



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 3 February 2022

**at 4.30 pm
via Zoom**

THE MISSION

Working together to make Hobart a better place for the community.

THE VALUES

The Council is:

People	We care about people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
Teamwork	We collaborate both within the organisation and with external stakeholders drawing on skills and expertise for the benefit of our community.
Focus and Direction	We have clear goals and plans to achieve sustainable social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Hobart community.
Creativity and Innovation	We embrace new approaches and continuously improve to achieve better outcomes for our community.
Accountability	We are transparent, work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Business listed on the agenda is to be conducted in the order in which it is set out, unless the committee by simple majority determines otherwise.

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**Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion)
held Thursday, 3 February 2022 at 4.30 pm via Zoom.**

This meeting of the Community, Culture and Events Committee is held in accordance with a Notice issued by the Premier on 3 April 2020 under section 18 of the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*.

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman D C Thomas (Chairman)
Alderman M Zucco
Alderman Dr P T Sexton
Councillor M Dutta
Councillor J Fox

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Nil.

NON-MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet
Alderman J R Briscoe
Councillor W F Harvey
Alderman S Behrakis
Councillor Z Sherlock
Councillor W Coats

1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Economic Development & Communications Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 25 November 2021](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Recommendation

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer.

4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Members of the Committee are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflict of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Committee has resolved to deal with.

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the Committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

6. REPORTS

6.1 COVID-19 Business Support and Engagement Update File Ref: F22/7095

Report of the Senior Advisor Economic Development, Manager Economic Development Engagement and Strategy and the Director Community Life of 28 January 2022.

Delegation: Committee

REPORT TITLE: COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Senior Advisor Economic Development
Manager Economic Development Engagement and Strategy
Director Community Life**Report Purpose and Community Benefit**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on activities currently being undertaken to support the business community through the hardships incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- 1.2. The benefit to the general community is that they are made aware of the number of ways in which the Council is providing support to local businesses.
- 1.3. Increasing the business community's awareness of Council support available to them could have a significant positive impact on the operations of their business during this difficult time.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. Since the declaration of a pandemic on 11 March 2020 by the World Health Organisation, the City of Hobart has responded with a broad program of assistance for the community.
- 2.2. The first response by the City in support of local businesses was via two grants, launched on 23 March 2020.
- 2.3. Since that initial response, the City of Hobart developed a COVID-19 Recovery Response Framework and Action Plan that articulated the goals of the Council and the 29 initiatives being delivered to achieve those goals.
- 2.4. Regular reporting of progress in terms of the 29 initiatives has been conducted (November 2020, April 2021 and June 2021).
- 2.5. With the opening of the Tasmanian borders on 15 December 2021, local businesses have suffered staff shortages and decreases in patrons.
- 2.6. In response, the Council resolved on 20 January 2022 to undertake a suite of further actions (many building upon the 29 initiatives).

This report provides an update against the recent initiatives endorsed by the Council on 20 January 2022.

3. **Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

4. **Background**

- 4.1. The World Health Organisation declared that COVID-19 was a global pandemic on 11 March 2020, by which time the businesses of Hobart were already being impacted.
- 4.2. The Council on 23 March 2020 responded rapidly by releasing e-commerce support and professional assistance grants to local businesses.
- 4.3. Detailed one on one discussions with 200 businesses in the most affected sectors took place between April and June 2020.
- 4.4. The Hobart Economic Recovery Business Consultative Group was also formed later in the year to provide advice and feedback on the Council's recovery planning.
- 4.5. A COVID-19 Recovery Response Framework and Action Plan was released in November 2020 that set out 29 initiatives (planned and underway) to address the impacts of the pandemic. These are summarised below:

INITIATIVE 1: LEARNING WHAT PEOPLE NEED	INITIATIVE 2: BUILDING BUSINESS RESILIENCE	INITIATIVE 3: BUILDING COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE	INITIATIVE 4: RESPONSIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
1.1 Social inclusion dashboards	2.1 Business concierge	3.1 Rates relief package	4.1 24/7 Council
1.2 Business consultative group	2.2 Business grants	3.2 Rental, fees and charges relief package	4.2 Responsive planning and mobility services
1.3 Safe public spaces	2.3 Hello Hobart	3.3 Resilient Hobart grants	4.3 Capital works program
1.4 Creative sector engagement	2.4 Block parties	3.4 International student support partnerships	4.4 Funding for City projects
1.5 Business and community research and engagement	2.5 Salamanca Market online and Tasmania's Own Market	3.5 Festive season charitable quick response grants	4.5 Resilient Hobart
	2.6 TTIC and Elizabeth Mall Info Hub	3.6 Central Hobart precinct planning economic analysis	4.6 Economic development strategy
	2.7 Outdoor dining regulations	3.7 Mobility for city vibrancy	4.7 Investor prospectus
	2.8 Outdoor dining platforms		4.8 Community vision stewardship
	2.9 Local preference procurement policy		

- 4.6. Reports were brought to the Economic Development and Communications Committee on 29 April 2021 and June 24 2021 detailing progress against the 29 initiatives.
- 4.7. The opening of the Tasmanian borders to fully vaccinated travellers on 15 December as anticipated resulted in the upsurge of COVID-19 cases in the state.
- 4.8. As a result, some businesses have seen lower than expected trade over the Christmas period with local patrons staying away from crowded areas. Mount Gnomon Farm owner Guy Robertson reported a drop in sales at the Taste of Summer from 2021 of 50 per cent over the festival's two biggest days (note that the weather also had a detrimental effect).
- 4.9. Other businesses had to close their doors due to staff shortages with their personnel contracting or coming into close contact with the virus.
- 4.10. As the daily case numbers of COVID-19 have begun to fall, these businesses have re-opened. As of 25 January 2022 there are 5,252 active cases in the state.
- 4.11. Regardless of whether COVID-19 numbers continue to decline or whether the state experiences a spike in numbers prompted by a return to school and work, the City is hearing from its business community that they continue to be adversely affected.
- 4.12. At a special meeting held on 20 January 2022 setting out a business support and engagement package, the Council resolved as follows:

That:

1. *The Council note the progress to date in implementing the City of Hobart's COVID-19 Economic Support Package.*
2. *The Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to:*
 - i. *Prepare an Outdoor Dining Program across the City in consultation with local traders, including a 'pop up' night time economy program that facilitates restaurateurs to provide dinner service during summer on footpaths, road reserves and local parks in accordance with appropriate safety standards.*
 - ii. *Work with the arts and events industry to facilitate access to Federal, State and Local Government funding to support those events that have been / will be impacted by COVID - 19 as a result of the most recent wave of infections across the State*
 - iii. *Scale up a 'Check In and Chat' service to enable vulnerable and isolated members of the community to*

register to receive a regular call from a Council Officer to 'check in and chat'.

- iv. Continue to offer parking incentives and CBD retail promotions to encourage retail spend in the CBD and Salamanca Market.*
 - v. Extend the waiving of fees for Outdoor Dining, Food Licenses, Occupation Licenses (for authorised trading purposes by the CEO).*
 - vi. Continue to undertake a comprehensive Hello Hobart Marketing campaign to profile local businesses and services across the city.*
 - vii. Review Council's Grants Programs to ensure it's directed to those most affected areas in our arts / events and business community and provide a subsequent report to Council.*
 - viii. Seek funding support from other levels of government to ensure Hobart receives appropriate levels of support for these and other related COVID-19 related economic interventions as has been the case in other capital cities across the country.*
- 3. The Council note that the delegated actions referred to in clause 2, will be funded from within current allocations of the 2021/22 budget and that any additional funding requirements will be the subject of a further report to the Finance and Governance Committee.*

4.13. This report is a response to the above resolution and will address each section in turn. The Council's response has not been isolated to the above, other activities are taking place that will additionally be highlighted.

Outdoor Dining Program (i)

- 4.14. Council officers have developed draft guidelines for a 'Quick Response Outdoor Dining Support Program'.
- 4.15. This would seek to assist the city's hospitality traders create new safe outdoor spaces in which people can stay connected, see friends and family, while supporting their wider local business community, including 'bricks and mortar' retailer
- 4.16. This program would be in addition to the City's fee waiver available for business to expand their outdoor trading space, and would seek to provide in-kind support in the form of:

- 4.16.1. City of Hobart owned public spaces (park, footpath or on-road spaces) at no cost.
 - 4.16.2. Bench and table sets for outdoor dining where these are suitable.
 - 4.16.3. Bean bags, where these are suitable.
 - 4.16.4. The equipment necessary to create up to six on-street expanded dining areas.
 - 4.16.5. Simple outdoor furniture (folding tables and chairs) for use in these areas, if needed.
 - 4.16.6. Traffic engineering and other advice to support the placement and location of these expanded outdoor dining spaces.
 - 4.16.7. The installation and removal of these on-street expanded dining areas.
- 4.17. Subject to final stormwater, roads, traffic and access technical advice, we plan to launch this program as part of the City's next biannual grant round on 7 February 2022.
- 4.18. Currently officers are also exploring opportunities to place additional public use furniture in Salamanca Plaza and lower Liverpool Street.

Parking Incentives (iv)

- 4.19. In addition to subsidising the Derwent Ferry's operations on Saturdays from 18 December to 5 February, the City is supporting Hobart businesses with free parking at the Regatta Grounds until 4 February.

Additional parking incentives to support Salamanca traders and CBD retail businesses continue to be explored by officers.

Waiving of Fees (v)

- 4.20. On 10 January 2022 the City announced the waiving of fees charged to restaurants, bar and café owners for the use of public spaces until the end of March 2022. It has also waived fees for businesses wishing to create or expand COVID safe outdoor dining areas for the same period.

To date eight applications have been received from businesses for extended outside dining and two permits have been granted. The other applications are being processed with three site visits having taken place and the other three to be scheduled.

Hello Hobart (Vacant Shopfronts) (vi)

- 4.21. Planning is underway to increase precinct appeal by improving vibrancy and colour to vacant shopfronts. This planned campaign is based on

the success of the City of Melbourne initiative to utilise vacant shopfronts to display vibrant design and key messages. Council officers are currently working with landlords within the City to facilitate this program.

- 4.22. Council officers have developed an overview document to explain the project and are actively working to identify suitable locations through real estate agents and the Property Council of Australia- Tasmania.
- 4.23. Initial discussions with real estate agents indicate that two vacant shopfronts in the city centre are likely to be leased in the short term and that one building owner has previously refused use of his vacant building for a pop-up.
- 4.24. Concept designs for the shopfront windows are being designed using the Hello Hobart branding initially and then we will look to incorporate the work of local artists.
- 4.25. Legal contracts will need to be developed for use of shopfront windows. Work previously done by the City of Melbourne will provide a basis for the development of such documentation.

Hello Hobart (Business Directory) (vi)

- 4.26. The City is in the process of developing a business directory on the Hello Hobart website. The directory will allow customers to search for businesses that offer a variety of service options in response to COVID-19 including online ordering, phone ordering, takeaway, delivery, or outdoor dining options. The design of this facility is expected to be completed by 4 February.
- 4.27. The Hello Hobart newsletter will be used to communicate this promotional opportunity to businesses and they will be directed to complete an online form with all of the required information.
- 4.28. Council officers will then upload the business information to the website as it is received by stores. The business directory can then be launched on the Hello Hobart website and promoted to customers through the Hello Hobart social media channels.

Council Grants (vii)

- 4.29. In light of the resolution, the business grant stream is being reviewed in time for the next funding opportunity opening on 7 February 2022 as part of the February Biannual Grant Round. The plan has been to offer the Local Business for a Better Community Grant which seeks to support local small business to create unique visitors experiences and building a local customer base. The grant was first offered in the August Biannual Grant round and six applicants were successful.
- 4.30. The Community Development Officer – Grants is seeking feedback from relevant City officers to ensure that grant is supporting the needs

of the sector. This review will take into consideration funding made available from federal and state governments, feedback from current grant recipients and information available as a result of the business concierge service as well as points raised at previously held round table discussions with business representatives.

Seek funding support from Government (viii)

- 4.31. Officers have liaised with the Director of Small Business at State Growth and the Manager of Business Tasmania to explore state government funding pathways for business and are currently awaiting feedback.

Officers have also connected with their counterparts in the City of Melbourne to discuss the support offered by the Victorian Government and have established regular sharing of information and key learning via Microsoft Teams.

Other

Business Concierge

- 4.32. A Business Concierge has been established and will continue to scale up to support local businesses. The goal of the Business Concierge is to provide a central point of contact for business enquiries at the City of Hobart. This service also provides Elected Members with the opportunity to direct communications from their constituents that require assistance.

Since the CEO's Memorandum to Council on the 20 January 2022 the concierge has received 4 inbound business related enquiries which are being progressed (at 25/01/2022).

Passport to Hobart Campaign

- 4.33. Council officers have begun planning for the relaunch of the City's Passport to Hobart campaign. This campaign will encourage people to dine at participating cafes and restaurants to earn voucher discounts. The timing of this campaign will likely be in March. Work to date has included:
- A quote has been provided by the Stamp Me app developer and further conversations are taking place to understand the back-end of the app, potential timings and functionality.
 - A review of the 2021 campaign will include looking at ways to increase the number of participating cafes and restaurants as well as ways to incentivise people to continue earning rewards.
 - The terms and conditions for customers and the terms and conditions for participating businesses are currently being reviewed.

- Once initial planning is complete, the aim is to review all of the communications and campaign materials and send out an EOI for businesses to complete.

Customer Relationship Management

4.34. A Customer Relationship Management (CRM) process has been established in order to better support the Business Concierge and officers across the organisation responding to COVID issues from the community. An outbound and inbound electronic form has been developed to better capture individual conversations and requests. The digital form is now live on the Council's intranet and website. Promotion of this communication opportunity is due to commence in the coming weeks.

Covid 19 Communications

4.35. Media coverage

Extensive follow-up coverage in Mercury newspaper about City of Hobart's new measures to support COVID-hit businesses:

- Positive feature story in two page spread on pages 6 and 7 of the printed publication, Thursday 20 January 2022.
Headline: Outside help for Covid-hit businesses
- Greater in-depth coverage online of City of Hobart efforts to ease the burden on business:
Headline: 'Pain and anxiety': Support on the way for Hobart businesses

4.36. Social media

- "Bustin' out the Buskers" CBD activation project promoted online to encourage people to spend time in the CBD listening to live music in an outdoor, COVID-safe environment.
- Free parking at the Regatta Grounds has been extended to make it easier for people to visit the Hobart CBD and waterside district until 4 February, and promoted on social media.

4.37. Activation of Hello Hobart communications & Business Update email list

- Re-activation of Hello Hobart website and Facebook page advanced with publication of two new stories promoting local businesses: Banh Mi N' Grill and Bruce.
- Second Business Update e-bulletin is in production. This business-focused email will go out to more than 700 small business operators across Hobart and has an above industry standard open rates.

- High engagement rate far exceeding benchmarks published by Campaign Monitor;
 - Hobart Business Update January: 42 per cent.
 - Education sector: 28.5 per cent
 - Ag, forestry, fishing and hunting: 27.3 per cent
 - Financial services: 27 per cent
 - Non-profit: 26.6 per cent

4.38. COVID Communications Plan

A communications plan has been drafted and is being reviewed. The plan aims to:

- Identify communications channels across the City of Hobart that can be used to effectively convey the amount of work the City is carrying out to support business and the community as we learn to live with COVID.
- Develop key messages.
- Support business and help maintain a vibrant CBD.
- Promote key activation activities.
- Assist corporate communications team.

5. Proposal and Implementation

5.1. Program Integration

- 5.1.1. The full suite of council support including grants, communications, campaigns and Business Concierge assistance will continue to be integrated by multi-disciplinary teams with oversight from the City of Hobart's Covid Response Team.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The City's COVID-19 economic response and recovery work aims to work across the whole of the community vision and strategic plan by encouraging initiatives that support a range of areas of city life.
- 6.2. It aligns primarily with the following outcome in the *Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29*:

4.5 *Hobart's economy is strong, diverse and resilient.*

6.3. The City's COVID-19 economic response and recovery work specifically advances the following strategies in the *Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29*:

2.4.6 *Deliver and support initiatives, activities and programs that build community resilience, wellbeing and safety.*

4.5.1 *Understand and respond to the strategic context of the Hobart economy at regional, state, national and international levels.*

7. Financial Implications

7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result

7.1.1. The majority of initiatives discussed in this report have been or will continue to be delivered from current 2021–22 budget allocations.

7.1.2. Any additional budget required will be documented in a separate report to be presented to the Finance and Governance Committee on 22 February 2022.

7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result

7.2.1. Given the immediate nature of the City's COVID-19 response, it is not anticipated that any of the initiatives mentioned in this report will require funding from future years' budgets.

7.3. Asset Related Implications

7.3.1. With the development of the Outdoor Dining Program the risks associated with lending Council owned assets will be considered.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

8.1. The loaning of equipment through the Outdoor Dining Program will be considered and outlined under the requirements of the 'Quick Response Outdoor Dining Support Program'

9. Marketing and Media

9.1. A number of the initiatives highlighted in this report present the Council with the opportunity to communicate opportunities and outcomes for local business.

9.2. Officers work closely with the Communications Unit to ensure that information on business support will be shared with widely within the community.

10. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 10.1. The City of Hobart maintains regular communications with the business community through the Hobart Economic Recovery Business Consultative Group.
- 10.2. The Business Concierge service also provides businesses with a direct access into the Council to share information and ideas.

11. Delegation

- 11.1. This matter is one for the Committee.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



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Tim Short
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY LIFE

Date: 28 January 2022
File Reference: F22/7095

6.2 City of Hobart Community and Industry Roundtables
File Ref: F22/7827

Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer of 27 January 2022.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

City of Hobart Community and Industry Roundtables

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with information relating to the proposed upcoming City of Hobart Community and Industry Roundtables.

When I commenced as CEO of the City of Hobart, I spoke about the need to extensively engage with community groups/organisations, business leaders and industry groups to understand key issues and opportunities through a series of roundtables.

From dislocation and disruption comes the responsibility to re-evaluate the way we do things. We must reset the way we shape our economic recovery, build resilience and prosper well into the future. We need to build an economy focused on knowledge, research and development and professional and financial services. Our hospitality, events, retail, arts, tourism and education sectors need to become the envy of the nation. A city centre designed to bring people together. Our post -COVID challenge is to successfully manage the growing pains of booming residential growth and now we must focus all our attention on stimulating and driving growth, and activating our city.

At the City of Hobart, everything we've done since March 2020 has been to help support as many people and businesses as possible to get through to the other side of this crisis. This is why we must plan to lift growth, not just for the next few months, but for the next 10 years.

Our vision for Hobart is that we are a liveable, and globally connected city. An environment primed for businesses to thrive, an easy city to do business in, a place where anything is possible. We want to build on our economic strengths. Sectors in which Hobart is among the world's best – our thriving knowledge, international education, biotech, fintech, creative and visitor economies. We want to attract a talented and educated workforce to our knowledge precincts in the CBD, Macquarie Point and Central Hobart.

The Industry Roundtables will inform the development of our Economic Development Strategy 2031 which will guide how the city will respond not just to the immediate economic challenges we face but also leverage the challenges and opportunities that will impact the city over the next 10 years. This strategy will guide us to ensure long-term economic growth, social cohesion and environmental resilience. It will identify

key priorities and associated measures that will enhance our economy in the short, medium and long term.

We will need to collaborate, invest and compete to achieve our vision to be a global leader in the sustainable creation and maintenance of jobs and enterprises that focus on the needs of the future. This strategy will be shaped by many voices, with significant engagement and consultation with our key stakeholders, the Tasmanian and Australian Governments, industry, precincts, and the business community.

We are at a pivotal point in Hobart's history. By creating a stable foundation for sustained economic growth, together we are reshaping Hobart's resilience and prosperity and creating a fairer, more inclusive economy that works for all Hobartian's and businesses.

Given the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now working toward holding these roundtables in March 2022.

Roundtables are a highly interactive type of meeting and will allow community members and industry leaders to gather and facilitate a conversation and solve problems together.

We are currently mapping stakeholders to identify key groups and individuals

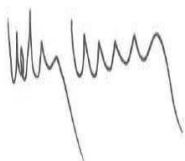
While the finer details are still being worked on, it is anticipated that the roundtables would be a combination of plenary and small group discussions and include Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. That the information be received and noted.***

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



Kelly Grigsby
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 27 January 2022
File Reference: F22/7827

7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT

7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report

A report indicating the status of current decisions is attached for the information of Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee

Attachment A: Open - Status Report for the February 2022 meeting

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT
OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING
February 2021

Ref	Meeting	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
1.	<p>ANTARCTIC CITIES PROJECT COMPLETION</p> <p>Council, 11/10/2021, Item 13</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Antarctic Cities Project Final Report as detailed in item 6.1 of the Open Economic Development and Communications Committee meeting of 23 September 2021 be noted. 2. The City of Hobart recognises the need for its role in supporting the Antarctic sector to broaden, arising as a result of the City Deal and recommendations made in the Antarctic Cities Project Final Report. 3. The City of Hobart commits to reconsidering and developing its strategic role in supporting Antarctica which may include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Leading and driving discussions with the other Antarctic Gateway Cities of Cape Town, Christchurch, Punta Arenas and Ushuaia about how the cities may collaborate. (ii) Supporting the Antarctic Youth Coalition to become a sustainable member organisation for young people across the gateway cities. (iii) Evaluating the changing nature of Hobart’s relationship with Antarctica and whether the term ‘custodian’ is more representative of this relationship than ‘gateway’. (iv) How the City will fulfil its role as a partner in the City Deal in delivering an Antarctic and Science Precinct at Macquarie Point. (v) How the City engages with other key stakeholders in the sector through bodies such as the Tasmanian Antarctic Gateway Advisory Committee. (vi) Reconsidering how the City engages with the community on Antarctic matters based on feedback through the two surveys conducted as part of the Antarctic Cities Project. (vii) Engage with the relevant State Government Minister to ascertain the governments further commitment to the Antarctic sector. 4. A report will be brought back to the Council highlighting proposals to more strategically align the City’s activities with respect to its link to Antarctica and the Antarctic industry in Tasmania. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The report to also include the financial implications associated with the proposal. 	<p>Director Community Life</p>	<p>A report will be provided to Committee on next steps in the first half of 2022.</p>

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

An Elected Member may ask a question without notice of the Chairman, another Elected Member, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's representative, in line with the following procedures:

1. The Chairman will refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the Terms of Reference of the Council committee at which it is asked.
2. In putting a question without notice, an Elected Member must not:
 - (i) offer an argument or opinion; or
 - (ii) draw any inferences or make any imputations – except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.
3. The Chairman must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.
4. The Chairman, Elected Members, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer's representative who is asked a question may decline to answer the question, if in the opinion of the respondent it is considered inappropriate due to its being unclear, insulting or improper.
5. The Chairman may require a question to be put in writing.
6. Where a question without notice is asked and answered at a meeting, both the question and the response will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
7. Where a response is not able to be provided at the meeting, the question will be taken on notice and
 - (i) the minutes of the meeting at which the question is asked will record the question and the fact that it has been taken on notice.
 - (ii) a written response will be provided to all Elected Members, at the appropriate time.
 - (iii) upon the answer to the question being circulated to Elected Members, both the question and the answer will be listed on the agenda for the next available ordinary meeting of the committee at which it was asked, where it will be listed for noting purposes only.

9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Confirm the minutes of the Closed portion of the meeting
- Questions without notice in the Closed portion

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda |
| Item No. 3 | Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest |
| Item No. 4 | Questions Without Notice |