this threatened forest community and comply with state legislation?

Response:

Thank you for the question.

The Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan seeks to address a complex range of priorities, including interment needs for the next 100 years, heritage protection, community expectations, environmental values, and operational sustainability. We understand this has resulted in some community concerns, especially regarding the balance between preserving bushland and identifying land for future interment.

The draft does not propose widespread or indiscriminate clearing of bushland. The City of Launceston remains committed to protecting the site's natural character while ensuring Carr Villa continues to meet the evolving deathcare needs of the community. We value the importance of the site's undeveloped bushland, particularly areas known for their high ecological value and the presence of endangered species. The approach proposed attempts to carefully balance the need for future interment space with the protection of the site's natural environment.

The City of Launceston recognises the Flora Reserve holds significant natural and ecological value and has taken care to avoid any direct impacts to the Reserve, or areas identified as having the highest environmental values. The Reserve will continue to be protected and supported through current conservation efforts.

While the draft plan includes future investigation of low-sensitivity bushland for interment needs, it also calls for comprehensive environmental assessments and planning controls

to guide any future decisions. The Masterplan does not authorise any development, it sets a long-term direction subject to further planning, statutory processes, and community engagement. The City of Launceston is committed to complying with all relevant state legislation and environmental regulations in the management of Carr Villa Memorial Park.

Community engagement on the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan closed on 28 April 2025. All feedback and submissions received during this consultation period are being reviewed and carefully considered, as we work towards a refined draft master plan for future Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Question Taken on Notice - 17 April 2025 - Andrew Smith Redacted [8.1.1.1 - 2 pages]

8.1.2. Public Questions on Notice - Dale Luck - Flora and Fauna Assessments and the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Dale Luck, have been answered by the Business Leader Carr Villa.

Questions:

The City of Launceston Council commissioned North Barker Ecosystem Services to do an assessment of the Carr Villa Bushland in 2018.

1. Was the North Barker report considered by the planners?
2. Why is it not referenced?
3. What are the perceived failings of the North Barker report that require a fresh assessment to be made?

Response:

Thank you for the questions.

Expert advice, via environmental and vegetation assessments, were central to the development of the Carr Villa Memorial Park Draft Masterplan. A comprehensive site analysis was conducted, which included reviewing City of Launceston natural value assessments and reports and conducting on-site visits.

The North Barker Carr Villa Bushland Vegetation Assessment 2019 report was indeed considered during the development of the draft plan. Its findings have helped inform the understanding of the site's ecological character, species richness, and the broader relationship between the bushland, the Carr Villa Flora Reserve, and the cemetery as a whole.

The report's omission as a direct reference in the Draft Master Plan is acknowledged. However, its conclusions influenced the careful delineation of any proposed expansion areas. With the additional support of a rigorous Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) MCA process, these indicative development zones were selected to avoid areas of highest conservation value.

The recommendation in the draft plan to undertake further flora and fauna assessments prior to any detailed design is not intended to disregard or discredit the North Barker report. Rather, it reflects the Council's commitment to undertake comprehensive planning

to support decision-making. Any proposed expansion will be subject to a rigorous approval process, and additional assessments will help ensure that environmental, cultural, operational, and community considerations are thoroughly addressed before implementation can occur.

Community engagement on the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan closed on 28 April 2025. All feedback and submissions received during this consultation period are being reviewed and carefully considered, as we work towards a refined draft master plan for future Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Question Taken on Notice - 17 April 2025 - Dale Luck - Redacted [8.1.2.1 - 1 page]

8.1.3. Public Questions on Notice - Roy Skabo - Consultants and the Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Roy Skabo, has been answered by the Business Leader Carr Villa.

Questions:

1. The Council has a number of natural history experts who are employed by or volunteer at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. These people know Carr Villa Flora Reserve very well and understand its important natural values. Why did the Council not make this expertise available to the consultants who prepared the Carr Villa Master Plan, and will the Council undertake to quickly make this expert knowledge available to the consultants so the Master Plan can be amended to better address the need for protection of the natural environment? This should be done before any decisions is made to adopt the Master Plan.

Response:

Thank you for the questions.

Expert advice, via environmental and vegetation assessments, were central to the development of the Carr Villa Memorial Park Draft Masterplan. A comprehensive site analysis was conducted, which included reviewing City of Launceston natural value assessments and reports and conducting on-site visits.

Reports including the North Barker Carr Villa Bushland Vegetation Assessment 2019 report were indeed considered during the development of the draft plan. Its findings have helped inform the understanding of the site's ecological character, species richness, and the broader relationship between the bushland, the Carr Villa Flora Reserve, and the cemetery as a whole.

Its conclusions influenced the careful delineation of any proposed expansion areas. With the additional support of a rigorous Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) MCA process, these indicative development zones were selected to avoid areas of highest conservation value.

In addition to the consideration of expert advice, community engagement has been central to the draft plan development. The draft plan has been shaped by two rounds of public consultation undertaken through the Tomorrow Together platform in 2024, face-to-face internal and external stakeholder meetings, a workshop with Councillors, engagement with Friends of the Carr Villa Flora Reserve, and conversations with funeral industry

representatives provided valuable insights into the diverse needs of our community, ensuring the draft plan reflects shared values and priorities.

The draft plan does not propose widespread or indiscriminate clearing of bushland. The City of Launceston remains committed to protecting the site's natural character while ensuring Carr Villa continues to meet the evolving deathcare needs of the community. We value the importance of the site's undeveloped bushland, the approach proposed carefully balances the need for future interment space with the protection of the site's natural environment.

Community engagement on the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan closed on 28 April 2025. All feedback and submissions received during this consultation period are being reviewed and carefully considered, as we work towards a refined draft master plan for future Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Question Taken on Notice - 17 April 2025 - Roy Skabo Redacted [8.1.3.1 - 1 page]

8.1.4. Public Questions on Notice - Leanikka Simmons - Flora and Fauna Impacts and the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Leanikka Simmons, has been answered by the Business Leader Carr Villa.

Questions:

1. I live close to Carr Villa Flora Reserve and visit it frequently to observe and take photos of the native and threatened species of animals and plants. The development of the masterplan for Carr Villa Memorial Park is a good opportunity to protect the flora reserve and bushland around it, yet the draft does not do this. In fact, it proposes further clearing of the bushland which will result in damage even to the small area which is treated as a flora reserve. Rare, vulnerable and endangered species of any kind can be found in the reserve, and without it, key populations of species will be destroyed. How does the Council feel about this plan which will take this special asset away from, not only myself, but the community and the environment?

Response:

Thank you for the question.

The Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan seeks to address a complex range of priorities, including interment needs for the next 100 years, heritage protection, community expectations, environmental values, and operational sustainability. We understand this has resulted in some community concerns, especially regarding the balance between preserving bushland and identifying land for future interment.

The City of Launceston recognises the Flora Reserve holds significant natural and ecological value and has taken care to avoid any direct impacts to the Reserve, or areas identified as having the highest environmental values. Importantly, the Carr Villa Flora Reserve will remain untouched. This area, which holds significant natural and ecological value, is not identified for any future development and will continue to be protected and supported through current conservation efforts.

The draft masterplan does not propose widespread or indiscriminate clearing of bushland. The City of Launceston remains committed to protecting the site's natural character while ensuring Carr Villa continues to meet the evolving deathcare needs of the community. We value the importance of the site's undeveloped bushland, particularly areas known for their high ecological value and the presence of endangered species. The approach proposed

attempts to carefully balance the need for future interment space with the protection of the site's natural environment.

Community engagement on the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan closed on 28 April 2025. All feedback and submissions received during this consultation period are being reviewed and carefully considered, as we work towards a refined draft master plan for future Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

8.1.5. Public Questions on Notice - Noel Christensen - High Street Lookout - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question/questions, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Noel Christensen, has been answered by the Senior Leader City Amenities.

Questions:

1. Recently 10 trees have been added to those overgrowing the High Street lookout rendering it unfit for purpose. Ironically, 10 is the number of trees destroyed in Albert Hall's renovation. Others, like the pair in Malunga Street in Kings Meadows, have been butchered to keep them clear of overhead wires. With those precedents in mind, cannot similar steps be taken to restore life to the lookout, only this time manage tree growth?

Response:

In response to a customer enquiry the Council's Urban Forester recently attended the site and has determined that the trees have not been planted by Council, and that it appears that a member of community must have planted them. The trees will be removed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

8.1.6. Public Questions on Notice - Claire Richardson - Petition and Mayoral Support - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Claire Richardson, have been answered by the Chief Executive Officer.

Question

1. Will the CEO PR and media teams and the two Councillors who went to ABC National News take accountability for their role in this unnecessary drama, the consequent media frenzy and issue a public statement of apology?

Response:

Council is not able to comment or speak on behalf of other parties, including external parties (PR-Media). Individual Councillor positions will need to be sought from Councillors.

The CEO remains committed to the official statement as issued.

Question

2. Will the Councillors who voted no confidence in Matthew Garwood and rejected his apologies honour the 6,600 plus people who signed my petition and stand down as requested as we have no confidence in your leadership as elected representatives?

Response:

Council is not able to provide comment on individual Councillor positions.

Question

3. If you refuse to stand down will you at least re-evaluate your seat at this table and start setting a real example of leadership, approachability and trustworthiness that this community deserves and urgently needs?

Response:

As per the answer to question 2.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

8.1.7. Public Questions on Notice - Kirsten Ritchie - Homelessness and Community Support - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Kirsten Ritchie, have been answered by Senior Leader Liveable Communities.

Question:

1. What is the point of us having work health and safety policies in place when in fact mostly they are not worth the paper they're written on similar to having a protection order it's a bit late once one is unalived or unable to function a normal working life?

Response:

Council Officers are unable to answer this question as the context is unclear.

Question:

2. What amount of dollars is allocated to Launceston City Council to go towards investing in our homelessness community?

Please provide us with an itemised list of incomings and outgoings that have been brought and invested. The same goes for the Homelessness Advisory Committee. There's a grant of \$50,000 to purchase tents, sleeping bags and camp chairs, which have not been witnessed. That amount of such dollar value of what has been handed out to our homeless community members. These amounts should be made public and available for view on your website.

Response:

The total homelessness budget for 2024/2025 is \$190,000. An itemised list can be provided to the next Council meeting.

There is no budget associated with the Homelessness Advisory Committee. Funding for any projects which originate from advice from the Homelessness Advisory Committee are drawn from the overall homelessness budget.

Council officers are unaware of the mentioned \$50,000 grant. The City of Launceston does not receive any external funding for its homelessness services. The City of Launceston is not aware of any grant and does not purchase equipment items (sleeping bags etc.) for distribution to people experiencing homelessness.

Question:

3. Why is it so difficult for Launceston City Council to not provide Strike It Out with the name and direct contact of your community support worker. I've come to the front desk emailed and many phone calls to not be given the answer. I've been emailed and told to either snap send solve, phone, email, reach out, or come to the front desk. I've already done all those. The other service organisations have been introduced to this person and have a rapport, but we've been withheld. Why - we have to go through the same channels as a general public?

Response:

Council does not employ a community support worker. Council's Homelessness support is facilitated by the Community Development Team. Council has engaged extensively with Ms Ritchie and Strike it Out over a number of years. Ms Ritchie is encouraged again to submit any specific enquiry through the appropriate channels.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. F W_ RS R 0126 2025 - Sleeping Rough [8.1.7.1 - 5 pages]

8.1.8. Public Questions on Notice - Malcolm Cowan - Air Quality Strategy - 29 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 29 April 2025 by Malcolm Cowan, have been answered by the Team Leader Environmental Health.

Question:

1. What is the state of the Air Quality Strategy and when will it be available for public consultation?

Response:

Councillors participated in a clean air workshop this year where they supported the development of a Clean Air Strategy and Action Plan. The development of the Strategy is due to commence in financial year 2025/26 and is anticipated to be completed in financial year 2027/28.

Question:

2. Is the council running any campaigns to promote good practices to reduce the pollution created by those wood heaters still being used?

Response:

The City of Launceston promotes the Environment Protection Authority's Burn Brighter This Winter educational campaign.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Question on Notice - 29 April 2025 - Malcolm Cowan Redacted [8.1.8.1 - 1 page]

8.1.9. Public Questions on Notice - Robin Smith - Gorge Restaurant Lease - 30 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 30 April 2025 by Robin Smith, has been answered by the Lease Officer.

Questions:

1. Council voted unanimously on the 27th of March 2025 to offer a lease to the preferred (incumbent) operator for the Gorge Restaurant in the Cataract Gorge Reserve. This offer appears not to have been accepted. Had Council materially changed the terms under the proposed lease as arising from the Expression of Interest, without intended lessee agreement?

Response:

On 27 March 2025, Council unanimously resolved to offer a lease to the preferred (and incumbent) operator of the Gorge Restaurant within the Cataract Gorge Reserve, following an Expression of Interest process.

On the 28th March 2025 the preferred operator rejected the lease to operate the Gorge Restaurant without entering into any lease negotiations, the rent was consistent with their original proposal.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Questions on Notice - Robin Smith - 30 April 2025 Redacted [8.1.9.1 - 1 page]

8.1.10. Public Questions on Notice - Robin Smith - Parking Matters and Boxing Day Operations - 30 April 2025

FILE NO: SF6381, SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 30 April 2025 by Robin Smith, have been answered by the Executive Leader Delivery and Performance.

Questions:

[Regarding Boxing Day operations of council owned and operated multi-story car parks in Launceston which arise from the City of Launceston Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, 13th of February 2025 Item 8.1.5. Public Questions on Notice - Robin Smith - Parking Matters including Parking Operations, Christmas Arrangements]

1. To the question: *"What consideration was given to parking operations on 26 December 2024 (Boxing Day)?"*

Council answered:

"The decision was made not to operate the three multi-storey car parks on Boxing Day 2024 due to a technical issue arising with our after-hours service provider. While the system was operational, several technological communication issues required addressing before it could function independently without oversight. As a result, the car parks remained closed on Boxing Day."

1. What was the nature of these 'technological communication issues'?
 2. When did council become aware of them and what changed to enable operation on the 27th of December?
 3. Was an alternative 'oversight' available which could ensure operation?
 4. Did these issues prevent operations in both (a) normal revenue, (b) on a free-of-charge basis (as per the two weekends prior to Christmas), and (c) were both considered?
 5. Were council staff ever scheduled to work Boxing Day in relation to parking?
2. To the question in reference to council's free parking initiatives of the 14th, 15th, 21st and 22 December 2024:
"How many officer hours were employed to operate those carparks on those days?"
Council answered:
"A total of 144 officer hours were employed to operate the car parks during the free parking initiative."

What was the role for the 144 staff hours?

3. Regarding Multi-storey Carparks - Operation:

1. What was the last time the council's multi-storey car parks did not open on a Boxing Day?
2. On what date was the decision not to open the multi-storey car parks on Boxing Day 2024 made?
3. Will council operate any of the three multi-story car parks on Boxing Day 2025?

Response:

Thank you for the questions.

In line with our Public Question Time Policy, receipt of the questions is acknowledged however, due to the short timeline between receiving the questions and the date for publishing the agenda for the 8 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, a comprehensive response cannot be provided.

Detailed responses to the questions will be published in the Agenda of the 29 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

8.2. Public Questions Without Notice

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

9. PETITIONS

No Petitions have been identified as part of this Agenda

10. DEPUTATIONS

No Deputations have been identified as part of this Agenda

11. PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Planning Authority Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

12.1. Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Saturday 19 April 2025

- Attended the Children's and Families Easter Festival, Riverbend Park

Friday 25 April 2025

- Officiated at the ANZAC Day Service, Launceston Cenotaph
- Attended the ANZAC Day Service, Nunamara

Sunday 27 April 2025

- Presented Awards at Brixhibition, Launceston Conference Centre, South Launceston

Wednesday 30 April 2025

- Conducted a Citizenship Ceremony, Tramsheds, Inveresk
 - Attended *Instructions for the Correct Assembly*, IO HQ, Cimitiere Street, Launceston
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13. 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).

14. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

14.1. 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).

14.1.1. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor D C Gibson - Councillor Budget for Training and Conferences - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor D C Gibson has been answered by Senior Leader Finance.

Questions:

1. [Regarding the response provided for in the 17 April 2025 Agenda item 14.1.3. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor D C Gibson - Budget for Attending the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Conference - 27 March 2025] The response did not capture the response that I was seeking. It says "Council's proposed budget includes certain amount for training and associated travel costs." My question was explicitly around the current financial year and I wanted to know if there is room left within the existing budget line?

Response:

Yes, budget was available at the time of booking the conference and costs are able to be accommodated within the existing budget under the Councillors' Cost Code for the 2024/2025 financial year.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

**14.1.2. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor A E Dawkins - US Tariff
Impacts on Local Primary Producers - 17 April 2025**

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor A E Dawkins, has been answered by the Economic Development Officer.

Question:

1. Given that a US tariff regime has had more than a ripple effect globally, do we have a sense of how local primary producers and resource providers might be affected by the tariffs and have we reached out to them to be able to offer support or at least understand what they need from us?

Response:

The introduction of new US tariffs in early 2025, including a 25% tariff on steel and aluminium and a 10% tariff on most other Australian goods, has raised understandable concerns about the potential impact on Tasmania's export sectors, including those in Northern Tasmania.

Current Situation

While Council has not received any direct concerns from local businesses at this stage, the broader economic context suggests there may be flow-on effects, particularly in agriculture, food processing and metals, which are all key sectors in our region's economy.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Tasmania exported around \$595m worth of goods to the US in 2024. Key exports such as non-ferrous metals, beef, dairy, seafood, wine and wood products are exposed to these new tariffs. Early modelling suggests potential losses of up to \$54m across these sectors, with regional communities most at risk due to their reliance on these high-value exports. Locally, this may translate to tighter profit margins, reduced reinvestment and possible job impacts, particularly in agriculture and at major facilities like the Bell Bay smelter.

Implications for the City of Launceston

From a municipality perspective, while we are not a major direct exporter to the US market, our local economy includes businesses that are integrated into broader supply chains particularly in food production, advanced manufacturing and agri-processing. Local producers, processors and logistics operators could begin to feel indirect effects if rising costs or shifting demand flows through national networks. The Bell Bay Aluminium smelter, located just outside our municipal boundary but employing residents from Launceston, is one example of a major exporter exposed to the 25% tariff on aluminium.

Council's Role and Response

Council is not directly involved in international trade negotiations. However, we play a key role in supporting the economic resilience of our region and maintaining business confidence during periods of uncertainty.

Council teams are taking a proactive approach by:

- Engaging regularly with local industry groups such as the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone, Launceston Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation to monitor early signs of impact.*
- Working with the Department of State Growth and Regional Development Australia Tasmania to ensure alignment between local responses and broader economic and trade strategies.*
- Supporting investment attraction and workforce development programs to strengthen the region's adaptability to external shocks.*
- Advocating for improvements that can help local businesses access alternative markets in Asia and other parts of the world.*

Next Steps

Council will continue to monitor developments, maintain engagement with key stakeholders and track emerging trade and investment trends relevant to our region. Should more specific evidence of local impacts become available, this will be brought forward to the Council for information and to support any future advocacy or response.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

14.1.3. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor J J Pentridge - Legal Action in Lilydale - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor J J Pentridge, have been answered by the Team Leader Legal Services and Team Leader Environmental Services.

Question:

1. Who in Council approved spending nearly \$57,000 pursuing a community person from Lilydale in legal action?

Response:

Council conducted investigations into an activity after receiving numerous complaints alleging the activity was creating an environmental nuisance. Following an initial investigation the Council was satisfied the activity was not being carried out in accordance with the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act and related guidelines and the Primary Industry Protection Act. An Environmental Protection Notice (EPN) was issued to the operator requiring them to cease the activity and demonstrate the activity can be conducted in compliance with the relevant Acts and guidelines. The operator challenged the EPN which resulted in legal costs to both parties. The investigation and ensuing legal process was approved by various members of the City of Launceston leadership team, with all service providers engaged in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Code for Tenders and Contracts.

Question:

2. What was the final outcome of the action?

Response:

The parties have reached a mediated outcome, with an Environmental Protection Notice being issued to manage the activity.

Question:

3. Did we get any advice that gave us a good indication that we would have some success because it appears that we are worse off?

Response:

Expert technical advice has been sought throughout the matter, with the outcome aligning with state-level guidelines and regulatory standards for such activities across Australia. The City of Launceston has worked to ensure the activity is now conducted in a way that reduces impact on neighbouring properties, while acknowledging the needs of primary producers.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

**14.1.4. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor D C Gibson - NTCA Masterplan
- 17 April 2025**

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor D C Gibson, has been answered by the Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning.

Question:

1. Regarding the delay in the NTCA sports complex [Masterplan] and the opportunity for us now to accompany that future decision-making process with additional research. I just want to understand the research that's being undertaken in that space and its impact on the NTCA sports complex approach?

Response:

There is ongoing engagement with the NTCA members clubs through a Project Working Group forum. Further, the Project Working Group includes City of Launceston officers from our Parks and Sustainability, City Amenities, Building Assets and Investigations and Communications Teams. The purpose of this Working Group is to provide support for the successful delivery of the NTCA Sports Complex Redevelopment Project and to maximise the benefits from the project to the City of Launceston and Community.

To further support the NTCA Redevelopment Project, early engagement of the following professional services has occurred to research the site and to inform the architectural design response:

1. *City of Launceston heritage officers to develop a concise record of the history of the site*
2. *Arborist consultant to provide an independent assessment of existing vegetation*
3. *Economist and business case consultant to inform derivation of value from investment and to provide expert advice with respect to attracting the required external funding for construction*
4. *Engagement of broader internal City of Launceston stakeholders to ensure Council's overarching strategies and policies are incorporated into the design response. Key documents include:*
 - a. *City of Launceston Access Framework*
 - b. *City of Launceston Sustainability Action Plan*
 - c. *City of Launceston Urban Greening Strategy*

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

14.1.5. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor D C Gibson - Working Model for Recreational Hub, Northern Suburbs - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor D C Gibson, has been answered by Executive Leader Connections and Liveability.

Questions:

1. Council funded a body of work looking at the Recreational Hub in the Northern Suburbs looking at what the operational model would be. Where is the operation and the work around how it will be brought to life?

Response:

Former CEO Michael Stretton presented the findings from a draft report on the future governance models for the Northern Suburbs Recreation Hub to Councillors at a workshop on 9 November 2023. Various options were presented to Councillors, however, the final report has not yet been provided to Council. Officers will present the final report at a future Council meeting with recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

14.1.6. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor A G Harris - Active Transport Corridor - Kings Meadows, South Prospect and Youngtown - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor A G Harris, has been answered by the Senior Leader Infrastructure and Engineering.

Questions:

1. Regarding the Active Transport funding, where \$670,000 was obtained from the Australian Government, which is 50% of the new pathway to connect Oakden Park footpath network with Youngtown Primary, Kings Meadows High School and Kate Reed Reserve and will also act as an active transport corridor for the proposed development at South Prospect. Have we got a timeline for when this would be delivered but more importantly perhaps a plan as to where the corridor is going?

Response:

A concept alignment was prepared as part of the application and has been shared with Councillors out of session.

Generally, the pathway will be positioned immediately adjacent to the kerb on the eastern side of Connector Park Drive and set back from the road where feasible on the northern side of Kings Meadows Link. Certain sections towards Dolerite Drive will require localised cut and fill operations due to the terrain.

The project plan submitted as part of the Grant Application outlines that construction commence towards the end of 2026, allowing ample time for design, approvals, and tendering processes.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

14.1.7. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor T G Walker - Learn to Swim Programs - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor T G Walker, have been answered by the Senior Leader Community Connections.

Question:

1. We still have issues with our Learn to Swim program at the Aquatic Centre. Is it the case that we can't find instructors, that it takes too long to train new people, where are the restrictions there?

Response:

The Launceston Leisure & Aquatic Centre delivers a highly subscribed Learn to Swim (LTS) program during peak times throughout the day, with consistently high occupancy across all classes. While there were ongoing challenges in recruiting new instructors during the last quarter, these did not impact the delivery of our current program. To proactively address instructor availability and build further capacity, we have recently worked with Royal Life Saving Australia to train selected Centre staff to become accredited course facilitators. This initiative enables us to deliver the required qualifications and accreditations in-house, improving responsiveness to workforce needs and supporting program continuity. While Royal Life Saving Australia have reported a nationwide shortage of Learn to Swim teachers we believe this will enable us to be able to effectively resource the program into the future.

Question:

2. I have anecdotally again heard from more people having difficulty accessing that service and I suppose an adjunct to that we've had the Glen Dhu Pool inoperable. I know that the Mayor or perhaps the CEO has had some discussions with the State Government in regards to that and what we can provide at LAC. Is there any further updates on that?

Response:

The CEO has met with the State Minister for Education, and since sought proposed (draft) plans for what an upgrade to existing Council facilities would be feasible in line with existing site Master Plans. High level cost estimates and draft options of these findings

have been provided to the Minister to consideration. No further details, or correspondence has since been received. If Council wished to pursue this, it would be advisable for Council to formally endorse proposed actions to be taken, by way of a Council report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

14.1.8. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor A E Dawkins - State Government Funding and Stakeholder Meetings - 17 April 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 17 April 2025 by Councillor A E Dawkins, has been answered by the Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation.

Question:

1. I know that there was a news item around lack of State Government funding for TEER projects and I know that that's been so important to this community. I'm wondering if there is any information from these stakeholder meetings that could come to a future Council meeting about whether or not we are fully confident that TEER is going to remain a viable entity and that we are going to keep getting that water monitoring?

Response:

The Tamar Estuary and Esk River program (TEER) is a collaboration between agencies responsible for the management of the Kanamaluka / Tamar estuary and Esk rivers waterways. Program partners include the five estuary-adjacent northern councils, the Tasmanian State Government (Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Health, and EPA), Hydro Tasmania, TasWater, TasPorts, Tasmanian Irrigation and NRM North. Last year, all parties, except the State Government, signed on to a four-year funding commitment in the partnership agreement; the State Government provided a commitment for funding the program for FY24/25 only.

Over the past 12 months, TEER leadership has been in negotiations with the State Government for a continued commitment and funding for the program. Concurrent with the timing of the media story, Minister Ogilvie provided a verbal agreement to TEER leadership for funding for FY 25/26 and invited the CEO of NRM North to begin discussions with NRET staff regarding ongoing funding options for the State Government's investment as part of next year's budget cycle.

Ongoing water quality monitoring will not be disrupted at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

14.2. 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).

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

No Notices of Motion have been identified as part of this Agenda

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1. Cultural Advisory Committee report - 4 Dec 2024 and 2 April 2025

FILE NO: SF7357

AUTHOR: Hannah Koch (Arts and Culture Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Cultural Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 December 2024, and 2 April 2025.

REPORT:

The Cultural Advisory Committee met on 4 December 2024 and 2 April 2025, and discussed the following:

- delivery of public art projects across the municipality, including Criterion Place and George Street parklets, and the Public Art Expression of Interest for the Seaport levee wall and Howick Street wall, which was advertised in April. The committee was invited to take part in selection panels for these projects
- the continued preliminary investigation for a Launceston Arts and Creative Hub
- an introduction to new Committee members Judith Ridge and Ariel Chanko
- the upcoming Arts and Culture Grant. Discussions included the need for accessibility for applicants and diversity of form and practitioner within the eligibility and assessment criteria. The Committee expressed interest in the grant recurring in future years
- an update for the Northern Gateway Project, included public engagement strategies and the upcoming Expressions of Interest process to be advertised in the coming months.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 1: We connect with our community and our region through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

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 Areas:

1. To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes.

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.

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

Focus Areas:

1. To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Executive Leader have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 4 December 2024 [**16.1.1** - 5 pages]
2. Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 2 April 2025 [**16.1.2** - 5 pages]

17. CONNECTIONS AND LIVEABILITY

17.1. Major Event Sponsorship Round 1 2025/2026

FILE NO: SF7570

AUTHOR: Laura Keith (Grants and Sponsorship Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider event sponsorship support for major events (round 1) in 2025/2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approves the following major event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount, from the 2025/2026 major event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed #	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Tas Junior Cycling Foundation	Gilmore Cycling Classic	Level 2	76%	20,000	20,000	15,000
Trevallyn Bowls & Community Club	City of Launceston Tasmanian International Bowls Classic	Level 2	75%	13,657	13,657	10,243
City of Launceston Lions Club	Lion's Club Christmas Parade	Level 1	74%	12,500	12,500	9,375
Rotary Club of Central Launceston	Sally's Ride*	Level 1	74%	12,500	12,500	9,375
Josef Chromy Wines - Endeavour Group Limited	Effervescence Tasmania 2025	Level 2	70%	20,000	20,000	15,000
Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd	agriCULTURED*	Level 1	70%	20,000	12,500**	9,375
SUSTAIN: The Australian Food Network	Urban Agriculture Forum	Level 1	67%	20,000	12,500**	9,375***
Total				\$118,657	\$91,157	\$74,000

- # Note - there are two levels in this category: Level 1 up to \$12,500, and Level 2 \$12,501 up to \$20,000.
- * Alina Bain (Chamber of Commerce) abstained from the assessment of agriCULTURED and Sally's Ride
- ** Application assessed at Level 1 (\$12,500) and not Level 2 (\$20,000) as the panel deemed the event to be a Level 1 event.
- *** Although the Urban Agriculture Forum is recommended to receive 75% of funding, there is only \$5,632 of funding remaining in the allocated budget.

2. Determines the following major event sponsorship applications will not be funded by Council as the available funding has been fully allocated to higher scoring applications.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed #	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Launceston City Cycling Club	Launceston Carnival	Level 2	67%	20,000	20,000	15,000
Mudlark Theatre Inc.	Wittenoom	Level 1	67%	12,500	12,500	9,375
East Launceston Bowling & Community Club	The Viking	Level 1	66%	12,500	12,500	9,375
Matson Hospitality Group	Jazz Under the Stars**	Level 1	66%	12,500	12,500	9,375
Van Diemen's Band	VDB Lunchbox Concerts	Level 1	65%	12,500	12,500	9,375
Total				\$70,000	\$70,000	\$52,500

- # Note - there are two levels in this category: Level 1 up to \$12,500, and Level 2 \$12,501 up to \$20,000.
- ** Alina Bain (Chamber of Commerce) abstained from the assessment of Jazz Under the Stars

REPORT:

Sponsorship program structure and funding

The annual major events sponsorship program provides funding to major events held in the Launceston municipality where local, intrastate, interstate and international attendees are the main audience.

The program has an annual total funding pool in 2025/2026 of \$185,000. Funding is allocated through two rounds covering two distinct periods each year. The *Event Sponsorship Policy (05-PI-012)* states that Round 1 covers a five-month period (1 August - 31 December) and will be allocated 40% for the annual budget. The available funds for Round 1 of the 2025/2026 major event sponsorship program are \$74,000.

Two levels of funding are available under the major event sponsorship program:

- Level 1** - up to \$12,500 for an event held in the Launceston municipality attracting audiences from local and intrastate areas.
- Level 2** - up to \$20,000 for an event held in the Launceston municipality attracting larger audiences from local, intrastate, interstate and/or from overseas.

Round 1 for the 2025/2026 program was oversubscribed with funding requests totaling \$173,657. The panel has recommended allocating \$74,000 of sponsorship in line with the *Event Sponsorship Policy* Round 1 budget. The recommendation of which events should receive sponsorship was made based on scoring against the assessment criteria (Recommendation 1). Due to the funding requests received being significantly higher than the allocated budget, five applications, which scored the lowest, are not being recommended for funding this round (Recommendation 2).

Program governance

The Event Sponsorship Assessment Panel is a Special Committee of Council, established under section 24 of the Local Government Act (TAS) 1993. The panel consists of three councillors, who are nominated by the council, in addition to external stakeholder representatives. The current panel members are:

- Cr Lindi McMahon (Chair), Apology for this Round
- Cr Andrew Palmer (Chaired, this meeting in Cr McMahons absence)
- Tracey Mallett, Visit Northern Tasmania CEO
- Alina Bain, Launceston Chamber of Commerce CEO
- Maddi Biggelaar, Acting Launceston Central Executive Officer.
- Current Cr Vacancy, reflecting the Mayor's Resignation from the Panel effective 29/04/25

Due to the current vacancy and Cr McMahon's period of leave, 2 officers were invited to the panel, to ensure quorum was met, as per the Terms of Reference (attached). The officer selection was based on the necessary skills required to effectively assess the applications. We sought officers with background knowledge in arts, culture and community engagement. The officers that scored and participated in the Assessment Panel scoring moderation were as follows;

- Linda Page, Team Leader Community Development
- Hannah Koch, Arts & Culture Officer

Both officers completed a Declaration of Interest and did not have any conflicts to declare.

The role of the panel is to consider, review and assess each application within the sponsorship levels and against the assessment criteria (detailed below) and provide recommendations. The Chair has the additional responsibility of managing the conflicts of interest of panel members.

The following conflicts of interest have been declared by panel members, which relate to any sponsorship application they may be involved in assessing:

Panel Member	Conflict of Interest
Cr McMahon	
Cr Palmer	
Tracey Mallett	
Alina Bain	Sally's Ride, Jazz Under the Stars, agriCULTURED
Maddi Biggelaar	
Linda Page	
Hannah Koch	

The Grants & Sponsorship Officer and Team Leader of Visitation & Sponsorship support the process but do not make recommendations. Officers consider applications ineligible for assessment if they are not received on time, are not submitted correctly, are missing

information, or do not align with the criteria. Additionally, the assessment panel has the authority to deem an application ineligible based on the criteria.

Assessment process

The following steps form the assessment process for applications:

1. The Grants and Sponsorship Officer receives applications through Smarty Grants (an online portal)
2. All applications are reviewed by the Grants and Sponsorship Officer to confirm eligibility and to ensure all relevant information has been provided. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information.
3. The Events Sponsorship Assessment Panel assesses and pre-scores eligible applications based on their merit against the criteria. The panel then convenes a meeting for score moderation.
4. The assessment score informs the panel's recommendation to Council for funding and these recommendations are subject to the budget available.
5. All funding decisions for assessed applications are made by the full Council via a report to a Council Meeting.

Assessment criteria

The panel assesses each application against the assessment criteria:

Participation	Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.
Creativity and innovation	Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.
Community Spirit	Builds community spirit, fosters pride and a sense of place.
Economic	Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment.
Tourism and profile	Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston and the region, building our profile and reputation.
Asset usage	Utilisation and activation of community facilities including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including Council owned and managed facilities.
*New events	Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth. <i>*Note: To encourage new events (events that have not been held in the City of Launceston municipality previously) there is an additional question in the application. Answers to the additional question enable bonus points to be awarded to applications proposing new events.</i>

Distribution of funding

The level of funding recommended for events relates to the score an event receives based on the assessment criteria. The typical distribution of funds that are based on the score is as follows:

Score	Funding amount
81-100%	100% of requested funds
61-80%	75% of requested funds
50-60%	50% of requested funds

<50%	No funding provided
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Aggregated scores of assessment criteria:

Each member of the assessment panel scores the assessment criteria for each event on a scale of 0 to 5. The individual scores are then combined, and the total scores for each criterion are multiplied by the respective criterion's weighting. This weighted total is divided by the number of panel members who provided the assessment, resulting in a final percentage. Below are the aggregated scores of the assessment criteria for each application.

City of Launceston Tasmanian International Bowls Classic *4-day national ranking lawn bowls event attracting Australia's best players and world champions, featuring food stalls, music and face painting*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	75	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	57	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	69	120
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	100	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	96	90
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	54	90
Total		451	600
Panel Members		6	
% Score		<u>75.17%</u>	

Wittenoom *A significant new theatre event sharing a regional Australian story, co-produced by three of Northern Tasmania's leading arts organisations; Mudlark Theatre, IO Performance, and Theatre North.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	63	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	60	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	69	120
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	76	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	76	90
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	57	90
Total		401	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score

66.83%

Jazz Under the Stars *An enchanting evening of jazz music and fine dining under the stars at the iconic Cataract Gorge Cliff Grounds.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	42	75
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	57	75
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	54	100
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	56	100
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	60	75
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	60	75
Total		329	500
Panel Members		5	

% Score

65.80%

Lion's Club Christmas Parade *Celebration of Christmas in the City featuring floats of community groups, emergency services and businesses parading through the streets.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	90	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	69	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	90	120
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	68	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	60	90
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	69	90
Total		446	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 74.33%

VDB Lunchbox Concerts *A series of bite-sized, affordable world-class concerts, curated by Van Diemen's Band and held at lunchtime at Theatre North / St Johns Anglican Church.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	63	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	69	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	69	120
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	68	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	56	90
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	57	90
Total		382	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 63.67%

Effervescence Tasmania 2025 3-day celebration of Tasmanian sparkling wine which attracts significant high-yield visitation and supports the Tasmanian Wine Industry.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	60	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	63	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	60	90
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	104	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	100	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	33	90
Total		420	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score **70.00%**

The Viking East Launceston Bowls Club 3-day community focused lawn bowls tournament featuring live music & food in a family friendly environment.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	60	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	57	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	72	90
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	76	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	76	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	54	90
Total		395	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score **65.83%**

agriCULTURED 4-day winter festival showcasing Tasmania's agri-food sector.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	51	75
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	63	75
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	51	75
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	64	100
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	72	100
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	48	75
Total		349	500
Panel Members		5	

% Score 69.80%

Launceston Carnival 1-day cycling event at the Silverdome that contracts local, national and international cyclists. 40th Celebrations in 2025.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	57	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	57	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	63	90
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	92	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	88	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	45	90
Total		402	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 67.00%

Sally's Ride 1-day Community Cycling Challenge in Launceston and the Tamar Valley raising funds for Mental Health. Community BBQ and live music at Royal Park.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	63	75
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	48	75
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	57	75
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	64	100
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	76	100
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	60	75
Total		368	500
Panel Members		5	
% Score		<u>73.60%</u>	

Urban Agriculture Forum 3-day forum bringing together policymakers, community leaders, and food system advocates to explore sustainable urban agriculture solutions.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	63	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	69	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	60	90
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	80	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	84	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	51	90
New Event - Demonstrates strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	16	30
Total		423	630
Panel Members		6	
% Score		<u>67.14%</u>	

Gilmore Cycling Classic *Boxing Day cycling criterium-styled race around closed outer-city roads.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	3	63	90
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	3	60	90
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	3	72	90
Demonstrates positive economic benefits through visitor spend, employment and/or investment	4	100	120
Demonstrates positive tourism benefits, through the promotion of Launceston, building our profile and reputation	4	92	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	3	66	90
Total		453	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 75.50%

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended event sponsorship will:

- result in a positive economic impact to the Launceston community through delivering tourism and economic returns to the Launceston community, building the city's profile and reputation as a great place to live, visit and invest.
- will have minimal negative impact on the environment.
- provide a number of valuable social impacts for our community through community participation, building of community spirit and inclusiveness.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

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

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

Focus Areas:

1. To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.
3. To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.
4. To promote tourism and the development of a quality tourism offering for Launceston.

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.

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

Focus Areas:

2. To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.
3. To promote and attract national and international events and support the sector to ensure a diverse annual events calendar.
4. To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.
5. To support sustainable population growth in the Northern Region.

Strategic Priority 5: We serve and care for our community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of 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 Areas:

3. To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.
4. To support the delivery of programs and events for people to connect with each other through participation in community activities and civic life.
5. To promote and support active and healthy lifestyles of our community.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed budget for Round 1 of the 2025/2026 major events sponsorship program is as follows:

Event	Proposed budget	Pre-committed	Recommendations for Round 1	Balance for Round 1
2025/2026 Major Event Sponsorship budget - Round 1	\$74,000	\$0	\$74,000	\$0

The proposed 2025/2026 Round 1 budget for Major Event Sponsorship is \$74,000. Should the recommendation of \$74,000 be approved, the Major Event Sponsorship budget for Round 1 will be fully expended, leaving \$111,000 (60% of total budget) for Round 2 in line with program guidelines.

The budget consideration of this item has been approved by the General Manager Community and Place Network.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05- Plx-018 Event Sponsorship Assessment Panel - Terms of Reference (also Attachment for 17.2 Small Event Sponsorship) [17.1.1 - 3 pages]

17.2. Small Event Sponsorship Round 1 2025/2026

FILE NO: SF7571

AUTHOR: Laura Keith (Grants and Sponsorship Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider committing to event sponsorship support for Small Events (Round 1) 2025/2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. approves the following Small Event Sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount, from the 2025/2026 Small Event Sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Thai Association of Tasmania Inc.	Thai Food and Culture Festival 2025	83%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
St.Giles	St Giles Burn*	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lillydale District Progress Association	Lillydale Christmas Carols	78%	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,250
Foxx & Hound	Garden Party	72%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
The ReDress Hub	ReDressed: ReFashion Competition and Show*	71%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Launceston Festival of Dance Inc	Launceston Festival of Dance	71%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
WIFT TASMANIA	WIFT Tasmania Screening	68%	\$4,661	\$4,661	\$3,496
The Scotsman Music - Ceilidh Connections	Tassie NYE Hogmanay Hootenanny 2025	67%	\$4,075	\$4,075	\$3,056
Launceston Kart Club	Archerville Classic - State Cup / Black Plate	66%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750

Forest Co.	Thrice Cooked Hamm	63%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
St. Cecilia Productions Tasmania Inc.	St Cecilia Performance Challenge	62%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750**
Total			\$51,736	\$51,736	\$41,302

* Alina Bain (Chamber of Commerce) abstained from the assessment of St Giles Burn and ReDressed: ReFashion Competition and Show

** Although St Cecilia Performance Challenge was recommended to receive 75% of funding, there is only \$2448 of funding remaining in the allocated budget.

- notes the following Small Event Sponsorship application will not be funded by Council as all funding available has been fully allocated to the higher scoring applications.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
DARE Collective	35mm: A Musical Exhibition	61%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
School of the Arts	Launnies Festival of Talent	59%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
St Andrews Caledonian Pipe Band Inc	Celtic Fusion	60%	\$4,825	\$4,825	\$2,413
Total			\$14,825	\$14,825	\$8,663

REPORT:

Sponsorship program structure and funding

The annual small events sponsorship program provides funding to small events held in the Launceston municipality where the local community is the main audience.

The program has an annual total funding pool in 2025/2026 of \$100,000. Funding is allocated through two rounds covering two distinct periods each year. The *Event Sponsorship Policy (05-PI-012)* states that Round 1 covers a five-month period (1 August - 31 December) and will be allocated 40% for the annual budget. The available funds for Round 1 of the 2025/2026 major event sponsorship program are \$40,000.

Round 1 for the 2025/2026 program was oversubscribed with funding requests totaling \$66,561. The panel has recommended allocating \$40,000 of sponsorship in line with the *Event Sponsorship Policy* Round 1 budget. The recommendation of which events should receive sponsorship was made based on scoring against the assessment criteria (Recommendation 1). Due to the funding requests received being significantly higher than the allocated budget, three applications, which scored the lowest, are not being recommended for funding this round (Recommendation 2).

Program governance

The Event Sponsorship Assessment Panel is a Special Committee of Council, established under section 24 of the Local Government Act (TAS) 1993. The panel consists of three councillors, who are nominated by the council, in addition to external stakeholder representatives. The current panel members are:

- Cr Lindi McMahon (Chair), Apology for this Round
- Cr Andrew Palmer (Chaired, this meeting in Cr McMahons absence)
- Tracey Mallett, Visit Northern Tasmania CEO
- Alina Bain, Launceston Chamber of Commerce CEO
- Madi Biggelaar, Acting Launceston Central Executive Officer.
- Current Cr Vacancy, Reflecting the Mayor's Resignation from the Panel effective 29/04/25

Due to the current vacancy and Cr McMahon's period of leave, 2 officers were invited to the panel, to ensure quorum was met, as per the Terms of Reference (attached). The officer selection was based on the necessary skills required to effectively assess the applications. We sought officers with background knowledge in arts, culture and community engagement. The officers that scored and participated in the Assessment Panel scoring moderation were as follows;

- Linda Page, Team Leader Community Development
- Hannah Koch, Arts & Culture Officer

Both officers completed a Declaration of Interest and did not have any conflicts to declare.

The role of the panel is to consider, review and assess each application within the sponsorship levels and against the assessment criteria (detailed below) and provide recommendations. The Chair has the additional responsibility of managing the conflicts of interest of panel members.

The following conflicts of interest have been declared by panel members, which relate to any sponsorship application they may be involved in assessing:

Panel Member	Conflict of Interest
Cr McMahon	
Cr Palmer	
Tracey Mallett	
Alina Bain	St Giles Burn, ReDressed: ReFashion Competition and Show
Maddi Biggelaar	
Linda Page	
Hannah Koch	

The Grants & Sponsorship officer and Team Leader of Visitation & Sponsorship support the process but do not make recommendations. Officers consider applications ineligible for assessment if they are not received on time, are not submitted correctly, are missing information, or do not align with the criteria. Additionally, the assessment panel has the authority to deem an application ineligible based on the criteria.

Assessment process

The following steps form the assessment process for applications:

1. The Grants and Sponsorship Officer receives applications through Smarty Grants (an online portal)
2. All applications are reviewed by the Grants and Sponsorship Officer to confirm eligibility and to ensure all relevant information has been provided. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information.
3. The Events Sponsorship Assessment Panel assesses and pre-scores eligible applications based on their merit against the criteria. The panel then convenes a meeting for score moderation.
4. The assessment score informs the panel's recommendation to Council for funding and these recommendations are subject to the budget available.
5. All funding decisions for assessed applications are made by the full Council via a report to a Council Meeting.

Assessment criteria

The panel assesses each application against the assessment criteria:

Participation	Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.
Creativity and innovation	Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.
Community Spirit	Builds community spirit, fosters pride and a sense of place.
Inclusiveness	Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community.
Asset usage	Utilisation and activation of community facilities including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including Council owned and managed facilities.
*New events	Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth. <i>*Note: To encourage new events (events that have not been held in the City of Launceston municipality previously) there is an additional question in the application. Answers to the additional question enable bonus points to be awarded to applications proposing new events.</i>

Distribution of funding

The level of funding recommended for events relates to the score an event receives based on the assessment criteria. The typical distribution of funds that are based on the score is as follows:

Score	Funding amount
81-100%	100% of requested funds
61-80%	75% of requested funds
50-60%	50% of requested funds
<50%	No funding provided

Aggregated scores of assessment criteria:

Each member of the assessment panel scores the assessment criteria for each event on a scale of 0 to 5. The individual scores are then combined, and the total scores for each criterion are multiplied by the respective criterion's weighting. This weighted total is divided by the number of panel members who provided the assessment, resulting in a final percentage. Below are the aggregated scores of the assessment criteria for each application.

Tassie NYE Hogmanay Hootenanny 2025 *NYE traditional Scottish-inspired community celebration with workshops, traditional folk music and ceilidh/bush dancing.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	95	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	84	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	100	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	92	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	28	60
Total		399	600
Panel Members		6	
% Score		<u>66.50%</u>	

Fairy Dell Garden Party *Afternoon/evening outdoor electronic music event in the fairy dell featuring food vendors, local & international artists and light displays.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	95	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	100	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	110	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	80	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	44	60
New Event - Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	22	30
Total		451	630
Panel Members		6	

% Score 71.59%

35mm: A Musical Exhibition *Immersive musical theatre experience where photography inspires song and vice versa, blending storytelling, visual art, and collaborative direction to empower artists.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	100	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	84	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	90	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	68	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	24	60
New Event - Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	13	25
Total		379	625
Panel Members		6	

% Score 60.64%

St Cecilia Performance Challenge *Musical eisteddfod held at the Grand Chancellor attracting over 1000 attendees from intra- and inter-state.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	100	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	76	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	95	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	76	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	22	60
Total		369	600
Panel Members		6	
% Score		<u>61.50%</u>	

Launceston Festival of Dance *8 Day dance festival held for 8 days at the Launceston Conference Centre, attracting over 7000 attendees.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	115	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	88	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	115	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	84	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	24	60
Total		426	600
Panel Members		6	
% Score		<u>71.00%</u>	

Archerville Classic - State Cup / Black Plate Premier karting event attracting 130+ drivers and 500 attendees. Focus on community, youth development and advancing Tasmania's national motorsport profile.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	120	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	76	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	110	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	68	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	22	60
Total		396	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 66.00%

Thai Food and Culture Festival 2025 Free, family-friendly celebration of Thai culture featuring food, music, performances, and crafts in Launceston's Civic Square in November.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	125	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	92	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	130	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	108	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	44	60
Total		499	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 83.17%

Celtic Fusion *A family-friendly evening celebrating Celtic culture through music, dance, and food showcasing Tasmanian talent and fostering cultural exchange with performers and the local community.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	95	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	80	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	105	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	60	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	20	60
New Event - Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	19	30
Total		379	630
Panel Members		6	

% Score 60.16%

Thrice Cooked Hamm *Ticketed interactive musical event reimagining The Three Little Pigs to explore Australia's housing crisis through humour, song, and audience-driven storytelling.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	100	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	92	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	90	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	64	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	36	60
New Event - Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	18	30
Total		400	630
Panel Members		6	

% Score 63.49%

St Giles Burn 400m community hill sprint raising funds for disability support, combining fitness, fun, and fundraising on one of Launceston's steepest streets since 2014.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	120	125
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	68	100
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	95	125
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	88	100
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	32	50
Total		403	500
Panel Members		5	

% Score 80.60%

Launnies Festival of Talent Three-week winter celebration showcasing Northern Tasmania's artists across disciplines including music, visual arts, and design. Highlighting local talent and fostering community pride.

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	95	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	76	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	95	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	72	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	20	60
New Event - Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	15	30
Total		373	630
Panel Members		6	

% Score 59.21%

Lilydale Christmas Carols *Family-focused community concert featuring local performers, school participation, food stalls, and festive activities, attracting over 400 attendees annually.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	130	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	84	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	130	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	88	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	36	60
Total		468	600
Panel Members		6	

% Score 78.00%

WIFT Tasmania Screening *Inclusive Launceston screening of 10 Tasmanian-made short films, followed by a Q&A with women filmmakers, to celebrate local talent and foster creative connection.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	100	150
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	84	120
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	110	150
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	88	120
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	24	60
New Event - Demonstrate strategies for sustainability and a vision for growth.	1	20	30
Total		426	630
Panel Members		6	

% Score 67.62%

ReDressed: ReFashion Competition and Show *A creative refashion competition showcasing upcycled, handmade clothing to promote circular economy principles by keeping garments in use for longer.*

Assessment	Weight	Total	Total Possible Score
Enables social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.	5	90	125
Encourages and supports creativity, innovation and local talent.	4	92	100
Building community spirit, pride and a sense of place	5	90	125
Inclusive and accessible to residents within our community	4	64	100
Utilises and activates community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, including City of Launceston owned and operated assets	2	20	50
Total		356	500
Panel Members		5	
% Score		<u>71.20%</u>	

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended event sponsorship will result in a positive economic impact to the Launceston community through delivering tourism and economic returns to the Launceston Community, building our profile and reputation as a great place to live, visit and invest.

Approval of the recommended event sponsorship will have minimal impact on the environment.

Approval of the recommended event sponsorship will provide a number of valuable social impacts for our community through community participation, building of community spirit and inclusiveness.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

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

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

Focus Areas:

1. To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.

3. To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.
4. To promote tourism and the development of a quality tourism offering for Launceston.

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.

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

Focus Areas:

2. To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.
3. To promote and attract national and international events and support the sector to ensure a diverse annual events calendar.
4. To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.
5. To support sustainable population growth in the Northern Region.

Strategic Priority 5: We serve and care for our community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of 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 Areas:

3. To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.
4. To support the delivery of programs and events for people to connect with each other through participation in community activities and civic life.
5. To promote and support active and healthy lifestyles of our community

BUDGET & FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

	Proposed Budget	Pre-committed	Recommended Round 1	Balance \$
2025/2026 Small Event Sponsorship Budget - Round 1	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0

The proposed budget for 2025/2026 Small Event Sponsorship – Round 1 is \$40,000. Should the recommendation of \$40,000 be approved, the Small Event Sponsorship for Round 1 will be fully expended, leaving \$60,000 (60% of the overall budget) for Round 2 in line with program guidelines.

The budget consideration of this item has been approved by the General Manager Community and Place Network.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05-Plx-018 Event Sponsorship Assessment Panel - Terms of Reference - Please refer to Attachment 17.1.1 [**17.2.1** - 1 page]

18. QVMAG (QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY)

No items have been identified as part of this Agenda

19. COMMUNITY ASSETS AND DESIGN

19.1. Report on Submissions - Draft Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040

FILE NO: SF7753

AUTHOR: Fintan Langan-Clarke (Senior Town Planner)

APPROVER: Chelsea van Riet (Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To note the submissions received during the community consultation period of the draft Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop – 20 June 2024 – Agenda Item 1.4 Launceston Future Housing Discussion
Council – 14 November 2024 - Agenda Item 17.1 – Launceston Local Housing Strategy Update

Workshop – 5 December 2024 – Agenda Item 1.6 Draft Launceston Housing Strategy
Workshop – 20 February 2025 – Agenda Item 1.8 Draft Housing Strategy - Update and Public Exhibition

Council – 6 March 2025 – Agenda 19.1 - Draft Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. note the submissions received during the community consultation period;
2. note the final version of the Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040 will be recommended for adoption at the Ordinary Meeting on 29 May 2025.

REPORT:

Background

On 23 October 2024, multi-disciplinary consultancy, REMPLAN, was engaged to assist Council in the preparation of the draft Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040 (the Housing Plan). The Housing Plan guides dwelling growth in the municipality over the next 15 years and seeks to address changing community needs and enshrine resilience within the local housing market.

During the preparation of the Housing Plan, REMPLAN sought input at an internal workshop from various Council representatives and engaged with Tasmanian community housing providers via face-to-face meetings and online surveys. REMPLAN also presented initial findings and an emerging strategic direction for the Housing Plan to Councillors at a workshop on 14 November 2024.

REMPPLAN delivered a working draft of the Housing Plan in December 2024, following which further adjustments were made to prepare a final draft. On 20 February 2025, Council staff presented an overview of the finalised draft Housing Plan, including vision, principles and actions, at a Councillor workshop.

At Council's 6 March 2025 Ordinary Meeting, Council unanimously endorsed the draft Housing Plan for community consultation for a period of twenty-eight (28) days.

Exhibition of the Housing Plan

The draft Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040 was placed on community consultation from 12 March to 9 April 2025. The broader community was notified via posts on Council's website and social media pages (i.e. Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.) with a total of 23,918 accounts reached. The community was also notified via Council's monthly online newsletter, with updates also provided on Council's website.

Further, a news article reporting on the draft Housing Plan as published in The Examiner on 11 March 2025.

The consultation included the preparation of an interactive webpage (on Council's Tomorrow Together platform), with an explainer video, project timeline, draft documentation and a survey questionnaire asking how people felt about the Housing Plan. The webpage received a total of 1,015 views during the consultation period.

Attendees of Council's developer forum, including local developers, planning professionals State agencies, community housing providers and other stakeholders directly involved with housing development were also notified via email with an opportunity to provide comment on the draft Housing Plan via interactive online engagement tool, Konveio.

Two drop-in sessions, presenting an overview of the Housing Plan, were held at Town Hall on 19 March 2025 with over thirty (30) people in attendance across the two sessions.

Submissions and comments

A total of twenty-four (24) submissions were received in response to the community consultation. These included a combination of responses to the survey questionnaire (12) and written emails (12) sent to Council. The majority of completed survey questionnaires either indicated a positive or neutral sentiment toward the Housing Plan. The remaining completed survey questionnaires indicated a negative sentiment to aspect of or the Plan generally.

Written submissions were received from local residents, key State agencies and organisations including Department of State Growth, Homes Tasmania, Taswater, Property Council of Australia and Shelter Tasmania. Submissions were also received from local planning consultants and developers including Pitt&Sherry, The JAC Group, and Nova Planning (on behalf of Shaw Property Developments).

A total of nineteen (19) comments and suggestions were added on the interactive online engagement tool, Konveio, from Shelter Tas and alsoCAN Architects.

A summary of the feedback received is attached to this Report and provides a summary of each of the submissions received, the Council officer's response to the matters raised, and

any recommended actions or amendments for the Housing Plan during the finalisation. Complete versions of all feedback received have been provided to Councillors to be considered in conjunction with the attached feedback summary.

Next steps

Following the 8 May Council Meeting, Council officers will further review the suggestions raised in the submissions received and make changes if required. A finalised version of the Housing Plan will be prepared and presented to Councillors at a workshop on 22 May 2025 for further discussion.

Following the Councillor workshop, the final Housing Plan is intended to be presented to Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 29 May 2025 seeking adoption.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 1: We connect with our community and our region through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

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 Areas:

1. To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes.

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

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

Focus Areas:

3. To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

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 Areas:

3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.

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.

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

Focus Areas:

5. To support sustainable population growth in the Northern Region.

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

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

Focus Areas:

1. To ensure that our application of the land-use planning system at a local and regional level is effective and efficient.
2. To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.
3. To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.
4. To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Executive Leader have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Feedback Summary - draft Launceston Housing Plan 2025-2040 [**19.1.1** - 27 pages]
2. CONFIDENTIAL - Housing Plan Tomorrow Together Survey Questionnaires 12Mar 9Apr2025 [**19.1.2** - 2 pages]
3. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 1 - Ian Abernethy [**19.1.3** - 8 pages]
4. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 2 - Shelter Tas [**19.1.4** - 2 pages]
5. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 3 a - Aidan Flanagan [**19.1.5** - 6 pages]
6. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 3 b - Aidan Flanagan [**19.1.6** - 6 pages]
7. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 3 c - Aidan Flanagan [**19.1.7** - 7 pages]
8. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 4 - Tas Water [**19.1.8** - 3 pages]
9. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 5 - Graeme Stevenson [**19.1.9** - 1 page]
10. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 6 a - Ray Norman [**19.1.10** - 4 pages]
11. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 6 b - Ray Norman [**19.1.11** - 4 pages]
12. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 6 c - Ray Norman [**19.1.12** - 2 pages]
13. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 6 d - Ray Norman [**19.1.13** - 3 pages]
14. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 6 e - Ray Norman [**19.1.14** - 5 pages]
15. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 7 - Pitt& Sherry [**19.1.15** - 5 pages]
16. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 8 - JAC Group [**19.1.16** - 2 pages]

17. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 9 - Shaw Property Developments [**19.1.17** - 6 pages]
18. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 10 - Property Council of Australia [**19.1.18** - 4 pages]
19. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 11 - Homes Tas [**19.1.19** - 8 pages]
20. CONFIDENTIAL - Sub 12 - Department of State Growth [**19.1.20** - 4 pages]
21. CONFIDENTIAL - Housing Plan Konveio Feedback 12Mar 9Apr2025 [**19.1.21** - 1 page]

19.2. Launceston Flood Authority Report

FILE NO: SF4493

AUTHOR: Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Infrastructure and Engineering)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Chelsea van Riet (Community Assets and Design Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report - January to March 2025.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. in accordance with Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020*, receives the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report, January to March 2025 (ECM Document Set ID 5218375).

REPORT:

In accordance with Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020*, the Authority must submit a quarterly report to the Council for the periods ending March, June, September and December.

The report for the period ending 31 March 2025 provides an overview of the Launceston Flood Authority's operational activities, financial position and key priorities for the next quarter (Attachment 1).

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

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 Areas:

3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Executive Leader have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report @ 31 March 2025 [19.2.1 - 7 pages]

20. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE

20.1. Monthly Financial Performance Report

FILE NO: SF7694

AUTHOR: Samuel Kelty (Senior Leader Finance)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the March 2025 Capital and Operational financial reports against budget.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the report outlining both Capital and Operational results to the period ending 31 March 2025.
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REPORT:

Operational Result March 2025

Details are provided in Attachment 1 - Monthly Financial Performance Report March 2025.

The financial year 2025 year to date (YTD) budget has an underlying deficit of \$1,813,343. The YTD actual underlying result is \$1,082,955 in deficit.

This results in a favourable YTD variance of \$730,388. This excludes any capital grants received, or loss on disposal of fixed assets.

Rates revenue is \$326,659 below budget, while this has began to reverse now, this has been caused by objections to revaluations received by the Office of the Valuer General (OVG) following the Municipal Revaluation last year. It is normal for supplementary valuations to be received later in the year from the OVG following a full revaluation, and it is anticipated this shortfall in budget will lessen closer as the financial year draws on.

User Fees & Charges are unfavourable to budget at \$141,857. The major variances are due to Waste Centre and Aquatic Centre trading income lower compared to budget. State Landfill Levy collection is also below budget by \$372,180 due to less waste collected than budgeted, however the corresponding expense paid is also below budget offsetting this income. Statutory Fees & Charges are favourable to budget, at \$269,943. The major variance is due to higher Planning and Certificate fees.

Other Operational Grants is \$329,630 unfavourable to budget. The variance is attributable to grants for state roads and flood drainage. Grants are expected to be receipted in coming months and the variance is expected to reduce.

Interest revenue to budget is currently unfavourable as cash balances are lower than budgeted. Investment revenue from A.P.A.L. is unfavourable to the budget, falling below projected expectations. TasWater dividends distribution is below budget due to timing difference and the variance is reducing as the financial year progresses.

Employee costs are lower than the budget by \$1.74M due to vacant positions. Material and Services expenses are favorable by \$4,410,193 this mainly due to the \$5 Million budget for final TERHAP payment which will be paid in April. The State Landfill levy costs show a favorable variance of \$357,948 which is discussed above with the corresponding unfavourable fee variance.

Capital Expenditure March 2025

Total capital expenditure budget for 2024/2025 is made up of carried forward budget funds of \$48,237,904, Current Year Council Funds of \$27,971,498 and External Funding of \$19,178,656 for a total budget of \$95,388,058.

The Council currently has a total of 183 capital projects with 19 (10.38%) not started. This is a change from the February period where there was a total of 181 capital projects and capital projects not started were 27 (14.92%).

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

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 Areas:

1. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
2. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.
3. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As per the report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Executive Leader have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Monthly Financial Performance Report March 2025 [**20.1.1** - 3 pages]

20.2. Audit Panel Meeting - 5 March 2025

FILE NO: SF3618

AUTHOR: Emily Causley (Personal Assistant Delivery and Performance)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Audit Panel for the meeting held on 5 March 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Audit Panel Meeting held on 5 March 2025.

REPORT:

The full Audit Panel Agenda and Minutes from the 24 February 2025 are available for Councillors in Docs on Tap.

The following is a precis of the substantive Agenda Items dealt with at the Meeting:

6.1. Internal Audit Report

Details: The internal auditors provided an update and members discussed reconciliation, policy and procedure framework, high risk anomalies, access controls, segregation of duty, financial statements, resourcing challenges.

Action: The Audit Panel noted the item.

7.1 External Audit Report

Details: External Auditors provided a report on the Financial Audit Strategy. Other matters discussed include the transfer of UTAS Stadium, audit materiality, final strategy and changes the Tasmanian Audit Office team members.

Action: The Audit Panel noted the item.

7.2 Outstanding Internal and External Audit Items

Details: The Audit Panel reviewed outstanding items and approved the inclusion of updates and comments for remaining items.

Action: The Audit panel noted the outstanding external audit items.

8.1 Capital Report

Details: The Panel considered the Capital Report for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Actions: The Audit Panel received the Capital Report for the period ended 31 December 2024.

8.2 Budget Amendments (for Audit Panel)

Details: The Panel considered changes to the Council's 2024/25 Statutory Estimates and reallocations for the 2024/25 financial year which were approved by Council.

Action: The Panel noted the item.

8.3 Financial Statements (Analysis and Commentary)

Details: The Panel considered the Operations, Balance Sheet and Loan Balance reports for the quarter ending 31 December 2024.

Action: The panel noted the reports for the quarter ending 31 December 2024.

9.1 Investment Returns and Balances

Details: A review of the progress of investment returns and balances including for reserves and capital programs.

Action: The Audit Panel noted the item.

10.1 Risk Report

Details: The Panel received an update on the Risk Management Framework. Members of the panel sought confirmation or inclusion of different points.

Action: The Audit Panel noted the item.

10.2 Work Health and Safety

Details: The Panel received the Work Health and Safety report dated October - December 2024.

Action: The Audit Panel noted the Work Health and Safety Report.

11.1 New Draft Credit Card Policy

Details: The Panel reviewed the New Credit Card Policy. Noted that credit card reports will become a standard item

Action: The Audit Panel noted the draft new Credit Card policy. Standard item to be added.

11.2 New Draft Cash Handling Policy

Details: The Panel reviewed the new Draft Cash Handling Policy and were able to provide feedback.

Action: The Panel noted the new Draft Cash Handling Policy.

12.1 Chief Executive Officer's Risk Certificate (Brought forward from 25 November 2024)

Details: The Panel received the Chief Executive Officer's Risk Certification dated 5 November 2024.

Action: The Panel noted the Chief Executive Officer's Risk Certification.

13.1 City of Launceston Annual Report 2023-24 (Brought forward from 25 November 2024)

Details: The Panel received the Annual Report 2023-24.

Action: The Panel noted the City of Launceston Annual Report 2023-24.

13.5 Corporate Applications Replacement Program (CARP) Update

Details: The Panel received an update on CARP.

Action: The Panel noted the update.

13.7 Correspondence - Launceston Council (City of Launceston) - Update on Performance Audit - Management of Landfill

Details: The Panel received and considered correspondence from the Tasmanian Audit Office.

Action: The Panel noted the correspondence from the Tasmanian Audit Office.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

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Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.
4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.
5. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Executive Leader have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

20.3. Delegation of Power to Acquire Land

FILE NO: SF0113

AUTHOR: Duncan Campbell (Team Leader Legal Services)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the review and update of Council's delegation of power to acquire land.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 14 June 2016- Agenda Item 18.3 - Policy for Delegation of Power to Acquire Land

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. revokes its 14 June 2016 decision to adopt the 'Policy for Delegation of Power to Acquire Land'.
2. pursuant to section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas):
 - (a) delegates to the holders of the positions in Column One of the schedule listed at Recommendation 6, the functions and powers under the sections of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) specified in Column Two of that schedule, subject to any conditions listed in Column Three of that schedule; and,
 - (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate the functions and powers referred to at Recommendation 2(a) to other employees of the Council.
3. authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made by this decision by signing an instrument of delegation referring to and detailing this decision, either exactly or in substance.
4. requires that a report is provided to Council annually detailing acquisitions and purchases made under this delegation for amounts that are more than nominal.
5. notes that the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

6. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 2(a).

The Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Position	Extent of delegation	Conditions
Chief Executive Officer	Section 176	<p>The delegation is only exercisable if the acquisition or purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is in respect of one of the prescribed purposes provided for at regulation 37(b),(d),(e),(f),(g) and (h) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2015</i>; and, - is for a purchase price or reasonably expected compensation amount of less than \$100,000

REPORT:

Section 176 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) (LGA) empowers the Council to acquire land for prescribed purposes in accordance with the *Land Acquisition Act 1993* (Tas).

Prescribed purposes are set out at regulation 37 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* (Tas), which provides:

For the purposes of [section 176](#) of the Act, the following purposes are prescribed:

- (a) the establishment of, or extension to, the council's public offices;*
- (b) the establishment of, or extension to, a works depot, pound or plant nursery;*
- (c) the establishment of, or extension to –*
 - (i) any education and care service premises, within the meaning of the *Education and Care Services National Law (Tasmania)*, other than any premises for a family day care service, within the meaning of that Law; or*
 - (ii) a child care centre within the meaning of the [Child Care Act 2001](#) ;*
- (d) the establishment of, or extension to, public land;*
- (e) the establishment or realignment of a highway, or local highway, as defined by [section 3 of the Local Government \(Highways\) Act 1982](#) ;*
- (f) the establishment of, or the provision of access to –*

- (i) *a stormwater reticulation system, drainage system, handling system, disposal facility system or pump station; and*
 - (ii) *a waste management facility, waste disposal site or waste transfer station;*
- (g) *the undertaking of work, or the provision of access for the undertaking of work, for the prevention, control or mitigation of a flood;*
- (h) *the establishment and operation of a quarry for the extraction, processing and storage of rock, crushed rock, gravel, or sand, for council works.*

The Council relies upon section 176 of the LGA to acquire land as part of subdivision processes, such as when road lots and public open space (POS) lots are transferred to it.

The delegation of this power ensures that it can be exercised in an efficient manner. To this end, on 14 June 2016 Council established a policy delegating its powers under section 176 to the General Manager (Chief Executive Officer).

The delegation is set out in the 'Delegation of power to acquire land on behalf of Council policy' (18-PI-020) (Policy), a copy of which is provided at Attachment 1.

Review

A review of the Policy has now occurred.

No changes to the substance of policy are proposed, however it is recommended that the delegation is brought into line with the Council's standard approach to delegations, rather than operating under a policy format. The updated delegation will be placed on the Council's Delegation Register as part of this process.

The existing restrictions in the Policy are now provided for at Column 3 of Recommendation 6, clarifying that an acquisition can occur where the purchase or acquisition is for an amount that is expected to be \$100,000 or less.

Where the land to be purchased or acquired is, or is reasonably expected to be, for an amount greater than \$100,000, the delegation is not available. Any such decision must be made by Council.

Acquisitions can continue to occur either by way of negotiation or compulsory process, provided that the relevant conditions at Column 3 are met. Ordinarily, acquisitions will continue to occur for nil or nominal consideration on a voluntary basis.

The requirement of the Policy for yearly reporting is provided for at Recommendation 4.

Local Government (Meeting) Regulations 2015 (Tas) - Regulation 18

In accordance with the requirements of regulation 18 of the *Local Government (Meeting) Regulations 2015*, the following information is provided.

If the Recommendations are carried, it will overturn all the previous Council decision made on 14 June 2016 to adopt the Policy.

The previous decisions did not explicitly require that certain action be taken, however the decision was encapsulated in the Policy and placed on the Council's electronic records system.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risks relevant to this item are discussed in the report above.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

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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 Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Executive Leader have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. ECM 3343062 v 3 18- PI-020 Delegation of power to acquire land on behalf of Council [20.3.1 - 3 pages]

21. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

22. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

22.1. Status Report on Council Decisions

FILE NO: SF2346

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Status Report on Council Decisions made up to, and as at, 10 May 2025.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Status Report on Council Decisions.

REPORT:

It is important that Councillors and community members are informed on an ongoing basis of progress in relation to the implementation of Council decisions and addresses outstanding items.

The Status Report is a document that is used to track the progress of Council decisions, providing a history which can be used for evaluation and reviewing purposes.

The Report will continue to be refined, and items marked as completed within this report will be removed from future reports.

Meeting Date/Item	Council Decision	Owner/ Network	Status
17 April 2025			
17.4. Remission of Fees for Female Football Initiative 2023 Hire of Churchill Park	That Council: 1. remits \$2,096.36 excluding GST, being 2023 hire fees for Churchill Park incurred by Stephen Pearce, for the Female Football Initiative.	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	
17.5. Ratification of New Community Member for the Community Grants Assessment Panel	That Council: 1. receives the report, and 2. appoints Ian Abernethy as a new external stakeholder to the Community Grants Assessment Panel.	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	Completed. Ian Abernethy's appointment was ratified at the 17 April council meeting.
19.3. Delegation under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas)	That Council: 1. pursuant to section 6 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas): (a) revokes any previous delegation made by Council in respect of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas) and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014 (Tas). (b) delegates to the holders of the positions in Column One of the schedule listed at Recommendation 5, the functions and powers under the sections of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Tas) and regulations of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014 (Tas) specified in Column Two of that schedule, subject to any restrictions listed in Column Three of that schedule. 2. notes that Recommendation 1: (a) if resolved in the affirmative, overturns the decision for Agenda Item 20.3 Delegation under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 made at the Council Meeting on 23 January 2025, and (b) pursuant to section 18(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations, requires an absolute majority of Council. 3. authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made by this decision by signing an instrument of delegation referring to and detailing this decision.	Executive Leader Community Assets and Design	Completed. New Delegations in place

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. notes that the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas). 5. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 1. 		
20.2. 2024/2025 Budget - Budget Amendments	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pursuant to section 82(4) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (Tas) and by an absolute majority, approves the following changes to the 2024/2025 Statutory Estimates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Revenue <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the net increase in revenue from external grants and contributions of \$8,120. (b) Expenses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the net increase in operations expenditure of \$25,588. (c) Capital Works Expenditure <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the increase in the Council's funded expenditure of \$3,900,988. 2. notes that amendments from Recommendation 1. result in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the operating deficit being amended to \$948,309 (including capital grants of \$19,178,656 and other adjustments of \$5,000,000) for 2024/2025. (b) the capital budget being increased to \$47,150,154 for 2024/2025. 3. pursuant to section 82(7) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (Tas), receives the Chief Executive Officer's report on adjustments to the 2024/2025 budget for the period 1 March 2025 to 31 March 2025. 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	Completed
20.4. Fees and Charges 2025/2026	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), sets the fees as detailed in ECM Doc Set ID 5212820 which is attachment 1 to this agenda item, for the financial year ending 30 June 2026. 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	Completed. Will be implemented on 1 July 2025.

20.5. Lilydale Hall	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes that the Lilydale District Progress Association (LDPA) has proposed a lease that is not consistent with the Council's Lease and Licence Policy. 2. authorises the continuation of negotiations with the LDPA without meeting all of the standard requirements of the Council's Lease and Licence Policy, provided that the resultant draft lease is consistent with the principles of the Policy objectives. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To optimise the use of Council facilities to the mutual benefit of the community and Council b. To achieve fair and equitable access to facilities c. To achieve a transparent system 3. requires that once negotiations are finalised, the draft lease is provided to Council for formal consideration, in accordance with the requirements of Part 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas). 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	In progress.
20.6. Council Committees	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receives the Review of Council Committees Report (ECM Document Set ID 5213817). 2. pursuant to section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) dissolves the following Council Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee • Launceston Access Advisory Committee • Launceston City Heart Reference Group • Launceston Sister City Committee • Tender Review Committee (attended to in Closed Council meetings) • Transport Committee 3. notes that Mayor Councillor M K Garwood resigned from the Events Sponsorship Assessment Panel and Community Grants (Organisations) Program committee, effective 21 March 2025. 4. in respect of the Events Sponsorship Assessment Panel, a special committee convened pursuant to section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) notes that the Panel's terms of reference call for a Councillor to chair the Panel and two additional Councillors to be appointed by Council; 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	<p>Points 1 – 5 & 8 complete.</p> <p>Points 6 & 7 ongoing.</p>

	<p>(ii) calls for nominations, noting that Councillor L M McMahon (as Chair) and Council A J Palmer are currently committee members and these appointments remain unchanged.</p> <p>(iii) appoints Councillor A G Harris as Committee member.</p> <p>5. in respect of the Community Grants (Organisations) Program committee, a special committee convened pursuant to section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas):</p> <p>(i) notes that the Panel's terms of reference call for a Councillor to chair the Panel and two additional Councillors to be appointed by Council;</p> <p>(ii) calls for nominations, noting that Councillor L M McMahon (as Chair) and Councillor A J Palmer are committee members and these appointments remain unchanged.</p> <p>(iii) appoints Councillor A G Harris as Committee member.</p> <p>6. notes that appointments for all Council Committees will be brought to an upcoming Council meeting, following a call for nominations at Council workshop.</p> <p>7. endorses that Terms of Reference be introduced for each committee within three months and is the responsibility of the Executive Leader whose team oversees each committee.</p> <p>8. endorses the recommendations, stemming from the review process and noted in the report below, be considered for each committee and implemented where deemed appropriate in consultation between the Chair and relevant Executive Leader.</p>		
22.4. Representation at Tidy Towns Awards - Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. approve the attendance of Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie to attend the Australian Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards 2025 in Beechworth, Victoria on 2- 4 May 2025.</p>	Chief Executive Officer	Completed

27 March 2025			
17.2. Intention to Undertake Community Consultation - Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receives the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan; 2. approves public consultation on the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan for a period of 4 weeks; and 3. a summary of the community consultation including any proposed changes to the Draft Carr Villa Memorial Park Masterplan will be provided to Council in a further report for consideration. 	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	In progress
18.1. State Government Endowment Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receive and note the report providing comparative analysis of State and Local Government funding provisions for Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG); and 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with the State Government around future funding models (endowment) of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, consistent with Section 332 of the Local Government Act 1993. 	Chief Executive Officer Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery	In progress
18.2. Regional Precincts Partnership Program Submission	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approves the preparation and submission of a City of Launceston/QVMAG application for funds under the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (Stream One). 	Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery	In progress
20.1. Lease - First Basin Cafe	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pursuant to section 178 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (Tas), and by absolute majority, decides to lease part of the land situated within the Cataract Gorge Reserve (Part of Certificate of Title Volume 243968 Folio 1) known as the First Basin Cafe, as identified on the plan below: (Image removed) 2. requires that the lease is on the following basis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the lease is to commence on 1 May 2025 for a period of 5 years with a 5-year option; b. the Lessee is to be Gunn & Parkinson Pty Ltd; c. the rent is to be as advised to Councillors by an email dated 24 March 2025; d. the Lessee to be responsible for: 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	In Progress

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. energy costs; ii. volumetric and connection charges for water; iii. contents insurance; iv. building insurance; and v. other service charges if any. <p>e. the Lessee will continuously :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. maintain building in good and reasonable order; ii. keep clear all noxious growth from premises; and iii. hold public liability insurance of at least \$20 million; <p>f. the leased area excludes that part of the premises that is currently leased to Telstra in accordance with a lease dated 23 March 2015.</p> <p>3. the Council is to be responsible for structural maintenance;</p> <p>4. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions; b. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; and <p>5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p>		
20.7. Memorandum of Understanding - Provision of Bikes to Tasmania Police	<p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes its 12 December 2024 decision to purchase two fit-for-purpose bicycles, to be provided to Tasmania Police for the purpose of reintroducing bike patrols within the Launceston Central Business District, supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to continue negotiations with Tasmania Police, so that a finalised draft the MOU can be presented to Council for formal approval. 	Chief Executive Officer	<p>Commenced Provision of a draft MOU to Tasmania Police for consideration and feedback has occurred. Additional feedback has been provided by TasPol, who remain very supportive, and are</p>

			keen to use Launceston as a trial.
20.9. Proposed Amendment to Sealed Plan 164783, 62 Parklands Parade	That Council, by absolute majority: 1. rescinds its 17 October 2024 decision made in respect of Item 20.1 of the Agenda to the Council Meeting on 17 October 2024; and, 2. requires that the statutory notices provided in accordance with that 17 October 2024 decision be withdrawn.	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	In Progress
6 March 2025			
17.1. Approval of Grant to City Mission for Community Champions Project	That Council: 1. receives the report; and 2. approves a \$30,000 grant to City Mission to support the implementation of the <i>Community Champions Project</i> . This amount fulfills the required 10% cash contribution towards the project as stipulated by the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) in their grant deed with City Mission and is to be paid in three instalments of \$10,000 per year for three years.	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	In progress. First grant instalment will be paid in May.
13 February 2025			
11.1. DA0536/2024 228 Golconda Road, Lilydale - Food Services - Change of Use to Operate One Food Van at Lilydale Falls Reserve	That the item lay on the table.	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	Complete. The DA has been withdrawn. Public consultation on the future use of Lilydale falls will determine whether a new DA is submitted in the future.

12.2. Mayoral Report - Western Australia Visit - December 2024	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider Mandurah's youth engagement model for potential implementation. 2. Explore differential rating systems for holiday accommodation. 3. Review parking technology solutions implemented by City of Perth. 4. Note successful regional collaboration approaches for advocacy. 5. Undertake a review of the previous work undertaken to consider Mandurah and Launceston as working relationships. 6. Engage with the project team working on the Perth Concert Hall redevelopment, to further support the Princess Theatre and Earls Arts Centre redevelopment. 	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p> <p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p> <p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>1. In progress – referred to the Team Leader Community Development 7 April 2025. Information is being prepared by council's youth officers.</p> <p>Item 6: an enquiry has been sent to the PCH redevelopment project team seeking engagement</p>
23 January 2025			
20.4. Delegation under the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pursuant to section 124 of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> (Tas): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. revokes any previous delegation made by Council in respect of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> (Tas). b. delegates to the holder(s) of the position(s) in Column One of the schedule listed at Recommendation 3, the powers and functions under the sections of the <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i> (Tas) specified in Column Two of that schedule, subject to restrictions (if any) referred to in Column Three of that schedule. 2. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1931</i> (Tas), authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made by this decision, by signing an instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations. 3. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 1. 	<p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p>	<p>Not progressed</p>

<p>20.6. Lease - Kings Meadows Community Men's Shed</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. by absolute majority pursuant to section 179 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), decides to lease part of the land situated at 1-33 Nunamina Avenue, Kings Meadows (CT 15638/1), as identified on the plan below: 2. requires the lease to be on the following basis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the lease will commence on 1st February 2025 for a period of 5 years; b. the commencing rent will be \$340.34 per annum; c. The Lessee to be responsible for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. energy costs; ii. volumetric and connection charges for water; iii. contents insurance; and iv. other service charges if any. d. The Lessee will continuously maintain: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. building in good and reasonable order; ii. and keep clear all noxious growth from premises; iii. public liability insurance of at least \$20 million. 3. requests the Chief Executive Officer to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions; b. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; 4. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas). 	<p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>The lease is currently with the Lessee and we are waiting on its return</p>
<p>20.8. Lease - Aquatic Centre Cafe</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. by absolute majority, pursuant to section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), decides to lease part of the land situated at 18 High Street, Launceston, Certificate of Title 50902/1 known as the Launceston Leisure and Aquatic Centre Cafe, as identified on the plan below: 2. requires the lease to be on the following basis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Lessee is to be to Dolle Hospitality Services Pty Ltd. b. the commercial lease will commence on or soon as possible after on 23 January for a period of 5 years + 5-year option. c. the commencing rent is to be the amount advised to Councilors by an email dated 20 January 2025. 	<p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>The lease is currently with the Lessee and we are waiting on its return</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. The Lessee to be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. contents insurance; and ii. building insurance where applicable; and iii. other service charges if any. e. The Lessee will continuously maintain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the leased area in good and reasonable order; ii. and keep clear all noxious growth from premises; iii. public liability insurance of at least \$20 million. f. Council is to be responsible for structural maintenance of the building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. requests the Chief Executive Officer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions; b. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; 4. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (Tas). 		
21.3. Notice of Motion - Annual General Meeting - Robin Smith - Signage for Personal Mobility Devices - 3 December 2024	<p>That City of Launceston Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. review the rules and signage as they relate to the operation of PMDs (e-scooters) in the Launceston Central Business District. 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	Ongoing

21.5. Notice of Motion - Annual General Meeting - Robin Smith - Free Parking Promotion Advertised Available Seven Days Per Week - 3 December 2024	That City of Launceston: 1. establish a consistent approach to it's promotion of offering free parking 3.30pm-5.30pm	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	Ongoing
12 December 2024			
19.1. Lilydale Golconda Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)	That Council: 1. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the following terms: a. duration shall be from the date of signing until the collaboration outlined within the MOU is complete, or until such time as either council determines the MoU is no longer applicable b. nothing in the MoU creates or implies any obligations on the part of either council to enter into any contract, agreement, commitment or other arrangement, nor are the provisions intended to give rise to legal rights, obligations or liabilities on the part of either council; c. areas of collaboration shall include: i. shared understanding ii. advocacy and lobbying iii. road and pavement improvements iv. data sharing and analysis v. community engagement d. periodic reporting to Council on progress; and 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise any right, option or discretion exercisable by Council under the Memorandum of Understanding.	Executive Leader Community Assets and Design	Complete The MOU was signed and returned to Dorset Council late April 2025.

19.2. Action in Respect of a Grant from the Tasmanian Government for Projects in Lilydale	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. determines to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. decline the component of the grant related to Clause 1.1 (a): the design and construction of a pedestrian and cycle pathway between Lilydale Falls and Lilydale; II. accept the component of the grant related to Clause 1.1 (b): council-led improvements to better integrate the Lilydale pool, playground, toilet and BBQ areas. III. (iii) write to the State Government seeking to purpose the remaining funds for the purpose of the Lilydale community. 	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	In progress: awaiting a response from the Office of the Premier in relation to point iii.
19.3. City Park Macaques	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receives and notes the report; 2. determines that in respect of the reproductive, genetic and social management of the City Park Japanese macaques, action is to be taken to prevent all breeding within the troop; 3. if recommendation 2 above is resolved in the affirmative: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. notes that a consequence of that resolution will be that attrition will occur over an estimated 20-25 years, until no Japanese macaques remain in City Park; and b. requests the Mayor communicates the Council decision to the Mayor of Ikeda, Japan. 	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	Item 1 – Complete. Item 2 – First stage complete. Second stage timing to be confirmed. Item 3a – Complete. Item 3b – to be confirmed.
20.9. Intention to Lease Four Hospitality Venues at the Launceston Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Gorge Reserve, and Albert Hall	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pursuant to section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) forms the intention to lease the property currently known as the Aquatic Cafe, located within the Launceston Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Certificate Title 246404/1, as identified in blue on the plan below, for a period of up to ten years: b) forms the intention to lease approximately 108m2 of space within the extension to the Albert Hall, which is currently under construction, Certificate of Title 50902/1, as identified on the plan below, for a period of up to ten years: c) forms the intention to lease the property currently known as the Gorge Restaurant, located within the Cataract Gorge Reserve, Certificate Title 235401/1, as identified in blue on the plan below, for a period of up to ten years: 	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) forms the intention to lease the property currently known as the First Basin Cafe, located within the Cataract Gorge Reserve, Certificate Title 243968/1, as identified on the plan below, for a period of up to ten years; 2. requires that formal notice is given of the intention to lease each of the four properties, as required by section 178(4) of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas); 3. notes that, following the statutory objection period and completion of expression of interest processes, the selection of the lessee for each of the properties listed above will be made at a future Council meeting, along with the terms upon which each lease will be offered. 		
21.1. Proposal to Establish a Public Register of Interests	<p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indicates its support for the development of a policy, which may be similar to the proposed policy outline document which is attachment 1 (ECM Doc Set ID 5162592) to this report, requiring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 the Chief Executive Officer to maintain a publicly available register containing details of certain interests of Councillors; and 1.2 Councillors to proactively disclose outside interests to the Chief Executive Officer for the purpose of inclusion in that register; 2. Instructs the Chief Executive Officer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 convene a workshop or workshops at which the Councillors may engage in discussion and provide comments and guidance regarding the development of the policy described above; 2.2 bring to a future meeting of the Council, after those workshop/s, a proposed policy which the Council may adopt. 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	Ongoing and forms part of the overall policy review currently being developed for the organisation

31 October 2024																																																					
17.1. Community Grants Round 1 2024-2025	That Council:	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	10 of the funded projects have been paid grant monies. The remaining grant is due for payment this financial year.																																																		
	1. Approves the following Community Grant Program applications to receive the recommended grant amounts:																																																				
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	DadLAN Ltd.	DadLAN	72%	\$2,000	\$1,500
	Karinya Young Women's Service	Fresh Start Food Program***	70%	\$5,000	\$1,357
	Total			\$46,570	\$36,627
	2024-2025 Community Grant (Organisations) Budget - Round 1				\$35,000
	Balance				- \$1,627

Note: Some Scores have been rounded

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recommend
Able Launceston	Able Launceston Festivale & Fitness for all!	69%	\$4946	0
Town Team Movement	Loveable Launnie	58%	\$4200	0
Total			\$9,146	\$0

Note: Some Scores have been rounded

<p>19.2. Flood Mitigation Strategy - Scoping Study</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorses the Flood Mitigation Strategy - Scoping Strategy (ECM Doc Set ID 5145101); and 2. Includes the required additional resourcing in the draft 2025/26 financial year budget. 	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>Recruitment process has commenced and some funds are included in the 2025/2026 draft budget.</p> <p>A Disaster Ready Fund application for Round 3 was submitted during April in an attempt to obtain a contribution from the federal government for the project.</p>
<p>19.3. Queen Victoria Jubilee Drinking Fountain Restoration Project - Non Application of Public Tender Process</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes the Conservation Report for the Children's Jubilee Drinking Fountain (ECM Doc Set ID 5138081), included as attachment 1 to this report; 2. pursuant to regulation 27(i)(iii) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015, resolves by absolute majority that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. it is highly desirable that restoration of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Drinking Fountain takes place within Tasmania to avoid the expense and risk associated with custom crating and shipping of component parts to a location outside Tasmania b. City of Launceston has an interest in ensuring local contractors are supported to develop and use the specialised skills required for cast iron repair c. Glasgow Engineering has incurred costs of \$99,193.64 to date, to progress restoration of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Drinking Fountain to a point where the balance of work required to complete the restoration can be communicated to the Council d. The nature of the work still to be done on the Queen Victoria Jubilee Drinking Fountain is such that a final cost cannot be estimated, and 	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>Restoration work is continuing</p>

	<p>it seems possible that the total cost of the project will approximate our tender threshold of \$250,000</p> <p>e. with reference to the reasons listed at 2a-d above, a satisfactory result will not be achieved by inviting tenders for the restoration of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Drinking Fountain because of extenuating circumstances and the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers</p> <p>3. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to engage Glasgow Engineering to complete the restoration of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Drinking Fountain, with a final report on outcomes including cost to be prepared for the Council on completion of the works.</p>														
5 September 2024															
17.2. Special Event Sponsorship 2024/2025	<p>That Council approves the following Special Event to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 Special Event Sponsorship Budget.</p> <table><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Event</th><th>Score</th><th>\$Request</th><th>\$Assess</th><th>\$Recom</th></tr><tr><td>Touch Football Australia</td><td>Cold Climate Classic</td><td>78%</td><td>\$20,000</td><td>\$20,000</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr></table> <p><i>* Mayor Garwood abstained from the assessment of this event.</i></p>	Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom	Touch Football Australia	Cold Climate Classic	78%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	The event has concluded. They have received 80% of funding and the final payment is being processed.
Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom										
Touch Football Australia	Cold Climate Classic	78%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000										
17.3. Major Event Sponsorship Round 2 2024/2025	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Approves the following major event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount, from the 2024/2025 major event sponsorship budget.</p> <table><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Event</th><th>Score*</th><th>\$Request</th><th>\$Assesses</th><th>\$Recom</th></tr><tr><td>Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)</td><td>Launceston International Tennis - (Level 2)</td><td>78%</td><td>\$20,000</td><td>\$20,000</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr></table>	Organisation	Event	Score*	\$Request	\$Assesses	\$Recom	Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)	Launceston International Tennis - (Level 2)	78%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	Of the 11 events funded, four have received 80% of their funding, with a further 4 to be paid this week. 2 event organisers have yet to receive any funding.
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Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)	Launceston International Tennis - (Level 2)	78%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000										

	Jacqueline Anifandis	Launceston Ukulele Jamboree (Level 1)	78%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$9,375		One event has been cancelled and will not receive funding. Acquittal reports from all 10 recipients are pending. Upon receipt of these reports the final 20% instalment will be paid. Note that event organisers have 3 months to acquit from the date of their event and therefore those awaiting acquittal are not yet overdue.
	Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)	Launceston Junior ITF - Tennis (Level 2)**	78%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000		
	Tasmanian Turf Club Inc.	Ladbrokes Launceston Cup (Level 2)	76%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000		
	Launceston Competitions Association	Launceston Competitions (Level 1)**	75%	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500		
	Golf Australia	2025 Men's & Women's Tasmanian Open & Inclusive Championships (Level 2)	73%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000		
	IO Performance	Launceston Summer Series (Level 1)	72%	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500		
	Fungi the Festival	Fungi the Festival (Level 2)	71%	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$12,750		
	Social Social Pty Ltd	Alleyways - (Level 2)**	70%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000		

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17.4. Small Event Sponsorship Round 2 2024/2025	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Approves the following small event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 small event sponsorship budget.</p> <table><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Event</th><th>Score*</th><th>\$Request</th><th>\$Assess</th><th>\$Recommend</th></tr><tr><td>Lilydale District Progress Association</td><td>Lilydale Winter Solstice Lantern Walk</td><td>89%</td><td>\$2,000</td><td>\$2,000</td><td>\$2,000</td></tr><tr><td>**Social Social Pty Ltd</td><td>World Street Eats</td><td>88%</td><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr><tr><td>Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc.</td><td>Brixhibition Launceston 2025</td><td>86%</td><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr><tr><td>Social Social Pty Ltd</td><td>Friday Night Eats</td><td>85%</td><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr></table>	Organisation	Event	Score*	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recommend	Lilydale District Progress Association	Lilydale Winter Solstice Lantern Walk	89%	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	**Social Social Pty Ltd	World Street Eats	88%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc.	Brixhibition Launceston 2025	86%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Social Social Pty Ltd	Friday Night Eats	85%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	<p>Of the events funded, 9 events have received their 80% instalment payment and 2 are yet to receive any funding.</p> <p>Acquittal reports from all 11 recipients are pending. Upon receipt of these reports the final 20% instalment will be paid.</p> <p>Note that event organisers have 3 months to acquit</p>
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19.1. Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Approves the refurbishment of the Princess Theatre and Earl Art Centre for an estimated present value construction cost of up to \$30m to be undertaken from January 2026 for a period of approximately 18-24 months.Advocate for Federal and State Government funding to support Council's contribution.	Executive Leader Community Assets and Design		Items 1,2, 3, and 4 complete. Item 5 ongoing, will be brought to the																																																

	<div>3. Include the projected value of the works in the Long-term Financial Plan.</div> <div>4. Request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a detailed project management plan for presentation to Council by December 2024. The plan is to include as a minimum:<div><div>a. Detailed scope of works</div><div>b. Program scheduling</div><div>c. Financing and procurement strategy</div><div>d. Stakeholder management plan</div><div>e. Risk management plan</div></div></div> <div>5. Work with Theatre North and community users of the facility to determine what support is required to ensure sustainability of the cultural sector during extended closure periods.</div>	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	next Council meeting.										
27 June 2024													
13.1 New Year's Eve Event Sponsorship 2024 - 2026	<div>That Council:</div> <div>3. pursuant to the Events Sponsorship Policy 05-PI-012 -<div><div>a. notes that the Launceston BeerFest New Year's Eve event has been identified as a Major Signature Event; and</div><div>b. approves the application by BeerFest No 1 Pty Ltd to receive sponsorship recommended below for the Launceston BeerFest New Year's Eve event:</div></div></div> <table><tr><th>Financial year</th><th>Recommended sponsorship</th></tr><tr><td>2024/2025</td><td>\$46,000</td></tr><tr><td>2025/2026</td><td>\$46,000</td></tr><tr><td>2026/2027</td><td>\$46,000</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$138,000</td></tr></table> <div>2. notes that the amounts listed at Recommendation 1 will be included in budget estimates for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 which are yet to be adopted by the Council.</div>	Financial year	Recommended sponsorship	2024/2025	\$46,000	2025/2026	\$46,000	2026/2027	\$46,000	Total	\$138,000	Executive Leader Connections and Liveability	Beerfest event successfully completed with all grant monies paid.
Financial year	Recommended sponsorship												
2024/2025	\$46,000												
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Total	\$138,000												

2 May 2024			
14.1. Cataract Gorge Chairlift Renewal Request	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provides in principle support for the renewal of the Gorge Chairlift and welcomes the proponents to work with the Council to obtain: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal of an interest in land under section 178 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>. A new licence or easement for operation of the site. Provision of consent under section 52(1B)(b) of the <i>Land Use Planning and Approval Act 1993</i> to lodge a development application on Council managed land. Notes the land owner consent, disposal of an interest in land and licence all require separate decisions of Council. 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	In progress
4 April 2024			
15.2. Next steps in expression of interest process - 56 Frederick Street, Launceston	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorses the proposal submitted by the Launceston History Centre Inc. as its preferred proposal for the future use of 56 Frederick Street, Launceston; Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Launceston History Centre Inc. to progress a lease in alignment with the Council's Lease and Licence Policy 19-Plx-002 for managing the ongoing use of 56 Frederick Street, Launceston; and Notes that the Council will be asked to formally consider granting the lease with appropriate terms at a future meeting of the Council. 	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance	Items 1 and 2 completed
21 March 2024			
15.1. Transfer of York Park to Stadiums Tasmania	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> notes the intention that it formed on 15 December 2022 to transfer York Park and associated land and assets at 2 Invermay Road, Invermay to Stadiums Tasmania for nominal consideration. considers each of the three objections appearing at Attachments 1, 2 and 3, received as part of the public advertising process commencing on 18 November 2023, noting the officer response to each of the three objections as documented as part of the report to this agenda item. by absolute majority, pursuant to section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, approves the transfer of York Park and associated land and assets at 	Chief Executive Officer	Ongoing with the formal process underway. After the sub-division process is completed, this will allow for the formal transfer of property and assets. We are aiming for a transfer this financial

	<p>2 Invermay Road, Invermay to Stadiums Tasmania for nominal consideration, with the dimensions of that land being set out at Attachment 4 and the following plan. (Image removed)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">notes that the transfer of the land pursuant to these Recommendations, will not occur until each of the following events has occurred: a) where an appeal is made by an objector to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the determination of such appeal; and, b) a planning permit has been issued by the Council in its capacity as Planning Authority to subdivide the relevant land; and, c) the exact dimensions of the land have been confirmed by way of final survey.requests the Chief Executive Officer to determine the exact dimensions and parameters of the land and assets to be transferred and to exercise Council's powers in respect of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022 in order to facilitate the transfer to Stadiums Tasmania.Requests the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a term sheet with Stadiums Tasmania which is consistent with the letter of intent received on 2 February 2024 and attached to this report (ECM Doc Set ID 5020948), which will require a further specific decision of the Council.notes that the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the Local Government Act 1993.		<p>year (pre-30 June 2025).</p>
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5 October 2023			
<p>18.1. 126-128 Russells Plains Road, Rocherlea</p>	<p>MOTION 1 That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. determines that the dwelling at 126-128 Russells Plains Road, Rocherlea not be made available for leasing due to safety concerns that exist for tenants from persons regularly trespassing on the site; and 2. given the extensive theft and damage that has occurred to the dwelling on the site, that it be demolished. <p>MOTION 2 That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. prioritises making a decision on whether the site at 126-128 Russells Plains Road, Rocherlea will be required to house a new landfill site once the current landfill at the Remount Road site is closed; and 2. in the event that it is determined that the site is not required for a future landfill, undertake a land use study to investigate options for its potential development. 	<p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Tracking Council decisions will also identify potential risks ensuring strategies can be put in place to manage them.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

This has already been considered when the individual items were presented to Council.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

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 Areas:

1. To provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community.
2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.
4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.
5. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Chief Executive Officer have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

22.2. Status Report on Notices of Motions

FILE NO: SF5547

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the updated Status Report – Notices of Motions.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Status Report of Notices of Motions.
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REPORT:

In accordance with s16 (5) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, a Councillor may give to the Chief Executive Officer a written notice of motion, (at least 7 days before a meeting), together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of that meeting.

To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, updates regarding the Status Report - Notice of Motions will be reported to each Council meeting.

Items marked as 'completed' will be removed from the list following the meeting at which this is reported.

Notices of Motions Status Report

Date	Project/Initiative Notice of Motion	Owner	Progress
11 February 2021 Councillor A E Dawkins	Traffic Calming on Gorge and Trevallyn Roads <i>That Council investigates and implements traffic calming measures, including speed reduction, physical barriers to speeding like speed humps and roundabouts, as well as safe pedestrian crossings on Trevallyn and Gorge Roads.</i>	Chief Executive Officer Executive Leader Community Assets and Design	<p>An investigation report was presented at Council Workshops on 13 May 2021 and 2 December 2021. At the Council Meeting on 10 February 2022 the matter was formally considered, and fifteen recommendations endorsed.</p> <p>Of these recommendations, eight are complete. Three recommendations have been actioned but will not be able to progress due to technical constraints or other considerations as previously reported.</p> <p>Resourcing for the remaining six recommendations will be considered during 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an education campaign referencing driving on narrow and hilly city streets as part of the broader education campaign in the Launceston Transport Strategy Work Plan. • Undertake improvements to existing safety barriers to ensure safe operation in line with current standards. • Monitor vehicle speeds following completion of short term improvements. • Develop initial design concepts and test feasibility of a raised junction at South Esk Road, Trevallyn. • Dependent on initial feasibility findings, undertake further design work for the construction of a raised intersection platform at the Trevallyn Road/South Esk Road junction. • Improve lighting on the flat section of Trevallyn Road, Trevallyn.

<p>10 March 2022 Councillor D C Gibson</p>	<p>Windermere/Swan Bay Roads <i>That Council acknowledges the concerns of the residents and requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the issues raised and provide a detailed report to Council for consideration in April 2022.</i></p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>An investigation report was presented at Council Workshop on 14 April 2022 and the Council Meeting on 5 May 2022, where thirteen (13) recommendations were endorsed. Nine (9) of these are complete.</p> <p>Outstanding actions remain as follows, with updates included below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Entry/Gateway signage to give warning advice to drivers upon entry to the Windermere area. • Provide select, targeted geometric and pedestrian warning signage on Windermere Road. <i>A comprehensive review of all signage along Windermere Road is scheduled for completion in 2025, with any necessary changes to be implemented. While concept options for entry signage have been explored, further consideration of broader implications for other "settlements" is required.</i> • Produce rural residential road design standards for new developments. <i>This will be considered as part of the statewide "Tasmanian Development Manual" project currently underway to ensure statewide consistency. The working group includes City of Launceston staff.</i> • Collaborate with bus service operators to determine high-use formal bus stops for provision of bus stop infrastructure, including signage and hard stands. <i>City of Launceston are currently improving bus stops across the LGA through the State funded all-access all-weather bus stop upgrade program. Round 2 is currently underway, and Round 3 is being finalised. This has been prioritised based on need and usage, however the bus stops in the Windermere area have not featured within these rounds due to low patronage.</i>
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<p>11 August 2022 Councillor T G Walker</p>	<p>Suburban Business District Green Spaces <i>In support of, and complimentary to, the City of Launceston's recent Memorandum of Understanding with the Launceston Chamber of Commerce regarding the urban greening of the City, that the Council agrees to pursue the following initiatives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. provides its in-principle support for the provision of additional green spaces adjacent to and/or within suburban business districts such as (but not limited to) Kings Meadows, Mowbray, St Leonards and Newstead; and</i> <i>2. requests the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that current review process for the Greater Launceston Plan includes a framework to promote the opportunity and identify suitable spaces for this provision, either currently held land, or prospective sites that may be available for this purpose; and</i> <i>3. following the review of the GLP, that the Council develop an implementation plan which identifies and provides the necessary actions and resourcing to deliver the green spaces. The implementation plan would need to include a</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p> <p>Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation</p>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>This motion was incorrectly marked complete as noted in the version of this report that was considered by Council on 6 March 2025. It was subsequently not included in the table considered by the Council on 27 March 2025.</p> <p>Consideration of the motion and discussion that occurred at the Workshop on 20 March 2025 highlighted a disconnect between previously reported commentary and the intent of this motion.</p> <p>Council Officers will seek to understand whether the reviewed Greater Launceston Plan responds to point 2 of the motion and will proceed to scope points 3 and 4 accordingly.</p> <p>The St Leonards-Waverley Neighbourhood Plan, and future Neighbourhood Plans, will in part address the desire to improve green spaces and other amenities within suburban business districts as will the Urban Greening Strategy as precinct plans are finalised.</p>
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	<p><i>community engagement process with, amongst other objectives, the need to determine the extent and scope of infrastructure that would be desirable in these spaces; and</i></p> <p>4. <i>that priority be given to maximising the greening of the area, but that additional facilities such as playgrounds or toilets be considered desirable additions if possible.</i></p>		
<p>15 December 2022 Councillors D H McKenzie and A E Dawkins</p>	<p>Clean Air Strategy <i>That Council agrees that Launceston City Council develop a Clean Air Strategy, which should not be limited to but will include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. review of current State and Federal Government legislation to determine its effectiveness in supporting a clean air strategy and where there are improvements required develop a plan to lobby for change;</i> <i>2. review of the effectiveness of past Council programs to improve air quality outcomes, such as the Wood Heater buy-back program;</i> <i>3. compilation of baseline data to provide a base to measure improvements;</i> <i>4. engagement of Northern Councils to achieve shared actions where possible;</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p>	<p>The Clean Air Strategy was presented to Councillors for their guidance and direction in November 2024.</p> <p>The Strategy is likely to be delivered in-house, so we need to ensure the additional FTE is approved before we can recruit.</p> <p>Pending successful recruitment happening before July 2025 we anticipate the following as a reasonable timeline (and we anticipate tasks can be undertaken concurrently):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of Environmental Health Officer: End June 2025 • Review and finalisation of project plan and stakeholder engagement plan: August 2025 • Review of data and precedent studies: December 2025 • - Gap analysis: March 2025 • Stakeholder engagement: June 2026 • Data collation: December 2026 • Draft strategy and action plan: February 2027 • Stakeholder review draft strategy and action plan (incl. Councillor workshops prior to going out to broader stakeholder group): June 2027

	<p>5. <i>education of industry and the broader community on better environmental practices;</i></p> <p>6. <i>investigation of more effective enforcement processes; and</i></p> <p>7. <i>recommendations to Council regarding means to improve outcomes. Report back to Council should occur in reasonable time outlining next steps and to enable progress to be achieved ahead of next winter.</i></p>		<p>Finalise strategy and action plan (incl. Councillor meeting to endorse): December 2027.</p>
<p>29 June 2023 Councillor L M McMahon</p>	<p>Reinstatement of the State Government's Financial Contribution to the Active Launceston Program <i>That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer write to the Premier and request the reinstatement of the State Government's financial contribution to the Active Launceston program.</i></p>	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>Correspondence was sent to the Premier on 6 July 2023. A response was received by way of a \$20,000 one off grant that Council had been allocated by the State Government, in recognition of the Active Launceston Program.</p> <p>The recurring funding that Council previously received has not been reinstated. The Liveable Communities Team is assessing next steps.</p> <p>This is not a Liveable Communities project and most likely sits with Open Spaces & Sustainability. Liveable Communities has reached out to Open Spaces and Sustainability to seek further information.</p>

<p>21 September 2023 Councillor A E Dawkins</p>	<p>Establishing a Leadership Role for the City of Launceston in the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse <i>To show local community leadership and responsiveness to the revelations of widespread historic and contemporary child sexual abuse in Launceston, as evidenced in the recent Commission of Inquiry* hearings, it is moved that Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. investigates opportunities to acknowledge victim/survivors of child sexual abuse through the inclusion of an appropriate public art installation in the next stage of the City Heart development.</i> <i>2. engages with the organisers of the National Child Sexual Abuse Survivors Day to support community events planned for the Launceston municipality.</i> <i>3. includes an assessment criterion for grant applications to the Council requiring respondent entities (clubs, associations, etc.) to demonstrate how they comply with the Child and Youth Safe Standards.</i> <i>4. requests the Council's Officers report to a future Council Meeting on:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) the feasibility of conducting site visits to two peer communities** where the councils have assumed a</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>Progress against delivery of this motion and progress towards compliance with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework was reported to the Council on 27 March 2025.</p> <p>A survey to organisations working with children has been prepared, with this information being instrumental to the development of council's Child and Youth Safe policy.</p> <p>Other work towards compliance with the standards is progressing with the policy to be presented to council in late 2025.</p> <p>Following the policy, officers will commence work on the public art piece which will require time and sensitivity to appropriately acknowledge survivors and victims in a trauma informed way.</p> <p>Additionally, the finalisation of the new events strategy will see the grant application guidelines being reviewed and new criteria around the CYSOFF framework included. That said, the new Arts and Culture grants program released in April 2025 includes a section for applicants to demonstrate compliance with the CYSOFF. The success of this criteria will be reviewed after the grant closes and will help determine future CYSOFF criteria in council's grants programs.</p>
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	<p><i>Child Sexual Abuse Prevention role and make recommendations as to how the City of Launceston can show further leadership***.</i></p> <p>b) <i>progress against compliance with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, including Child Sexual Abuse prevention awareness for Councillors.</i></p> <p>* Commission of Inquiry (COI) into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings.</p> <p>** Possible peer communities include Ballarat, Victoria and Maitland, New South Wales.</p> <p>*** Examples of further leadership roles for local government might include: - Co-delivery of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Community Awareness Campaigns in conjunction with the Child Safe Regulator. - Co-convening standards compliance workshops for local clubs, associations and businesses with the Regulator. - Auspicing and participating as part of a Launceston consortium of community organisations committed to Child Sexual Abuse prevention in non-institutional settings</p>		
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<p>7 March 2024 Councillor A J Britton</p>	<p><i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Acknowledges the urgent need for a comprehensive flood mitigation strategy that recognises the existential risks associated with major floods and addresses current and future vulnerabilities and risks associated with flooding in our City.</i> <i>2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to develop a scope and detailed project plan to deliver a comprehensive Flood Mitigation Report using all available research, flood modelling, economic analysis, and historic data, to provide an assessment of potential flood risk mitigation options and their relative costs and benefits within our jurisdiction.</i> <i>3. The Report is to identify and evaluate these flood mitigation measures, including large scale infrastructure projects (e.g., levees, barrages, drainage improvements), natural solutions (e.g., wetland restoration, riparian buffers), and policy measures (e.g., zoning changes, building codes).</i> <i>4. The project is to be considered as part of annual plan and budget discussions.</i> <i>5. a. The Chief Executive Officer is to pursue external funding opportunities, including state and federal grants, to support the implementation of the flood mitigation strategy.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>A Flood Mitigation Strategy - Scoping Study was presented and endorsed at Council 31 October 2024.</p> <p>Recruitment processes are currently underway, specifically the consideration of a business case for a resource to deliver the project. We require the resource in order to continue progressing the Motion.</p> <p>An application was submitted in early April for Round 3 of the Disaster Ready Fund in an endeavor to obtain federal funds to support the project.</p>
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	<p><i>b. Prepare a briefing statement on flood risk – Immediately a briefing paper prepared is sent to all major parties prior to the coming state election asking for their support in the creation of this strategy</i></p> <p><i>6. The council will engage with community stakeholders, including residents, business owners, environmental groups, and indigenous communities, to gather input and ensure a collaborative approach.</i></p>		
<p>16 May 2024 Councillor A J Palmer</p>	<p>Family Violence <i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. acknowledges that family and domestic violence has never, and will never be tolerated in our community; and</i> <i>2. recognises the strategies and programs Council has in place to support victims of domestic and family violence; and</i> <i>3. implement a respectful relationships program, for all Staff and Councillors (presently employed), to commence within the 2024/2025 financial year and that it is included as part of the on boarding and induction for new staff and future Councillors, starting July 1 2024.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</p>	<p>1. The City of Launceston acknowledges that family and domestic violence have no place in our community or workplace.</p> <p>2. Community Development works in this space by supporting 16 Days of Activism and other initiatives as they arise. Council's Enterprise Agreement specifically references victims of family violence (section 6.17) and seeks to support impacted employees by way of leave provisions, financial support, access to the Employee Assistance Program, changes to working patterns and contact details.</p> <p>3. Further work is required as to the appropriateness of the respectful relationships program, specifically whether it is trauma informed, and whether there might be more appropriate ways to raise awareness with staff and Councillors. There are survivors of family and domestic violence at council and care needs to be taken not to trigger or retraumatise those who are victim survivors of family and domestic violence.</p> <p>The Human Resources Team have reviewed the Family Violence Loan procedure and is finalising an updated document.</p>

			<p>The Organisational Development Team are researching training options.</p> <p>This Notice of Motion is listed in both the Organisational Development and People and Culture Team Plans as a priority.</p>
<p>13 June 2024 Councillor A E Dawkins</p>	<p>Establishing an Inclusion Action Plan and Community Consultation <i>That Launceston City convene a round table of LGBTIQA+ residents and their allies to discuss and recommend further action by the City to foster LGBTIQA+ equity and inclusion with the goal of developing an Inclusion Action Plan</i></p>	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>Officers are developing a plan for consultation on the proposed Equity and Inclusion framework, with consultation likely to occur in the first quarter of 2025/2026.</p> <p>The Chief Executive Officer, Acting Executive Leader Connections and Liveability and Councillor Dawkins met with LGBTIQA+ advocates on 19 March 2025 to discuss progress and next steps in respect of this motion and actions that will be delivered earlier than the above.</p> <p>Liveable Communities is hosting a training session, Language Matters, on 27 May 2025, with Working it Out to broaden understanding within council of the importance of appropriate language in relation to the LGBTIQA+ community. Broader council training will be considered after this initial session.</p>
<p>22 August 2024 Mayor Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>Increase Housing Diversity in the Municipality <i>That Council explores an opportunity to increase housing diversity in the municipality by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Investigating the use of a CBD or inner-city landholding for the development of community housing as well as retaining public car parking facilities;</i> <i>Engage a Registered Community Housing Provider (CHP) or a private developer with demonstrable experience partnering with the community</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>This project and its resourcing are currently paused. The Executive Leaders of Community Assets and Design and Strategy and Innovation are due to meet in May to discuss.</p>

	<p><i>housing sector, following due process, to devise plans for the identified site that result in affordable housing at a high-density in line with desirable heights for the CBD; and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support the proponent to apply for funding in a future round of the Federal Government's Housing Australia Future Fund to develop the site for affordable housing</i> 		
<p>19 September 2024 Mayor Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) System Within Launceston Central Business <i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Undertakes a review of the current CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) system within the Launceston Central Business District, to provide options for system improvement, and a focus on community safety; and</i> 2. <i>A report be presented to Council summarising the review, including any future options for system improvement and investment.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>An RFQ has been released and closed since the last update to Council. The received quotes will be reviewed by a cross-section officer this month.</p>

<p>12 December 2024 Councillor A G Harris</p>	<p>City of Launceston to Establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Dorset Council to Facilitate the Development of Stage 3 of the North East Rail Trail <i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Provides in-principle support of the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 – Lilydale Falls to Scottsdale in concept only;</i> <i>2. approves providing Dorset Council a letter of support outlining Council's in-principle support for the project; and</i> <i>3. be provided with a project report to better understand implications to Council, such as costs, ownership and technical challenges.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>This work is under way. Council officers have met with representatives of Dorset Council to progress item 3.</p>
<p>12 December 2024 Mayor Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>Bicycle Donation to Tasmania Police <i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. purchase two (2) fit-for-purpose bicycles, to a combined maximum value of \$15,000 (excluding GST), to be donated to Tasmania Police for the sole purpose of reintroducing the bike patrols within the Launceston Central Business District.</i> 	<p>Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>Officers will develop an MOU with Tasmania Police which will set out the expectations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how often the bicycles will be used • where the bicycles will be used • maintenance responsibilities • ownership of the bikes • transfer of bikes back to CoL in the event the bike patrols are not deemed feasible by TasPol. <p>Work on the MOU is continuing.</p>

<p>12 December 2024 Mayor Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>Mobile LED Screen <i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. investigates the procurement of a large mobile LED screen to support City activation, and events; and</i> <i>2. the project is to be considered as part of annual plan and budget discussions.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>Officers have commenced more detailed investigations into fixed and mobile screens and also projection options, with a report to be tabled to council in the first half of 2025.</p>
<p>12 December 2024 Mayor Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>Street Art Festival and Street Art Laneways <i>That Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. pursuant to the City of Launceston Public Art Strategy 2023-2031, prioritises the Opportunity - City Centre Laneways recommendation for a Street Art Laneway Gallery to be developed for delivery in FY2024/2025, and a second gallery for delivery in FY2025/2026; and</i> <i>2. pursuant to the City of Launceston Public Art Strategy 2023-2031, prioritises the Opportunity - City Centre Laneways recommendation for a Laneway Festival to be developed in conjunction with each gallery described in the above recommendation.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>Work is well underway on the laneway festival and laneway gallery with multiple sites secured.</p> <p>An initial small-scale festival in May 2025 was postponed due to concerns about weather, especially the inability of paint to set in cold weather, as well as the need for development application (DA) approval for private buildings. A larger festival is scheduled for February 2026 when the weather is warmer and the festival is less subject to inclement weather.</p>

<p>12 December 2024 Councillor S Cai</p>	<p>Graffiti Removal from Private Dwellings Within the Launceston Municipality <i>That Council:</i> 1. <i>considers expanding graffiti removal to include private dwellings and infrastructure by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>reviewing and amending the City of Launceston's graffiti policy framework to expand to removal of graffiti in all locations throughout the municipality.</i> 	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>Councillor Cai requested further time to review the Council report that was submitted for the 8 May 2025 Meeting. This report is under review and awaiting further feedback.</p>
<p>27 March 2025 Councillor T G Walker and Councillor A J Palmer</p>	<p>Lilydale Falls Reserve <i>That Council:</i> 1. <i>notes the importance of the Lilydale Falls Reserve, and agrees to public consultation on the future of the Reserve, including the permitting of mobile food vans.</i></p>	<p>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</p>	<p>An approach to deliver this motion is being formed.</p>
<p>27 March 2025 Councillor T G Walker</p>	<p>Dutch Elm Tree <i>That Council:</i> 1. <i>notes that a previous application for the removal of the Dutch Elm Tree at 2 Invermay Rd (York Park) was refused by a decision of Ordinary Council September 5, 2024 Item 11.2 DA 0276/2024 - Removal of a Tree UTAS Stadium.</i> 2. <i>notes that an application for the removal of the Dutch Elm Tree is included in a current development application by Stadiums Tasmania DA 0517/2024.</i></p>	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>Complete.</p>

	<p>3. <i>without impeding the process of assessment of DA 0517/2024, Launceston Council seek a memorandum of understanding with Stadiums Tasmania that acknowledges the importance of the tree to York Park historical precinct, the City of Launceston, and favours the relocation of the tree over the destruction of it.</i></p> <p>4. <i>agrees to immediately seek the expertise of an arborist skilled in the relocation of established trees to do an initial assessment of feasibility, recommending immediate steps that are appropriate for the preparation and timing of such an operation.</i></p> <p>5. <i>If feasible immediately seek a formal agreement with Stadiums Tasmania to facilitate the relocation of the Dutch Elm tree to an as yet to be determined suitable location, at a time most suitable for the tree's survival. This may include another council owned site such as Riverbend Park, or remaining in the York Park Precinct. This agreement will determine responsibility for costs, logistics, liability, timing, and other associated responsibilities.</i></p> <p>6. <i>Ideally, this agreement should be ratified before a decision on DA 0517/2024 comes before Council</i></p>		
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	<i>but would be no less equally effective if proceeding that decision, but before the removal of the tree.</i>		
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RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

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 Areas:

1. To provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community.
2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.
4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.
5. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and Chief Executive Officer have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

23. LATE ITEMS

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

24. CLOSED COUNCIL

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council

RECOMMENDATION:

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

24.1. Confirmation of the Minutes

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

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

24.2. Tender - Churchill Park Sewer Pump Station Renewal - Design & Construct CD050/2024

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with regulation 15(2) (d) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

24.3. Disposal of Interest in Land - 126-128 Russells Plains Road, Rocherlea

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with regulation 15(2) (b) and (f) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (b) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business.
- (f) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

24.4. Redevelopment of 118-122 and 124 Brisbane Street

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with regulation 15(2) (b) (f) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (b) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business.
- (f) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

24.5. Councillor Leave of Absence - Councillor D C Gibson

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with section 15(2)(h) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- 15(2)(h) applications by councillors for a leave of absence
- End of Closed Session**

24.6. End of Closed Session

25. MEETING CLOSURE

26. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 29 May 2025 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.