



MINUTES

Open Portion
Monday, 26 May 2025
At 4.00pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall



ORDER OF BUSINESS

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PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor A M Reynolds, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock, Alderman M Zucco, Councillor W F Harvey, Councillor M S C Dutta, Councillor J L Kelly, Councillor L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillor R J Posselt, Councillor B Lohberger, Councillor W N S Coats, Councillor G H Kitsos.

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 5.10pm, returning at 5.12pm.

Alderman Bloomfield left the meeting at 6.07pm, returning at 6.08pm and was not present for item 12.

Councillor Coats left the meeting at 6.08pm, returning at 6.10pm and was not present for item 13.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Sherlock left the meeting at 7.46pm, at the commencement of the dinner break, returning at 7.08pm and was not present for items 17 and 18.

Councillor Coats left the meeting at 7.46pm, at the commencement of the dinner break, returning at 7.07pm and was not present for items 17 and 18.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at 8.19pm, returning at 8.20pm.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Sherlock retired from the meeting at 8.33pm and was not present for items 21 to 26 inclusive.

Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 8.39pm, returning at 8.40pm and was not present for the vote on the procedural motion during item 21.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson opened the meeting and provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SHERLOCK
KITSOS

The Chairperson reports that she has perused the minutes of the meeting of the Open Portion of the Council meeting held on [Monday, 28 April 2025](#), finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The minutes were signed.

3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Are there any items, which the meeting believes, should be transferred from this agenda to the closed agenda or from the closed agenda to the open agenda, in accordance with the procedures allowed under Section 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*?

No items were transferred.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

No communication was received.

5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Chief Executive Officer reports that the following workshops have been conducted since the last ordinary meeting of the Council.

Date: 12 May 2025
Purpose: North Hobart Area Briefing | North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan | Derwent River Ferry Expansion – Update | Selfs Point/Cornelian Bay Master Plan – Potential Cornelian Bay Sports Ground Configurations

Attendance:
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Councillors W F Harvey, M S C Dutta, L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillors R J Posselt, B Lohberger, and G H Kitsos

Apologies:
Alderman M Zucco, Councillors J L Kelly, and W N S Coats

Date: 19 May 2025
Purpose: Dog Management Policy Review | Notification of Council Workshops | Notification of Council Workshops

Attendance:
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Alderman M Zucco, Councillors W F Harvey, M S C Dutta, J L Kelly, L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillors R J Posselt, B Lohberger, and G H Kitsos

Apologies:
Councillor W N S Coats

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 Public Questions

6.1.1 Sara Callaghan - Evidence Dogs Pose Nuisance or Threat

Sara Callaghan put the following questions which the Chief Executive Officer took on notice.

Questions

1. What evidence is there to support potential claims that dogs pose a nuisance or a threat to people on sports grounds (esp. South Hobart Recreational Ground)?
2. What evidence is there to suggest dogs and children can't share community space safely?
3. Given most of the aforementioned reported problems occur on footpaths (where dogs must be on lead), what evidence is there to preclude dogs from off - lead community spaces?

7. PETITIONS

7.1 Petition - Traffic Issues at Wynyard Street, South Hobart File Ref: F25/38091

ZUCCO
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.1 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The petition titled 'Traffic Issues at Wynyard Street South Hobart', calling for road safety improvements for drivers turning from Wynard Street into Macquarie Street by implementing parking changes and marked as Attachment A to item 7.1 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be received and noted.
2. Council notes that Officers from the City Transport group will meet with petitioners on site to hear their concerns and review the site in detail.
3. Officers provide a report back to the Council that outlines the recommended action to be taken in response to the petition.

8. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

No supplementary items were received.

9. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

Elected Members 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.

The following interest was indicated:

1. Alderman Bloomfield - item 12
2. Councillor Coats - item 13

OFFICER REPORTS

10. North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan
File Ref: F25/23806; 23/40

DUTTA
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 11 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted with the inclusion of an additional clause 4 that reads:

4. *Council resolves to maintain majority public ownership of Condell Place, with any future development to consider public/private partnership models and ensure community interests are prioritised; and*
 - i) *Any future projects on the site be subject to further community consultation and council decisions; and*
 - ii) *To ensure future developments align with Council's strategic objectives, particularly as they pertain to public open space and urban greening; and*
 - iii) *To authorise officers to progress feasibility studies for potential future uses of the site.*

POSSELT
SHERLOCK

Alderman Zucco be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

AMENDMENT

POSSELT
SHERLOCK

That clause 4 (i), 4 (ii) and 4 (iii) of the motion be deleted.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Dutta
Kitsos

The Lord Mayor then put clauses 1, 2 and 3

MOTION CARRIED
(Clauses 1, 2, 3)

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

Elliot
Coats

The Lord Mayor then put clause 4.

MOTION CARRIED
(Clause 4)

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Posselt	Coats
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council endorse the North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan marked as Attachment A to item 10 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025.
2. The Council receive and note the Engagement Report marked as Attachment B to item 10 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025.
3. An implementation plan be developed to document timeframes for the implementation of actions in the North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan and that progress be monitored and reported to Council annually.
4. The Council resolves to maintain majority public ownership of Condell Place, with any future development to consider public/private partnership models and ensure community interests are prioritised.

11. Crowther Stage Four Interpretive Elements Methodology
File Ref: F25/8344

POSSELT
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 12 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

HARVEY
POSSELT

That Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock be granted an additional two minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

AMENDMENT

SHERLOCK
HARVEY

That Council delegate the approval for the text and the three dimensional components for a permanent interpretive work in Franklin Square to the Chief Executive Officer.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

LOHBERGER
KITSOS

That the motion to amend be now put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Coats
Dutta	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Posselt	Coats
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Posselt	Coats
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council approves the methodology for Stage Four of the Crowther Reinterpreted Project to commission text and three-dimensional components for a permanent interpretive work in Franklin Square.
2. The Council delegate the approval for the text and the three dimensional components for a permanent interpretive work in Franklin Square to the Chief Executive Officer.

Alderman Bloomfield declared and interest in item12 and left the room.

12. UNESCO City of Literature
File Ref: F25/25339

SHERLOCK
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 13 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Coats
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council agrees to the establishment of a secretariat for the Hobart City of Literature which involves the creation of a Steering Committee to provide joint funding and decision making with the following partner organisations:
 - a. City of Hobart (to act as Convenor)
 - b. Libraries Tasmania
 - c. University of Tasmania (UTAS)
 - d. Brand Tasmania
2. The Steering Committee will collaborate with a City of Literature Working Group which will comprise local literacy/writers/arts groups.
3. The Council provide an annual contribution of \$10,000 plus in-kind support up to \$25,000 for the operation of the Hobart City of Literature program.

Councillor Coats declared and interest in item13 and left the room.

13. Proposed Lease Amendment - Ten Lives Cat Centre - Part of 10 Selfs Point, New Town
File Ref: F25/18906

LOHBERGER
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 14 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council agree to amend the leases to Ten Lives Cat Centre dated 7 February 2006 and 13 May 2019 for part of 12 Selfs Point Road, New Town and replace the respective lease plans with the plan shown at Attachment E to item 13 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025.

14. 2025-26 Fees and Charges
File Ref: F25/34604

SHERLOCK
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 15 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

Zucco
Kelly
Elliot
Coats

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the schedule of Fees and Charges, marked as Attachment A to this report, be adopted for 2025-26.

15. 2024-25 Capital Works Program - Quarterly Review
File Ref: F25/29392

KITSOS
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 16 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the report titled 2024-25 Capital Works Program – Quarterly Review, dated 23 April 2025, be noted.

16. Multi-Storey Car Parks' Operating Hours
File Ref: F25/34271

KITSOS
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 17 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

SHERLOCK
LOHBERGER

That a report be prepared that outlines the costs, timelines and feasibility of changing the Argyle Street Car Park operations to 24 hours.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
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Kelly
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Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

PROCEDURAL MOTION

BLOOMFIELD
KELLY

That the matter be deferred for further consideration at a Council Workshop.

MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Posselt
Lohberger

AMENDMENT

ZUCCO
KELLY

That clause 2 be amended to replace the words 'an annual' with 'six monthly'.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

Coats

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. Council officers commence planning the design and construction of long-term permanent access option to the Centrepunkt Car Park independent of the Centrepunkt Shopping Centre's operating hours.
2. The Council approves a two-year trial to extend the closing time of the Centrepunkt Car Park (currently 6.15 pm) by one hour, to 7.15 pm, Monday to Friday, with six monthly review to be undertaken and any outcomes of the review reported back to the Council.
3. The Council approves a two-year trial to extend the opening time of the Argyle Street Car Park (currently 7 am) by 30 minutes, to 6.30 am, seven days a week, with an annual review to be undertaken and any outcomes of the review reported back to the Council.
 - a. That a report be prepared that outlines the costs, timelines and feasibility of changing the Argyle Street Car Park operations to 24 hours.
4. The Council endorses the Chief Executive Officer to amend the operational hours of the Centrepunkt, Argyle Street and Hobart Central Car Parks on an as needs basis in the City of Hobart, where Council officers can demonstrate that there will be no nett cost to Council by doing so.

17. Procurement - Quotation Exemption Report
File Ref: F25/33923

HARVEY
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 18 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council note the exemption granted from the requirement to seek three written quotations for the period 1 January to 31 March 2025, marked as Attachment A to this report.

18. Quarterly Financial Report - 31 March 2025
File Ref: F25/35737

HARVEY
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 19 of the Open Council Agenda of 26 May 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2025 be noted; and
2. The proposed operational and capital variation requests to the 2024-25 Budget Estimates be approved:

(i) Operational Variations:

Entry No.	Category	Net Amount (\$'000)	Transfer From	Transfer To	Reason
1.	Operational Revenue Increase	\$238,536		Youth Climate Action	To record the revenue budget for the Youth Climate Action Grant.
1.	Operational Expense Increase	\$238,536		Youth Climate Action	To record the expenditure budget for the Youth Climate Action Grant.
2.	Operational Revenue Increase	\$187,808		Disaster Ready Funding	To record the revenue budget for the Disaster Ready Funding Grant.
2.	Operational Expense Increase	\$187,808		Disaster Ready Funding	To record the expenditure budget for the Disaster Ready Funding Grant.

(ii) Capital Variations:

Item No.	Category	Net Amount	Transfer From	Transfer To	Reason
1.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$15,000	DKHAC Rear Courtyard Renewal \$15,000	Renewal of rear courtyard area at DKHAC to allow public use.
2.	Capital Transfer	\$0	DKHAC Condition and Compliance Upgrades \$250,000	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$250,000	Project completed under budget and so savings are returned to contingency.
3.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$200,000	Computer network upgrades at multiple sites \$200,000	Upgrade of ICT networks at several sites, particularly Cleary's Gates. This will assist with the improvement of other infrastructure, for example CCTV, alarm systems and fibre optic cabling.
4.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Rosehill Crescent - No. 28 to No.38 – Overlay \$79,525	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$79,525	The scope and construction drawings have not been finalised due to a conflict with a stormwater project at the same location. The stormwater works must be completed before the overlay work

					can proceed. These stormwater works are scheduled for completion in 2025-26.
5.	Grant Funding Decrease	\$2,500,000	Greater Hobart Ferry Service Expansion \$2,500,000	2025-26	Due to the complexity with delivery of works, the project construction will begin in 2025-26.
5.	Capital Expenditure Decrease	\$2,500,000	Greater Hobart Ferry Service Expansion \$2,500,000	2025.26	Due to the complexity with delivery of works, the project construction will begin in 2025-26.
6.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$40,000	Access & Identity Control Upgrade for Buildings \$40,000	Replace the out-of-date Access Control system used at the Town Hall and Council Centre and install the Integriti equipment that has already been purchased.
7.	Grant Funding Increase	\$500,000		Wellesley Park Sports Ground Amenities Upgrade \$500,000	This project is a South Hobart Football Club driven project supported by City. It is fully grant funded and is a commitment from State Government.
7.	Capital Expenditure Increase	\$500,000		Wellesley Park Sports Ground Amenities	This project is a South Hobart Football Club driven project

				Upgrade \$500,000	supported by City. It is fully grant funded and is a commitment from State Government.
8.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$100,000	Town Hall Basement Lift Lobby Fitout Renewal \$100,000	Renewal of the Town Hall Basement Lift Lobby to ensure it is DDA compliant. The project includes a new door for disability access.
9.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$220,000	Multi Story Car Park Infrastructure Replacement \$220,000	Entry gates and ticket machine replacement – Centrepont & Hobart Central car park.
10.	Grant Funding Decrease	\$210,000	DKHAC Spa, Steam Rm, Sauna amenity-plant upgrade \$210,000		Works delayed due to need to complete community engagement and limited capacity to complete design to enable works. Project to be undertaken in 2025-26.
10.	Capital Expenditure Decrease	\$210,000	DKHAC Spa, Steam Rm, Sauna amenity-plant upgrade \$210,000		Works delayed due to need to complete community engagement and limited capacity to complete design to enable works. Project to be undertaken in 2025-26.

11.	Capital Transfer	\$0	<p>Program Contingency FY24/25</p> <p>\$115,000</p>	<p>Hobart Rivulet - Gore Street Debris Irons Renewal</p> <p>\$115,000</p>	<p>The project involves 30 core drilling tasks, to be carried out by an external contractor. Through market testing conducted by the procurement team, the project team identified a limited number of available contractors for the core drilling works and received two submissions with closely matched prices. However, the quoted prices were 80 per cent higher than the initial estimated cost so this is an additional allocation from the contingency to complete the project.</p>
12.	Capital Transfer	\$0	<p>Goulburn St - Forest to Cavell - Joint Treatment and Overlay</p> <p>\$205,541</p>	<p>Program Contingency FY24/25</p> <p>\$205,541</p>	<p>Return \$205,541 to the contingency as an increased allocation from the Federal Government Road to Recovery funding for 2024-25. The total grant allocation is \$890,673.</p>

12.	Grant Funding Increase	\$205,541		Goulburn St - Forest to Cavell - Joint Treatment and Overlay \$205,541	Grant funding increase of \$205,541, because of an increase in Road to Recovery funding from the Australian Government in 2024-25.
12.	Capital Expenditure Increase	\$205,541		Goulburn St - Forest to Cavell - Joint Treatment and Overlay \$205,541	Grant expenditure increase of \$205,541, as a result of an increase in Road to Recovery funding from the Australian Government in 2024-25.
13.	Grant Funding Increase	\$19,968		Rose Garden Bridge Handrail Defects \$19,968	Contribution received from the contractor Downer/VEC.
13.	Capital Expenditure Increase	\$19,968		Rose Garden Bridge Handrail Defects \$19,968	Contribution received from the contractor Downer/VEC.
14.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$106,627	New Town Rd Bridge \$106,627	There was a change of scope from shotcrete abutment walls to 32MPa reinforced concrete in the detailed design. The tender price was based on shotcrete walls.

14.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$29,519	New Town Rd Bridge \$29,519	Install additional 110 No. weep holes along tunnel arch as per Issued for Construction Drawings.
14.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$13,441	New Town Rd Bridge \$13,441	Additional cost for investigation and verification of foundation materials.
15.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$60,000	Domain Slipway Stormwater Extension \$60,000	A joint project with TasWater, funded 50:50 to extend the existing stormwater pipe.
15.	Grant Funding Increase	\$60,000		Domain Slipway Stormwater Extension \$60,000	Grant revenue increase from the contribution from TasWater for the project.
15.	Capital Expenditure Increase	\$60,000		Domain Slip water Stormwater Extension \$60,000	Grant expenditure increase from the contribution from TasWater for the project.
16.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$60,000	Matilda Pontoon Repairs \$60,000	Funding allocated to prevent the Matilda pontoon from sinking.
17.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Pinnacle Road Guard Rail Stage	Program Contingency	Project cancelled due to the complexities of

			3 Design \$105,000	FY24/25 \$105,000	the work. Further investigation work is required to determine the best approach for Stage 3.
18.	Grant Funding Decrease	\$130,000	Huon Road Shoulder 24-25 \$130,000		Grant funding from State Government withdrawn, project cancelled.
18.	Capital Expenditure Decrease	\$130,000	Huon Road Shoulder 24-25 \$130,000		Grant funding from State Government withdrawn, project cancelled.
19.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Murray St - Warwick to Patrick – Overlay \$416,000	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$416,000	Project put on hold due to impending stormwater works in the area.
20.	Capital Transfer	\$0	DKHAC Chemical Delivery Area-Vehicle Bay Fit out \$4,223	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$4,223	Project was completed under budget. Remaining funds returned to the contingency.
21.	Capital Transfer	\$0	DKHAC 50m Pool UV filter replacement \$60,000	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$60,000	Project was completed under budget. Remaining funds returned to the contingency.
22.	Capital Transfer	\$0	DKHAC Expansion Joints Renewal-pools grandstand	Program Contingency FY24/25	Project was completed under budget. Remaining funds returned to the

			\$27,270	\$27,270	contingency.
23.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$35,000	Lefroy Street Public Car Park Extension \$35,000	Vehicles have been hitting the boundary fence and popping out panels. This project is for repairs that will strengthen the fence, reducing the risk of panels popping out when hit by vehicles.
24.	Grant Funding Increase	\$43,025		South Hobart Oval Courts Upgrade \$43,025	Grant funding increase to undertake the South Hobart court upgrades.
24.	Capital Expenditure Increase	\$43,025		South Hobart Oval Courts Upgrade \$43,025	Grant expenditure increase to undertake the South Hobart court upgrades.
25.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$20,000	Knocklofty to McRobies Gully Connector \$20,000	Heavy clay soil on an approximate 480m length of Track Section 1, required application of a degraded dolerite sub-base material.
26.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25	Argyle St Car Park Concrete Remediation L1-3 \$155,000	The project is approximately 30 per cent complete. Finalising the scope of work required with the

			\$155,000		external contractors.
27.	Grant Funding Decrease	\$455,000	Queenborough Oval Changerooms Redevelopment \$455,000		Contractor's recent forecast based on the current work progress has shown a reduction in total expected expenditure for 2024-25. It is proposed to transfer \$455,000 to 2025-26.
27.	Grant Expenditure Decrease	\$455,000	Queenborough Oval Changerooms Redevelopment \$455,000		Reduce grant expenditure in 2024-25 based on contractor's recent advice.
28.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Brooker Avenue Pedestrian Bridge - Debris Mesh \$90,000	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$90,000	Construction is unlikely to occur in 2024-25 while options are being considered for installing debris mesh under the pedestrian bridge to improve debris capture.
29.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$160,000	Cooling Unit Replacement - Town Hall IT Data Centre \$160,000	Project to replace the two cooling units in the main data centre in Town Hall. The Town Hall data centre runs most of the servers, disk storage and phone system, which produce large amounts of heat. The equipment in this

					room is critical to IT operations at Council. The current cooling units are end of life and recently one of the cooling units failed and the data centre is currently running off a single unit. Should the working unit fail, IT operations at Council will be severely impacted. A risk assessment was undertaken, and it was rated as outside the risk appetite of council.
30.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$75,500	TCA Ground - Western Changerooms Upgrade \$75,500	The Hobart Football Club received a grant which did not cover the total project costs. A request was made to Council to contribute \$25,000. This request has now increased to \$75,500.
31.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$22,400	Dunn Place EV Charger Replacement \$22,400	Replacement of EV charger in Dunn Place car park that has repetitively failed.
32.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25	Collins Street Streetscape Improvement	Additional funding is required to complete the streetscape

			\$115,965	\$115,965	related works and traffic signal changes as outlined below. Outdoor Dining Infrastructure (\$55,956), Traffic Signal Modifications (\$20,000), Additional Project Management (\$10,000). Total = \$85,965 There is an additional \$30k request for parking sensor removal & installation. The total request is now \$115,965.
33.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$29,000	New Town Sporting Precinct DA \$29,000	Preparation of documentation ready for DA for the New Town Sporting Precinct. The New Town Sports Precinct includes the New Town Oval, Buckingham Bowls Club, Hobart Netball and Sports Centre, New Town Croquet Club and the only cycling track in the south of the state. The request has now been revised to a total of \$533,000, \$29,000 in 2024-25 and \$504,000 in 2025-26 (including planning fees

					\$45,000).
34.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$5,000	Self's Point Basketball Facility DA \$5,000	Allocation of \$284,000 towards funding the preparation of DA. This has now been revised to \$85,000 in 2024-25 and \$224,000 in 2025-26 (including planning fees \$30,000). Total \$309,000 (including \$80,000 contribution from State Government).
34.	Grant Funding Increase	\$80,000		Self's Point Basketball Facility DA \$80,000	Grant revenue increase from the contribution from State Government for the project.
34.	Capital Expenditure Increase	\$80,000		Self's Point Basketball Facility DA \$80,000	Grant expenditure increase from the contribution from State Government for the project.
35.	Capital Transfer	\$0	Program Contingency FY24/25 \$139,880	Lark Cellar Door Roof Replacement Proposal \$139,880	To address ongoing water ingress caused by deteriorated laser light roofing over the Lark Distillery tenancy. As the building is Council-owned and heritage-

					listed, Council has committed to undertaking these works within the timeframe options provided by the tenant to ensure the building remains functional and protected.
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MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 16(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015**

19. Russian Oil Coming into Australia
FILE REF: F25/37349

Councillor Lohberger

Motion:

“That the Lord Mayor write a letter on behalf of the Council to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Trade Minister Don Farrell, asking that Australia better enforce its current oil sanctions against Russia, especially against petroleum products refined from oil that originates in Russia but is coming into Australia through third-party countries.”

Rationale:

“Russian oil is increasingly making its way into Australia as a percentage of shipments that come via refineries in third-party countries, despite the current strict Australian sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

This issue is very relevant to this Council, which expressed its support for the people of Ukraine, and the Ukrainian community in Hobart, in February 2022, but which also spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on petroleum products every year. Hobart residents and ratepayers spend many times more, and none of us want to be contributing to the Russian war against Ukraine every time we fill our tank.

The Association of Ukrainians in Tasmania is supportive of this motion, and the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations has also raised this issue.”

Further Information:

“Hobart City Council expresses support for Ukraine (page 5):
https://hobart.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/02/CO_28022022_MIN_1618.PDF

Russian oil making its way into Asia and Australia:
<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8332659/the-failure-of-australian-sanctions-against-russian-oil/>

<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/indonesias-karimun-terminal-becomes-key-russian-oil-hub-sources-say-2025-05-08/>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/oil-gas/india-is-building-a-sanctions-proof-supply-chain-for-russian-oil/articleshow/118174571.cms?from=mdr>

<https://afuo.org.au/community/strong-day-of-advocacy-with-victorian-parliament-shadow-foreign-affairs-minister/>

Current Australian Government sanctions:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/sanctions-regimes/russia-sanctions-regime>

Restrictions on the import, purchase or transport of certain goods

It is prohibited to import, purchase or transport any of the following goods if they were exported from, **or originated in**, Russia: [**emphasis** mine]

- arms or related materiel
- any goods which originate in or have been exported from the specified Ukraine regions
- oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas, coal and other energy products (as designated in the Autonomous Sanctions (Import Sanctioned Goods – Russia) Designation 2022).
- gold exported from Russia (as defined in the Autonomous Sanctions (Import Sanctioned Goods—Russia) Amendment (No.1) Designation 2022”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

1. City of Hobart officers have made enquiries and can advise as follows;

- Relevant remarks by the Prime Minister of Australia on 18 May 2025 can be found at Bilateral opening remarks – Rome, and from 24 February 2025 at Three years on, Australia stands with Ukraine.
- Further information about the topic of Australian support for Ukraine was considered by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on 5 August 2024 as here.
- During this committee hearing, the matter of oil was specifically mentioned and officers from the Department advised the following;
- *“Australia joined others in a ban on importation of oil, gas and the like exported by Russia or of Russian origin. There was also something called an oil price cap, which is not quite the way it sounds. It's quite a complex kind of mechanism. Australia participated in all of that. Our ban on imports of oil was very similar to that imposed by other partners*

around the world. It was not intended to hit substantially transformed oil and gas, which I think is getting to the point that you wanted. We've got the ban. We've got the oil price cap. It was intended to hit Russian oil and gas, not to necessarily stop global supply of energy, because that would be a major impact on countries beyond Russia. What it means is that oil that's been substantially transformed is not picked up in what is banned by sanctions, and that's consistent with every country that's imposed that kind of ban."

- The Motion is seeking that the Lord Mayor write letters to both the Prime Minister and the Minister for Trade on this matter and it poses little risk for Council to do so.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 8 – Governance and civic involvement

We are a city of ethics and integrity. We govern with transparency and accountability, encouraging and welcoming active civic involvement. We collaborate for the collective good, working together to create a successful Hobart.

Outcome: 8.1 – Hobart is a city that is well governed that recognises the community as an active partner that informs decisions

Strategy: 8.1.2 – Ensure the needs of the community are well represented through effective advocacy and strong collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders and all levels of government.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: NA

Policy: City of Hobart International Relations Policy
<https://www.hobartcity.com.au/files/assets/public/v/2/council-meetings-aldermen/policies/policies-current/corporate-governance/international-relations-policy.pdf>

Financial Implications

1. There are no financial implications arising from this Notice of Motion.

LOHBERGER
SHERLOCK

That the motion be adopted.

AMENDMENT

KELLY
ELLIOT

That letter also includes urging the Prime Minister to:

- hurry up the delivery of retired Army tanks to Ukraine and
- lobby officials of Myanmar to end their civil war
- pressure the UN and other agencies to better support the hunger crisis in South Sudan
- lobby Hamas to release the remaining officers
- ask President Trump to reconsider tariffs.

AMENDMENT LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco
Kelly
Elliot

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

Kelly
Elliot

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Lord Mayor write a letter on behalf of the Council to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Trade Minister Don Farrell, asking that Australia better enforce its current oil sanctions against Russia, especially against petroleum products refined from oil that originates in Russia but is coming into Australia through third-party countries.

20. Halls Saddle Master Planning
FILE REF: F25/37350

The Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds and Councillor Lohberger

Motion

“That the Council request the Chief Executive Officer make allowance in the 2025/26 annual plan and budget for an immediate start on the preparation of a master plan for a visitor and transport hub at Halls Saddle, with the aim of developing a planning application for the site.”

Rationale:

“Halls Saddle provides the opportunity for a much-needed visitor centre on the mountain, which will also help to disperse visitation, and ease congestion at the Springs and on the Pinnacle. Following a successful open day at Halls Saddle in April, there is significant support for the development of the site as a transport and visitor hub on Kunanyi/Mt Wellington, and also interest in the site from the private sector.

Ideas for the site already include a mountain interpretation centre and cafe, possibly combined with an indigenous ranger centre, and a recreation hub to disperse visitors to the lower mountain slopes. A transport hub that can display real-time traffic and parking counters has also been suggested, so visitors can see when parking is unavailable further up the mountain or Pinnacle Road is congested.

A master plan is needed for the Halls Saddle site before any of these ideas or a development can be progressed, and that planning will also allow for an EOI process to gauge interest from community groups and private businesses that may also wish to operate out of a redeveloped site.

There are currently two separate reviews underway into the business and management models that may best suit management of the mountain, but neither of those reviews will be doing the work of this master plan. It will be complementary to the review work currently underway.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

This Motion is received at a time when the future ownership, funding and governance of kunanyi / Mount Wellington are currently uncertain as there are two important pieces of Strategic work that are occurring:

1. The State Government led Strategic Review is developing a long-term community vision for kunanyi / Mount Wellington and identify how best to deliver that vision for the entire community. Vision considerations include visitor experience, cultural and environmental values, funding and resourcing, and arrangements for the management and administration of kunanyi / Mount Wellington; and
2. The Wellington Park Management Trust's Wellington Park Business Case is developing a financially sustainable management model for the Park. The Trust is seeking to identify a pathway to reduce the dependency on recurrent State Treasury Allocation funds over time and instead develop a model to provide for sustainable, long-term investment in appropriate visitor infrastructure and Park management consistent with the statutory purposes for which the Park was set aside.

The Strategic Review is planned to be completed towards the end of 2025, while the Wellington Park Business Case will be completed in 2026.

Accordingly, any work completed on the future of the Council's Halls Saddle site will be slightly speculative as the outcomes of the above-mentioned strategic work are not currently known. Therefore, this motion does carry an element of risk.

This having been said, it is considered very likely that an improved visitor experience will be required for kunanyi / Mount Wellington into the future and the Halls Saddle site offers an outstanding opportunity to deliver a multi-faceted and contemporary visitor experience which would involve public and potentially private investment. The idea of completing a Masterplan for the site would enable the Council to identify and test opportunities for the site, which may then dovetail with the findings of the current strategic projects that are occurring. Accordingly, it would be necessary to engage closely with the Wellington Park Trust and State Government in respect to the Master planning process.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 1 - We are a city of unique beauty, environment, heritage and people, built on a shared sense of ownership, pride and wonder. This spirit of place has been shaped by Tasmanian Aboriginal people for tens of

thousands of years and continues to be shaped by all who have called Hobart home. It is developed jointly by community, private enterprise and government, valuing and enhancing our Hobart identity.

6 - We are a city whose people see ourselves as part of a beautiful and unique natural environment, from the mountain to the river, which embrace us and shape our identity. We are proud custodians and advocates, ensuring resources are appreciated rather than wasted, supporting biodiverse ecosystems in honour of past, current and future generations.

Outcome: 1.1 - Hobart keeps a strong sense of place and identity, even as the city changes.

6.1 - The natural environment is part of the city and biodiversity is conserved, secure and flourishing.

Strategy: 1.1.1 - Protect and enhance, core elements of Hobart identity – kunanyi / Mount Wellington, timtumili minanya / River Derwent, natural areas, green spaces and Hobart's heritage, culture and human scale – so they continue to be valued as central features of Hobart's landscape and social fabric.

6.1.1 - Strengthen open space connectivity, prioritising links between the river, city, bushland and the mountain, through acquisitions and other opportunities.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: *Local Government Act 1993*

Policy: Not applicable

Financial Implications

A Masterplan would be able to be completed largely by Officers but would also require consultancy services in the order of \$50,000. An allowance can be made on the 2025/26 Annual Plan and Budget should this Motion be supported.

LOHBERGER
KITSOS

That the motion be adopted

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Posselt	Coats
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council request the Chief Executive Officer make allowance in the 2025/26 annual plan and budget for an immediate start on the preparation of a master plan for a visitor and transport hub at Halls Saddle, with the aim of developing a planning application for the site.

21. Domain Highway Interchange
FILE REF: F25/37376

Councillor Posselt

Motion

“That:

1. The Council lobby the State Government to address the congestion and safety risks caused by the Domain Highway interchange with the Brooker Highway as a priority congestion busting project.
2. The Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer and the Lord Mayor to write to elected representatives advocating for transport infrastructure investment at this intersection. Letters should be addressed to:
 - The Premier
 - The Tasmanian Minister for Transport
 - The Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure
 - Clark, Franklin and Lyons members of the Tasmanian Parliament
 - Hobart, Elwick, Pembroke and Rumney members of the Tasmanian Legislative Council
 - Federal members for Clark, Franklin and Lyons”

Rationale:

“The Council has an interest in addressing congestion and transport concerns of both residents of the municipality and people who live elsewhere but travel through the Hobart municipality. Hobart City Council has focused on interventions within its remit in the recent past with investment in active transport infrastructure and modal shift programs. It has also been the recipient of \$20m to assist the state in developing a ferry network in Greater Hobart.

The Council has a long standing interest in improving transport for all, but must recognise that for some cohorts and some trips, efficient road transport is a key component of their transport needs. Efficient road transport infrastructure not only serves movement of citizens and visitors in private vehicles, it is also crucial for freight and on-road public transport, such as busses and rapid bus networks. Indeed, congestion and traffic are frequently cited as top concerns for Hobartians when surveyed about their priorities for this city.

While Council has tried to address congestion where it can, it is essential that the council recognise when projects and infrastructure are the responsibility of other arms of government and when necessary advocate to other levels of government for investment in particular projects. The Domain Highway interchange is one such

infrastructure project that is a core responsibility of the state but that the city has recognised is problematic for managing congestion and road safety.

It is understood that the Domain highway interchange represents one of the weakest links in the Greater Hobart road transport network. This was illustrated recently when Tas water closed Queens walk to traffic removing a crucial relief valve from this intersection. The subsequent result was significant queuing, some days as far back as the Tasman Bridge, for cars to access the Brooker to head north from the Eastern shore.

Interestingly, the closure of Queens walk removed queuing from the Brooker Highway for car movements heading from the North to the East, particularly in afternoon peak, which had occurred as a result of a “courtesy wave” by drivers letting other vehicles through to access Queens walk. However, with the reopening of Queens walk, queuing on the Brooker has returned, representing a safety risk. It also reduces inbound traffic on the Brooker Highway to one lane in afternoon peak, resulting in increased congestion and frustration for drivers. Despite the reopening of Queens walk, queuing to access the Brooker northbound from the bridge remains significant.

This motion is prepared with the intent of highlighting the importance of investment in redesign and replacement of specific, critical and aging infrastructure to aid in reducing congestion for all residents and visitors to Great Hobart.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

Planning work has been undertaken on this interchange, most recently in 2019. The *Domain Highway Long Term Planning Study*, jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, was undertaken to explore infrastructure improvements around Hobart's Queens Domain. The study's overarching goal was to enhance the safety, reliability, and efficiency of transport movements into, out of, and through Hobart, particularly via the northern and inner eastern approaches.

The study identified several key issues affecting the Domain Highway and surrounding corridors. These include inconsistent travel reliability, a high frequency of minor crashes that disrupt traffic flow, and limited infrastructure supporting public and active transport. The analysis showed that while the road network is nearing capacity, particularly at intersections like the Domain Interchange and Brooker Highway/Risdon Road, the most pressing problems stem from variability in traffic conditions and a lack of control at key decision points.

A link to the study in full can be found [here](#).

To address these challenges in the short to medium term, the study recommends implementing Program Option 2. This option focuses on enhancing network safety and improving traffic management through the use of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). Key measures include the introduction of variable speed limits (VSLs) and

variable message signs (VMS), as well as improved traffic monitoring via CCTV and vehicle detection systems. These interventions are designed to reduce the likelihood and severity of incidents, smooth traffic flow, and provide real-time information to road users. Additional low-cost improvements, such as upgraded lane markings, pedestrian crossings, and bus stop facilities, are also proposed to support safer and more accessible travel for all users.

For the long term, the study considers the potential for a full grade separation of the Domain Interchange. Concept Option 3 is identified as the most viable starting point, as it offers the potential to improve traffic flow while minimising environmental and community impacts. However, the study advises against immediate implementation due to uncertainties around future traffic growth, the need for alignment with broader transport strategies, and the pending outcomes of related initiatives such as the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor.

The next steps outlined in the study include conducting detailed engineering and environmental assessments, engaging with the community and affected landowners, and updating travel demand forecasting. These actions will help refine the proposed solutions and ensure they are integrated effectively into the broader transport planning framework for Greater Hobart.

It is the advice of officers that it would be prudent for the City of Hobart to write to the State Government and other representatives to continue to advocate for this work to be undertaken.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: Pillar 5 – Movement and Connectivity

Outcome: An accessible and connected city environment helps maintain Hobart's pace of life and ensuring that Hobart has effective and environmentally sustainable transport systems.

Strategy: Hobart Transport Strategy 2024

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: N/A

Policy: N/A

Financial Implications

No financial implications for undertaking the proposed actions within this motion are anticipated.

POSSELT
SHERLOCK

That the motion be adopted, with the inclusion of an additional clause that reads:

The Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure seeking a briefing on the structural condition of the Tasman Bridge.

SHERLOCK
LOHBERGER

That Councillor Posselt be granted an additional two minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

PROCEDURAL MOTION

DUTTA
LOHBERGER

That the motion be now put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Dutta	Kelly
Bloomfield	Elliot
Lohberger	Posselt
Coats	
Kitsos	

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Harvey
Zucco	Bloomfield
Dutta	Coats
Kelly	
Elliot	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

Note: Councillor Harvey abstained from voting. In accordance with section 28(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, to abstain from voting at a meeting is to vote in the negative and has been recorded accordingly.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council lobby the State Government to address the congestion and safety risks caused by the Domain Highway interchange with the Brooker Highway as a priority congestion busting project.
2. The Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer and the Lord Mayor to write to elected representatives advocating for transport

infrastructure investment at this intersection. Letters should be addressed to:

- The Premier
 - The Tasmanian Minister for Transport
 - The Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure
 - Clark, Franklin and Lyons members of the Tasmanian Parliament
 - Hobart, Elwick, Pembroke and Rumney members of the Tasmanian Legislative Council
 - Federal members for Clark, Franklin and Lyons
3. The Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure seeking a briefing on the structural condition of the Tasman Bridge.

22. Borrowings Policy

FILE REF: F25/37815

Alderman Bloomfield

Motion

“That a review of the Councils Borrowing Policy be undertaken to ensure that when Council is considering any new borrowings there is a fully costed and evaluated business case, with all alternatives considered and outcomes identified. The business case should be based on sound business principles and consider factors such as ongoing operational costs for the infrastructure project or if the infrastructure project is for a service that is funded by user charges (e.g. Waste), then the user charge should reflect the cost of servicing the loan.”

Rationale:

“It is important that any decision to enter borrowings is supported by a solid business case, based on sound business principles. The current policy needs to be updated to reflect the need for decision making based on a robust business cases.

Council should only consider borrowings for infrastructure projects that are not able to be funded from revenue and which are identified as a priority for the City. This will ensure the Council can respond to the future infrastructure needs of the City while ensuring the responsible use of public monies. When entering into the borrowing Council needs to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Council.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

The Council’s current Borrowing Policy is dated 24 August 2020 and was due for review in September 2023 and is programmed for review later this year. Accordingly, this Notice of Motion is timely.

The borrowing guidelines under the current Policy are as follows:

- Borrowings are not a form of revenue and do not replace the need for Council to generate sufficient operating revenue to service its operating requirements;
- Financing of major infrastructure assets requires a strategic approach to evaluate the risk exposure to Council;
- Council, where it is appropriate, may enter into a borrowing facility for a long term asset construction or purchase projects;
- There will be no long term debt to finance operating activities, non-capital projects or recurring expenditure of Council;

- The term of the loan should not exceed the expected economic life of the asset being funded, subject to the maximum periods below; and
- The maximum period for borrowing will be set at 15 years. Variations to this will require a resolution of Council.

It is considered that a requirement for future borrowings be supported by a solid business case, based on sound business principles is a positive step, which is more contemporary with best practice Local Governments. Accordingly, the motion is supported.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 8 – Governance and Civic Involvement

Outcome: 8.2 - Hobart is a city that delivers public value and excellence by being a financially responsible, high performing and accountable organisation that is responsive to the needs of the community.

Strategy: 8.2.1 - Monitor and maintain financial sustainability into the future through responsible management of annual budgets, assets and long-term financial planning.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: *Local Government Act 1993*

Policy: Council Borrowing Policy

Financial Implications

1. There are no financial implications resulting from this motion.

BLOOMFIELD
POSSELT

That the motion be adopted

PROCEDURAL MOTION

DUTTA
LOHBERGER

That the motion be now put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Dutta	Harvey
Kelly	Posselt
Elliot	Coats
Bloomfield	
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Harvey
Zucco	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That a review of the Councils Borrowing Policy be undertaken to ensure that when Council is considering any new borrowings there is a fully costed and evaluated business case, with all alternatives considered and outcomes identified. The business case should be based on sound business principles and consider factors such as ongoing operational costs for the infrastructure project or if the infrastructure project is for a service that is funded by user charges (e.g. Waste), then the user charge should reflect the cost of servicing the loan.

23. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

HARVEY
COATS

That the information contained in the following responses to questions without notice, be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Zucco	
Harvey	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the information contained in the following responses to questions without notice, be received and noted.

23.1 Social Media Correspondence

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 28 January 2025

24. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

24.1 Councillor Coats - Engagement in Black Spot Program

Question: What engagements has the City of Hobart had with the Black Spot Program and what intersections, roads etc has the City put forward?

Answer: The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

24.2 Councillor Coats – Reinstatement of Elected Member expense reports

Question: Up until late 2024 there were monthly public expense reports for all Elected Members published. At the end of the year the full 12 month report was published in the Annual Report. I am unsure as to why the reporting has ceased. Is it possible for this to be re-instated as I believe that the publishing of those reports is of public interest?

Answer: The Manager Legal and Corporate Governance advised there had been a delay with producing this information due to resourcing, however it will be reinstated again very soon.

24.3 Alderman Zucco – Tasman Bridge Meeting and Briefing

Question Since we have approved to write to the Minister of Infrastructure, with regards to the Tasman Bridge, will the Chief Executive Officer prepare a briefing report for that meeting, if it is agree too, and include any correspondence that we have had from any Infrastructure Minister and the Council with regards to the Tasman bridge.

Response The Chief Executive Officer advised that yes, if that is what the Council request then we will arrange the briefing and make sure that Elected Members are invited and can participate.

24.4 Councillor Elliot – Reporting - Collins Street Trial

Question: When can we expect the first three monthly report on Collins Street bike lane trial?

Response: The Manager Strategic Communications, Engagement and Marketing advised that the report will be available two to three weeks after the engagement period. Engagement will commence on 30 June 2025.

24.5 Councillor Elliot – Collins Street Trial and Bus Stop Installation

Question: Will the remainder of the implementation, like the bus stop in the middle of the road, be installed – will that be by this coming Friday?

Response: The Manager Strategic Communications, Engagement and Marketing advised that Collins Street (from Victoria Street to Murray Street) will not be completed at the same time as Collins Street (Molle Street to Victoria Street).

24.6 Councillor Elliot – Accuracy of the Collins Street Trail Report Evaluation

Question: Can I have a ball park timeframe from when the trial report evaluation on the Collins Street from Victoria to Murray Street will happen?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

24.7 Councillor Elliot – Acknowledgement of Country

Question: At the start of the meeting as part of your acknowledgement to country you said that the Council resolved a few years ago to do acknowledgement to country(s). Can I have some more information about that decision like when and what forum that was made?

Response: The Lord Mayor took the question on notice as it was before her time on Council.

24.8 Councillor Elliot – Acknowledgement to Country - Chairperson Obligation

Question: Are meeting Chairpersons obligated to do Acknowledgement of Country?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that meeting chairs are not obligated to do acknowledgement of country. It is at the discretion of the chairperson to make those calls for meeting they preside over.

24.9 Councillor Kelly – Acknowledgement to Country - Request for Clarity

Question: Lord Mayor can you clarify, if I am chairing a meeting or a workshop, I don't have to do an Acknowledgement to Country? I would like clarification as it is included as a standard item in our agendas.

Response: The Lord Mayor requested that this be taken on notice.

24.10 Councillor Posselt – Standing at Council Meetings

Question: What is the mechanism for Council to authorise that Directors and other staff can remain seated when addressing the Council at Council meetings?

Response: Chief Executive Officer advised officers standing to address the Council was done out of respect, a longstanding custom and practice and one that he will continue to do. Should Elected Members wish to remain seated when addressing each other, this can be reviewed.

24.11 Councillor Posselt – Clarity on road Infrastructure Responsibility

Question: There has been consternations over who is responsible for different highway articulations between Local Government and the State Government. Tonight's example was the catch fencing on the pedestrian bridge, but we also had the roundabout fencing at the railway roundabout. Are we being short changed in Tasmania by these MOUs signed with the State Government. Where everywhere else - Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, these types of overpass infrastructure is a responsibility of the State Government rather than the Council. Can we look at what other States are doing?

Response: Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

BUSINESS ARISING

25. Questions Arising During Debate

In accordance with the Council's *Meetings: Procedures and Guidelines Policy*, attached is a register of questions taken on notice during debate of previous items considered by the Council.

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That the register of questions arising during debate be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Zucco	
Harvey	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the register of questions arising during debate be received and noted.

26. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

KITSOS
LOHBERGER

That the Council resolve by absolute 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:

- Minutes of a closed Council meeting
- Information of a personal and confidential nature
- Personal hardship
- Information relating to commercial arrangements
- Proposals for the Council in interest of land

The following items were discussed:-

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Council Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Communication from the Chairperson |
| Item No. 3 | Leave of Absence |
| Item No. 4 | Consideration of supplementary Items to the agenda |
| Item No. 5 | Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest |
| Item No. 6 | Outstanding Sundry Debts and Debt Write-Offs as at 31 March 2025
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g) |
| Item No. 7 | Unpaid Rates - Section 137 Sale of Property
LG(MP)R 15(2)(f), (g), (i) and (j) |
| Item No. 8 | Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) 2025 Election
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g) |
| Item No. 9 | Questions without Notice |

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BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

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The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7.46pm for a meal break.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.05pm pm.

Item 17 was then taken.

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
30TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

CHAIRPERSON