



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Open Portion

Monday, 19 June 2017

at 5.00 pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER SEPARATE COVER

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 15. Sandy Bay Bathing Pavilion Update 2**
- 21. Review of Parking - North Hobart 3**

15. Sandy Bay Bathing Pavilion Update
File Ref: F17/58791

Ref: Open [FC 6.1](#), 14/06/2017

This item be withdrawn from the Agenda.

21. Review of Parking - North Hobart
File Ref: F17/64565

Ref: [Closed FC 4.1](#), 14/06/2017

- That:
1. An internal working group be established to review the parking needs and availability in North Hobart in the context of the Transport Strategy.
 - (i) The internal work group include appropriate officers and Aldermen Zucco, Ruzicka, Burnet and Thomas and any other Aldermanic nominations.
 2. The Council approve the following to be included in the review:
 - The review of on-street parking time limits in Elizabeth Street and streets adjoining the restaurant strip;
 - The possible installation of parking meters and in ground sensors in Elizabeth Street between Warwick and Federal Streets; and
 - The introduction of evening and weekend parking Officer patrols.
 3. Within 6 months, and following consultation with the wider community and the North Hobart Traders Group, the Internal working group report back to the Council with the findings of the review, including a list of suggested actions to improve the parking availability and a copy of this report.
 4. The list of actions include income and expenditure estimates and timeframes for implementation.
 5. The Committee's resolution be published in the Open portion of the meeting minutes, with the elements of the Report that are not confidential in nature, being made publicly available.

A copy of the redeacted report is provided at **Attachment A**.

Attachment A: Report - Review of Parking - North Hobart ↴

REPORT TITLE: REVIEW OF PARKING - NORTH HOBART

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Group Manager Parking Operations
Director Financial Services

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit



- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council approval to conduct a review of parking in North Hobart, specifically in the areas within and surrounding the "restaurant strip" with a view to providing a number of options designed to improve the parking availability both during the daytime and of an evening when visitor patronage is at its peak.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. Parking for patrons and visitors to the North Hobart restaurant strip is currently at a premium, to the extent that existing parking availability has become inadequate to meet demand.
- 2.1.1. The current moderate amount of available off-street parking coupled with factors such as a limited supply of on-street parking, a demand for residential parking and a number of new restaurants opening have resulted in the parking demand outnumbering the supply.
- 2.1.2. In order to take steps to improve the availability Parking Operations is seeking approval to conduct a full review of the parking in North Hobart.
- 2.1.3. It is suggested that the review will include the following:
- [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - The review of on-street parking time limits in Elizabeth Street and streets adjoining the restaurant strip;
 - The possible installation of parking meters and in ground sensors in Elizabeth Street between Warwick and Federal Streets; and
 - The introduction of evening and weekend Parking Officer patrols.

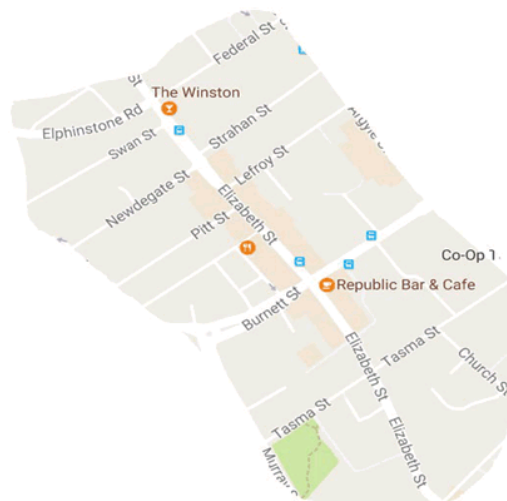
3. Recommendation

That:

1. *An internal working group be established to review the parking availability in North Hobart.*
2. *The Council approve the following to be included in the review:*
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 - *The review of on-street parking time limits in Elizabeth Street and streets adjoining the restaurant strip;*
 - *The possible installation of parking meters and in ground sensors in Elizabeth Street between Warwick and Federal Streets; and*
 - *The introduction of evening and weekend parking Officer patrols.*
3. *Within 6 months, and following consultation with the North Hobart Traders Group, the Internal working group report back to the Council with the findings of the review, including a list of suggested actions to improve the parking availability.*
4. *The list of actions include income and expenditure estimates and timeframes for implementation.*

4. Background

- 4.1. The North Hobart restaurant strip has over the past several years become an extremely popular place for people to dine and socialise throughout the day, and particularly of an evening. In the past two years approximately 8 new restaurants have commenced operation.
 - 4.1.1. Previously the concentration of restaurants was confined to the Burnett to Federal Street section of Elizabeth Street, however expansion in recent years has seen this stretch below Burnett Street to Tasma Street. In total there are now 45 restaurants, cafes, bars, takeaways etc. in Elizabeth Street between Tasma Street and Federal Street (see attachment A).
 - 4.1.2. Parking for patrons and visitors to the area is now at a premium to the extent that patrons are having to park streets away from their destination and others are resorting to illegal parking in locations such as private driveways and in the middle of landscaped streets such as Tasma Street.
 - 4.1.3. There is a definite lack of off-street parking in North Hobart. The City only has two car parks (Condell Place and Lefroy Street), with a total of 81 parking spaces, which is inadequate to cater for the number of vehicles requiring parking, particularly of an evening. Observations have confirmed that both car parks are at capacity of an evening, with little to no turnover.
 - 4.1.4. A recent survey of Elizabeth Street between Warwick and Federal Streets and the adjoining streets (see below plan and attached survey results) has revealed that there are only 460 on-street parking spaces available. Of these only 253 spaces have time limits of 2 hours and beyond.



Survey Area

- 4.1.5. A number of unrestricted parking spaces exist beyond the surveyed area, however these spaces are predominantly residential and therefore the majority are occupied by resident's vehicles, particularly of an evening.
- 4.1.6. Complaints from restaurant patrons, theatregoers and business owners all centre on the same issues:
- The lack of on and off-street parking.
 - Inadequate time limits.
 - No policing of time limits by the Council or Tasmania Police, and
 - General abuse of the time restrictions due to familiarity with the lack of policing.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. It is proposed that a working group be established initially comprising officers from Parking Operations, Traffic Engineering, Economic Development and Community Engagement to review the parking availability in North Hobart.

The working group will concentrate on the implementation of the following matters.

5.2.

[REDACTED]

5.2.1.

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5.3.

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5.3.1.

[REDACTED]

5.3.2.

[REDACTED]

- 5.4. A review of on-street parking time limits in Elizabeth Street and streets adjoining the restaurant strip.
 - 5.4.1. There are currently 460 on street parking spaces in the near vicinity of the North Hobart restaurant strip. Of these spaces only around 250 spaces provide adequate time for diners and theatregoers. There are 112 spaces that have time limits of 30 minutes or less, designed specifically for users to collect ordered meals or purchase take-away food.
 - 5.4.2. The objective would be to survey use of the existing spaces to determine whether amendments can be made to better suit the requirements of users.
- 5.5. The possible installation of parking meters and in ground sensors in Elizabeth Street between Warwick and Federal Streets.
 - 5.5.1. The majority of parking spaces in Elizabeth Street between Warwick Street and Federal Street are short term (15 and 30 minute) spaces designed to provide parking for users to perform quick business at banks, shops etc. or to collect ordered meals or purchase take-away food.
 - 5.5.2. The most effective method of keeping these spaces turning over would be the installation of parking meters and sensors.
- 5.6. The introduction of evening and weekend Parking Officer patrols.
 - 5.6.1. The North Hobart area is current patrolled of a weekday until 5.00pm and not patrolled of a weekend, unless on complaint. In order to achieve compliance to time restrictions, particularly if meters are introduced, daytime and evening patrols will be required seven days per week.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. Strategic Objective 2.1 – A fully accessible and connected City Environment:
 - 6.1.1. *2.1.4 - Implement the parking strategy – Parking - A Plan for the Future.* Action 4 of the strategy specifically refers to a review of parking in North Hobart;

“Investigate the potential for installing parking meters in Sandy Bay and North Hobart shopping centres where streets are in high demand for short-term visitor parking”.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 7.1.1. No initial funding is required to commence the review process.

7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result

- 7.2.1. Depending on the outcome of the review there is expected to be future income and expenditure implications particularly if parking meters are introduced.

7.3. Asset Related Implications

- 7.3.1. No current assets are expected to be replaced. The possible purchase of parking meters will have asset replacement implications in future years.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. These are currently unknown and will depend on the recommendations made to the Council by the Working Group. The introduction of parking meters and additional off-street car parks will require compliance with Council By-Laws and relevant parking legislation such as the Local Government Highways Act and Traffic Regulations.

9. Social and Customer Considerations

- 9.1. It is envisaged that any changes made to the present parking conditions in North Hobart would be seen as a positive move by customers/patrons.


10. Delegation

- 10.1. The approval for a review of parking in North Hobart is delegated to Council.

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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**GROUP MANAGER PARKING
OPERATIONS**



David Spinks
DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Date: 9 June 2017
File Reference: F17/55339

Attachment A: Food/Licensed Premises – North Hobart
Attachment B: Parking Restrictions - North Hobart

ATTACHMENT A

Food/Licensed Premises – North HobartRestaurants

Pancho Villa
The Burger
Haus
Capital
Taste of Asia
Crust
Veg Bar
Midori
Taj Palace
Dedes
Fish 349
Miyabi
All Thai
Amigos
Indian
Restaurant
Everydays
Annapurna
Old Peking
Roaring Grill
Sons of Baja
Amici
Filoxenia
Har Wee Yee

Cafes

Raincheck
Lounge
Pane Cucina
State Cinema
Sweet Envy
Renown
Zum
Room for a
Pony
Fuel so Good

CycloBar/Hotel

Willing Bros.
Tequila Bar
The Winston
The Republic
The
Homestead
Bar

TakeawayShop

Joayo
Cold Rock ice
creamery
Cool Thai
Legs 'n Breasts
Ragazzi & Co
Subway
Noodle House
Nandos
Kebab Rehab
Fish Bar
Mako
Hungry Jacks

ATTACHMENT B

Parking Restrictions – North Hobart

(Elizabeth, Lefroy, Strahan, Tasma, Burnett, Pitt, Newdegate, Swan,
Little Arthur, & Federal Streets, Elphinstone Road & Burnett Place)

Unrestricted Spaces	132
2P parking Zones	2
2P residential Zones	119
1P Zones	49
1P residential Zones	32
½ P Zones	82
¼ P Zones	30
5 Minute zones	2
Loading Zones	5
Disabled Zones	4
Bike Spaces	3
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Total	460 spaces