



CITY OF HOBART

# **AGENDA**

## **Council Meeting**

### **Open Portion**

**Monday, 18 June 2018**

**at 5:00 pm**

**Council Chamber, Town Hall**

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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<b>FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>
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**9. Budget Estimates 2018-19**

**File Ref: F17/58061**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.1](#), 13/06/2018

**The General Manager Reports:-**

Pursuant to section 82(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the estimates for a financial year must be adopted by the Council by absolute majority.

That: A.

1. The expenses, revenues, capital expenditure, and plant and equipment expenditure detailed in the document 'City of Hobart, Budget Estimates, for the 2018-19 Financial Year', marked as Attachment A to item 6.1 of the Open Finance and Governance Committee agenda of 13 June 2018, be approved.
2. New borrowings of up to \$20M be approved for infrastructure.
3. The Council delegate to the General Manager the power to enter into loan agreements to source the above borrowings on the most favourable terms.
4. The General Rate be 8.16 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value (AAV).
5. The following Service Rates be made:
  - (i) A Stormwater Removal Service Rate of 0.47 cents in the dollar of AAV; and
  - (ii) A Fire Service Rate of 1.35 cents in the dollar of AAV.
6. A Waste Management Service Charge be made and varied according to the use or predominant use of land as follows:
  - (i) A Service charge of \$250 to apply to residential properties;
  - (ii) A Service charge of \$500 to apply to non-residential properties;
7. A Waste Management Service Charge of \$50 be made for kerbside green waste collection for all rateable land within the municipal area to which Council supplies or makes available a green waste collection service utilising a green waste collection bin.
8. A Landfill Rehabilitation Service Charge be made and varied according to the use or predominant use of land as follows:
  - (i) A Service charge of \$10 to apply to residential properties;
  - (ii) A Service charge of \$20 to apply to non-residential properties.
9. The rates be subject to the following remissions:
  - (i) A remission of 1.0 cents in the dollar on the AAV of any land or building which is within the Fern Tree Volunteer Brigade Rating District, as defined by the State Fire Commission.

- (ii) A remission of 1.05 cents in the dollar on the AAV of any land or building which is within areas other than Permanent Brigade Rating Districts or the Fern Tree Volunteer Brigade Rating District as defined by the State Fire Commission.
- 10. Unspent 2017-18 capital funding be carried-forward into 2018-19, with any necessary adjustments to be made in the September 2018 quarter financial report to Council.
- 11. The interest rate on unpaid rates be 8.81% per annum, charged monthly.
- 12. The 2018-19 Annual Plan marked as Attachment B to item 6.1 of the Open Finance and Governance Committee agenda of 13 June 2018, be adopted .
- 13. The Long Term Financial Management plan 2019-39 marked as Attachment C to item 6.1 of the Open Finance and Governance Committee agenda of 13 June 2018, be adopted.
- 14. The following delegations be approved:
  - (i) Pursuant to Section 22 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council delegate to the General Manager the power to expend monies on Council's behalf identified as Delegation Classification 1 items in the Council's Annual Plan; and, the Council authorise the General Manager to delegate, pursuant Section 64 of the Local Government Act 1993, to such employees of the Council as he considers appropriate, the power to expend monies on Council's behalf which are identified as Delegation Classification 1 items in the Council's Annual Plan.
  - (ii) Pursuant to Section 22 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council delegate to all Council Committees the power to expend monies on Council's behalf which are identified as Delegation Classification 2 items in the Council's Annual Plan.
- B. The Council approve an increase of \$80,000 in the Community Development Planning and Coordination budget allocation in the 2018-19 draft Annual Plan as detailed below:
  - Creative Hobart Medium Grants - \$30,000
  - Small Community Grants - \$10,000
  - Event Grants - \$40,000.and the budgeted surplus for 2018/19 be reduced to reflect the increase.
- C. The proposed draft budget for 2018/19 for The Taste of Tasmania (including Kids in the Park and New Year's Eve) not be increased by \$400,000 to \$1.6 million.

## The General Manager reports:

“The recommendation of the Finance and Governance Committee in relation to the 2018-19 Budget Estimates includes recommended actions (Parts B and C) in respect to two specific items of expenditure, which have also been considered by the Community, Culture and Events Committee and are included later on this Council agenda under separate items. Given these matters are required to be dealt with as part of The Estimates, the relevant parts of the Community, Culture and Events Committee items have been moved forward. They are:

- (i) **Council agenda item 15** – Community Development Grants Program – Review  
Clause 2 of the recommendation from the Community, Culture and Events Committee is that:
2. *The Council approve an increase of \$80,000 in the Community Development Planning and Coordination budget allocation in the 2018-19 draft Annual Plan as detailed below:*
- *Creative Hobart Medium Grants - \$30,000*
  - *Small Community Grants - \$10,000*
  - *Event Grants - \$40,000*

The Finance and Governance Committee endorsed this change to the Annual Plan at its meeting on 13 June 2018, and accordingly it appears as Part B under the budget estimates recommendation.

- (ii) **Council agenda item 17** – Funding for the Taste of Tasmania

Clause 1 of the Community Culture and Events Committee is that:

1. *The total budget for the Taste of Tasmania (including Kids in the Park and New Year's Eve) be increased by \$400,000 to \$1.6 million and be referred to the Finance and Governance Committee meeting of 13 June 2018 for consideration with the Budget Estimates.*

In considering this recommendation, the Finance and Governance Committee did not support the increase to the total budget and this is articulated in the Budget Estimates recommendation at Part C.”

**18. Tax for Vacant or Unused Residential Housing Accommodation**  
**File Ref: F18/60964**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.2](#), 13/06/2018

- That:
1. The Council write to the Local Government Association of Tasmania to raise the issue more broadly within the sector.
  2. The Council write to the State Government requesting consideration be given of a vacant residential land tax similar to the Victorian model.

**19. 99 Norla Street, Tranmere - City's Droughty Pt Radio Transmitter Site - Request for Licence**  
**File Ref: F18/47454; S10-053-01/02**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.3](#), 13/06/2018

- That:
1. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate and issue a commercial licence agreement with Jettech Networks Pty Ltd in respect to its request to utilise and co-locate communication infrastructure on the City's Droughty Point radio transmitter site, located 99 Norla St, Tranmere.
  2. The term of the initial agreement be from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021, at an estimated annual commercial rate \$5,200 per annum (exc GST).
  3. Given the operational nature and purpose of the site, the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate similar agreements for the site into the future.

**20. Aldermanic Professional Development**  
**File Ref: F18/62628**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.6](#), 13/06/2018

That the Council defer a review of its professional development policy until after a new Council has been sworn in.

**21. Board of Inquiry Report into Councillor Allowances**  
**File Ref: F18/65441**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.7](#), 13/06/2018

That the Council not make any submissions on the decision of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission in relation to Councillor Allowances.

**22. Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery - Community Stakeholders Committee**  
**File Ref: F18/61450**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.8](#), 13/06/2018

That the Council approve the General Manager's participation on the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery's high level advisory committee of community stakeholders.



**23. 2018 Local Government Association of Tasmania Annual Conference**  
**File Ref: F18/53897**

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Ref: Open [FG 6.9](#), 13/06/2018

- That:
1. The Council approve Aldermen Ruzicka, Burnet and Harvey's attendance and invite further Aldermanic nominations for the 2018 Local Government Association of Tasmanian Annual Conference, to be held in Hobart from 25 to 27 July 2018.
  2. The estimated cost of \$895 per person be attributed to the Conference Attendance allocation within the Aldermanic Allowances and Expenses function of the 2017-18 Annual Plan, in accordance with s82 of the Local Government Act 1993, with a corresponding off-set from the Study Assistance line item in the People and Capability function for any expenditure in excess of the existing budget.