



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2025



City of **HOBART**

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 16 June 2025 at 4.00pm in the Lady Osborne Room.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

NOMINEE MEMBERS:

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

PRESENT:

Councillor Posselt (Chairperson)
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor J L Kelly
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor W N S Coats

APOLOGIES:

Councillor B Lohberger
Councillor G H Kitsos

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Councillor W F Harvey

In the absence of the appointed Chairperson, Councillor Posselt assumed the Chair.

In accordance with clause 5.3 of the terms of reference the Chief Executive Officer appointed the Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds, Alderman Zucco, Councillor Dutta and Councillor Coats as appointed members of the Committee.

Alderman Zucco joined the meeting at 4.12pm and was not present for items 1 to 6.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at 4.23pm, returning at 4.25pm, during item 7.1.

Councillor Coats left the meeting at 4.48pm, returning at 4.58pm, during item 7.1.

Councillor Coats left the meeting at 5.22pm and was not present items 9 and 10.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SHERLOCK

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 19 May 2025](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Coats

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 19 May 2025](#), be confirmed 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.

No supplementary items were received.

4. 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.

No interest was indicated.

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?

No items were transferred.

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

6.1 City Heritage Committee File Ref: F25/35598

BLOOMFIELD

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Dutta
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Bloomfield
Coats

NOES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Heritage Committee of 8 April 2025, marked as Attachment A item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025.

Delegation: Committee

6.2 CITY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
File Ref: F25/35600

REYNOLDS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Dutta
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Transport Committee of 4 March 2025, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2. of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025..

Delegation: Committee

6.3 PLACE & WELLBEING COMMITTEE
File Ref: F25/35602

BLOOMFIELD

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.3 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Coats

NOES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the Place and Wellbeing Committee of 15 April, marked as Attachment A to item 6.3. of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025.

7. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

The City of Hobart utilises the workshop forum as allowed under Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulation 2015 as a mechanism to receive information in relation to specific matters.

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


7.1 2025-26 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET **File Ref: F25/40951**

The Chief Financial Officer and the Manager Rates, Procurement and Risk presented Elected Members with the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan and Budget Estimated documents. It was noted the final documents will be presented to Council on 30 June 2025..

The presentation included information about capital works projects included in the budget as well as revenue sources and other expenditures. The Manager Rates, Procurement and Risk provided information regarding the proposed rate increases for commercial and residential ratepayers as well as information about updated service charges, State Government charges and the updated pensioner discount amounts.

Elected Members discussed and ask questions of officers in relation to items listed in the budget and the impact of rate rises on various groups of ratepayers.

Attachments

A 2025-26 Draft Annual Plan and Budget 

7.2 ELECTED MEMBER LEGAL COSTS

File Ref: F25/43120

The Manager Legal and Corporate Governance spoke to the information contained in the report 'Elected Member Legal Costs'. The information provided related to a sector-wide process to understand the implications of the 'McCullagh' decision. The information provided covered what the implications are for the Council's current policy; **'Elected Member Development & Support Policy'**.

The Manager Legal and Corporate Governance summarised the proposed key policy changes and advised a draft policy is available for feedback.

Members discussed if safe harbour and if acting in good faith would be enough to meet the statutory requirements.

Elected Members would like to see the legal advice used to initially develop the policy and they would like some examples that demonstrate complying with the requirements and examples when costs would not be covered.

Elected Members were able to discuss and ask questions about the proposed policy changes and the implications for the Council, staff and the Elected Members.

8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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."

BLOOMFIELD

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield

NOES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the following responses to questions without notice marked as items 8.1 to 8.5 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 June 2025, be received and noted:

8.1 Release of RTI - Collins Street Grant Contract

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 17 March 2025

8.2 Contract Payments

Memorandum of the Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 17 March 2025

8.3 Domain Masterplan

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 24 March 2025

8.4 Council Vehicles

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 14 April 2025

8.5 Free Recycling Soft Plastics

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 19 May 2025

Delegation: Committee

9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

9.1 Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds - Soft Plastics Trial

Question: Could the drop off points for the Soft Plastic Collection Trial be moved to a location which is more convenient for people to drop off? Currently it is located within the McRobie's Gully Transfer Station which means patrons who wish to participate in the trial have to enter the transfer station?

Answer: The Director Infrastructure and Assets Network advised that while it was currently a trial period it can be reevaluated and other locations be considered, including the tip shop. Council's Chief Executive Officer agreed that it was not ideal that patrons who wish to participate in the trial have to enter the transfer station.

9.2 Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds - Recycling Walls

Question: How successful are the current 'recycling walls' put in place for recycling at Council locations, including the Council Centre?

Answer: The Director Infrastructure and Assets Network took the question on notice.

10. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

SHERLOCK

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 Meeting
- Items for workshopping which pertained to Elected Member Commitments.
- Closed Questions without notice

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Reports
Item No. 4.1	City of Hobart Elected Member Commitments / LGAT Unreasonable conduct of Elected Members
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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Delegation: Committee

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 5.26pm.

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

CHAIRPERSON