



CITY OF HOBART

# **MINUTES**

## **Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting**

**Open Portion**

**Thursday, 3 March 2022 at 4:30pm**

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**Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion)  
held on Thursday, 3 March 2022 at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.**

**This meeting of the Economic Development & Communications 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

**PRESENT:** Alderman D C Thomas (Chairman), Alderman Dr P T Sexton, Councillor M Dutta, the Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds and Councillor W F Harvey

**APOLOGIES:** Alderman M Zucco

**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 Dr Z Sherlock  
Councillor W Coats

The Lord Mayor arrived at the meeting at 4.50pm.

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

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DUTTA

That Councillor Harvey be co-opted to the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES  
Thomas  
Sexton  
Dutta

NOES

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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DUTTA

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Economic Development & Communications Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 3 February 2022](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Thomas		
Sexton		
Dutta		
Harvey		

The minutes were signed.

## **3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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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.

No supplementary items were received.

## **4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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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 conflicts 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.

No interest was indicated.

## 5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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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?

No items were transferred.

## 6. REPORTS

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### 6.1 The City of Hobart's Role in Supporting the Antarctic Sector File Ref: F21/116306

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SEXTON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Senior Advisor Economic Development and the Director Community Life of 24 February 2022, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Thomas		
Sexton		
Dutta		
Harvey		

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That: 1. The Council endorses the following actions to broaden its support for the Antarctic sector:

- (i) Discussions between the Mayors of Hobart and Christchurch take place in the first quarter of 2022 about how the Antarctic cities might collaborate further.
- (ii) The Council considers, as part of the budget process, an

allocation of no more than \$20,000 per annum to part fund a Hobart based Antarctic Youth Ambassador for two years commencing in 2022-23 (contingent on match funding from another stakeholder). Funding for this role to be included in the Economic Development Budget Function of the 2022-23 Annual Plan.

(iii) The City continues to monitor what is needed to ensure meaningful participation in the City Deal and commits additional resources if required.

(iv) Officers attend the Tasmanian Antarctic Gateway Advisory Committee meeting in March 2022 to discuss the concept of referring to Hobart as a 'custodian' rather than 'gateway'.

(v) The City continues to engage with Antarctic Tasmania and the relevant State Minister to discuss potential membership for the City of Hobart at the Tasmanian Antarctic Gateway Advisory Committee.

2. Information arising from enacting (i)-(v) above is included in the discussions and engagement required to develop the Antarctic content for the City's new economic development strategy.

**Delegation: Council**

**6.2 International Relations Update**  
**File Ref: F22/14267**

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SEXTON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Senior Advisor Economic Development and the Director Community Life of 21 February 2022, be adopted, as amended by a revised clause 1 to read as follows:

- "1. Investigations into potential new relationships with cities Jiri in Nepal, Kochi in India and Incheon (South Korea) to be placed on hold and reviewed as soon as practicable after the 2022 Local Government elections."*

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Dutta  
Harvey

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That: 1. Investigations into potential new relationships with cities Jiri in Nepal, Kochi in India and Incheon (South Korea) to be placed on hold and reviewed as soon as practicable after the 2022 Local Government elections.
2. Operational activities relating to existing international relationships to continue online. Officers to undertake local community-based engagement throughout 2022, with minimal to no additional budgetary requirements other than officer time.
3. The waste education program being considered for Balibó in Timor Leste, to be placed on hold and reviewed in September 2022.

**Delegation: Council**

**7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT**

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**7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report**  
**File Ref: F22/15560; 16/120**

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HARVEY

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Dutta  
Harvey

**Delegation: Committee**

## 8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

### 8.1 Lord Mayor Reynolds - Credit Card Data File Ref: 13-1-10

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Question: Can the Director advise if the City has investigated the use of credit card data to understand numbers such as foot traffic and retail trends? Can the use of de-identified mobile phone data be investigated to understand and analyse the areas of the city people are using which I understand has been used in other jurisdictions?

Answer: The Director Community Life took the question on notice.

## 9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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SEXTON

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 were discussed: -

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

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Dutta  
Harvey

**Delegation: Committee**



There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 4.58pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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**CHAIRMAN**