



CITY OF HOBART

# AGENDA

OPEN PORTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2025  
AT 4.00PM



## THE MISSION

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

## OUR VALUES

THE COUNCIL IS:

### PEOPLE

We care about people – our community, 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 work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.

## VISION

OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES HOBART: A COMMUNITY VISION FOR OUR ISLAND CAPITAL

Hobart breathes.

Connections between nature, history, culture, businesses and each other are the heart of our city

We are brave and caring.

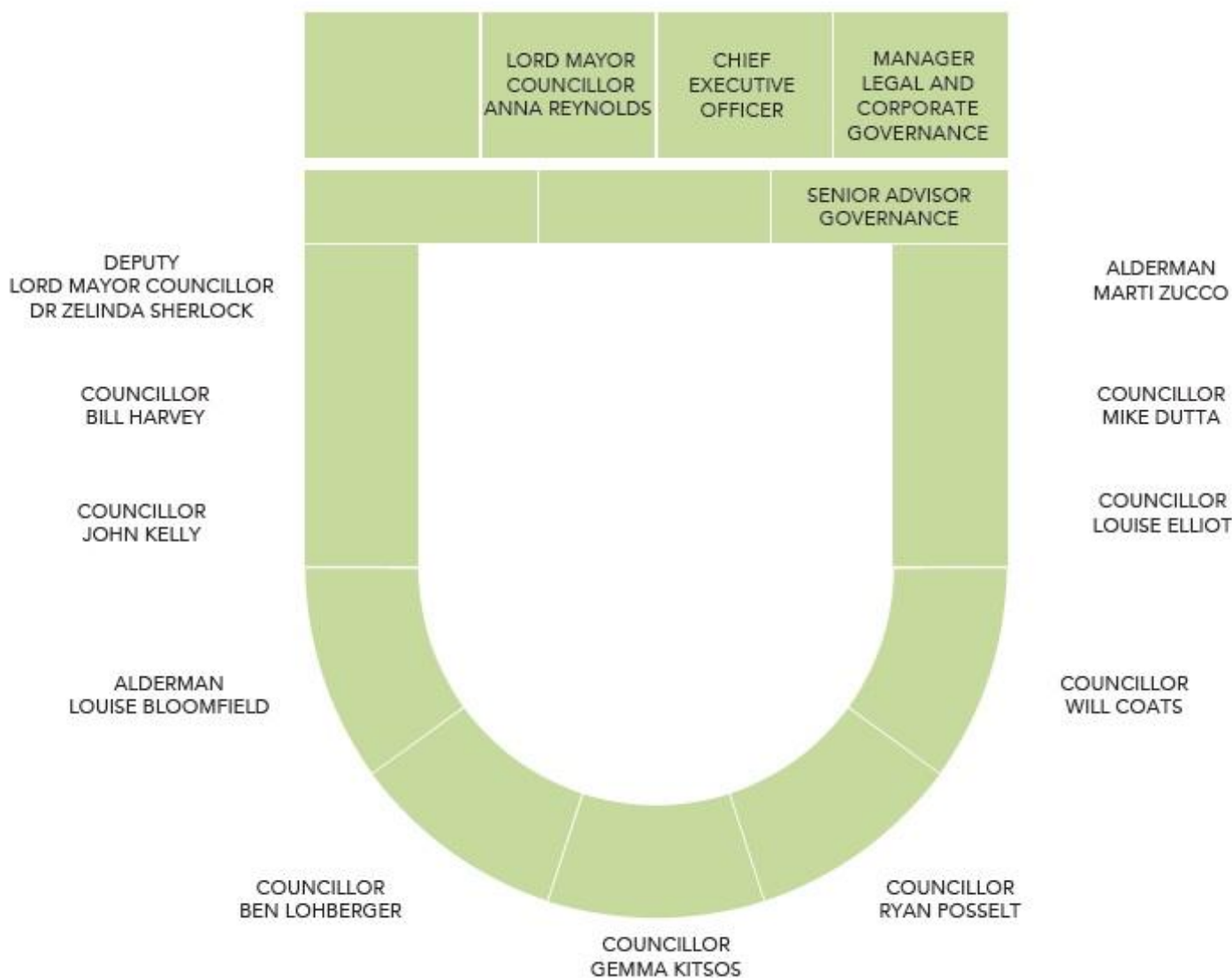
We resist mediocrity and sameness.

As we grow, we remember what makes this place special.

We walk in the fresh air between all the best things in life.



City of **HOBART**



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**A MEETING OF THE OPEN PORTION OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL ON MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2025 AT 4.00PM.**

**Michael Stretton**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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).

**ELECTED MEMBERS:**

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds  
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E 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:**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Councillor W N S Coats

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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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 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*?

#### **4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

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#### **5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

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In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chief Executive Officer reports that the following workshops have been conducted since the last ordinary meeting of the Council.

Date: 18 August 2025

Purpose: Business Events Tasmania – 2025-26 Partnership Proposal |  
Taste of Summer – 2025-26 Sponsorship Proposal | South Hobart Area  
Briefing | Draft Open Space Strategy | DKHAC Update

**Attendance:**

The 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 and Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillors B Lohberger, R J Posselt, and G H Kitsos.

**Apologies:**

Councillors L M Elliot

**Leave of Absence:**

Councillor W Coats

Date: 11 August 2025

Purpose: Trees for the Future (Our City Canopy) | 2024 Christmas and  
New Year's Eve Debrief and 20205 Planning | Electric Vehicle Charging  
Infrastructure Policy | Elected Member Dispute Resolution Policy

**Attendance:**

The Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Alderman M Zucco, Councillors W F Harvey, J L Kelly, L M Elliot and Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillors R J Posselt, and G H Kitsos.

**Apologies:**

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, and Councillor B Lohberger.

## **6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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Regulation 36,37 and 38 *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.  
File Ref: 16/119-001

### **6.1 Public Questions**



## **6.2 Responses to Public Questions Taken On Notice**

"In accordance with the procedures approved in respect to Public Questions Time, the following responses to questions taken on notice are provided to the Council for information.

The Council is reminded that in accordance with Regulation 36(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is not to allow discussion or debate on either the question or the response."

### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That the following responses to public questions taken on notice, be received and noted.***

#### **6.2.1 Dog Attack Statistics File Ref: F25/57895; F25/43254**

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 10 June 2025.

#### **6.2.2 Dogs in South Hobart File Ref: F25/58760; 16/119-001**

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 12 August 2025.

#### **6.2.3 South Hobart Football Club Growth Needs File Ref: F25/58775; 16/119-001**

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 13 August 2025.

**Meeting date:** 26 May 2025  
**Raised by:** Sarah Callaghan  
**Response Author:** Philip Holliday  
**Topic:** **DOG ATTACK STATISTICS**

**Question 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)?

**Response 1:**

The Council has never made any suggestion that dogs pose a nuisance or a threat to people on sports grounds when not being used for sporting events and/or training.

However, it is clear that when persons are using a sports ground for sporting purposes that any dogs, or other external influences on the ground, would present a potential hazard and or nuisance to the participants. A simple risk assessment demonstrates this.

Dogs contribute enormously to the wellbeing of many Hobart residents, and we are committed to ensuring that the appropriate infrastructure and guidelines are in place so that our canine companions can flourish.

The City also acknowledges that dog ownership places significant responsibility on the City, and on owners themselves to ensure that dogs do not become a nuisance, pose a danger to the community or damage the environment.

The interaction risks between people and dogs are generally exacerbated by dogs not being under effective control or owners not picking up after their dogs.

**Question 2:**

What evidence is there to suggest dogs and children can't share community space safely?

**Response 2:**

The Council has never made any suggestion that dogs and children can't share community space safely.

If dogs are managed as per the requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000, and young children are carefully supervised, there is no reason why dogs and children cannot share public spaces.

Noting that s28 of the Dog Control Act 2000 prohibits dogs from entering some specific areas, such as the grounds of a school, kindergarten, crèche or other place for the reception of children without prior permission of the individual in charge, any playing area or sportsground where sport is being played, or within 10 metres of a children's playground.

Again, there is a greater risk here if dogs are not under effective control or if owners do not pick up after their dogs, and when children are not being appropriately supervised for the play area in which they are active.

**Question 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?

**Response 3:**

The Council is not proposing to preclude dogs from off - lead community spaces.

Generally, dogs, their human companions and others can happily cohabitate in community spaces.

Sportsgrounds – as per the response to question 1, when a sports ground is being used for sporting events and/or training, there is a demonstratable risk to participants by dogs being on the ground as these people are focused on the sport, not the dogs.

Again, noting that s28 of the Dog Control Act 2000 prohibits dogs from entering some specific areas, such as the grounds of a school, kindergarten, crèche or other place for the reception of children without prior permission of the individual in charge, any playing area or sportsground where sport is being played, or within 10 metres of a children's playgrounds.

**Meeting date:** 28 July 2025  
**Raised by:** Dr Jennifer Connor  
**Response Author:** Michael Stretton  
**Topic:** **DOGS IN SOUTH HOBART**

**QUESTION 1:**

Will Council staff have up to date and meaningful consultation with dog owners, South Hobart Progress Association (SHPA), South Hobart Sustainability Community (SHSC), Bushcare, Kunanyi Mountain Run organisers and residents of both Wellesley and Wentworth St (from Congress St) and the broader South Hobart community before any further decisions are made about South Hobart Ground and Wellesley Park?

**RESPONSE:**

Council will undertake consultation as required by the *Dog Control Act 2000*. Engagement will be carried out in accordance with the Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework which can be found [here](#).

**QUESTION 2:**

Will Council staff conduct a thorough assessment of current use of all three sites (South Hobart Ground, Wellesley Sportsground and lower Wellesley Park) before any further decisions are made?

**RESPONSE:**

Officers have undertaken a thorough assessment of the current use of these sites and no changes have been proposed by officers, except for lower Wellesley Park where a fenced exercise area is proposed subject to budgetary availability.

**QUESTION 3:**

How many instances of dog waste on the Ground have been reported to Council in recent weeks, and where has the waste been located?

**RESPONSE:**

The City has received no photos of dog waste in recent weeks, however, it is noted the Club is no longer actively providing photos.

**Meeting date:** 28 July 2025  
**Raised by:** Emma Margetts  
**Response Author:** Shannon Avery

**Topic:** **SOUTH HOBART FOOTBALL CLUB GROWTH NEEDS**

**Question:**

Will there be an investigation / report into the sites fit for purpose for needs of South Hobart Football Club (SHFC) growth over the next few decades? Including noise and light pollution, parking demand, commercialisation of site and loss of local amenity?

**Response:**

The City owns and manages a number of facilities similar to South Hobart Oval in that they are located in a residential area with limited or no off-street parking.

The facilities have been managed for sport and community use over a long period of time with minimal issues with sport being played at the ground for over a century and likely to continue to be played at the ground into the future.

The Council will consider a masterplan for the site later in 2025 which will guide the future development of the site. Any proposed upgrades to the facilities such as lighting will need to be considered against the Australian Standards and appropriate regulations under the planning scheme.

As the facility is shared use, it is important that it also meets the needs of the hirers as well as the general community.

## **7. PETITIONS**

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## **8. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

### **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 2025*.

## **9. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Elected Members are requested to indicate where they may have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item appearing on the agenda.

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| <b>OFFICER REPORTS</b> |
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**10. Aberdeen Street Park - Request for a Pétanque Pitch**  
**File Ref: F25/47959**

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Report of the Program Leader Sport and Recreation - Development and Projects., the Manager Place Design, Sport and Recreation and the Project Manager - Office of the CEO of 20 August 2025.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: ABERDEEN STREET PARK - REQUEST FOR A PÉTANQUE PITCH**

**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Program Leader Sport and Recreation - Development and Projects.  
Manager Place Design, Sport and Recreation  
Project Manager - Office of the CEO

**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. The Council meeting of 28 April 2025 considered a petition requesting the construction of a Pétanque Pitch and seating in Aberdeen Street Park and resolved that:
  - 1.1.1. *The Council note the request raised in the Petition titled Aberdeen Street Park - Request for construction of a pétanque pitch and seating.*
  - 1.1.2. *That Council officers consider options for this request and provide a further report back to the Council for its consideration.*
  - 1.1.3. *The lead Petitioners be advised of the outcomes of this report.*
- 1.2. This report details the three options explored for a Pétanque Pitch and associated seating at Aberdeen Street Park (see *Figure 1*).

**2. Recommendation**

***That:***

- 1. The Petitioners be formally advised that the provision of a Pétanque Pitch at Aberdeen Street Park will not be progressed at this time.***
- 2. The City indicate that officers are available to engage with the Petitioners as appropriate regarding any future proposals.***



### 3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. A Petition including 22 signatories from Glebe residents requesting the construction of a pétanque pitch and seating in Aberdeen Street Park (Figure 1) was considered by the Council meeting of 28 April 2025.



Figure 1 Proposed Aberdeen Street Pétanque location options

- 3.2. A Pétanque Pitch currently exists at Sandown Park, and the Council had received a separate request for a pitch at John Turnbull Oval/Park in Lenah Valley. That proposal is now being progressed, with construction currently underway as part of a partnership project between the City and the Lenah Valley Community Association.
- 3.3. Consideration of future requests should take into account the utilisation of existing facilities and the cost-benefit of providing additional sites across the City.
- 3.4. Officers met the lead Petitioners on site at Aberdeen Street on Friday 11 April 2025, where several potential site placement options were discussed.
- 3.5. The location originally proposed by the petitioners (identified as Option One) is situated within a row of 14 mature *Cedrus deodara* trees that are critically important to the City's urban canopy and contribute significantly to the cultural heritage values of the precinct.
- 3.6. Advice from the City's arborist, referencing the City of Hobart Tree Management Plan, indicated that installing a Pétanque Pitch in this area

could disturb the tree protection zone, which should be minimised or avoided.

- 3.6.1. Additionally, any impact to the structural root zone could compromise the trees' stability, health, and long-term vitality, presenting significant environmental and maintenance concerns.
- 3.7. The Petitioners suggested the possibility of extending the existing gravel area (barbecues, tables and shelter) northward to create room for a Pétanque Pitch or pitches (Option Two).
- 3.8. The area adjacent to the existing playground and barbecue facilities (identified as Option Two) was explored as a potential location. However, development in this area would require works within the root zones of established *Cedrus deodara* and a large *Eucalyptus globulus*, both of which are sensitive to root disturbance.
  - 3.8.1. Additionally, the proximity to recreational infrastructure limits circulation space around the proposed pitch, potentially affecting player and spectator movement, safety, and game flow, especially when the playground or barbecue area is occupied by other users.
- 3.9. Both proposed locations are beneath tree canopies and would be subject to shading and natural debris. The City generally does not prune trees to address visibility, debris, or impacts from wildlife, except in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.10. Officers recommended an open space in the north-west corner of the park (Option Three), located in a cleared area in front of two benches and positioned outside tree protection zones, root zones, and canopy cover. While this site avoids environmental constraints, the petitioner felt it was too exposed to wind, weather, and passing traffic.
- 3.11. At the Glebe Residents Association (GRA) meeting held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025, the petitioners shared feedback provided by officers. The option proposed by officers was not supported by the group, and as a result, they indicated a reluctance to pursue the project further.
- 3.12. In the email advising this meeting outcome, the Petitioners further requested the City consider additional planting in the north-west corner of the park.
  - 3.12.1. Officers here advise that due to browsing by native and introduced species in this bushland reserve, new vegetation would require careful establishment and budgeting. The current treed grassland style of Aberdeen Street Park reflects the natural character of the Queens Domain.

**4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 4.1. There are no legal, risk and legislative considerations specifically associated with this matter.

**5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations**

- 5.1. Capital City Strategic Plan 2023 (6.1.2): Ensure the Open Space network across the City is planned for and managed to meet current and future population needs.

**6. Financial Viability**

- 6.1. Financial Considerations:

- 6.1.1. There is currently no allocation for this project in the current or 2025/2026 Financial Years.

|                          | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |         |         |         |         |
| Existing Revenue         |         |         |         |         |
| Additional Revenue       |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |         |         |         |         |
| Operating                |         |         |         |         |
| Capital                  |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Net Cost</b>          |         |         |         |         |
| <b>FTE Impact</b>        |         |         |         |         |
|                          | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |

Change in FTE

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

- 6.2. City Economy Strategy:

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

**7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations**

- 7.1. Any associated impacts would be considered as part of the site investigation.

**8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration**

- 8.1. Officers remain available to engage with the Petitioners as appropriate.

**9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement**

- 9.1. The City is actively supporting community-led sport and recreation initiatives through innovative partnerships.
- 9.2. A separate long-standing request for a Pétanque Pitch at John Turnbull Oval in Lenah Valley is now being progressed, with construction currently underway. The project is being delivered in partnership between the City and the Lenah Valley Community Association.

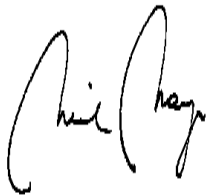
*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*



Kellie Williams  
**PROGRAM LEADER SPORT AND  
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PROJECTS.**



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**MANAGER PLACE DESIGN, SPORT  
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THE CEO**

Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/47959

**11. Taste of Summer - 2025-26 Sponsorship Proposal**  
**File Ref: F25/60145**

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Report of the Manager Creative City and the Director Community and Economic Development of 20 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: TASTE OF SUMMER - 2025-26 SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL****REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager Creative City  
Director Community and Economic Development**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. This report proposes that Council consider entering a one-year sponsorship with Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.
- 1.2. It is anticipated that Taste of Summer will continue to build on the previous event as evidenced by the strong economic performance of growth and contributions to the local economy, by showcasing Tasmanian growers and producers, food, drink and cultural experiences and harbourside experience.
- 1.3. This sponsorship of \$65,000 cash (excluding GST) and \$400,000 In-Kind is requested as per **Attachment A**. This funding will provide Council the opportunity for continued support to Hobart's long history with this event to maximise the benefit for the City's community and businesses.
- 1.4. The \$65,000 cash (excluding GST) component of the City of Hobart's support will predominantly contribute to the City of Hobart's Community Day on 31 December 2025.
- 1.5. This sponsorship proposal was presented to the Hobart Workshop Committee for their review and feedback at its meeting of 18 August 2025.

**Recommendations*****That:***

- 1. The Council endorse a one-year sponsorship with Pinpoint Group for the Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival with sponsorship obligations of:***
  - (i) \$65,000 cash (excluding GST), comprising sponsorship and support for, access to and exclusive naming rights of the City of Hobart Community Day on 31 December 2025, with the expanded program as per the 2025-26 event, and any other ancillary benefits as negotiated for inclusion in the Sponsorship Agreement.***
  - (ii) In-kind support through full and partial fee waivers for equipment hire, venue hire, civic banners, road closures and associated parking spaces, and provision of plants and associated watering, to an upper limit of \$400,000 (excluding GST).***
- 2. The Council delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement on the Council's behalf, and finalise any licence requirements, including the details of the sponsorship benefits and incidental additional requests for in-kind support sought by Pinpoint Group for Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 event.***
- 3. The total value of the sponsorship be recorded in the 'Grants, Assistance and Benefits Provided' section of the City of Hobart's 2025-26 Annual Report.***

## 2. Discussion and Background

- 2.1. Previously run as the Taste of Tasmania by the City of Hobart, the event remains a significant driver of the local economy.
- 2.2. Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2024-25 post event report is included at **Attachment B**.
- 2.3. The Taste of Summer 2024-25 demonstrated a high return on investment, benefiting a range of industries across greater Hobart, with the 2025-26 event predicted to provide significant value to the City by attracting visitors to Hobart and enhancing our summer events program by building on the City's reputation as a creative and vibrant hub.
- 2.4. Research commissioned by Taste of Summer in 2024 found funding provided by the City of Hobart goes directly into supporting the facilitation of the festival and in 2024 delivered an estimated Return-on-Investment of \$16.4 million uplift in economic activity over the summer period, as identified through record number of 88,418 total patrons, 64,646 event motivated visitor nights in Tasmania, and support to 290 Tasmanian artists.
- 2.5. The City has provided financial support to Taste of Summer since 2021 when private consortium Pinpoint Group took responsibility for the planning and delivery of the festival with the annual cash contribution as follows.

| Summary of Council Financial (Cash) Support for Taste of Summer |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 2021-22   | \$65,000                      |
| 2022-23   | \$65,000                      |
| 2023-24   | \$65,000                      |
| 2024-25   | \$65,000                      |
| 2025-26   | <b>\$65,000 (recommended)</b> |

- 2.6. The event continues to provide benefits to the City by highlighting Hobart as the epicentre of Tasmania produce and food and beverages in the world with over 10,198 bottles and wine and sparkling sold, with 93% of event expenditure spent in local community, whilst supporting Tassie producers at 75 stall holder locations the iconic waterfront of Hobart to showcase their goods.
- 2.7. City of Hobart support allows the City to have a say in the priorities of Taste of Summer, and to also take advantage of the event as an opportunity to showcase Hobart as tourist destination as a highlight of the summer events program.
- 2.8. The main risks in not proceeding with this sponsorship are reputational risk and possible economic risk, if the City misses out on a mutually beneficial partnership that showcases businesses, attractions and an event that is important to the City.



- 2.9. Pinpoint Group's request for support from the City of Hobart seeks support for this year's festival similar to the support provided by the City for the 2024-25 festival.
- 2.10. The benefits to the City will be subject to final negotiation with Pinpoint Group however based on last year's agreement will include:
  - 2.10.1. Exclusive naming rights for the City of Hobart Community Day, to be held on 31 December 2025.
  - 2.10.2. The City of Hobart logo to be included in the sponsorship, or equivalent section of Tasmania's Taste of Summer website, marketing materials in the same location as other sponsors' logos appear, in accordance with the City of Hobart Event & Sponsorship Acknowledgement Guidelines.
  - 2.10.3. Images and other digital media, related to Tasmania's Taste of Summer, are provided to the Council to assist in the promotion of Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival and the City of Hobart Community Day to be held on 31 December 2025.
  - 2.10.4. The option to supply official quotes in Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival media releases.
  - 2.10.5. Invitation to all media events and launches for Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival, including those where Council branding is to be displayed.
  - 2.10.6. A number of multi-day entry passes to Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.
  - 2.10.7. A number of tickets per day permitting entry into the Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.
  - 2.10.8. A number of tickets to the New Year's Eve ticketed event at the Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.

### **3. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 3.1. Risk assessment/s will be undertaken by Pinpoint Group for the Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival, inclusive of use of City assets, to monitor and mitigate any perceived risk to the City.
- 3.2. Pinpoint Group's Event Management Plan will be reviewed by the City of Hobart's Risk and Audit officers to ensure that:
  - 3.2.1. The use of Council venues complies with safety requirements.
  - 3.2.2. The use of Council equipment in the Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival's proposed venues complies with safety requirements.

- 3.3. Sponsorship agreements between Pinpoint Group and Hobart City Council will be reviewed by the City's Legal and Corporate Governance, consultation by relevant internal parties including Environmental Health, Risk, Audit and Procurement.
- 3.4. The Taste of Summer 2025-26 Event required to comply with:
  - 3.4.1. *City of Hobart Public Spaces By-law No.4 of 2018*
  - 3.4.2. *City of Hobart Single-use Plastic By-law 2020*
  - 3.4.3. *City of Hobart Waste Management By-law No.3 of 2018*

#### **4. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations**

##### **4.1. Capital City Strategic Plan 2023**

###### *Pillar 1: Sense of Place*

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

###### *Pillar 3: Creativity and culture*

- 3.1.5 Support and deliver events, festivals and markets.
- 3.4.1 Support the activation of City-owned spaces for creative, cultural and commercial initiatives.

###### *Pillar 4: City Economies*

- 4.1.2 Attract investment that supports businesses and communities to flourish in ways consistent with the community vision.
  - 4.3.1 Develop and maintain relationships with key institutions and stakeholders in the Hobart economy.
- 4.2. Hobart a community vision for our Island.
  - 4.3. As part of requirements of State funding, Taste of Summer aligns with Tasmanian Events Strategy 2023-27, and 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy Tasmania.

#### **5. Financial Viability**

- 5.1. Pinpoint Group has requested support for the Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival for Council consideration.
- 5.2. Should Council approve the cash and in-kind support proposed in this report, it will be provided as a one-year sponsorship, reflected in the City's 2025-26 operational budget.

- 5.3. The request seeks a commitment from City of Hobart matching the 2024-25 contribution of \$65,000 (excluding GST) in addition to in-kind support through the provision of hired goods and services, per last year's arrangements.
- 5.4. The proposed cash contribution of \$65,000 (excluding GST) has been budgeted for and is considered appropriate.
- 5.5. The proposed in-kind support is anticipated to be a maximum of \$400,000 (excluding GST), which is \$10,000 more than last year to account for expansions to the Taste of Summer program, increase in fees and charges, and variation on types of in-kind support endorsed by Council the previous year.
- 5.6. Financial Considerations:

|                          | 2025-26      | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | \$'000       | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |              |         |         |         |
| Existing Revenue         |              |         |         |         |
| Additional Revenue       |              |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     |              |         |         |         |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |              |         |         |         |
| Operating                | \$465        |         |         |         |
| Capital                  |              |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> |              |         |         |         |
| <b>Net Cost</b>          | <b>\$465</b> |         |         |         |

**FTE Impact**

|               | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Change in FTE | 0       |         |         |         |

**5.7. City Economy Strategy:**

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

1. Plan for our collective social, economic and environmental prosperity.

1.5 Partner and deliver programs that are inclusive, foster well-being and enhance quality aspects of city life, including short-term tactical interventions to improve public amenity.

**5.8. Economic Impact:**

5.8.1. Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2024-25 was the most successful in its history, attracting eighty-eight thousand, and four hundred and eighteen (88,418) attendees over eight (8) days.

5.8.2. The economic impact of Taste of Summer 2024-25 is estimated to be more than 16.4 million, with 93% of event expenditure spent in local community benefiting local businesses and communities.

5.8.3. Taste of Summer employs 95 employees to deliver the festival which seeks to support the local economy through local buy procurement processes wherever possible.

5.9. A summary of the preliminary in-kind support from the previous financial year is provided below. The figures will be confirmed prior to entering into a sponsorship agreement with Taste of Summer, with an upper limit of in-kind support of \$400,000 (excluding GST) \$10,000 more than the 2024-25 commitment.

| <b>Summary of In-Kind Support Items (2024-25)</b>   | <b>Value</b>        |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Former Taste of Tasmania equipment</b><br>Kiosks, sculleries, purpose built cool rooms, table and bench sets, wheelchair ramps, grey water tanks, track matting, vinyl and vehicle mitigation cubes.   | \$317,819.00        |
| <b>City of Hobart fabrication crew</b><br>In-kind support excludes the cost of any material supplies, which are direct costs incurred by the City and will be the responsibility of Pinpoint Group for payment.   | \$17,428.00         |
| <b>Road closure permit</b><br>Licence fee only. In-kind support excludes the advertising fee which is a direct cost incurred by the City and will be the responsibility of Pinpoint Group for payment.  | \$300.00            |
| <b>Venue hire</b><br>Salamanca Lawns zones 1-4<br>In-kind support excludes cost of site bond of \$15,000 which will be the responsibility of Pinpoint Group for payment.  | \$18,191.00         |
| <b>Civic banner hire</b><br>Administration / processing fee component only. In-kind support excludes the cost of or the supply of the banners and excludes the installation cost, which is a direct cost incurred by the City and will be the responsibility of Pinpoint Group for payment.   | \$1,601.00          |
| <b>Car parking</b><br>Parking revenue includes fee as per Council 2024/25 adopted fees and charges for \$30.00 per space per day for 25 metered spaces on Castray Esplanade between Morrison Street and the Silos Link Road.<br><br>Based on the road closure licence, the spaces would have been occupied for 25 days. This fee does not account for further metered spaces lost to relocated taxi or bus zones, or disabled parking spaces, and parking spaces made unavailable to the public as a result of the event. | \$14,661.00         |
| <b>City of Hobart Nursery provision</b><br>Hire and delivery costs, as well as regular watering.  | \$20,000.00         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$390,000.00</b> |

## 6. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

- 6.1. Events or activities that the City delivers are required to align with the objectives of the City of Hobart Waste Management Strategy 2015-30.
- 6.2. Sustainability will be considered with the sponsorship agreement, with both parties required to comply with the City of Hobart Single-use Plastic By-Law 2020.
- 6.3. In particular, participants and contractors must outline their commitment to sustainable events, certified compostable food packaging and reducing waste to landfill.
- 6.4. Taste of Summer provide every stall with three bins – one for general waste, one for green waste and one for recyclables. This allows waste to be effectively sorted at the source, reducing contamination and improving our green waste and recycling efforts.
- 6.5. The Taste of Summer event is free of single use plastics.
- 6.6. Ticketing and event information is digital, with paperless ticketing.

- 6.7. Taste 'keep cups' are available for purchase throughout the festival.
- 6.8. Used cooking oil is turned into Biofuel by Belgrove Distillery at Kempton.
- 6.9. Taste of Summer developed a partnership with local southern Tasmanian business Barwick's, sending the event's organic waste to them to be processed into high grade fertiliser.

## **7. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration**

- 7.1. Officers have engaged internally to connect event organisers to all relevant areas for engagement, permissions, media and so on.
- 7.2. A Media and Communications Strategy, and Community Engagement strategy will be developed in consultation with Taste of Summer.
- 7.3. As with previous years, the City will work with the event organisers to further seek opportunities to showcase work and programs undertaken across Council and other government organisations.
- 7.4. Beyond its economic benefits, Taste of Summer/PinPoint Group remains dedicated to fostering sustainability, inclusivity, and meaningful engagement with the greater Hobart community.
- 7.5. A media and communications strategy will be developed in consultation with Taste of Summer.
- 7.6. Sponsorship benefits have been discussed with Taste of Summer to provide appropriate acknowledgment of the City of Hobart. These will be finalised once the Council has determined the level of support that the City will provide.

## **8. Innovation and Continuous Improvement**

- 8.1. For the second year in a row, Tasmania's Taste of Summer won gold at the Tasmanian Tourism Awards and achieved highly commended at the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in 2025.
- 8.2. This is the third year in a row Taste of Summer have continued to develop the guest chef program, which last year showcased the agreement between The Land & Sea Aboriginal Corporation Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government to harvest abalone.
- 8.3. Representatives from Tasmania's Taste of Summer continue to attend Hobart City's Equal Access Committee, formed to provide advice and assistance to the City of Hobart on matters related to access.
- 8.4. In 2024-25 Festival members from the City of Hobart accessibility team addressed the Taste of Summer Stallholder briefing to provide suggestions on ways they could make their stalls more accessible and inclusive.

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




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Date: 20 August 2025  
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Attachment A: City of Hobart Proposal letter\_ToS 2025 (Supporting information) 

Attachment B: Taste of Summer 2024-25 Post Event Report (Supporting information) 

**12. Business Events Tasmania - 2025-26 City Partnership Proposal**  
**File Ref: F25/60150**

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Report of the Manager Economic Development and the Director Community and Economic Development of 20 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Council



**REPORT TITLE: BUSINESS EVENTS TASMANIA - 2025-26 CITY PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL****REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager Economic Development  
Director Community and Economic Development**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. This report proposes that Council consider entering into a one-year partnership with Business Events Tasmania (BET) for 2025-26.
- 1.2. This proposal was presented to the Hobart Workshop Committee for review and feedback at its meeting of 18 August 2025.
  - 1.2.1. The report to Hobart Workshop Committee presented BET's performance during 2024-25 financial year (FY), against the terms of the 2024-25 Grant Agreement, and BET's funding submission for 2025-26 FY (Attachment A), noting that this included a request for a multi-year funding agreement.
- 1.3. If Council endorses the proposed one-year partnership, the conditions of the funding will be outlined in a Funding Agreement to be finalised. These conditions will be in line with the 'Approved Purpose' and Special Conditions outlined throughout this report.

***Recommendations******That:***

1. ***The Council endorse a one-year city partnership with Business Events Tasmania with a funding provision of \$80,000 (excluding GST) for the 2025-26 financial year.***
2. ***The Council delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with Business Events Tasmania on the Council's behalf.***
3. ***The total value of the sponsorship be recorded in the 'Grants, Assistance and Benefits Provided' section of the City of Hobart's 2025-26 Annual Report.***

## 2. Discussion and Background

- 2.1. Business Events Tasmania (BET) is the peak organisation for the business events sector in Tasmania. BET is a not-for-profit member organisation that offers specialist bidding services taking a leading role in marketing Tasmania as a business event destination.
- 2.2. Business events underpin knowledge creation and in exchange attract global talent, encourage trade and investment, nurture collaboration, foster innovation and provide social benefits.
- 2.3. Research commissioned by BET in 2023 found the average daily spend per delegate whilst attending a conference in Tasmania to be between \$821-\$1,347. Additionally, 28% of delegates bring at least one other person with them and 20% disperse into regional destinations. Furthermore, 89% intend to return to Tasmania for leisure in the following three years.
- 2.4. The City has provided financial support to BET since 2009. From 2015-16 through to 2022-23, increases in funding were in line with CPI, but for the last two financial years the amount contributed has been \$80,000.

| Summary of Financial Support for Business Events Tasmania |   |
|---|---|
| 2009-10   | \$60,000  |
| 2010-11   | \$65,000  |
| 2011-12   | \$80,000  |
| 2012-13   | \$90,000  |
| 2013-14   | \$90,000  |
| 2014-15   | \$92,500  |
| 2015-16   | \$93,300 plus \$6,700 towards a feasibility study |
| 2016-17   | \$100,000   |
| 2017-18   | \$102,300   |
| 2018-19   | \$104,200   |
| 2019-20   | \$105,555   |
| 2020-21   | \$53,728  |
| 2021-22   | \$109,355   |
| 2022-23   | \$114,932   |
| 2023-24   | \$80,000  |
| 2024-25   | \$80,000  |
| 2025-26   | <b>\$80,000 (recommended)</b>                     |

### BET's Major Funding sources (Year Ending 30 June 2024)

- 2.5. BET received their funding from the following sources during the 2023-24 financial year:
  - 2.5.1. State Government Grants: \$860,000

2.5.2. Local Government (including City of Hobart): \$112,956 (according to the BET 2023-24 Annual Report).

2.5.2.1. City of Hobart is BET's largest Local Government partner, with other contributors understood to be City of Launceston, West Tamar Council and Devonport City Council.

2.5.3. Member Subscriptions: \$182,454

2.5.4. Revenue from Co-op marketing: \$93,834

2.6. In summary, BET receives the majority of their income from the State Government but also gets significant contributions from Local Government and private sector partners, through their members.

### **BET 2024-25 Funding Agreement – Outcomes**

2.7. City of Hobart funding is used directly to support client visits and site inspections, which is a critical element in the bid process, being able to showcase the region and what it has to offer is essential in winning events. The table below demonstrates the number of visits supported by BET across the last three years and the successes from these visits in terms of delegate numbers and economic impacts from business events converted by these visits.

|                                      | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Client Visits</b>                 | 66             | 12             | 57             |
| <b>Delegates</b>                     | 4,983          | 3,025          | 8,560          |
| <b>Estimated Economic Impact</b>     | \$16.6M        | \$12.6M        | \$27.9M        |
| <b>CoH Investment</b>                | \$114,932.00   | \$80,000.00    | \$80,000.00    |
| <b>ROI From every \$1 Investment</b> | <b>\$144</b>   | <b>\$157</b>   | <b>\$348</b>   |

2.8. Funding provided by the City of Hobart goes directly into supporting the facilitation of these visits and this year has delivered an estimated Return on Investment of 348:1.

2.9. The BET Funding Agreement for 2024-25 had the following performance measures, or as referred to in the Agreement, 'Approved Purpose':

2.9.1. To secure a minimum of 90 business events into the Hobart Local Government Area, which includes correlated promotion of Hello Hobart and the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre (TTIC) for pre- and post- event tours, hospitality, and retail activities.

2.9.2. To heighten awareness of Business Events to be held in the Hobart Local Government Area.

- 2.9.3. Identify appropriate conferences and events that align to the Invest Hobart Prospectus and City Economy Strategy including their nominated priorities, opportunities and city competitive advantages, that create measurable visitation, economic and social benefit to the Hobart community.
- 2.9.4. To conduct or collaborate with the Council, on de-identified (unless the participant specifies otherwise), surveys of event participants to determine their likelihood of future revisitation, their perception of Hobart as a City destination and their experiential perception of Hobart.
- 2.10. Provided below is a summary of how BET have addressed the 'Approved Purpose' requirements:
- 2.10.1. As at 30 June 2025, BET secured 97 events, attracting 27,388 delegates with an Estimated Economic Impact of \$97.8 million into the Hobart Local Government Area.
- 2.11. BET's main performance indicator is about securing business events in Hobart, below is a summary of BET's performance relating to this since 2017-18.

| <b>Financial Year</b> | <b>City Funding (excluding GST)</b> | <b>CoH Target Bid Wins</b> | <b>Actual Bids Won</b> | <b>Delegates</b> | <b>Estimated Economic Impact</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2017-18               | \$102,300                           | 70                         | 76                     | 18,471           | \$39,519,601                     |
| 2018-19               | \$104,200                           | 72                         | 80                     | 16,061           | \$39,422,802                     |
| 2019-20               | \$105,555                           | 74                         | 80                     | 16,725           | \$43,486,010                     |
| 2020-21               | \$53,728                            | No target                  | 50                     | 12,321           | \$35,006,484                     |
| 2021-22               | \$109,355                           | 74                         | 81                     | 17,008           | \$53,344,041                     |
| 2022-23               | \$114,932                           | 74                         | 96                     | 17,118           | \$57,500,000                     |
| 2023-24               | \$80,000                            | 74                         | 114                    | 24,428           | \$82,100,000                     |
| 2024-25               | \$80,000                            | 90                         | 97                     | 27,388           | \$91,800,000                     |

- 2.12. To heighten awareness of Business Events to be held in the Hobart Local Government Area, and promotion of Hello Hobart and the TTIC.
- 2.12.1. Based on BET's acquittal report, they reported that the TTIC is a core component of the vast majority of bids seeking Hobart and Southern Tasmania based conferences and/or off-site visits. In the 2024-25 FY TTIC was included in 147 digital bids to clients, 91 pre-event follow up emails, and 14 active recommendations were made to confirmed events that included direct contact details to TTIC. Further information is included in Attachment B – 2024-25 Acquittal Report, which will be reviewed by officers in line with the conditions of the Agreement.

- 2.12.2. Identify appropriate conferences and events that align to the Invest Hobart Prospectus and City Economy Strategy including their nominated priorities, opportunities and city competitive advantages, that create measurable visitation, economic and social benefit to the Hobart community.
  - 2.12.2.1. All business events align to the City Economy Strategy priority – Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business.
  - 2.12.2.2. BET have provided a confidential list of bids won and how they align to the Invest Hobart Prospectus and City Economy Strategy. This list needs to remain confidential as some bids haven't been announced yet. However, based on officer review there is approximately 34 examples provided of events with the required alignment. Including areas such as Antarctic science and research, Medical science, Education, Environment and Tourism, amongst others, but with these being the most prominent.
  - 2.12.2.3. Officer assessment is that BET have done a good job of understanding and building this alignment, it will be up to officers to look at how City of Hobart drives more opportunities from this alignment.
- 2.12.3. To conduct or collaborate with the Council, on de-identified (unless the participant specifies otherwise), surveys of event participants to determine their likelihood of future revisitation, their perception of Hobart as a City destination and their experiential perception of Hobart.
  - 2.12.3.1. BET built the questions requested by Council into their event participant surveys. The following represents a summary of the results.
  - 2.12.3.2. Feedback on experience in Hobart – 100% of respondents had a positive experience.
  - 2.12.3.3. In some cases the positive experience was tempered with feedback about opening and closing times of cafes, restaurants, etc, but overwhelmingly the feedback about Hobart as a destination was positive.
  - 2.12.3.4. In terms of revisiting in the future, research conducted separately demonstrated that 89% of delegates intend to return within 3 years after the event.
- 2.12.4. In the Special Conditions component of the Funding Agreement there are a number of other performance measures under the

heading of Participation that BET are required to deliver. These outcomes are summarised below.

- 2.12.5. Secure at least five (5) events that include content or activity relevant to workforce, economic development, and/or skills development and/or cover contemporary research, best practices, new market opportunities, products, or services relevant to local businesses based in the Hobart Local Government Area.

- 2.12.5.1. BET secured 15 events aligned to this performance measure.

- 2.12.6. Secure at least three conference places for staff of Hobart City Council to attend at each conference (at Council's discretion and by negotiation), particularly where those events appear strategically aligned to Council's Strategies.

- 2.12.6.1. BET have provided Council with a list of conferences to identify opportunities to attend. As at 30 June 2025, two conferences were identified as suitable opportunities. This doesn't quite meet the target, however, BET upheld their end of the requirement in terms of identifying the opportunities.

- 2.12.7. Secure at least three speaker spots for the Lord Mayor or their nominated delegate, to participate in conferences where matters are topical and relevant to services offered by Council, challenges faced by Council or create future collaborative opportunities for Council.

- 2.12.7.1. Similar to the above, if the 2025-26 Funding Submission for BET is supported, officers will work with BET to secure these opportunities as early as possible.

- 2.12.8. Number of confirmed promotions of TTIC as the preferred booking partner for pre/post delegate touring for events held in the Hobart Local Government Area.

- 2.12.8.1. TTIC was included in 147 digital bids to clients, 91 pre-event follow ups, and 14 active recommendations were made to confirmed events that included direct contact details to the TTIC.

- 2.12.9. Number of confirmed promotions of Hello Hobart to interested conference organisers and visiting delegates for event, hospitality and retail activities within Hobart Local Government Area.

- 2.12.9.1. Hello Hobart website details are included in an email to all confirmed Hobart event organisers prior to the

event being held, with 91 direct email referrals in FY25. Hello Hobart content is also included in BET's magazine and social media.

### **BET Funding Review**

- 2.13. When the BET funding for 2024-25 was endorsed by Council, Council also resolved that (in part):
  - 2.13.1. It intends to conduct a review of the funding that is provided to the organisation in 2024-25 to determine whether future Council funding will be provided. This review will examine things like the appropriateness of Business Tasmania events being funded entirely by the State Government, the contribution being made by the private sector as well as the contribution being made by the Local Government sector.
- 2.14. The following addresses the requirements of this review. The review of BET funding was not considered as part of a broader Funding Program review conducted by KPMG.
- 2.15. As outlined earlier in this report, which is taken directly from BET's Annual Report the vast majority of BET funding comes from the State Government. The contribution made by Local Government is relatively small in comparison, and City of Hobart is the largest contributor of Local Government funds to BET. Importantly BET also gets a sizeable contribution from private sector members, demonstrating the benefit for them to be involved.
  - 2.15.1. An argument can be made for other Councils to be providing direct funding to BET, particularly those around metropolitan Hobart as they are receiving a direct benefit from the Council's funding. However, the City of Hobart is deriving the majority of the benefits from the work of BET as the majority of the larger hotels and conference venues are located within the City and as such it is considered that the investment is having a net positive benefit on the city.
- 2.16. It is fair to say that BET does not rely on the funds from City of Hobart to be operational. It is also fair to say that given the private and public sector infrastructure, the natural and built assets that Hobart possesses, that Hobart would be a major source of BET success with or without City of Hobart support.
- 2.17. Having said that, it is because of the City of Hobart support that allows the City to have a say in the priorities of BET, and to also take advantage of the events and opportunities that come to Hobart. Without the support City of Hobart provides we wouldn't have the chance to work with BET on specific events that are important to the City, we wouldn't have the chance to participate and influence the parts of the City that are included in different event bids.

- 2.18. The 'Approved Purpose' and other Special Conditions in the Funding Agreement give City of Hobart the chance to ensure Hobart maximises the outcomes generated for the businesses and people interested in business events in Hobart.
- 2.19. As outlined in this report, we are able to maximise opportunities for local businesses, in part because BET cross promotes TTIC and Hello Hobart, which in turn showcases businesses, attractions and the city as a whole to conference organisers and delegates. We wouldn't have the scope to ensure these things were promoted if the City of Hobart didn't have a partnership with BET.
- 2.20. The partnership with BET has been a mutually beneficial partnership. The Estimated Economic Impact of events attracted to Hobart was in the vicinity of \$100 million in 2024-25. Equally, City of Hobart officers have had the chance to work directly with BET on conference bids that are currently being assessed. From BET's perspective they get the benefit of the financial contribution of City of Hobart and the buy in and interest from the City in their success.

#### **BET Funding Submission 2025-26**

- 2.21. BET has provided its Annual Funding Submission for the 2025-26 financial year (Attachment A).
- 2.22. In short, BET is requesting the same amount of \$80,000 (excl. GST) in 2025-26 as they were provided in 2024-25.
- 2.23. As per the funding submission, the City of Hobart funds goes directly towards client visitation. Therefore, even if the City isn't successful in winning the bid the conference organisers leave Hobart with a far better understanding of what the City has to offer.
- 2.24. The BET submission asks Council to consider a multi-year funding agreement. It is officers' recommendation that a one-year agreement be offered, with a view to consider multi-year agreements in the future as the recommendations from the broader Funding Program review are implemented in line with the new Policy (adopted 28 July 2025).

### **3. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 3.1. The nature of the relationship between the City and BET is one of mutual understanding and collaboration based on a successful relationship that has spanned many years.
- 3.2. The main risks in not proceeding with this partnership are reputational risk and possible economic risk, if the City misses out on opportunities that would otherwise have come to Hobart.



#### **4. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations**

- 4.1. The Council endorsed 'Hobart: A community vision for our island capital' sets out what our community wants Hobart to be in the future. Continuing support for BET is in line with the following Pillars within the Community Vision:

*2.2.9 We welcome visitors, and we strike a balance between meeting the needs of tourists and the needs of our communities.*

*4.1.1 We are a city of thriving, diverse sectors that foster a culture of welcome and value unique and transferable skills.*

*4.1.2 We excel in niche industries and expertise and quality work.*

*4.3.8 We promote Hobart as a perfect environment for remote workers, sole traders and niche small business.*

*4.4.1 We enable clever and resourceful people to find each other and collaborate.*

- 4.2. Continued financial support for BET meets several Strategic Directions, as outlined in the City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29.

##### **4.3 Diverse connections help Hobart's economy, businesses and workers thrive**

*4.3.1 Develop and maintain relationships with key institutions and stakeholders in the Hobart economy*

*4.3.2 Actively support and engage with local area businesses, business groups and other business networks*

##### **4.4 Hobart is a place where entrepreneurs and businesses can grow and flourish**

*4.4.1 Create opportunities for businesses to engage with the City.*

##### **4.5 Hobart's economy is strong, diverse and resilient.**

*4.5.2 Develop strategic relationships in major Hobart industries such as education, tourism, science, research and the public and creative sectors.*

**5. Financial Viability****5.1. Financial Considerations:**

|                          | 2025-26   | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | \$'000    | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |           |         |         |         |
| Existing Revenue         |           |         |         |         |
| Additional Revenue       |           |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     |           |         |         |         |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |           |         |         |         |
| Operating                | 80        | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     |
| Capital                  |           |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> |           |         |         |         |
| <b>Net Cost</b>          | <b>80</b> |         |         |         |

**FTE Impact**

|               | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Change in FTE | 0       | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     |

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

**5.2. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result**

5.2.1. BET is seeking funding of \$80,000 for the 2025-26 financial year. This has been budgeted for in the City's operational budget.

**5.3. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result**

5.3.1. Any impact on future years will be subject to future Council decisions.

**5.4. Asset Related Implications**

5.4.1. There are no asset related implications.

**5.5. City Economy Strategy:**

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

**1. Plan for our collective social, economic and environmental prosperity**

**BET Alignment:** Conferences and business events bring thousands of delegates into the city, activating local venues, hospitality, and cultural spaces.

**2. Attract responsible investment to unlock an inventive and inclusive economy**

**BET Alignment:** *BET's Visionary Program attracts national and international conferences aligned with Hobart's competitive strengths (e.g., Antarctic science, health, tourism), positioning the city as a hub for innovation and investment.*

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

**BET Alignment:** *BET's work enhances Hobart's role as the entry point for high-value visitors who often extend their stay or travel to regional areas, supporting broader economic dispersal.*

**4. Promote and leverage Hobart's uniqueness and celebrate the Hobart Difference**

**BET alignment:** *BET's marketing and client visitation programs highlight Hobart's unique character - its people, stories, and natural setting - as a competitive advantage in attracting business events.*

5.6. Economic Impact:

- 5.6.1. In the 2024-25 FY, 97 business events were won for Hobart, with a total of 27,388 delegates and an estimated economic impact of \$97.8 million.

**6. Climate and Sustainability Considerations**

- 6.1. BET, in partnership with Landcare, have developed a range of programs for event planners to include in conferences itineraries. This includes the opportunity for conference delegates to participate in local environmental restoration activities such as tree planting and habitat restoration.
- 6.2. Utilising strong lines of communications and relationships with event organisers and accommodation providers, BET actively encourages sustainability practices.
- 6.3. BET has implemented a mandate that all staff are to use electric vehicles for any intrastate travel, where possible.
- 6.4. Sustainability is a core value for the organisation and BET undertook two programs offered through the Tourism Industry Council of

Tasmania's (TICT) Emissions Reduction Initiative. The outcome of these programs has formed BET's Sustainability Goals.

## 7. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 7.1. This nature of the relationship between the City and BET is one of mutual understanding and collaboration based on a successful relationship that has spanned many years. Council officers meet regularly with BET staff to receive updates on progress with performance and in particular to discuss successful bids and subsequent economic and/or business opportunities.
- 7.2. The Economic Development team regularly liaises with the BET team to gather information on upcoming events and conferences, which is then shared through the Business Updates newsletter to keep local businesses informed about major activities coming to the City.

## 8. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 8.1. The City of Hobart will continue to work with BET to ensure that our current Funding Agreement aligns with a shared purpose and strategic priorities.

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





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Date: 20 August 2025  
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Attachment A: BET Funding Submission 2025-26 (Supporting information)   
Attachment B: BET 2024-25 Acquittal (Supporting information) 

**13. Parklets and Street-Side Dining - Program Guidelines**  
**File Ref: F25/60412**

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Report of the Principal Advisor Design & Project Coordination - Placemaking and the Manager Place Design, Sport and Recreation of 20 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: PARKLETS AND STREET-SIDE DINING - PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Principal Advisor Design & Project Coordination -  
Placemaking  
Manager Place Design, Sport and Recreation

**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. This report proposes the establishment of an ongoing Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program (Program) and associate Guidelines and directly addresses the resolution of the Council meeting of the 19 August 2024 meeting for:

*A further report be presented to the Council with a view to establish an ongoing Street-Side Dining Program, supported by Policy and Guidelines including for those traders and others that may want to establish extended on-street dining or activity spaces of their own.*

- 1.2. The proposed Program would offer the following:

1.2.1. **Program One:** A short-term intervention that allows Parklet or Street-Side Dining to operate for 12 months using Council's provided Kit of Parts.

1.2.2. **Program Two:** A long-term intervention that allows Parklet or Street-Side Dining to operate initially for five years, with the term being renewed after this date if requested.

- 1.3. The proposed Guidelines provide guidance and assessment criteria for community members and/or traders who wish to establish extended activity spaces or outdoor dining areas by repurposing kerbside spaces.

- 1.4. The Guidelines use two definitions, one (for Parklets) is drawn from international and national models. The other (for Street-Side Dining) is unique to Hobart, in that it reflects the very strong interest in this activity locally given our constrained footpath areas:

1.4.1. A **Parklet** is a small, publicly accessible space, created by repurposing on-street parking spaces in an existing streetscape. Parklets repurpose part of the street for use by the community and add interest and amenity to the city. Parklets are for anyone to use and provide places to rest, eat, work or connect. Parklets provide basic amenities like bike parking, greening and seating and help businesses by encouraging people to stay longer in a precinct or city block. Parklets are a point of interest in an otherwise conventional streetscape, providing positive experiences for residents and visitors.

1.4.2. **Street-Side Dining** is a commercial outdoor dining space created by repurposing on-street parking spaces in an existing

streetscape. Unlike Parklets, Street-Side Dining provides spaces for the exclusive use of patrons of the host businesses, during the trading hours of those businesses.

- 1.4.3. While these areas function as exclusive commercial spaces during the business hours of the host business / businesses, outside of these hours these areas must function as public spaces and should therefore also be accessible and welcoming to passers-by.
- 1.5. When presented to the 28 July 2025 Council meeting, the matter was deferred to allow a further opportunity to seek feedback from Elected Member consideration.
  - 1.5.1. Elected Members were invited to attend sessions with officers to provide their feedback on the topic.
  - 1.5.2. One session was held between 4pm and 6pm on Monday 4 August and was attended by the Lord Mayor, Cr Harvey, Cr Dutta, Cr Kelley, Cr Posselt and Cr Kitsos.
  - 1.5.3. A further session was held on Thursday 14 August and was attended by Alderman Zucco and Cr Elliot.
- 1.6. The feedback provided at these discussions (captured in Section 3 below) has been considered, taking account of current budget capacity in this report and the attached revised Guidelines.
- 1.7. The key changes that officers have proposed from this feedback relate to:
  - 1.7.1. Increased flexibility around payment options for the Program Two - Street-Side Dining installations (upfront or paid back over five years).
  - 1.7.2. Greater capacity for commercial traders to group together to establish shared eating spaces (which are still for the exclusive use of their customers during trading hours).
  - 1.7.3. Community support has been better defined as majority support from business, property owners and residents within 50 metres from the proposed location. Evidence of support would need to be provided in the form of letters or emails addressed to the City that include the contact details of the supporter/s.
  - 1.7.4. Applicants must also demonstrate their own landlord or property owner's consent to the installation of Street-Side Dining in front of their property.
- 1.8. A budget allocation to allow the provision of Program Two style **Parklets** at no cost, on the proviso that these have no associated

commercial activities, will be considered in a future financial year, depending on interest during the first year of the Program's operation.

- 1.8.1. It is anticipated that these would be in the main initiated by community or resident groups, sometimes with the involvement of interested traders.
- 1.9. This revised report still proposes revised fees and charges for existing Street-Side Dining participating businesses (Straight Up Coffee + Food, Pilgrim Coffee) to convert their existing Street-Side Dining in line with the proposed Parklet & Street-Side Dining Program Two.
  - 1.9.1. The cost increase is due to the implementation of a more complex and fully approved design, and rising construction costs since the 19 August 2024 Council resolution on this matter.
  - 1.9.2. Given the current costs were established by the Council decision of August 2024, an absolute majority is required to amend them.
- 1.10. As context, the Simple Cider temporary installation was removed on 23 March 2025, given that the business was not trading at that time. It is understood that this business has resumed trading under a new ownership and is in receipt of an occupancy permit on the existing footpath that is not for a temporary period.
  - 1.10.1. Currently, Simple Cider has a licence to occupy the footpath for outdoor dining purposes. It is proposed that a Street-Side Dining area be installed for this location, in line with the proposed Parklet & Street-Side Dining Program Two.
  - 1.10.2. Officers see that it is important to support these businesses to transition to long-term installations this financial year, given their commitment to the trial installation process.
- 1.11. Aside from an allocation to support the maintenance of plants in current installations, there is no specific funding for this program in the current financial year.
- 1.12. Accordingly, it is proposed that an additional allocation be considered for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget to allow the construction of extended footpath installations for Straight Up Coffee + Food, Pilgrim Coffee and Simple Cider in line with Program Two, and to allow three sites to be implemented within Program One.

## **2. Recommendation**

### ***That:***

1. ***The Council establish an ongoing Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program as detailed in this report.***



2. ***The Council endorse the draft Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program Guidelines as shown in Attachment A to this report, with these being subject to technical review from time to time.***
3. ***An additional budget allocation of \$53,000 for Program One (3 Street Side-Dining sites only) and \$80,000 for Program Two (3 Street-Side Dining sites only) of the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program be considered as part of the Place Design budget for the 2025-26 financial year.***
4. ***Given the current business interest, the City consider in future budget deliberations to deliver three sites for each Program One and Program Two per year from the 2026-27 financial year for a total of three years, or as dependent on business/community interest, with this approach to be reviewed at the end of this period, with projects where the installation cost is paid up-front and in-full by the proponents being additional to this.***
5. ***The Council, by absolute majority, approve the following schedule of fees and charges for Program Two of the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program be included in the City's 2025-26 Fees and Charges, as follows, with these to be reviewed annually as a component of the City's annual budget process and in accordance with Council's Pricing Policy and Guidelines, all figures being exclusive of GST.***
  - (i) ***The full recovery of installation footpath extension costs (currently \$18,000 per annum), payable in equal yearly instalments over a five-year period (currently \$3,600 per annum), or more quickly if agreed to by Program participants.***
  - (ii) ***An annual planter box hire fee of \$1,300 (optional).***
  - (iii) ***An annual plant watering and maintenance fee of \$1,700 (optional).***
  - (iv) ***These fees and charges replace in full the fees and charges included in the current City's Fees and Charges for a Permit to Occupy Public Space - CBD - Outdoor Dining Structures in Public Car Parking.***
6. ***The Application Fee for a permit under the Council's Public Spaces By-Law (outdoor dining) and Permit Fees to Occupy Public Space - Outdoor Dining apply to all participants in the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program.***
7. ***Subject to confirmed trader commitment to participate and fully utilise and activate the spaces, the installations for Simple Cider (189 Elizabeth Street), Straight Up Coffee + Food (202a Liverpool Street) and Pilgrim Coffee (54 Liverpool Street) be installed in line with the technical guidelines for Program Two of the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program, and in-line with the fees and changes charges detailed in clause 5 above.***

### 3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. A Notice of Motion dated 21 September 2016 sought a review of the Council's assessment and approvals process for dealing with requests for 'dining decks' from restaurants and cafes.
  - 3.1.1. A report titled 'Development of a Parklet Policy' was considered by the City Infrastructure Committee on 24 May 2017, but was deferred.
- 3.2. The Council at its meeting of 20 January 2022 resolved to delegate the Chief Executive Officer to: *"Prepare an Outdoor Dining Program across the City in consultation with local traders, including a 'pop up' night-time economy program that facilitates restaurateurs to provide dinner service during summer on footpaths, road reserves and local parks in accordance with appropriate safety standards."*
- 3.3. The Council at its meeting of 19 August 2024 further resolved that:
  1. *"Subject to confirmed trader commitment to participate and fully utilise and activate the spaces, all three current Street-Side Dining installations: Simple Cider (189 Elizabeth Street), Straight Up Coffee + Food (202a Liverpool Street) and Pilgrim Coffee (54 Liverpool Street) be reinstalled using precast concrete kerb, and hotmix infill as used in the widened footpaths in Midtown Elizabeth Street, with these remaining in place for an extended period, initially five years.*
  2. *The installation of the area associated with Simple Cider be subject to the owner of that business being in receipt of an occupancy permit that is not for a temporary period.*
  3. *Each participating business be charged for the full cost of installation per site of \$10,000, payable in yearly instalments of \$2,000, an annual planter box hire and maintenance fee of \$800, plus the applicable outdoor dining fee, all figures being exclusive of GST.*
  4. *The cost of removing the current installations (estimated to be \$15,000) and an allocation for the occasional maintenance of the extended footpaths (\$3,000), be met by the City of Hobart.*
  5. *A further report be presented to the Council with a view to establish an ongoing Street-Side Dining Program, supported by Policy and Guidelines including for those traders and others that may want to establish extended on-street dining or activity spaces of their own."*
- 3.4. This report aims to close out the Notice of Motion mentioned in item 3.1 and 3.3 (5) and proposes increased fees and charges applicable to the participating businesses in item 3.3 (which requires a decision by absolute majority of the Council).

- 3.5. When presented to the July 2025 Council meeting, the matter was deferred allow further Elected Member feedback.
- 3.5.1. Elected Members were invited to attend sessions with officers to provide their feedback on the topic. One session was held between 4pm and 6pm on Monday 4 August and was attended by the Lord Mayor, Cr Harvey, Cr Dutta, Cr Kelley, Cr Posselt and Cr Kitsos.
- 3.5.2. A further session was held at 1.30am on Thursday 14 August 2025, and was attended by Alderman Zucco and Cr Elliot.
- 3.6. The feedback provided at these discussions has been considered, taking account of current budget capacity in this report and the attached revised Guidelines, and can be summarised as follows:
- Progress the program as proposed at the July/August Council meeting and review the program in two years.
  - Increase the number of Kit of Parts from two to four/five.
  - Investigate options for the City to lease (rather than purchase) the Kit of Parts components, to reduce the immediate impact on the City's budget.
  - Officers to engage the immediate adjacent business to the applicant and find out if they wish to partner up.
  - Include landlord or property owner consent when traders are applying for the program to demonstrate neighbour support.
  - Use a metreage threshold to guide neighbour support rather than by the block, which can vary.
  - Provide the option for adjacent businesses to apply the program as a group, with this being a Parklet or Street-Side Dining depending on the nature of the commercial activity.
  - Businesses interested in Program Two should be able to opt for upfront payment instead of a 5-year repayment program.
  - Not all businesses have the capacity to pay upfront, and we should be supporting smaller businesses though a repayment program.
  - Ensure the application assessment process follows clearly stated guidelines.
  - The City provide Program Two style Parklets at no cost, on the proviso that these have no associated commercial activities.
  - Require a clear cost structure for both Parklet and Street-Side Dining.
  - Consult with Hospitality Tasmania regarding the proposed Street-Side Dining Program.

- Businesses must pay to have outdoor dining.
- Concerned that Street-Side Dining will be scattered across the City Centre without clear policy and guidance.
- Implement a policy that permits only Parklets in the City Centre, allowing businesses' patrons to utilise the space as a communal dining area. This will help limit the loss of parking spaces in the City Centre.
- No concern with Parklets or Street-Side Dining in suburban areas.

3.7. The proposed Program still aims to:

- 3.7.1. Support City's businesses by providing higher quality amenities for residents and visitors.
- 3.7.2. Empower our business and neighbourhood community to improve our public spaces.
- 3.7.3. Encourage a balanced approach to allow diverse use of public spaces.
- 3.7.4. Improve the accessibility of Hobart's footpaths by removing obstructions from the building edge.

3.8. The proposed Guidelines provide:

- 3.8.1. Clear definition of Parklets and Street-Side Dining installations.
- 3.8.2. Provide flexibility around payment options for the Program Two Street-Side Dining installations (upfront or paid back over five years).
- 3.8.3. A detailed guide on who can apply and how to apply for both programs.
- 3.8.4. Provide the opportunity for commercial traders to group together to establish shared eating spaces (which are still for the exclusive use of their customers during trading hours).
- 3.8.5. A step-by-step process to best support the community and business in making a successful application.
- 3.8.6. Clear and consistent technical guidance and site considerations to best support applicants.
- 3.8.7. Advice on general guidelines relating to furniture, umbrella and heating.

3.9. A budget allocation to allow the provision of Program Two style Parklets at no cost, on the proviso that these have no associated commercial activities, will be considered in a future financial year, depending on interest during the first year of the Program's operation.

- 3.10. The proposed Guidelines have been developed in accordance with City Transport's Design Guidance (Attachment B), which outlines the expectations for providing dedicated space for the provision of Street-Side Dining on the vehicle carriageway.
- 3.11. The proposed Program would offer the following:
  - 3.11.1. **Program One:** A short-term intervention that allows three Parklets or Street-Side Dining installation to operate for 12 months using Council's provided Kit of Parts.
  - 3.11.2. **Program Two:** A long-term intervention that allows Parklet or Street-Side Dining to operate initially for five years with the scope for the term to be renewed after this date.
    - 3.11.2.1. In year one of the Program, we would seek to install six sites, which includes existing participating businesses - Straight Up Coffee + Food, Pilgrim Coffee, plus Simple Cider.
    - 3.11.2.2. Given the current business interest, it is proposed that the City then deliver six sites for Program Two per year for a further three years, or as dependent on business/community interest, with this approach to be reviewed at the end of this period.
- 3.12. A typical construction method for Program Two, suitable for the constraints and complexities of the Hobart context has been developed in close consultation with Council authorities, including City Transport, Stormwater and Waterways, and Road Services.
- 3.13. Learnings from delivering the *Transforming Collins Street* Street-Side Dining have been also considered in the proposed Program and Guidelines.
  - 3.13.1. The major learning here was that a poured in-situ concrete base delivered improved performance, safety and constructability outcomes, at a cost similar to temporary kerbing and asphalt.
- 3.14. Officers are now confident that the Guidelines and associated installation and construction methodologies provide the most effective, cost reasonable and proponent friendly approach to enable businesses and the community to progress Street-Side Dining and Parklets installations.

**Cost Increase:**

- 3.15. The cost to deliver the Program Two however, is now higher than that reported to the Council on 19 August 2024.
- 3.16. This is due to enhanced safety and stormwater requirements and rising construction costs.
  - 3.16.1. It is now estimated that the cost per site to deliver a typical concrete base, stormwater grate, line marking, and signage is \$18,000. It is also likely that this would also be subject to cost increases annually.
  - 3.16.2. If planter boxes are required, the estimated purchase and planting cost would be \$8,520 per typical site, which would deliver 12 planter boxes with plants and wicking system.
  - 3.16.3. The cost of watering and associated maintenance is now understood to be in the order of \$1,700 per site per annum.

**4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 4.1. Should the Council endorse the proposed Program, a licence agreement will be established for both programs. Legal and compliance obligations will be addressed under the terms of the agreement.
- 4.2. The Guidelines reflect the significant risk management and technical analysis undertaken as part the delivery of Street-Side Dining installation to date, and specific Design Guidance from the City Transport team.
- 4.3. If there is not sufficient funding available in the current financial year for these footpath widening works, a further extension to the temporary arrangements for Straight Up Food + Coffee and Pilgrim Coffee would need to be agreed to by the relevant authorised Council officers.
  - 4.3.1. It is the view of the City Transport Group (CTG), as documented in 'City Transport Group – Design Guidance Note #6 – Street Side Dining – Provision of Additional Space on Carriageway' (Attachment B), that arrangements where outdoor dining patrons are seated directly onto the road surface are not suitable or appropriate as long term or permanent arrangements.
    - 4.3.1.1. This view is based on what the CTG sees as inherent safety and duty of care concerns with the use of modular furniture placed directly on the road carriageway to facilitate outdoor dining.
  - 4.3.2. The view of the CTG is that such treatments are suitable for short term 'special events', or for periods of up to 12 months as 'trial' periods that allow the City of Hobart and the benefiting

businesses to determine if the infrastructure investment required to construct a suitable footpath extension onto which outdoor dining patrons can be more suitably sited, is both practical and an appropriate use of private and public funds.

- 4.4. The CTG would support a short-term extension only in certain circumstances:
  - 4.4.1. If funding were approved in the current financial year, but the works could not be scheduled until later in the same financial year, the CTG would approve an extension to cover the period until construction.
  - 4.4.2. If a one-to-three-month extension were needed to allow more time for a decision to be made by elected members (or the CEO or Director), the CTG would approve an extension to cover that period.

## 5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The proposed Program strongly aligns with several of the eight strategic pillars in the Capital City Strategic Plan 2023:
  - 5.1.1. Pillar 1: Sense of Place - The Program ensures City place-making planning and initiatives embody civic pride by reflecting community values and the character of local neighbourhoods.
  - 5.1.2. Pillar 3: Creative and Culture - The Program activates public spaces to benefit the community and business sector through infrastructure changes.
  - 5.1.3. Pillar 4: City Economies - The Program supports opportunities for businesses to test new ideas and explore how creative regulation can support innovation.
  - 5.1.4. Pillar 7: Built Environment - The Program ensures City-owned assets and public spaces are accessible, of high quality and provide a high level of amenity to meet community and visitor requirements.

## 6. Financial Viability

- 6.1. Financial Considerations:

### Cost of Program delivery:

- 6.1.1. For **Program One**, it is estimated that it would cost \$53,000 to deliver three sets of Kit of Parts in the 2025-26 financial year of the program, including additional elements, installation and maintenance.

- 6.1.2. For **Program Two**, the estimated upfront cost to deliver three sites, which includes existing participating businesses - Straight Up Coffee + Food, Pilgrim Coffee, plus Simple Cider would be \$80,000 in the 2025-26 financial year.
- 6.1.3. If any further applications for Program Two were to be approved in the current financial year, the cost of delivering these installations would need to be paid for up-front and in-full by the proponents subject to officer capacity to be able to deliver them within the desired timeframe.
- 6.1.4. Given the current business interest, it is proposed that the City deliver three sites for Program One and Program Two per year from the 2025-26 financial year for a total of four years, or as dependent on business/community interest, with this approach to be reviewed at the end of this period. Projects where the application paid up-front and in-full would be additional to this.

Cost recovery and Fee and Charges:

- 6.1.5. It proposed that the following schedule of fees and charges for Program Two of the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program be included in the City's 2025-26 Fees and Charges, as follows, with these to be reviewed annually as a component of the City's annual budget process and in accordance with Council's Pricing Policy and Guidelines, all figures being exclusive of GST.
  - 6.1.5.1. Full cost of installation (currently \$18,000), payable in yearly instalments of \$3,600.
  - 6.1.5.2. No cost recovery would be sought for any parking income forgone.
  - 6.1.5.3. An annual planter box hire fee of \$1,300, achieving partial recovery cost (taking account that these items will remain City assets).
  - 6.1.5.4. An annual plant watering and maintenance fee of \$1,700 for full recovery cost.
  - 6.1.5.5. The fees for item 6.1.4.3 and 6.1.4.4 would be optional applicable if applicant chooses to request the City to supply planter boxes for their outdoor dining area.
  - 6.1.5.6. Pilgrim Coffee cost recovery will be calculated as a percentage of \$18,000 based on the area that they occupied. Public seating and bike racks will be installed in the remaining spaces in front of Dumpling World.



- 6.1.5.7. Further lighting review requirements will determine the final cost of installation for Simple Cider.
- 6.1.6. The Application Fee for a permit under the Council's Public Spaces By-Law (outdoor dining) and Permit Fees to Occupy Public Space - Outdoor Dining would also apply to all participants in the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program.
- 6.1.7. The 2025-26 financial year income associated with installation cost recovery would be in the order of \$10,800, based on three installations.
- 6.1.8. The current legacy fee structure for outdoor dining structures is outlined in the table below.

| <b>Permit to Occupy Public Space - CBD - Outdoor Dining Structures in Public Car Parking</b> |   |                |                 |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------|
|  | Fee (including GST as applicable)   | GST Applicable | Fee Unit        |
| Initial assessment fee   | \$1,739.00  | No             | per application |
| Carpark occupation fee - metered space   | POA   | No             | per annum       |
| Dining structure construction costs  | an annual fee of 13% of the construction cost of the outdoor dining structure | No             | per annum       |
| Dining structure maintenance fee   | an annual fee of 5% of the construction cost of the outdoor dining structure  | No             | per annum       |

- 6.1.8.1. As context, these charges were developed to apply to previous installations such as the previous installation used by Cultura Cafe in Liverpool Street.
- 6.1.9. The Application Fee for a permit under the Council's Public Spaces By-Law (outdoor dining) and Permit Fees to Occupy Public Space - Outdoor Dining would also apply to all participants in the Parklet and Street-Side Dining Program.

Parking income foregone:

- 6.1.10. In general, parking income (parking meter and infringements) can be categorised as follows based on average occupancy of 50%:
- 6.1.10.1. Metered parking income per bay per year:  
\$10,347.75.

- 6.1.10.2. Non-metered parking income per bay per year: \$2,638.95.
- 6.1.11. It is difficult to provide an accurate estimate of parking income loss because the sites have not yet been fully determined and consistent with the analysis with the Collins Street Improvement Program carparking will be displaced to other vacant parking spaces in the vicinity. For the purpose of this report we have concluded a worst case scenario of a median annual loss of \$6,500 per bay per year.
  - 6.1.11.1. A typical Parklet or Street-Side Dining installation will require two parking spaces. A total of 30 parking spaces would be repurposed under a four-year program.
  - 6.1.11.2. So, the annual total worst case scenario parking income foregone per business location in 2025-26 financial year of the Program is estimated to be in the order of \$13,000, with a total for proposed six sites, three under Program One and three under Program Two, being \$78,000.
  - 6.1.11.3. The parking income foregone would be \$78,000 for each year of the program if an additional three sites are installed each year, depending on the location type of these on-street spaces.
- 6.1.12. While no specific parking use data has been collected and analysed as part of the Street-Side Dining project, based on the data analysis for the Midtown project, it could be reasonably assumed that parking demand and utilisation has been displaced to other available locations in nearby streets, with these available spaces working harder and more efficiently. Accordingly, we would expect little loss of carparking revenue and in fact may expect increase revenue as a result of these changes.
- 6.1.13. As a reference in the Midtown project:
  - 6.1.13.1. Overall, on-street parking occupancy increased by 5%, from 56% to 61%, indicating that more people have used the on-street parking in the area surrounding Midtown after installation.
  - 6.1.13.2. More on street parking bays became occupied (50%-75%) up from less than 50% occupied after installation.
- 6.1.14. Accordingly, while a possible foregone parking related income of \$78,000 in the 2025-26 financial year is noted above, **this is not included in the table below**, as it is anticipated that this

will be substantially offset by greater use of other City of Hobart parking options.

Other Program Income:

6.1.15. In general, to occupy a typical Parklet or Street-Side Dining for outdoor dining purposes, the Permit Fees to Occupy Public Space - Outdoor Dining income to the City is \$1,500 per year per typical site. The licence fee will vary according to site, as different areas have different square meter rates, as per the City's Fees and Charges.

6.1.15.1. While we have shown the Permit Fees to Occupy Public Space - Outdoor Dining fees offsetting the Program cost (from a whole of budget perspective) they will be attributed to the City Compliance function.

|                                    | 2025-26      | 2026-27     | 2027-28     | 2028-29     |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | \$'000       | \$'000      | \$'000      | \$'000      |
| <b>Revenue</b>                     |              |             |             |             |
| Existing Revenue                   | 0            | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Program One                        |              |             |             |             |
| - outdoor dining licence fee       | 4.5          | 4.5         | 4.5         | 4.5         |
| Program Two                        |              |             |             |             |
| - outdoor dining licence fee       | 4.5          | 9           | 13.5        | 18          |
| - Planter box hire fee             | 5.1          | 10.2        | 15.3        | 20.4        |
| - Plant watering & maintenance fee | 3.9          | 7.8         | 11.7        | 15.6        |
| - Installation cost recovery       | 10.8         | 21.6        | 32.4        | 32.4        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>               | <b>31.8</b>  | <b>56.1</b> | <b>80.4</b> | <b>93.9</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                 |              |             |             |             |
| Operating                          |              |             |             |             |
| - Program One                      | 53           | 30          | 30          | 30          |
| - Program Two                      | 80           | 80          | 80          | 80          |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>           | <b>133</b>   | <b>110</b>  | <b>110</b>  | <b>110</b>  |
| <b>Net Cost</b>                    | <b>101.2</b> | <b>53.9</b> | <b>29.6</b> | <b>16.1</b> |

**FTE Impact**

|               | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Change in FTE | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     |

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

Available Budget – 2025-26 Financial Year

6.1.1. Aside from an allocation for planter box watering and maintenance (totalling \$26,720), there is no other specific

CAPEX or OPEX allocation for the proposed Program in the 2025-26 Annual Plan.

- 6.1.2. The net cost for delivery of the full Program in the 2025-26 financial year of operation is some \$101,200.
- 6.1.3. It should be noted that the cost declines as the program progresses to \$16,100 in the 2028-29 financial year
- 6.1.4. If an additional allocation could not be found for the current financial year, it would be proposed that the Program be adopted but not be implemented until funds become available to do so.

6.2. City Economy Strategy:

- 6.2.1. This proposal aligns with the following strategic priority actions listed in the City of Hobart City Economy Strategy 2023 – 2028:

*Action 1.2: Deliver initiatives that expand or enhance our night-time economy programs in the City.*

*Action 1.5: Partner and deliver programs that are inclusive, foster well-being and enhance quality aspects of city life, including short-term tactical interventions to improve public amenity.*

*Action 3.9: Deliver outdoor dining guidelines to provide best practice advice, direction and support for street-side activation.*

6.3. Economic Impact:

- 6.3.1. Taking account of a triple bottom line approach, in addition to the economic benefits for businesses and residents, there is the social capital, social inclusion and social equity value uplift generated through the creation of desirable places, where the identity and reputation of the city is enhanced.

- 6.3.1.1. As an example, the City of Melbourne commissioned Urbis to undertake an evaluation of City's Extended Outdoor Dining (EOD) program to quantify the economic benefit and community sentiments toward the program in 2021.

- 6.3.1.2. The economic assessment indicated a range of positive results for the broader economy and individual businesses. Businesses and general community were overwhelmingly positive about the program with 88% of residents, business owners/operators and students stated that they felt that the EOD program was a good addition to the city. Furthermore, 75% of businesses generated at

least an additional \$1,642 per week from the extended outdoor dining areas.

- 6.3.1.3. A similar project in the City of Sydney, when undertaking a survey among the participating businesses, highlighted that 74% of them employed additional staff.

## **7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations**

- 7.1. Program One includes the use of a kit of parts that can be reused and implemented at different sites.
- 7.2. The innovative use of wicking systems, co-designed with the Nursery team has been highly effective in reducing watering and associated maintenance costs. This could be more widely deployed across the City's planter box displays.
- 7.3. The project also offers another means to help green the city in its narrower urban streets where tree planting can be more difficult to deliver due to constrained widths and underground services.

## **8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration**

- 8.1. Simple Cider and Pilgrim are interested in transitioning their current Street-Side Dining as part of Program Two. Straight Up Coffee + Food has yet to confirm their interest.
- 8.2. Since the Council resolution of 19 August 2024, officers have responded to 11 businesses that are interested in the Street-Side Dining program, and they are:
- Bear with Me - 399 Macquarie St, South Hobart
  - Hope & Anchor - 65 Macquarie St, Hobart
  - Queens Head Hotel - 400 Elizabeth St, Hobart
  - Crows Nest - 146A Elizabeth St, Hobart
  - South Wine Bar - 4 Cascade Rd, South Hobart
  - Schole - 227 Liverpool St, Hobart
  - St J's Deli / Dark Lab - 153 Liverpool St, Hobart
  - Altar Bar / Dark Lab - 112 Murray St, Hobart
  - Little Lotus Café - 45-47 Victoria St, Hobart
  - Bloom coffee & bites - 102 Collins St, Hobart
  - Wooden Horse Bar & Pizza - 156 Elizabeth St, Hobart
- 8.3. Many of these businesses have a strong preference to commence trading in time for the 2025-26 summer period.
- 8.4. Officers have been working very closely with all the food and beverage businesses on Collins Street between Harrington Street and Victoria Street as part of the wider Collins Street project. We understand that

this close liaison with the businesses and some associated property owners has been greatly appreciated.

- 8.5. We are also progressing a more complex placemaking project - South Hobart Tactical Uplift and Intervention. This seeks to uplift a second retail activity hub in South Hobart to increase the footpath width along the active retail zone at 462 - 468 Macquarie Street.

8.5.1. The project will also consider reconfiguring the pedestrian crossing point on the corner of Darcy, Washington and Macquarie streets. The concept designs for this project is funded through a CAPEX allocation of \$50,000 in the current financial year.

- 8.6. A Montpelier Retreat Streetscape Upgrade is also currently at the preliminary scoping and design stage. This project is a key recommendation and action within the Battery Point Local Area Mobility Plan (LAMP) and will also respond to trader interest in outdoor dining at specific locations.

- 8.7. Officers met with Hospitality Tasmania (HT) on 18 August 2025 and presented the proposed Program. HT is reaching out to its members for feedback, but no specific concerns were raised about the proposed Program at the meeting.

## **9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement**

- 9.1. This project has involved close collaboration across the organisation, including with the City Transport, Community Engagement, Communications, City Mobility, Roads, Open Space, Economic Development and Waterways teams.

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





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Philip Holliday  
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Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/60412

Attachment A: Draft Parklet & Street-Side Dining Program Guidelines  
(Supporting information) 

Attachment B: City Transport Group – Design Guidance Note #6 – Street Side  
Dining – Provision of Additional Space on Carriageway  
(Supporting information) 

**14. Proposed TasWater Sublease - Rugby Park, New Town**  
**File Ref: F25/51559**

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Report of the Property Officer and the Director Corporate Services of 20 August 2025 and attachment.

Delegation: Council



**REPORT TITLE: PROPOSED TASWATER SUBLEASE - RUGBY PARK, NEW TOWN****REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Property Officer  
Director Corporate Services**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to consider a request from Tasmanian Rugby Union ("TRU") to sublease land at Rugby Park, 10 Selfs Point Road, New Town to TasWater for a period of three (3) years to support the redevelopment of the Self's Point Sewerage Treatment Plant as part of the Selfs Point Sewer Transformation Project. This report recommends that only a one (1) year sublease is agreed to and that the sublease be converted into a monthly sublease thereafter.
- 1.2. The proposed sublease area is shown at Attachment A to this report and titled 'Proposed Additional Lease Area #2'. Current lease area #1 is an existing sublease.
- 1.3. TRU currently lease Rugby Park from Council for 50 cents per annum by a deed dated 30 June 1988. The permitted purpose under the lease is for use as rugby ground and clubhouse, and for sporting, educational or recreational purposes only.
- 1.4. The proposed sublease to TasWater is for the purposes of a 'lay down and storage for construction related activities and parking of light vehicles for personnel associated with the upgrade/expansion of the Self's Point Sewerage Treatment Plant.' TasWater propose to pay TRU \$34,896 pa.
- 1.5. There is a probity issue when organisations who benefit from subsidised rent from Council receive commercial rent from subleases above what is reasonably required to assist them meet their obligations under the lease, in that it creates a situation of forgone revenue that can be used for the benefit of ratepayers.
- 1.6. In this instance it is noted that the sublease is proposed by TasWater to support a public benefit in the form of an upgrade sewerage treatment facility. Accordingly, it is proposed that a sublease be consented to on the condition that any rent received under the sublease is used for purposes consistent with the permitted purpose under the head lease.
- 1.7. Officers are comfortable with advising the Council to support the grant of the sub-lease as it will aid in the delivery of the Selfs Point upgrade and the additional revenue that the TRU receives will be invested back into a Council owned asset and/or supporting a community benefit associated with the operation of that asset.
- 1.8. It is noted that the proposed sublease area includes the area of the proposed Selfs Point basketball facility. To ensure flexibility in regard to

this parcel of land it is proposed that Council only agree to a fixed term one (1) year with the sublease then converting into a monthly lease.

## **2. Recommendation**

***That:***

- 1. The Council consent to Tasmanian Rugby Union subleasing the land at Rugby Park, 10 Selfs Point Road, New Town as shown at Attachment A to this report and titled 'Proposed Additional Lease Area #2', to TasWater subject to:***
  - (i) The term of the sublease being one (1) year before converting into a monthly sublease which may be terminated on four (4) weeks notice from the Council.***
  - (ii) The rent for the sublease being \$34,896 for a period of one (1) year and thereafter on a pro rata rate;***
  - (iii) All rental income received by Tasmanian Rugby Union (via the sub-lease) must be used for purposes consistent with the permitted purpose within the head lease to maintain or upgrade the facilities at Rugby Park or for other purposes agreed to by Council;***
  - (iv) A program of maintenance and upgrade works proposed by the TRU be agreed to by the CEO;***
  - (v) All rental income and expenditure being reported to Council on an annual basis; and***
  - (vi) A copy of the signed sublease be provided to Council for its records.***
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer be otherwise authorised to negotiate and consent to the final terms of the sublease.***

### **3. Discussion and Background**

- 3.1. TRU currently lease Rugby Park from Council for 50 cent pa by a deed dated 30 June 1988. The permitted purpose under the lease is use as rugby ground and clubhouse, and for sporting, educational or recreational purposes only. The lease is due to expire on 30 June 2030.
- 3.2. TasWater are undertaking the Selfs Point Sewer Transformation project. The project involves the upgrade of the Selfs Point Sewage Treatment Plant at Selfs Point, the installation of the Macquarie Point to Selfs Point pipeline, and the development of the new Macquarie Point Pump Station.
- 3.3. To support the upgrade of the Selfs Point Sewage Treatment Plant TasWater have requested to sublease the area shown at Attachment A and titled 'Proposed Additional Lease Area #2' from TRU. The proposed sublease to TasWater is for the purposes of a 'lay down and storage for construction related activities and parking of light vehicles for personnel associated with the upgrade/expansion of the Selfs Point Sewerage Treatment Plant.' TasWater propose to pay TRU \$104,685 pa over three years.
- 3.4. Ordinarily, the CEO has a delegation to make decisions regarding applications for subleases. However, as the permitted purpose of the sublease falls outside the scope of the permitted purpose of the head lease, Council approval is required.
- 3.5. There is a probity issue when organisations who benefit from subsidised rent from Council receive commercial rent from subleases above what is reasonably required to assist them meet their obligations under the lease. Council officers are currently developing a holistic property management policy that will provide guidelines around commercial subleasing arrangements when the tenant is the beneficiary of a subsidised rent.
- 3.6. In this instance it is noted that the sublease is proposed by TasWater to support a public benefit in the form of an upgrade sewerage treatment facility. Accordingly, it is recommended that a condition of consent is that all money obtained by TRU under the sublease is used for purposes consistent with the lease to maintain or upgrade the Rugby Park facilities or as otherwise approved by Council, and that rent and expenditure of the rent is reported to Council annually for the remainder of the head lease.

### **4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 4.1. The Legal and Property team will negotiate the final terms of the sublease, and the conditions of the consent to ensure the City of Hobart's interests are protected.

- 4.2. The proposed use under the sublease does carry environmental, safety and regulatory risks. It is proposed that this be managed through the inclusion of appropriate terms in the sublease.
- 4.3. The sublease footprint extends over the location for the proposed Self's Point basketball facility. Council officers are still in discussions with TRU regarding the early hand back of that portion of their lease to support the basketball stadium development. In the meantime, it is proposed to manage this issue by negotiating with TRU and TasWater an appropriate condition in the sublease whereby the sublease can be terminated early in the event the headlease comes to an end. It is also proposed that Council only consent to a one (1) year initial term and the sublease then converting into a monthly sublease.

## 5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The proposal furthers a number of strategies in the Capital City Strategic Plan 2023 including:
- 5.1.1. *2.4.1 Protect and improve public and environmental health, wellbeing and safety.*
- 5.1.2. *6.1.5 Regulate, measure and manage potentially polluting activities, prioritising air and water quality.*

## 6. Financial Viability

### 6.1. Financial Considerations:

|                          | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |         |         |         |         |
| Existing Revenue         |         |         |         |         |
| Additional Revenue       |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |         |         |         |         |
| Operating                |         |         |         |         |
| Capital                  |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| <b>Net Cost</b>          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

### FTE Impact

|               | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Change in FTE | n/a     | n/a     | n/a     | n/a     |

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

6.1.1. The investigation and implementation of the proposal has been met by existing operational budgets as part of the ordinary functions of the relevant City teams.

6.2. City Economy Strategy:

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

6.2.1.1. *Plan for our collective social, economic and environmental prosperity.*

6.3. Economic Impact:

6.3.1. By requiring TRU to spend rent received on purposes consistent with the lease it is intended that rent will be invested in the maintenance and improvement of the Rugby Park facilities. This will likely lead to the engagement of business operating in the local area.

6.4. Consultants

6.4.1. Consultants have not been engaged in relation to this matter.

**7. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration**

7.1. Council officers have been engaging with Taswater and TRU regarding the proposed sublease. Further engagement will need to occur with both parties to finalise the terms of the sublease.

7.2. As noted above the sublease is part of the Selfs Point Transformation project. Engagement regarding the project more broadly has been undertaken by TasWater.

**8. Innovation and Continuous Improvement**

8.1. The proposal will be implemented by communicating to TRU the conditions of the consent to the sublease. Council officers will work with TRU on the implementation of the conditions throughout the remainder of the term of their lease. The implementation is within the capacity of current staff.

*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.*



Andrew Topfer  
**PROPERTY OFFICER**



Michael Reynolds  
**DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/51559

Attachment A: Proposed Sublease Area - TasWater - Rugby Park (Supporting information) 

**15. EV Charging Infrastructure Policy**  
**File Ref: F25/59503; S22-022-22**

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Report of the Manager City Transport and Project Manager - Office of the  
CEO of 20 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY**

**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager City Transport  
Director Strategic and Regulatory Services

**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the City of Hobart Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Policy (Attachment A) that outlines the City's strategic position to:
  - 1.1.1. Support third-party providers of EV charging infrastructure to deliver an effective and reliable EV charging network that enables Hobart's transition to zero emissions vehicles.
  - 1.1.2. Encourage third party investment in public EV charging infrastructure that is located on the City of Hobart's land.
  - 1.1.3. Encourage a mix of public and private EV charging infrastructure options including in private developments consistent with this policy
  - 1.1.4. Support the installation of EV charging infrastructure appropriate to different charging needs across different charging sites.

**2. Recommendation**

***That the Council endorse the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy marked as Attachment A.***



### 3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. National and state commitments to reduce carbon emissions towards net zero (or lower) by 2030 demand collaboration, creativity and dedication from all sectors of the community including transport. In Hobart, transport accounts for half of the community emissions.
- 3.2. From time-to-time, the City of Hobart is approached by providers of electric vehicle charging infrastructure interested in installing charging stations. Additionally, community members have approached the City with questions related to charging electric vehicles (EVs) on-street when they do not have off-street parking.
- 3.3. This Policy provides certainty of response to such enquiries regarding the roles of the City of Hobart and of service providers. It also reaffirms the City's commitment to facilitating the transition to net zero emissions vehicles through a strategic approach.
- 3.4. The City of Hobart currently owns and manages all eight of the public EV chargers on its land. However, it has not typically been the role of the City to provide fuel for private use. In fact, approximately 44 EV charging stations operate throughout Greater Hobart under varying models and by diverse industries including, but not limited to, educational institutions, state-owned companies and private businesses.
- 3.5. As such, this Policy premises the City's role not as an owner and operator of public EV chargers but as the responsible authority to plan, licence land for use, and facilitate the market to scale appropriate installation of EV charging infrastructure.
- 3.6. Development of this Policy is directly linked to these Council-endorsed Strategies:
  - 3.6.1. The *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy*, endorsed In September 2024, that prioritises "develop[ing] a policy and partner[ing] with government and private sector to support an effective and reliable electric vehicle charging network" (Priority 1.3).
  - 3.6.2. The *Hobart Transport Strategy*, endorsed in July 2024, that includes a key priority action to "develop a policy and clarify community expectations around future fuels and infrastructure for all transport modes, clearly defining the City of Hobart's role, broader strategy objectives and vision" (Action 25).
- 3.7. A Council decision of 31 March 2025 (following and Notice of Motion), gave these directions, which officers have since completed:
  - 3.7.1. *Note that a policy on EV charging was in development and should address charging of EVs at home.*

- 3.7.2. *Publicise on the Hobart City webpage what safe options are available to residents to charge EVs.*
- 3.7.3. *Collaborate internally across the City of Hobart and externally with government, such as TasNetworks, to understand the safe options available to residents to charge their electric vehicles, and*
- 3.7.4. *Provide an update to the Transport Committee on the development of the EV policy at their next scheduled meeting.*
- 3.8. Items within the EV Infrastructure Charging Policy were presented to the City Transport Committee on 4 March and 5 August 2025 and considered by the Hobart Workshop Committee on 11 August 2025.
- 3.9. Further work has occurred at officer level since the Hobart Workshop Committee on 11 August 2025 to improve clarity of the draft Policy.
- 3.10. It is recommended that the Policy be reviewed within one year of its first adoption to allow Council to respond to changes in law or best practice in this rapidly evolving space.

#### **4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 4.1. There appear to be no direct legal, risk or legislative implications for the City of Hobart.

#### **5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations**

- 5.1. The *Hobart Transport Strategy 2024* and the *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy* are top tier strategies to inform and deliver on the Capital City Strategic Plan. The draft policy aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the *Strategic Plan*:
  - 5.1.1. Pillar 5: Movement and Connectivity
    - 5.1.1.1. Outcome 5.2 Hobart has effective and environmentally sustainable transport systems.
    - 5.1.1.2. Outcome 5.3 Technology serves Hobart communities and visitors and enhances quality of life.
  - 5.1.2. Pillar 6: Natural Environment
    - 5.1.2.1. Outcome 6.4 Hobart is a leader on climate change moving toward a zero emissions and climate-resilient city.

**6. Financial Viability****6.1. Financial Considerations:**

- 6.1.1. Funding for development of the EV Charging Infrastructure Policy is being met from existing budget.
- 6.1.2. Any future initiatives to enable the Policy that require an additional budget allocation would be subject to the same budget considerations as any other program or project.

|                          | 2025-26   | 2026-27  | 2027-28  | 2028-29  |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                          | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |           |          |          |          |
| Existing Revenue         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Additional Revenue       | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |           |          |          |          |
| Operating                | 15        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Capital                  | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Net Cost</b>          | <b>15</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

**FTE Impact**

|               | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Change in FTE | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     |

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

**6.2. City Economy Strategy:**

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

*Action 3.4: Advocate for infrastructure which is strategically important to the city and the region including cultural, transport and community infrastructure*

*Action 4.4: Partner with stakeholders on projects to pilot new technologies*

*Action 4.5: Promote our sustainability credentials, to increase public awareness and attract likeminded businesses and investment*

## 7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

- 7.1. The Policy supports implementation of the *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy* and will help move toward the zero emissions and climate resilience goals of a climate ready Hobart.

## 8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 8.1. City of Hobart officers undertook discovery work to understand other communities' EV-related policies including interviews with the Australia Capital Territory's Office for Climate Action, the Tasmanian Government, TasNetworks, the Cities of Clarence and Launceston in Tasmania and the Cities of Sydney and Wollongong in New South Wales. Officers met locally with businesses in the EV charging industry, and also undertook desktop reviews of EV policies and initiatives of the Electric Vehicle Council and the City of Woollahra in New South Wales, Bundaberg Regional Council in Queensland, and Cities of Darebin, Kingston, Port Phillip, and Wyndham in Victoria.
- 8.2. Presentations on the development of the Policy were given to the City Transport Committee on 4 March and on 5 August 2025.
- 8.3. In March 2025, a Hobart City webpage began publicising safe options available to residents to charge EVs.
- 8.4. Related educational campaigns (discussed in 9.1.3) are in development and have a role in communicating Hobart's approach to enabling EV charging infrastructure.

## 9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 9.1. Transition to a net zero fleet is one method to reduce transport emissions. Council officers are leading development of the EV Charging Infrastructure Policy against a backdrop of many EV-related initiatives at the City contributing to this goal:
- 9.1.1. The City of Hobart Fleet Transition is being led by the Fleet and Operations Team to meet Climate Strategy targets to transition the City's passenger fleet to 100% electric by 2030 and our medium and large vehicles fleet to 100% electric by 2035.
- 9.1.2. Procurement of EV charging infrastructure and service providers for the City's public EV charging infrastructure assets is being led by the Economic Development Team.
- 9.1.3. Educational campaigns are being led by the Climate Futures Team. *Climate Ready Hobart* is a campaign to raise awareness, engage community and drive forward action across the *Climate Strategy's* priority areas to achieve zero emissions and build climate resilience. The *Electrify Hobart* campaign will outreach to households and businesses specifically around electric

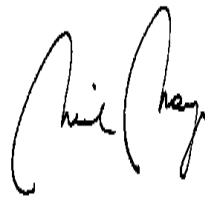
alternatives to transport and other gas, petrol and diesel-powered devices.

- 9.2. An internal work group convened initially to assist with review of the draft Policy will continue to meet to move these and other EV-related actions forward across the organisation.

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




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Neil Noye  
**DIRECTOR STRATEGIC AND  
REGULATORY SERVICES**

Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/59503; S22-022-22

Attachment A: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy (draft)  
(Supporting information) 

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| <b>REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b> |
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**16. Elected Member Dispute Resolution Policy**  
**File Ref: F25/46971**

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 20 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: ELECTED MEMBER DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY****REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Chief Executive Officer**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") it is necessary for the Council to review its *Elected Member Issues Resolution Policy* as the current policy it is now out-of-date and does not comply with the Act.
- 1.2. A revised policy needs to be reviewed and in place by 10 September 2025.
- 1.3. The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has developed a Model Dispute Resolution Policy which complies with both the Act and Regulations.
- 1.4. Council officers have reviewed the LGAT model policy in light of the Council's experiences in applying the dispute resolution process and have recommended some minor changes to the model policy to clarify the circumstances in which an Elected Member may opt out of a dispute resolution process.
- 1.5. The draft Policy was workshopped with Elected Members at the Hobart Workshop on 11 August 2025.
- 1.6. This report is recommending that the Council adopt the LGAT Model Dispute Resolution Policy (as amended).

**2. Recommendation*****That:***

- 1. The Council rescind the City of Hobart Elected Members Issues Resolution Policy, marked as Attachment A to this report.***
- 2. The Council endorse the Local Government Association of Tasmania's (LGAT) Model Dispute Resolution Policy, as amended and marked as Attachment B to this report).***
- 3. The Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor administrative changes to the Model Dispute Resolution Policy or other policies that reference the Elected Member Issue Resolution Policy.***

### 3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”) requires that a Council must have a dispute resolution policy for the handling of Code of Conduct complaints with and between Elected Members.
- 3.2. The Council has an existing *Elected Member Issues Resolution Policy* which was last approved by the Council on 20 February 2020, however, it is now out-of-date and does not comply with the Act.
- 3.3. A revised policy needs to be reviewed and in place by 10 September 2025.
- 3.4. The Act prescribes the following requirements under section 28JA:
  - (i) A council must adopt a dispute resolution policy.
  - (ii) A dispute resolution policy adopted by a council under subsection (i) is to specify the processes to be followed if there is a dispute as to matters that may be the subject of a code of conduct complaint.
  - (iii) A dispute resolution policy is to –
    - a. contain the prescribed information; and
    - b. include the processes to be followed in respect of prescribed matters.
  - (iv) The general manager of a council must ensure that a copy of the council’s dispute resolution policy is available –
    - a. on the website of the council; and
    - b. on the request of a person.
  - (v) In resolving, or attempting to resolve, disputes in respect of a council, each of the following persons involved in the dispute resolution is to comply with the provisions of the dispute resolution policy adopted by the council under this section:
    - a. the general manager of the council;
    - b. a councillor of the council;
    - c. a council employee of the council;
    - d. if the complainant participates in the dispute resolution process of the council, the complainant.
  - (vi) Each council must adopt a dispute resolution policy under this section within 12 months after this section commences.



- 3.5. The *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025* specify the prescribed information that is to be included in a dispute resolution policy.
- 3.6. The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has developed a Model Dispute Resolution Policy which complies with both the Act and the Regulations.
- 3.7. The model policy differs slightly from the Council's existing policy in that it requires that we appoint a Dispute Resolution Advisor, who is a person external to the council to undertake the dispute resolution process with the parties in dispute.
- 3.8. The LGAT has established a Dispute Resolution Advisors Multi-Use Register to support councils in their selection of advisors to resolve disputes under the Dispute Resolutions Policy.
- 3.9. Under the model policy the dispute resolution process is as follows:

#### **Commencement**

- In commencing the dispute resolution process, the Advisor will bring together the parties to conduct an initial facilitated discussion or mediation. Where needed, they may also undertake initial individual interviews with the parties and others.
- The initial discussion is to provide a general picture of the dispute and to allow the Advisor to provide an estimate of the timeframe for the process based on the parties' willingness and availability. This discussion will support the Advisor's consideration of the appropriateness of undertaking the process including:
  - The parties' willingness to participate in the process;
  - Health and safety risks to the parties, or others.
- The Advisor may determine that the process cannot continue due to:
  - The risk that the process may cause harm to the health and safety of either of the parties; or
  - One of the parties is unwilling to unable to participate; or
  - Initial engagement reveals circumstances that must be addressed through a different process; or
- The Party alleging a potential harm is to provide evidence to support their claim for the purpose of aiding the Advisor to make an objective assessment. Evidence to support such claims may include, but are not limited to, a medical certificate, statutory

declaration or court order such as a restraining order.

- Where the Advisor has determined the process cannot continue, they will provide a report to the Dispute Resolution Officer. The report will provide their reasons and state their determination that the dispute will need to be resolved through alternative avenues. The Advisor may make recommendations regarding these avenues.

### **Process**

- The Advisor will determine the appropriate resolution processes based on their expertise and experience. This may include, but not be limited to, approaches such as mediation and facilitated restorative processes. Resolutions may include, but not be limited to:
    - A commitment to changing behaviours;
    - A commitment to cease the behaviour;
    - A commitment to apologise;
    - Counselling;
    - Undertaking professional development.
  - The Advisor may also make a recommendation to the council that it review a policy, procedure, or other document related to the dispute.
  - The parties must represent themselves.
  - The maximum timeframe for a dispute resolution process is three months. At this time, the Advisor is to provide a report to the Dispute Resolution Officer and close the dispute. This timeframe may be extended on the Advisor's recommendation and with the mutual agreement of the parties.
- 3.10. Council officers have reviewed the Model Policy and are suggesting an amendment to provide that an Elected Member who seeks not to participate in a dispute resolution process on the basis that the process may cause harm to their health and safety is to provide evidence to support their claim. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, a medical certificate, statutory declaration or court order such as a restraining order. The purpose of this amendment is to encourage dispute resolution processes to be carried out for most complaints that arise.
- 3.11. The amendment suggested by Council officers is underlined in Attachment B and is supported by the LGAT.

3.12. The draft Policy was workshopped by Elected Members at the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025.

#### 4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

4.1. Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Council must have a Dispute Resolution Policy for the handling of Code of Conduct complaints for Elected Members.

4.2. The *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025* specify the prescribed information that is to be included in a policy. The LGAT Model Policy complies with these legislative requirements.

#### 5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

5.1. The *Capital City Plan 2023* includes Strategy 8.1.1:

“Build community trust through the implementation of effective civic leadership, ethical conduct and responsible governance processes that ensure accountability, transparency and compliance with all legislated and statutory requirements.”

#### 6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

|                          | 2025-26    | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | \$'000     | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |            |         |         |         |
| Existing Revenue         |            |         |         |         |
| Additional Revenue       |            |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     | <b>Nil</b> |         |         |         |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |            |         |         |         |
| Operating                |            |         |         |         |
| Capital                  |            |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>Nil</b> |         |         |         |
| <b>Net Cost</b>          | <b>Nil</b> |         |         |         |
| <b>FTE Impact</b>        |            |         |         |         |
|                          | 2025-26    | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |

Change in FTE

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

6.1.1. There are no additional financial impacts associated with the implementation of the Dispute Resolution Policy.

- 6.2. City Economy Strategy:
  - 6.2.1. Not applicable to this report
- 6.3. Economic Impact:
  - 6.3.1. Not applicable to this report
- 6.4. Consultants
  - 6.4.1. Not applicable to this report

## **7. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration**

- 7.1. Not applicable to this report

## **8. Innovation and Continuous Improvement**

- 8.1. Not applicable to this report

*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 Stretton  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/46971

Attachment A: Elected Members Issues Resolution Policy (Supporting information) 

Attachment B: Draft Dispute Resolution Policy (Supporting information) 

**17. Wellington Park Management Trust - Appointment of Representatives**  
**File Ref: F25/60256**

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 20 August 2025.

Delegation: Council

**MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL****Wellington Park Management Trust - Appointment of Representatives**

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider appointments for Wellington Park Management Trust.

Currently the Council appointed representatives are:

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Councillor John Kelly    | (Deputy – Lord Mayor Councillor Anna Reynolds) |
| Councillor Ben Lohberger | (Deputy – Councillor Ryan Posselt).            |

As the cabinet approval process for these appointments is often quite lengthy, the General Manager Wellington Park Management Trust, Amy Russell, has requested that the City consider nominations in advance so that documentation can be submitted to the Minister, for consideration, by the end of October 2025.

These appointments are due to expire on 31 December 2025.

It should be noted that Council nominees to the Trust do not have to be elected members. For example, Glenorchy nominates an elected member as a Trust Member, and an executive staff member as a Deputy.

Given that there is a large amount of strategic work that is currently taking place with the Mountain and to ensure consistency, it is recommended that the Chief Executive Officer be appointed to one of the Member positions together with an elected member as his Deputy.

Nominations will then be sought for the remaining Member and Deputy Member positions.

For each nominee, a letter of nomination and a brief CV will be required to be sent to the Minister.

These appointments are usually for a three year period, however as there is a Local Government election due at the end of next year, another appointment process may need to be undertaken following the election.

**RECOMMENDATION****That:**

- 1. The Chief Executive Officer be appointed as a Member on the Wellington Park Management Trust for a period of three years.**
- 2. The following elected member appointments on the Wellington Park Management Trust be made for a period of up to three years (subject to the outcome of 2026 Local Government Elections):**
  - (a) Member (insert name)**
  - (b) Deputy Member (insert name)**
  - (c) Deputy Member (insert name), to the Chief Executive Officer.**

*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 Stretton  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/60256

**18. Professional Development Reporting  
Urbanity Conference 2025  
File Ref: F25/62294**

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 20 August 2025 and attachment.

Delegation: Council



City of **HOBART****MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL****Professional Development Reporting  
Urbanity Conference 2025**

In accordance with the Elected Members' Development and Support Policy, Councillors Will Coats, Louise Elliot, John Kelly and Alderman Marti Zucco have submitted the attached report relating to their attendance at of the Urbanity Conference, Gold Coast 2025 – 30 and 31 July 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the Council receives and notes the report (marked as Attachment A) by Councillor Will Coats, Councillor Louise Elliot, Councillor John Kelly and Alderman Marti Zucco relating to their attendance of the Urbanity Conference, Gold Coast 2025 – 30 and 31 July 2025.***

*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 Stretton  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Date: 20 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/62294

Attachment A: Professional Development Report - Urbanity Conference 2025



**REPORT - URBANITY CONFERENCE,  
GOLD COAST 2025 – 30 AND 31 JULY 2025.****Key Themes and Insights****1. Housing and Development Trends**

- Offices and shopping centres are increasingly being retrofitted into residential dwellings.
- Residential demand remains constant, but supply continues to lag, creating chronic undersupply issues.
- The Gold Coast achieved planning approval for a 34-storey residential building in just seven weeks, highlighting the impact of streamlined processes.
- Affordable entry-level housing solutions are required, including micro-apartments, vertical villages, and mixed-use assets.
- Scale is critical—developers require financial certainty. Even small restrictions (e.g., disallowing one or two dwellings) can undermine entire projects.
- Development opportunities are best identified through demographic analysis.

**2. Economic and Demographic Drivers**

- Queensland is experiencing population and investment growth, accelerated by the upcoming Olympics.
- Young, early-career populations are particularly moving into the state.
- The Gold Coast is thriving even in low season, with hotels fully booked and multiple conferences occurring simultaneously.
- Commentators stressed the importance of economic diversification for resilience.

**3. Sustainability and Infrastructure**

- End-of-life planning for renewable energy infrastructure is emerging as a pressing issue:
  - Early solar installations are now reaching expiry and are difficult to recycle, often ending up in landfill.
  - Wind and solar projects must incorporate decommissioning and recycling strategies from inception.
- Cities are warming by 4–5 degrees, presenting opportunities for rooftop and vertical greening.
- Biodiversity requirements for developments are inevitable, with London already mandating net-positive outcomes.
- Waste-to-energy projects and innovative local recycling technologies (such as those in the Gold Coast) are key models for future adoption.

**4. Technology and AI**

- AI is seen as essential for Australia's sovereignty, with comparisons drawn to South Korea's \$1.32 trillion AI commitment.
- Businesses must focus on meaningful AI applications, not simply applying AI for its own sake.
- AI can assist with automatic development appraisals, quickly aligning sites with planning requirements.
- "Intelligence is value, it transforms everything" – AI is recognised as transformative across industries.

**5. Social and Housing Pressures**

- Across Australia, tent cities now house around 500,000 people sleeping rough.
- Industry professionals agree that housing is a basic right, and current supply is not meeting need.
- Designers, builders, and capital providers are expected to contribute actively to solutions.

**Implications and Opportunities for Hobart**

- Purpose-built student accommodation (e.g., SCAPE model).
- Build-to-rent projects to diversify housing options.
- Aged care developments to address demographic needs.
- Micro-apartments and vertical villages as affordable entry points into the housing market.
- Adoption of AI-enabled automatic development appraisals, providing speed and certainty in planning.

**Challenges**

- Lack of local recycling technology comparable to that in Queensland.
- Negative attitudes toward development and pockets of community resistance.
- Limited workforce availability.
- Difficulty fostering innovative development due to small population base.
- High transport costs and materials pricing.
- High council rates.
- Risk aversion and lack of bravery in approving innovative projects.

**Key Takeaways**

- Green initiatives can complement developer margins but cannot replace them—feasibility remains paramount.
- Certainty in planning is critical for attracting and retaining development investment.
- Demographics must drive project selection—intentional attraction of needed asset classes is essential.
- AI represents an immense opportunity for planning, design, and development processes.
- Housing “stepping stones” such as micro-apartments are missing in the market.
- End-of-life and recycling planning must be integrated into all future projects, including renewable energy and housing.
- Developers require nurturing and clarity; they will walk away if projects lack financial viability or present too many uncertainties.
- Hobart has additional barriers compared to mainland cities, but intentional, targeted attraction strategies could help bridge the gap.

**Signed:**

Alderman Zucco, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Elliot, Councillor Coats.

19 August 2025

**MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN****IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 16(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015****19. Encouraging Residential Development in Central Hobart**  
**File Ref: F25/61490**

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Lord Mayor Councillor Anna Reynolds

**Motion**

“That Council requests an urgent report from the CEO for it to consider:

1. An incentives package that encourages residential building in Central Hobart, with a particular focus on the Innovation Precinct features in Council’s Central Hobart Plan.
2. The package may include rates and fees incentives together with any other incentives that may be identified to support development of housing.
3. The report should include liaison with other agencies such TasWater, TasNetworks , Department of State Growth’s Housing Density Incentive Grant and the Federal Government’s Housing Future Fund and Build to Rent incentives and outline possible additional incentives that could be offered as well as the steps that the Council can take to get develop a comprehensive Central Hobart residential development incentive package to promote and facilitate increased delivery of residential development.
4. The report should also outline the steps Council are proposing to take to bring forward a planning scheme amendment to enact the Central Hobart Plan, which expands the potential development of sites such as the K&D site and others.”

**Rationale:**

“Council Officers have recently completed an exercise of comparing the planning permits that have been approved for new dwellings in Hobart over the last 10 years against the building permits for new dwellings approved for that same period, which has identified that there is the order of 669 approved but undeveloped dwellings in Hobart. This figure is a clear demonstration that there are problems in the current development system and economy which is preventing new residence being constructed within the City.

This is not just a Hobart problem. Last year analysis by KPMG (<https://kpmg.com/au/en/media/media-releases/2024/05/housing-crisis-deepens-as-new-homes-stalled.html>Despite) found that despite a deepening national housing

crisis, lagging housing construction has seen 37,074 dwellings in Australia remain 'approved but not yet commenced'.

The analysis from KPMG Australia shows almost half of the approved but not yet commenced dwellings are accounted for by Sydney (30%) and Melbourne (18%). Further, almost 80% of the stalled dwellings in Sydney and Melbourne were townhouses and apartments. Increased construction costs have hindered the commencement of many higher-density projects.

In December 2024, the City of Hobart hosted the Hobart Housing Forum: A conversation with the housing sector on affordability and supply in Hobart. The forum brought over 80 attendees from across the housing sector together to discuss ways to increase housing supply and create more affordable rental options on underused land in Hobart and surrounding areas. The cost of development was identified as a significant barrier to development in Hobart. This included the cost and supply of appropriate sites for development, the cost of upgrading infrastructure, construction costs including materials and labour costs resulting from insufficient access to qualified builders and tradespeople, which is predicted to worsen in the future.

The forum identified that work is needed to reduce financial barriers and subsidise land costs.

Three (3) key recommendations of the forum were to:

1. Promote government support: Ensure that government support and financial incentives are effectively communicated and utilised by stakeholders;
2. increase government involvement and incentives: Encourage continued and increased government involvement and incentives to support housing initiatives; and
3. look into development pathways and processes: Consider how the City provides greater support early in a projects development to help facilitate a smoother planning and development assessment. Consider how changes to the car parking requirements in the planning scheme can reduce development costs and challenges.

Following the Hobart Housing Forum, the Council included the following in its annual plan for 2025 / 26 to 'Finalise the Hobart Housing Strategy to support the housing sector, in collaboration with the State and Federal government, to meet the urgent and growing needs of our community, expanding on the City's Affordable Housing and Homelessness Commitment 2021-23'.

The intention of this motion is to fast-track this work and focus on the potential provision of a range of incentives that are within the means of Council and other Government agencies to provide.

Earlier this year the Tasmanian Government committed \$10M towards its Density Incentive Grant Scheme to help increase the supply and diversity of housing. Under this scheme grants of \$10,000 per dwelling are available to incentivise developers to build medium and high-density housing developments, up to a maximum of 50

dwellings per developer. However, more needs to be done and the Council may have a role. Councils like Brisbane City have identified that by 2046, they will need around 210,800 new homes to support a larger and more diverse population.

To assist in facilitating this growth the Council has developed a *Housing Supply Incentive Policy* and *Build-to-Rent Incentive Policy*. The Incentive Policy is reducing infrastructure charges that are payable to support the construction of eligible dwellings in appropriately zoned locations in Brisbane.”

## Administration Response to Notice of Motion

### Discussion

1. The Motion is providing a focus on an issue which is having a significant impact on residential development within Hobart, and particularly higher density residential development in Central Hobart.

Council Officers have been working on the Hobart Housing Strategy ('the Strategy') throughout this year which will primarily on the affordability and supply of housing in the Hobart Local Government Area.

The Strategy is currently being prepared to provide a clear plan for the City to follow to respond to its diverse communities need for housing. Homeownership and rental properties in the Hobart local government area are now unaffordable for many members of our community. The cost of constructing new homes in Tasmania has increased dramatically over the past few years and there is a limited, appropriate greenfield land supply near education, employment, health services and frequent and reliable public transport.

The report which is sought by this motion can be provided by Officers as part of the finalisation of the Strategy.

### Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

#### Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 7. Built Environment  
Outcome: 7.1 Hobart has a diverse supply of housing and affordable homes.  
Strategy: 7.1.3 Advocate for legislative and other tools that support increased supply of housing, including social and affordable housing.

#### Legislation and Policy

Legislation: Fees, charges and rates must be considered in the context of the *Local Government Act 1993*  
Policy: n/a

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for Council officers liaising with other organisations or preparing the report.

The financial implications of any incentives package will be provided as part of the report to Council.



**20. Collection Partner of DV Safe Phones**  
**File Ref: F25/61513**

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Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Zelinda Sherlock

**Motion**

“That Council:

1. Approve registration as a collection partner of DV Safe Phones;
2. Provide approval to the CEO to integrate this program with the existing phone mobile collection service via Council’s ‘recycle wall’ and finalise the number of ‘safe boxes’ and
3. Provide approval to the CEO to finalise Hobart City Council locations to contain DV Safe Phone boxes for collection.”

**Rationale:**

“DV Safe Phone is a national Australian charity founded in 2020 to collect, refurbish, and donate mobile phones to survivors of domestic and family violence (DFV). Since inception, the charity has refurbished over 13,900 devices and distributed more than 13,900 safe phones through a network of collection partners and frontline agencies including police stations, shelters, hospitals, and support organisations. These phones are a key tool in victims’ **safe-or-escape** plans, enabling confidential calls to crisis lines, legal advisers, support services, or trusted family and friends. These “safe phones” address a critical gap, as perpetrators of violence are said to destroy, seize, or monitor victims’ devices, cutting off their lifelines to help.

Collection partners purchase boxes at \$85 a box to place at Hobart City Council locations. This means that both the public and Hobart City Council staff will be able to donate old phones, and we will be able ensure it is kept secure and that the boxes are emptied. The Hobart City Council will incur a cost for shipping the phones back to DV Safe Phone Australia, to refurbish and test the usability of the phones. Depending on the City’s arrangement with the Charity, they may redistribute the phones to safe houses or partner agencies within Tasmania. On the DV Phone Australia website they have free resources, such as posters to help promote awareness that we, as an organisation are collecting phones, and internal communication within the Hobart City Council can help to promote this.<sup>1</sup> This initiative provides a tangible mechanism to support survivors of domestic violence, solidify community leadership, and contribute to environmental sustainability.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dvsafephone.org/mediaresources>

## 1. What DV Safe Phone Is

- **DV Safe Phone** is an Australian charity founded in March 2020 by Ashton Wood that collects, refurbishes, and distributes mobile phones to survivor-victims of domestic and family violence [Insurance Business+15ABC+15Australian Communities Foundation+15](#).
- Its network includes over **430 to 440 registered agencies** such as domestic violence services, police stations, hospitals, and safe houses through which safe phones are issued [The Latch+2Australian Communities Foundation+2Insurance Business+2](#).

## 2. What the Charity Has Achieved

- Over **12,500 to 13,900 Safe Phone Kits** (each including mobile phone, charger, starter SIM and credit) have been distributed since launch [Australian Communities Foundation](#).
  - The charity aims to reach **20,000 survivors by 2026** [ABC+6King IT+6The Latch+6](#).
  - As of early 2025, more than **1,110 phone collection partners** operate nationwide [dvsafephone.org+15dvsafephone.org+15heritage.com.au+15](#).
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## 3. Why Participation Matters

### a) Addresses digital abuse

- Technology-facilitated abuse—including phone monitoring, spyware, and tracking, is increasingly common: 78% of stalking incidents involve phones [Daily Telegraph+4Business News Australia+4Daily Telegraph+4](#).
- Abusers often destroy or track phones, cutting survivors off; providing a “clean” device restores critical autonomy and access to help [alga.com.au+15ABC+15ABC+15](#).

### b) Supports community and safety outcomes

- Enabling secure communication is essential for survivors developing a safe or exit plan and contacting support services or emergency helplines [ABCAustralian Communities FoundationBusiness News Australia](#).

- Adding donation points and even recycling their own obsolete phones, helps reduce e-waste while supporting victim-survivors [Daily Telegraph+1alga.com.au+1](#).

#### c) Environmental benefit

- Devices unsuitable for reuse are passed to MobileMuster for secure recycling, diverting e-waste from landfill and contributing to circular economy goals [Business News Australia](#).

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#### 4. How the Collection Partner Model Works

1. **Register as a Phone Collection Partner** with DV Safe Phone.
2. **Set up secure drop-off locations**, in our case, purchasing donation boxes to place at approved Hobart City Council locations.
3. **Collect and ship old mobile phones** both working and non-working, from staff or public donors.
4. **Secure data erasure and refurbishment**: DV Safe Phone wipes each device, tests it, replaces parts as needed, installs a starter SIM, charger, and initial credit [Daily Telegraph+15ABC+15ANZ+15powerlink.com.auBusiness News Australia+1King IT+1Australian Communities Foundation+1heritage.com.au+1](#).
5. **Distribution via frontline agencies**: safe phones are given free to survivors through partner agencies managing safe-or-escape plans. [\(heritage.com.au+9ABC+9ABC+9](#).
6. **DV Safe Recycles unusable devices** through partnership with MobileMuster so materials are recovered responsibly.”

#### Administration Response to Notice of Motion

##### Discussion

The intent of this motion is supported by the Waste & Circular Economy Team and the Community Programs Team. It is considered that implementation of this initiative could be operationally achieved. The City would work with DV Safe Phones to install four collection points in City of Hobart venues including:

- 1 – Customer Service Centre
- 2 – Town Hall
- 3 – Mathers House
- 4 – YouthARC

The teams involved would coordinate the installation of the collection boxes, the ongoing monitoring and posting of the devices. The costs associated with this initiative would be able to be funded through existing budget allocations.

It is noted that phones collected will be sent to the mainland for upgrade and redistribution. Whilst the Waste & Circular Economy Team is supportive of this particular initiative, the City is also committed to finding on-island circular opportunities for re-usable devices and materials to reduce transportation costs and the associated emissions, while also providing affordable reused items directly back to our own community.

This initiative would be strongly aligned with the Hobart City for All – Community Inclusion and Equity Framework and the Community Safety Commitment.

## Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

### Capital City Strategic Plan

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Pillar:   | 2 – Community inclusion, participation and belonging.<br>6 – Natural environment   |
| Outcome:  | 2.3 Hobart communities are active, have good health and wellbeing and are engaged in lifelong learning.<br><br>2.4 Hobart communities are safe and resilient, ensuring people can support one another and flourish in times of hardship.   |
| Strategy: | 6.3 Hobart is a city supported by ecologically sustainable waste and water systems.<br>2.2.4 Build and leverage our evidence base, experience and community knowledge to understand those who are most disadvantaged, excluded and vulnerable and develop appropriate initiatives.<br><br>2.3.7 Consider mental, physical and social health and wellbeing in the development of strategies, policies, projects and initiatives.<br><br>2.4.2 Ensure that Hobart is a safe and liveable city by enhancing community wellbeing and public safety and security.<br><br>6.3.1 Implement significant waste reduction actions and programs to ensure the City's objective of zero waste to landfill by 2030 is achieved. |

### Legislation and Policy

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Legislation: | <i>Anti-Discrimination Act 1998</i> |
| Policy:      | <i>Social Inclusion Policy</i>      |

## Financial Implications

The operation costs association with implementing this initiative would be initially \$340 to purchase the collection boxes. There would be an ongoing postage cost to return the phones to the facility for repair and repurposing to people experiencing DV. These costs could be covered through existing budget allocations.

Participating in this program would reduce the number of phones collected via the Recycling Hub at Council Centre, these phones are firstly salvaged by Resource Work Coop where they are resold directly into our community at affordable prices. Phones that are not suitable for resale are recycled via Resource Work Coop's e-waste department. When this does not occur, TechCollect is paid to collect e-Waste from McRobies Gully WMC. Participating in this program will reduce the cost of TechCollect's services by a small amount.

**21. Artificial Intelligence in Planning**  
**File Ref: F25/61912; 16/119**

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Councillor Louise Elliot

**Motion**

“That the Council:

1. provide its high-level endorsement for officers to pursue early investigations into AI in the planning
2. request that officers prepare a report for Council that addresses:
  - the current situation in Tasmania related to AI use in planning
  - what, if any, feasible options are currently available or likely to be soon available to the Council to enable the Council to benefit from AI in planning and
  - and a recommendation informed by the above.”

**Rationale:**

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents a significant opportunity to create much needed efficiency in planning services and improve certainty around planning proposals.

Predictability is critical in developer confidence. Development comes with significant risk and large- scale projects can take many years to deliver and cost hundreds of thousands before ground is even broken. AI has the potential to positively impact on our supply of housing and commercial space by supporting predictability, building trust and speeding up decision-making.

AI in planning also has the potential to deliver faster, more consistent, and more transparent services by streamlining and automating document processing, application validation, and customer service queries. Reducing this load can free planners to focus on strategic, judgment-based enabling officers to focus on long-term strategic priorities.

With appropriate safeguards in place, AI adoption represents a responsible, forward-looking step that enhances efficiency, improves community engagement, and supports sustainable growth.

It is understood that officers are watching this issue (such as the work being done by MAV and preliminary discussions are being had).

[https://www.mav.asn.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/42993/MAVlab-AI-Planning-Report-Jul-2025.pdf](https://www.mav.asn.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/42993/MAVlab-AI-Planning-Report-Jul-2025.pdf)

The below podcast about AI in planning in the USA is informative.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sWb13b\\_HEY&t=1677s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sWb13b_HEY&t=1677s)

Given the significance of potential benefits, it makes sense for the Council to be actively monitoring developments in the AI space, specifically around its use in planning.”

## Administration Response to Notice of Motion

It is recognised that Artificial intelligence (AI) can help speed up planning processes by harnessing the power of big data, improving productivity and reducing the administrative burden on planners.

In response to Council's request for a report on the use of AI in planning, officers provide the following update and proposed next steps.

### Current Situation in Tasmania

Officers are monitoring national developments, particularly the MAVlab AI Planning Report (Adopting AI for Planning in Victoria's Councils: A Moment of Readiness, A Moment of Caution), which outlines practical use cases and governance models for AI in statutory planning.

In New South Wales the State government allocated \$2.7 million during 2024 to 16 councils to trial AI in their planning systems through the Early Adopter Grant Program. The objectives of the grant are to:

- progressively improve the assessment effort and overall processing efficiency for development applications by improving their pre-lodgement process;
- enable councils to readily introduce AI technology into their digital environments;
- improve the development application process for all users, including homeowners, councils and developed and give the building industry confidence; and
- help achieve annual housing targets across NSW by enhancing the local development application process.

Within Tasmania, AI use in planning is limited but growing.

The Greater Launceston Transformation Project includes smart city initiatives such as 3D modelling and digital twins, demonstrating the potential for AI-enabled planning tools.

The Tasmanian Government has released guidance supporting ethical, risk-based AI adoption in public services, aligned with national standards.

### Current usage by City of Hobart

The City of Hobart has begun to use AI in its planning processes in two ways.

First, the statutory planning assessment team is using Microsoft Copilot to summarise representations. This is useful in terms of saving time for report writing but it does not avoid the statutory requirement to review all representations as part of assessing an application.

In addition, the Council is in the process of beginning a trial of AI software to monitor visitor accommodation use within the municipality. This will allow for real-time monitoring of visitor accommodation and ensure that anyone who is using their property in this way either has a permit or falls within an exemption.

**Feasible Options Available or Emerging**

Officers have contacted an AI provider who presented at the Planning Institute conference. Officers will meet with the provider to explore potential applications.

- Feasible AI applications for planning include:
- document processing and validation;
- customer service automation (e.g. chatbots);
- application triage and referral management; and
- geospatial analysis and planning scheme interpretation

These options align with MAVlab's recommendations for low-risk, high-value use cases that preserve professional judgment and community trust.

**AI Adoption – Organisational Approach**

To ensure a strategic rollout, the City is taking a phased approach as outlined in the City's IT Strategy 2025 – 2030. These steps include:

**Step 1: Deploy Copilot for Productivity (Ongoing)**

Microsoft Copilot has been introduced across key tools (Word, Excel, Outlook, Teams) to improve efficiency and build AI familiarity.

**Step 2: Identify Broader AI Use Cases (FY26/27)**

Staff will be surveyed to identify tasks and workflows suitable for AI agents.

**Step 3: Prioritise Use Cases (FY26/27)**

Use cases will be evaluated based on impact, feasibility, strategic alignment, and risk.

AI in planning is expected to rank highly in this review.

AI offers the prospect of making a significant impact on improving the planning process, particularly regarding its administrative tasks.

The City will continue to monitor the development and implementation of AI in other jurisdictions and identify opportunities for the application of AI within the City's planning processes.

**Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications****Capital City Strategic Plan**

Pillar: 5 - City Economies

Outcome: 5.3 – Technology serves Hobart communities and visitors and enhances quality of life

Strategy: 5.3.3 Respond to the current trends and future opportunities of the smart cities concept and associated technologies.

5.3.4 Connect innovation to values, understanding community needs before implementing new technologies.



Legislation and Policy

Legislation: N/A

Policy: N/A

Financial Implications

1. Unknown at this stage

**22. Future of Dorney House**  
**File Ref: F25/61922**

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Councillor Louise Elliot

**Motion**

“That the Council request officers prepare a report for Council that addresses:

- the current situation in relation to the use of Dorney House and why previous uses ceased
- barriers to future use, such as heritage obligations, zoning, fire risk, liability and road access
- the ongoing costs to the Council for holding the property, including relating to insurance, maintenance and loan costs
- potential options for the future of Dorney House, including consideration of sale and long-term leasing and
- and a recommendation considering the above.”

**Rationale:**

“Dorney House was part of a purchase of 35 hectares of land made by the Council in 2006. The land was purchased by the Council as it wanted to preserve the Sandy Bay skyline.

The purchase also included remnant of Fort Nelson. Both Dorney House and Fort Nelson are heritage listed. It is understood that at the time of purchase, it was intended that the Council would sell the house. Council has a loan on the purchase. Dorney House has been used in the past for some events and occasion tours but for a long time has been left largely unutilised.

It is non-sensical for the Council to have such as beautiful asset that is not accessible (or rarely accessible) to the community, not generating income, and costing the Council.”

**Administration Response to Notice of Motion****Discussion**

1. Dorney House, located in Sandy Bay, Hobart, is widely regarded as an icon of Tasmanian modernist architecture. It was designed and built in 1978 by the late architect James Henry Esmond Dorney as his family home. The house is celebrated for its innovative design, including a sunken lounge, radiating split levels, and panoramic views over the Derwent Estuary.
2. The property sits atop the remnants of Fort Nelson, a military installation active between 1909 and 1949. The combination of architectural and historical

elements has earned the site a place on the Tasmanian Heritage Register, recognizing its cultural and landscape value.

3. The City of Hobart acquired Dorney House, Fort Nelson, and the surrounding 35 hectares of bushland in 2006.
4. The Site has ongoing safety issues that have prevented public access, these being weight restrictions on the access road, emergency vehicle limitations and occupancy permit challenges.
5. In the coming weeks the CEO along with relevant staff will visit the site and review what can be done to resolve the long-term issue of site access and potential uses. The City will bring a report back to Council.

### Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

#### Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 7 – Built Environment

Outcome: 7.2 – Development enhances Hobart's unique identity, human scale and built heritage

Strategy: 7.2.6 – Promote contemporary heritage conservation practices, that provide for the best possible care of heritage sites and adaptive reuse of heritage assets.

#### Legislation and Policy

Legislation: *Historical Cultural Heritage Act 1995*

Policy:  
N/A

### Financial Implications

1. N/A at this stage, financial implications will be included in the report back to Council.

**23. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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Regulation 34(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.  
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 34(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, 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.*

**23.1 Elected Member Legal Costs 2024-25**

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Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 30 June 2025



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR  
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR  
ELECTED MEMBERS**

## **ELECTED MEMBER LEGAL COSTS 2024-25**

**Meeting: Council**

**Meeting date: 30 June 2025**

**Raised by:** Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock

**Question:**

In 2024/2025 how much has been spent on legal costs associated with Elected Members?

**Response:**

For the 2024/25 year The City has expended \$111,201 on costs associated with elected members duties and functions under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

*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: 1 August 2025  
File Reference: F25/47821; s13-001-10

## 24. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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Regulations 33 and 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.  
File Ref: 13-1-10

33(2) A question asked at a meeting is to, as far as is practicable –

- (a) be concise; and
- (b) be clear; and
- (c) not to be a statement; and
- (d) have minimal pre-amble

34. Questions without notice by a councillor

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 chief executive officer.
2. In asking 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 maybe 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 chief executive officer who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question.
5. The chairperson of a meeting may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.

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| <b>BUSINESS ARISING</b> |
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**25. Responses to Questions Arising During Debate**

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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.

***RECOMMENDATION***

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

Attachment A:        Questions Arising Under Debate August 2025 ↓ 

| Council Meeting Date | Open/Closed | Item No. | Responsible Officer   | Question   | Response  |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|---|--|---|
| 28-Jul-25            | Open        | Item 18  | Wes Young, Manager Legal and Corporate Governance                               | How far does the Chair's discretion extend as to what agenda items they follow? For example, can a chair just decide to skip over the 'Dog Management Policy tonight'? Are not all Agenda items equal? |   |
| 28-Jul-25            | Open        | Item 13  | Neil Noye - Director Strategic and Regulatory Services                          | Why did it take so long to respond to the Huon Road Grayling Avenue Intersection   | The delay in responding to the petition came about due to officer oversight following referral of the matter to the relevant group. Measures have been put in place to track such referrals to ensure there is no repeat of this delay. |
| 29-Jan-24            | Open        | Item 17  | <del>Michael Reynolds:-</del><br>Director City Enablers<br>Michael Stretton CEO | Please provide an update on the NOM Audit  | The CEO is reviewing and a report will provided at a future meeting.  |



## 25. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve by absolute majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* 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
- Closed Question 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 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 Conflicts of Interest  |
| Item No. 6 | 2025-26 Rates - Variation Objections<br>LG(MP)R 17(2)(h)(i) and (k)                 |
| Item No. 7 | Outstanding Sundry Debts and Debt Write-Offs as at 30 June 2025<br>LG(MP)R 17(2)(g) |
| Item No. 8 | Response to Questions without Notice  |
| Item No. 9 | Questions without notice  |