



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

OPEN PORTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016

AT 5.00 PM

Recommendations Issued Under Separate Cover

(Items 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 and 22)

THE MISSION

Our mission is to ensure good governance of our capital City.

THE VALUES

The Council is:

about people

We value people – our community, our customers and colleagues.

professional

We take pride in our work.

enterprising

We look for ways to create value.

responsive

We're accessible and focused on service.

inclusive

We respect diversity in people and ideas.

making a difference

We recognise that everything we do shapes Hobart's future.

**MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION
16(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES)
REGULATIONS 2015**

In accordance with Council Policy 2.01 the following Notice of Motion, which was adopted by the Finance Committee, be considered by the Council.

**13. ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION – FILE REFS: 13-1-9;
35-7-32**

Ref. Open FC Supp. 13, 16/3/2016

LORD MAYOR

That a report be provided on:

1. The opportunities and cost of an expansion of the available charging stations for electric cars beyond the current provision at the Hobart Central Carpark, including more prominent locations around the City.
2. Any learning's from other Australian and overseas cities where such charging stations have been provided.
3. The opportunity for partnering with State Government and or corporate entities for the installation of vehicle charging stations.
4. The costs associated with the recommendations made and the optimal amount (ie; 10 units?) to encourage more people considering converting to electric vehicles to take up the challenge.
5. The scope and overall lifetime cost for greater use of electric vehicles in the Council's own vehicle fleet.

Rationale:

Electric cars where they are charged with renewable energy offer a far greater greenhouse outcome than fossil fuelled vehicles even taking into account the additional energy required for constructing electric cars. However, one of the major hurdles for the uptake of electric car ownership is that there is not enough public infrastructure that provides for improved electric car range as currently available.

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The inclusion of two charging stations in the Hobart Central Carpark is a good start for the City but they are hidden away and do not present a visible offering to the wider public.

There is an opportunity to potentially partner with the State Government, which is rolling out a fleet of electric vehicles, and potentially suppliers of electric vehicles (ie. motor companies such as Mitsubishi or Nissan).

This initiative would deliver real potential for Council to value add to the renewable energy resource that the State of Tasmania is blessed with.

This initiative would also further compliment the City of Hobart's great record of greenhouse gas reduction achievements.

This initiative is strongly aligned with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2015 – 2025, Goal 3 – Environment and Natural Resources, in providing an ecologically sustainable city that maintains its unique character and values our natural resources. Specifically strategic objectives:

- 3.1 Increased resilience to climate change.
- 3.2 Strong environmental stewardship.
- 3.4 Leadership in environmental performance with the efficient use of natural resources.

The General Manager reports:

“That in accordance with Clause 5 of the Notices of Motions procedures, I provide the following qualification as to whether the substance of this Notice of Motion resides within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council:

The matter resides within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council as it considers future opportunities to expand the availability of Council's electric charging stations.”

In accordance with Council Policy 2.01 the following Notice of Motion, which was adopted by the Finance Committee, be considered by the Council.

14. BICYCLE HIRE AND LOAN SCHEMES – FILE REF: 13-1-9; 37-1-1

Ref. Open FC Supp 14, 16/3/2016

LORD MAYOR

- That:
1. A report be prepared documenting the proposition of Council developing a rental bike service for locals and visitors, acknowledging the private operators that exist in Hobart and whether there is a greater demand than what is presently catered for by the private operators who service the City. A key objective of this investigation is to ensure that Council does not operate this service in competition with local operators and instead, serves to address any gap that may exist with the present service level in the City.
 2. The report should also include any learning's from international, national and local operators and local government rental bike programs, including the City of Brisbane, the City of Adelaide, the City of Melbourne and the City of Parramatta.
 3. The report should include recommendations and the feasibility for Council to implement a rental bike service for Hobart and what opportunities exist for Council to partner in delivering this service. The Council also look at ways to reinvigorate the Art Bike scheme.
 4. The report further address the costs associated with the recommendations made.

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Image on the left (City of Melbourne), on the right (London)

Rationale:

Cities around the world use bicycle hire and loan schemes for both citizens and visitors with local area transport options.

Bicycle hire/loan schemes introduced in many cities around the world have seen outstanding usage and demand – providing useful, sustainable transport solutions.

As the number of people opt to ride a bike has surged in recent years due to greater environmental awareness, the desire to reduce living costs associated with being a motorist and to avoid long periods sitting in traffic, a number of Councils are seeing bikes as a potential revenue stream by renting them out.

Councils are taking a proactive approach to easing traffic congestion through implementing a rental bike service not only as a revenue opportunity, but also to enhance the lives of their citizens.

The rental bike service is intended to increase opportunities for cycling, encouraging locals and visitors to explore places of interest around the local government area and maximise the safety and comfort of cycle users.

With the implementation of ICAP, a lot of work has been done in Hobart to promote and facilitate pedestrians and cyclists to experience improved accessibility and mobility around the City. There is now a wonderful network of cycle paths such as the intercity cycleway, Morrison Street shared path, Mt Wellington, Sandy Bay shared path and a number of on-road bike lanes.

Previously, the City of Hobart has partnered with Arts Tasmania and Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in 2010/2011 to introduce the “Art Bike Scheme”. The introduction of this innovative scheme was conceived to capitalise on the opening of the “New” Mona art gallery and the expected rise in “Art and Culture tourists”.

http://www.hobartcity.com.au/community/arts_and_culture/public_art/artbikes

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1. This innovative public bicycle sharing project was widely reported in both arts publications and other public works and government publications following its introduction.
2. The Art Bike project has been seen as successful by project partners – introducing custom bicycle parking spaces to mark not for profit art galleries and have a steady usage (demand) profile in its initial years of operation.
3. The ‘helmet issue’ was overcome by issuing bicycles with helmets – through a human to human interaction – not an automated system (such as operates in Melbourne and Brisbane –for example).
4. However, the system began to suffer when the bicycle collection/ return location at the TMAG was relocated to the basement (disability access entrance) used during the redevelopment .
5. The scheme suffered further when the bicycle collection/ return location at the TMAG was eliminated following the TMAG redevelopment and the associated staffing budget cuts.
6. The single bicycle collection/ return location at the Elizabeth Street Arts Tasmania office is removed from the City Centre and reportedly “difficult to locate” by tourists and visitors.

This initiative is strongly aligned with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2015 – 2025, Goal 1, Goal 3 and Goal 4.

Goal 1 – Economic Development, Vibrancy and Culture, “City growth, vibrancy and culture comes when everyone participates in city life”. Specifically strategic objectives:

- 1.1 Partnerships with Government, the education sector and business creates city growth.
- 1.3 Vibrant city centre and suburban precincts.
- 1.4 An enriched visitor experience.

Goal 3 – Environment and Natural Resources, “An ecologically sustainable city that maintains its unique character and values our natural resources”. Specifically strategic objectives:

- 3.1 Increased resilience to climate change.
- 3.2 Strong environmental stewardship.
- 3.3 A highly valued natural and cultural open space network.

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- 3.4 Leadership in environmental performance with the efficient use of natural resources.
- Goal 4 – Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities, “Our communities are resilient, safe and enjoy healthy lifestyles”. Specifically strategic objectives:
- 4.1 Community connectedness and participation realises the cultural and social potential of the community.
 - 4.2 City facilities, infrastructure and open spaces support healthy lifestyles.

The General Manager reports:

“That in accordance with Clause 5 of the Notices of Motions procedures, I provide the following qualification as to whether the substance of this Notice of Motion resides within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council:

The matter resides within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council as it considers bicycle hire and loan schemes for use within the City.”

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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19. CIVIC SQUARE MASTER PLAN – FILE REFS: 32-20-8; P/10-14/437

Ref. Open FC 5, 16/3/2016

- That:
1. The Council receive the Civic Square Master Plan, marked as Attachment C to item 5 of the Open Finance Committee agenda of 16 March 2016.
 2. Officers be authorised to develop a methodology to implement the Master Plan, in consultation with existing tenants regarding future interest in the site.
 3. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate with the existing tenants to secure tenure until such time as the Master Plan is finalised and the outcome of those negotiations be considered by Council.

20. TASMANIAN HEADSTONE PROJECT – GRANT – FILE REF: 14-50-1

Ref. Open FC 6, 16/3/2016

- That:
1. The Council agree to provide a grant of \$10,000 per annum for three years to the Tasmanian Headstone Project for the purposes of erecting memorial headstones and plaques at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, to honour returned servicemen and women from the Hobart community whose graves are currently unmarked.
 - (i) The value of the grant be disclosed in the City of Hobart's Annual Report in accordance with its policy in respect to grants and benefits disclosure.
 - (ii) The grant be attributed in each of the three years to the promotion, educational and interpretation allocation within the Heritage and Conservation Function of the Annual Plan.
 2. The grant be conditional upon the execution of a formal agreement between the Council and the Tasmanian Headstone Project, as the recipient, and the Families and Friends of the First A.I.F. Inc, as the auspicing organisation.

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3. The General Manager be authorised to undertake discussions with the Tasmanian Headstone Project for the purposes of the Council providing additional in-kind support as appropriate.

**21. CITY OF HOBART RATING AND VALUATION STRATEGY –
FILE REF: 22-1-8**

Ref. Open FC 9, 16/3/2016

- That:
1. The City of Hobart continue with its current rating and valuation strategy.
 2. The City of Hobart continue to utilise the Assessed Annual Value valuation base.

**22. REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICY – RATES EXEMPTION FOR
CHARITABLE PURPOSES – FILE REF: 22-1-1**

Ref. Closed FC 5, 16/3/2016

- That:
1. The Council endorse the outcomes of the review of properties in receipt of the General Rate exemption pursuant to section 87(1)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as referenced in the report attached to item 5 of the Closed Finance Committee agenda of 16 March 2016.
 2. The Council remove the General Rate exemption from those properties which are not eligible, from 1 July 2016.