



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting
Open Portion
Monday, 19 May 2025
at 4.00pm
Lady Osborne Room



City of **HOBART**

THE MISSION

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

THE VALUES

The Council is:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Monday, 19 May 2025 at 4.00pm in the Lady Osborne Room.

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

Councillor W F Harvey (Chairperson)
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Councillor J L Kelly
Councillor L M Elliot
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger
Councillor G H Kitsos

Apologies:

Councillor W N S Coats

Leave of Absence:

Nil.

NOMINEE MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor W N S Coats

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 12 May 2025](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

Recommendation

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

4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

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

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

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

6.1 City Heritage Committee **File Ref: F25/33564**

Report of the Deputy Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of
8 May 2025 and attachment.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

City Heritage Committee

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the outcomes of the City Heritage Committee meeting on 18 February 2025, which were endorsed at their meeting of 8 April 2025.

The key focus of this meeting was to seek feedback from the committee on the Heritage Design Guide.

The Committee also requested input into the Council's consideration of the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium, which subsequently occurred.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Heritage Committee of 18 February 2025, marked as attachment A.

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.

Karen Abey
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR STRATEGIC AND
REGULATORY SERVICES**

Date: 8 May 2025
File Reference: F25/33564

Attachment A: City Heritage Minutes - 19 February 2025 (Supporting information)

6.2 City Economy Committee
File Ref: F25/33572

Report of the Manager Economic Development and the Director
Community and Economic Development of 8 May 2025 and attachment.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

City Economy Committee

The purpose of this report is to inform the Hobart Workshop Committee of the outcomes of the City Economy Committee meeting on 25 February 2025.

This was the first meeting attended by the new Director Community and Economic Development, Ben Artup, and Manager Economic Development, Nick McGuire.

The meeting commenced with information sharing from the Committee, and then focused on an 18-month check-in on the *City Economy Strategy 2023-2028*, with a presentation provided by the City's Project Manager Economic Development, and a presentation on the City's *Invest Hobart* publication provided by the Manager Economic Development.

During the information sharing session, Committee members shared thoughts on issues and opportunities impacting the City's economy. During this component of the Committee meeting, Committee members discussed the issue of anti-social behaviour exhibited within the City's retail areas, and the impact this is having on local business. Council officers committed to inviting Tasmania Police to a future meeting, to better understand how to work together to improve the current situation.

In response to a Committee member's suggestion to introduce a location or industry based 'loyalty card', Council officers committed to reviewing findings from the last *Passport to Hobart* campaign, undertaken as part of Covid-19 recovery, to investigate if there are any outcomes that could be utilised in future campaigns, with a view to incorporating proposed opportunities into the *Hello Hobart Business Engagement Plan* currently being developed.

The *City Economy Strategy 2023-2028* presentation highlighted "the Hobart difference" and provided insight into the four strategic priorities within the strategy, how these were determined, the work that is being undertaken in response to each of these, and a summary of the achievements to date. The presentation was an information sharing report designed to seek feedback on the achievements and opportunities for improvement that would help inform future priorities.

Following this presentation, one of the suggestions was for Council officers to investigate data on business turnover rates, and to analyse what this means. Economic Development are currently undertaking an analysis of key economic data for the city and this will be incorporated into that work and presented at a future Committee meeting. Council officers also committed to inviting the City's Principal

Advisor Urban Design to attend its meeting of 29 April 2025 to discuss the Hobart Design Guidelines.

During the presentation on *Invest Hobart*, the Manager Economic Development reiterated the value of the City Economy Committee and how the Economic Development Group would like to engage with the Committee. The presentation highlighted the role of Investment Attraction in Economic Development and the important function it plays in supporting the growth of the local economy. As part of the key economic data analysis being undertaken, insights are being gathered on priority investment attraction opportunities for the city. As this data is gathered and analysed the plan is to present this information to the City Economy Committee for their feedback and involvement where appropriate in helping to facilitate targeted opportunities.

The City Economy Committee is seen as an important forum for presenting and testing economic development ideas and opportunities, and to see feedback from Committee members on priorities impacting the local economy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Economy Committee of 25 February 2025, marked as Attachment A.

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.




Nick McGuire
**MANAGER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 8 May 2025
File Reference: F25/33572

Attachment A: City Economy Committee Minutes - February 2025 (Supporting information) 

7. OFFICER REPORT

7.1 February 2025 Biannual Grant Round - Applications Approved Under the Delegated Authority of the Chief Executive Officer File Ref: F25/29635

Report of the Manager Economic Development and the Director
Community and Economic Development of 14 May 2025 and attachment.

Delegation: Committee

City of **HOBART****MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE****February 2025 Biannual Grant Round - Applications
Approved Under the Delegated Authority of the Chief
Executive Officer**

This memorandum report is provided to inform Elected Members of the February 2025 Biannual Grant Round grant recipients, as per Clause 21 of the City of Hobart's Grants Program Policy (provided below), with approval delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by Council at its meeting of 21 January 2019.

City of Hobart Grants Program Policy, Clause 21

21. For grant amounts between \$1,001 and \$20,000, applications approved under the delegated authority of the General Manager will be provided to the relevant Council Committee at its next meeting. These reports will not be subject to Council determination, but provided for information only.

The February 2025 Biannual Grant Round included the Community, Creative Hobart Medium, Creative Hobart Small, Event, and Youth Climate Action Fund grants.

The Biannual Grant Round was open for applications between 24 February 2025 and 24 March 2025. A total of 124 applications were received across the five (5) grant streams and, following eligibility checks, 109 were deemed eligible for assessment.

Assessment Panels comprised a combination of City of Hobart officers and external assessors. Individual assessments were undertaken prior to the panel meetings, which were held throughout April 2025. The details of each panel is provided below.

Community Grants Assessment Panel

Panel meeting 16 April 2025

- Kimbra Parker, Manager, Community Programs, City of Hobart (Panel Chair)
- Coralli Pinilla, Health Promotion Coordinator, City of Hobart
- Emily Churches, Youth Services Program Manager, Mission Australia
- Bron Ristow, Manager Quality & Compliance, Catholic Care Tasmania

Creative Hobart Medium & Small Grants Assessment Panel

Panel meeting 17 April 2025

- Justyne Wilson, Manager Creative City, City of Hobart (Panel Chair)
- Abby McKibben, Manager Strategic Communications, Engagement and Marketing, City of Hobart
- Jane Castle, Program Leader Creative City, City of Hobart
- Steve Harris, Manager City Culture, Clarence City Council

Event Grants Assessment Panel

Panel meeting 16 April 2025

- Justyne Wilson, Manager Creative City, City of Hobart (Panel Chair)
- Jane Castle, Creative City, City of Hobart
- Peter Sherwood, Risk Management Lead, City of Hobart
- Katharine Dean, General Manager, Taste of Summer
- Madi Peattie, Director, Peattie Events

Youth Climate Action Fund Grants Assessment Panel

Panel meeting 15 April 2025

- Jess Robbins, Climate Futures Lead, City of Hobart (Panel Chair)
- Christiaan van Dam, Program Leader City Resilience, City of Hobart
- Cameron McLennan, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Premier and Cabinet

All applications were assessed in line with the *Grants Program Policy* and each grant stream's guidelines.

A total of 51 applications across the five (5) streams were recommended by the Assessment Panels for full or partial funding approval, and have subsequently been approved by the Chief Executive Officer, with a total grant allocation of \$395,482 (excl. GST). A summary of the approved applicants is provided at **Attachment A**.

Elected Members were previously advised of the outcomes of the Youth Action Climate Fund grant stream via email on 23 April 2025, ahead of a preliminary announcement of successful applicants via the City of Hobart's social media channels. It is noted that the email referred to "applicants", however the data provided was a combination of names of applicants *or* auspicing organisations. The information provided at **Attachment A** provides clarification on this, with the applicant listed and, where applicable, an auspicing organisation also listed (*italicised*).

Subject to 2025-26 operational budget approval, the next grant round will be conducted in August 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled 'February 2025 Biannual Grant Round - Applications Approved Under the Delegated Authority of the Chief Executive Officer' be received and noted.

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



Nick McGuire
**MANAGER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 14 May 2025
File Reference: F25/29635

Attachment A: February 2025 Biannual Grant Round - Summary of Approved Applicants (Supporting information) 

8. ITEM FOR WORKSHOPPING

The City of Hobart utilises the workshop forum as allowed under the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* as a mechanism to receive information in relations to specific matter.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee, any matter that is listed on the agenda for workshoping may not be the subject of a Committee decision, other than a resolution that the item be noted.

8.1 Dog Management Policy Review
File Ref: F25/32337; 17/250

Report of the Manager Development Compliance and Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 13 May 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Manager Development Compliance
Director Strategic and Regulatory Services

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to workshop the draft City of Hobart Dog Management Policy 2025-30 (the **draft policy**) and proposed declared areas prior to seeking endorsement for giving public notice and inviting submissions from the public on the draft policy and declared areas.
- 1.2. There are no major changes proposed to the policy or declared areas.
 - 1.2.1. There is a minor change to extend the restriction from dogs using the surrounds of sportsgrounds when sport is being played, when being used by a school or when maintenance is being undertaken;
 - 1.2.2. Some minor changes are proposed to declared areas as outlined in paragraph 2.8.5;
 - 1.2.3. It is proposed to replace “daylight savings” with months;
 - 1.2.4. No changes are proposed for South Hobart Oval; and
 - 1.2.5. There is a minor change to the fee structure to simplify registrations

2. Discussion and Background

- 2.1. It is a requirement of the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the **Act**) that the City have a dog management policy which is reviewed every 5 years.
- 2.2. All declared areas under the Act are also required to be reviewed every 5 years.
- 2.3. A review of the current policy and declared areas has been undertaken following public consultation where 361 responses were received from the public during the public notice period. (see **Attachment A** for Engagement Summary Report and **Attachment B** for a summary of the submissions).
- 2.4. Amendments to the draft policy and proposed changes to declared areas have been drafted having regard to the public submissions received. There are no major changes proposed to the declared areas with the amendments proposed mostly for clarification purposes (see **Attachment C** for “marked up” draft policy).

- 2.5. The draft new policy and proposed declared areas will be released for public comment following Council endorsement.
- 2.6. Under the Act the new policy and proposed declared areas must be publicly advertised for a period of not less than 15 days
- 2.7. The Act requires Council to include reasons declaring an area restricted or prohibited. The reasons are included in **Attachment D**.
- 2.8. In response to the submissions, officers note the following:
 - 2.8.1 No additional off lead areas are proposed. The City provides a generous amount of off-lead areas including public spaces, beaches and sports grounds.
 - 2.8.2 A number of submissions focus on the use of sportsgrounds by dogs. The highest number of submissions were received about South Hobart Oval. The majority of people with an interest in soccer want dogs banned from this oval. People exercising dogs want to retain the current arrangement for off-lead access to this oval. As recognised when considering the draft South Hobart Master Plan, there is no palatable solution that universally meet the needs of both groups of stakeholders on this issue. Officers are exploring alternatives which would address the concerns raised but until an alternative has been identified, no change is proposed.
 - 2.8.3 The South Hobart Oval warrants some specific attention in respect to this review because it is an atypical situation which has developed whereby the well-used sports ground is also designated as an off-lead dog exercise area, which is similarly well-used.
 - 2.8.4 The situation has developed because of a historic lack of suitable well-located open space for dog exercise purposes within South Hobart. Approximately 20 years ago the Council sought to address this shortfall by allowing dog exercise to occur within the Oval. However, this concession, whilst well intentioned, has resulted in on-going conflict over the period whereby the principal sporting tenant (South Hobart Football Club) are concerned with the impact that dogs have on the ground, particularly during the soccer season. The dogs urinate on the ground which causes staining across the playing surface and there are instances of the ground being dug up by dogs and dog faeces being left within the oval. These impacts are managed by the Club having to undertake pre-training and pre-match ground repairs and inspections to minimise the potential for players to be impacted by treading and/or falling in dog faeces. On the contrary, when the oval is not being used for

sporting events and/or training, the South Hobart dog walking community access the ground to enable their dogs to participate in off-lead exercise. This cohort of people also uses this time to socialise while their dogs are exercising, which therefore provides for an excellent sense of community in the suburb.

- 2.8.5 Within our City, this situation is unique to South Hobart as dogs are not permitted on the other major sporting grounds as generally this is not a desirable practice from a ground management perspective. As described above, use by dogs does generate certain incompatibilities for sports grounds that require additional care and attention to manage and as such, it is not a common practice to allow sports grounds to be dog exercise areas. However, in the suburbs where the other major sports grounds are located there are existing well-located dog park facilities, which eliminates the need to these grounds to provide for a similar shared use arrangement. Unfortunately, South Hobart does not enjoy a similar situation.
- 2.8.6 Various efforts have been made to identify compromise arrangements in the past including a proposal to provide a fenced off-lead area at Wellesley Park, however, this option is not considered appropriate by the dog walking community because of the fact that this park is not centrally located, is accessed through a steep and narrow street network and provided minimal parking for users.
- 2.8.7 Similarly, the South Hobart Football Club have been located at the South Hobart Oval for some 115 years and they have a preference to maintain the ground as their home ground and clubroom base.
- 2.8.8 The position of both the dog walking community and the club leaves the Council in a no-win situation. If dogs are prevented from exercising on the ground the Club would be happy as they no longer need to engage in the additional maintenance and inspectorial activities to use the ground. However, the dog walking community would be aggrieved as there is no other centrally located dog exercise area in the suburb. On the contrary, if dogs are permitted to continue exercising on the ground, then the positions of the club and the dog walking community would be reversed.
- 2.8.9 Given that the current situation has existed for nearly 20 years, and whilst it is not ideal, it is considered that maintaining the status quo

would be the fairest situation for the different stakeholders at the current time. The Council is prepared to continue working with the club and the dog walking community to identify and implement improvements over time to address the current issues (i.e. potentially increase surveillance of the ground, additional Council maintenance, additional playing spaces, new off-lead dog exercise areas in South Hobart). Hopefully over time a solution can be identified which enables the interests of all stakeholders to be appropriately addressed.

2.8.10 With the exception of the areas below no changes are proposed to the current declared areas. The current restrictions are long standing and while there are varying community aspirations for public areas, the current arrangement of declared areas has been designed to achieve a balance and compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours and other users of the City's public areas.

2.8.11 It is proposed to include a restriction from dogs using sportsgrounds and surrounds when:

- sport is being played,
- being used by a school, or
- maintenance is being undertaken.

This is to ensure:

- the safety of players and spectators and prevent disruptions to the activity and conflict from dogs,
- the safety, health and comfort of students free from conflict from dogs and to protect young children who may have allergies, fears or special needs and
- worker and dog's safety and prevent interference with equipment or works in progress.

The current restrictions only prohibits dogs from the playing area of a sportsground on which sport is being played. The proposal extends the restriction to include the surrounds of grounds while sport is being played. This is consistent with the restrictions imposed by a number of sports events when using Council sportsgrounds (for example, the Central Regional Junior Football Association prohibit dogs at grounds while school soccer is being played).

The restriction on dogs using sportsgrounds and surrounds when the ground is being used by a school or maintenance is being undertaken is also new.

The proposed change arises after a number of incidents between sports games and dogs, school children and dogs and Council officers and dogs where dogs are not restrained and come into conflict with other users of the grounds.

2.8.12 The following key changes are proposed to declared areas:

Restricted Areas at all times

- Red Chapel Beach has been extended to include Red Chapel Reserve due to penguin colony.
- Cenotaph has been reworded to include clarity
- Derwentwater Reserve (aka Lords Beach) – this was accidentally omitted from the previous policy. Signage remains in place prohibiting dogs
- Farm Gate Market during market hours – included at the request of market operators following a serious dog attack
- John Doggett Park, West Hobart – included due to the lack of fencing and high number of complaints of dogs off lead accessing the skate bowl, play equipment and BBQ area
- Sportsgrounds extended to include surrounds and to include a prohibition when schools are using a sportsground or maintenance being undertaken
- Skyline Reserve proposed to be changed from off-lead to prohibited due to being an area that provide sensitive habitat for wildlife; namely the eastern barred bandicoot which is a threatened species
- Wellington Park has been updated for consistency with the Wellington Park Trust requirements and to improve readability

Off-lead Areas

- Soundy Park – change to allow dogs off lead from 3pm until 9am 365 days a year in response to community requests to allow dog owners greater access during daylight hours.

On-lead Areas

- Nutgrove Beach between western entrance (adjacent to Lipscombe Avenue) and access on eastern Side of Nutgrove Park proposed to be changed from off-lead during specified times to on-lead at all times due to penguin colony.
- Wellington Park has been updated to improve readability and to ensure consistency with the information published by the

Wellington Park Management Trust.

- 2.9. It is also proposed to replace “daylight savings” restrictions for parks, beaches and reserves with months, namely October-April (replacing daylight savings) and May-September replacing other times. Using months of the year provides greater clarity, consistency and accessibility for a broader audience. Daylight savings dates can vary or be misunderstood. Months provide a fixed, universally understood reference that avoids confusion.
- 2.10. Officers continue to explore the potential for a fenced off-lead dog area at Wentworth Street (below Wellesley Park Oval) and will consider the suitability of other areas for dog exercise areas as they become available.
- 2.11. It is also proposed to amend the fee structure to remove the following fee categories for all new registrations:
 - 2.11.1. Purebred dogs
 - 2.11.2. Obedience Trained dogs
- 2.12. Working dog registration will remain as there are separate requirements under the Act for working dogs and greyhound registration will remain but be limited to greyhounds registered with Greyhound Racing Tasmania.
- 2.13. Removing registration categories simplifies the registration process. However, it is proposed the simplified registration apply only to new registration so that existing dog owners are not disadvantaged by any increase in registration fees arising from the new structure.
- 2.14. There is no proposal to include a fee category for assistance dogs as Tasmania does not currently have legislation that provides for the accreditation and training of assistance animals nor is assistance dog recognised under the Act. The absence of a registration category for assistance dogs does not impact upon a dog owners rights under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and Council registration is not required to establish a dog as an assistance dog.
- 2.15. The amount of registration is determined annually in accordance with the normal procedures for Council fees and charges under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 3.1. Section 7 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the **Act**) requires a council to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management in its municipal area. The policy is required to include the following:
 - 3.1.1. A code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;

- 3.1.2. The provision of declared areas;
- 3.1.3. A fee structure;
- 3.1.4. Any other relevant matter.
- 3.2. Section 7(4) of the Act requires a council to review its dog management policy once every 5 years.
- 3.3. Sections 20-24 of the Act give the City the power to declare areas where dogs may be exercised, where dogs may be trained, where dogs are prohibited and where dogs are restricted from entering.
- 3.4. Section 26 of the Act requires any declaration to be reviewed every 5 years.

4. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 4.1. The draft policy aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the Capital City Strategic Plan 2023:
 - 4.1.1. Pillar 2: Community Inclusion, Participation and Belonging
 - Outcome 2.5 We are Healthy, Joyful and Content
 - 2.5.2 We support each other to be active and to have lives that are meaningful and fulfilling to us.
 - 2.5.3 Our natural and built spaces and facilities enable activity and support and enhance our health and wellbeing.
 - 2.5.4 We encourage individual and team sports and recreation for a happy and healthy community, recognising that they are also opportunities to see diversity flourish.
 - 4.1.2. Pillar 6: Natural Environment
 - Outcome 6.3 We Value and Enhance Biodiverse Ecosystems
 - 6.3.1 Hobart's biodiversity is preserved, secure, and flourishing. Protecting and rehabilitating native wildlife, vegetation and other species is central to how we live and work.
 - Outcome 6.7 We Value and Access Natural Areas for Sport, Recreation and Play
 - 6.7.1 Our parks, reserves and natural areas continue to support outdoor pursuits such as bushwalking, trail running, mountain biking and rock climbing.
 - 6.7.2 We respect each other and the spaces that we use for sport and recreation, so that all may enjoy them for generations to come.

5. Financial Viability

5.1. Financial Considerations:

5.1.1. The cost of the review will be met from the City's current operational budget. If adopted, the new policy will require an update of some signage and dog dispensers. The cost is expected to be minor and can be met from the City's current operational budget.

5.1.2. The review will have no impact on the existing budget for the animal management unit which is as follows:

| | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Existing Revenue | 347 | 359 | no change | no change |
| Additional Revenue | 0 | 0 | except for | except for |
| Total Revenue | 347 | 359 | CPI increase | CPI increase |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Operating | 419 | 431 | | |
| Capital | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Expenditure | 419 | 431 | | |
| Net Cost | 72 | 72 | | |

FTE Impact

| | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Change in FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Detail the change in the level of full-time equivalents within the group should the requested level of additional funding be required.

5.2. City Economy Strategy:

5.2.1. This proposal aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the City of Hobart City Economy Strategy 2023 – 2028:

3. Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business.

6. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

6.1. A review of the current policy and declared areas has been undertaken following public consultation where 361 responses were received from the public. 319 responses to the Your Say survey were received and 42 written submissions were provided (see **Attachment A** for Engagement Summary Report and **Attachment B** for a summary of the submissions).

- 6.2. The Act requires the City to notify the public of any proposed declared areas and provide 15 working days for submissions after the notice is published.
- 6.3. Following the public notice period and review of submissions, a further report detailing the submissions will be provided to the Council.

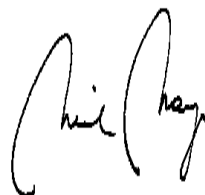
7. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 7.1. Use of public spaces by dogs can be a polarising issue within the community. It is recognised that there are members of the public who wish to restrict dogs from areas of the City while others wish to expand the areas available to dogs.
- 7.2. The proposed declared areas seek to achieve a balance and compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours and other users of the City's public areas while protecting the natural environment and impact of dogs on native wildlife.
- 7.3. The policy is required to be reviewed every 5 years to ensure it remains relevant, effective and aligned with community needs and operational practices. The review provides a structured opportunity for consultation with the community, to incorporate feedback, identify gaps and apply best practice.
- 7.4. The updates recognise the submissions made and are designed to improve the use of the City's public spaces and ensure an ongoing, appropriate and where relevant, compatible use of the spaces.
- 7.5. Council endorsement will be sought at a Council meeting to proceed with stage 2 of community consultation. If endorsed, the draft new policy and proposed declared areas will be released for public comment. A further report detailing the submissions will be provided to the Council following the public notification period.

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.







Kirsten Turner
**MANAGER DEVELOPMENT
COMPLIANCE**



Neil Noye
**DIRECTOR STRATEGIC AND
REGULATORY SERVICES**

Date: 13 May 2025
File Reference: F25/32337; 17/250

- Attachment A: Engagement Summary Report (Supporting information) 
- Attachment B: Submissions Summary (Supporting information) 
- Attachment C: Draft Policy (Supporting information) 
- Attachment D: Reasons for Declaration (Supporting information) 

9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

The Chief Executive Officer reports:-

"In accordance with the procedures approved in respect to Questions Without Notice, the following responses to questions taken on notice are provided to the Committee for information.

The Committee is reminded that in accordance with Regulation 29(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Chairperson is not to allow discussion or debate on either the question or the response."

RECOMMENDATION

That the following responses to questions without notice be received and noted.

9.1 Council Leases

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 24 March 2025

9.2 KPI

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 14 April 2025



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS

COUNCIL LEASES

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 24 March 2025

Raised by: Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds

Question:

Can a briefing be organised on the leases attached to Council property and leases Council may have over private property - including the number of leases, fee structure for leased properties, Council's liabilities, maintenance obligations on leasees who are provided grants, ability for the Council to change or modify leases conditions or to modify boundaries of leases?

Response:

The City has established a Strategic Property Management Committee to provide direction and oversight for effective management of all City's property activities and dealings to achieve the best outcome for the community.

The City will schedule a workshop briefing for Elected Members later this year to provide further information on the City's properties and leasing arrangements.

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.

Michael Reynolds
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Date: 12 May 2025
File Reference: F25/25789; 13-1-10



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**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
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ELECTED MEMBERS**

KPI

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 14 April 2025

Raised by: Councillor Coats

Question:

Can the Director provide an update on the performance reporting and KPI's around the new structure of the Hobart Workshop Committee?

Response

The Hobart Workshop Committee terms of reference does not have any Key Performance Indicators around its structure and performance. The committee structure and terms of reference will be reviewed at the next council election cycle as per the current terms of reference approved at the October 2024 Council meeting.

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.

Michael Reynolds
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

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10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
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- (1) A councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice –
 - (a) of the chairperson; or
 - (b) through the chairperson, of –
 - (i) another councillor; or
 - (ii) the general manager.
- (2) In putting a question without notice at a meeting, a councillor must not –
 - (a) offer an argument or opinion; or
 - (b) draw any inferences or make any imputations –
except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.
- (3) The chairperson of a meeting must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.
- (4) The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question.
- (5) The chairperson of a meeting may refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the activities of the council.
- (6) Questions without notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (7) The chairperson of a meeting may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.

11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Minutes of a Closed Committee Meeting
- Information on personnel matters
- Information of a personal and confidential nature
- Closed Questions without Notice

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda |
| Item No. 3 | Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest |
| Item No. 4 | Reports |
| Item No. 4.1 | Chief Executive Officer - Performance Discussion LG(MP)R 15(2)(g) |
| Item No. 4.2 | 2025-26 Annual Plan and Budget Update LG(MP)R 15(2)(g) |
| Item No. 5 | Questions Without Notice |