



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting
Open Portion
Monday, 18 August 2025
at 4:00pm
C3 Church, South Hobart



City of **HOBART**

THE MISSION

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

THE VALUES

The Council is:

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

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

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Monday, 18 August 2025 at 4:00pm in the C3 Church, South Hobart.

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

Councillor W N S Coats

NOMINEE MEMBERS

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 11 August 2025](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

Recommendation

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

4. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

Members of the Committee are requested to indicate where they may have, or are likely to have, interest in the agenda.

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 17(2) of the above regulations.

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

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

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

6.1 City Heritage Committee **File Ref: F25/55611**

Report of the Deputy Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 5 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Committee

**MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE****City Heritage Committee**

The purpose of this report is to inform the committee of the outcomes of the City Heritage Committee meeting on 1 July 2025.

At the meeting the Committee focused on the following matters:

- The Committee's views about the options to redevelop the Treasury Building.
- A presentation on the Conservation of Historic Heritage, particularly the Cascade Female Factory by a member of the Port Arthur Historic Sites Management Authority and discussed the process of having sites gain World Heritage Listings.
- The theft of two bronze statues and plaques stolen from the New Town orphan school memorial site.

RECOMMENDATION


That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Heritage Committee of 1 July 2025, marked as attachment A.

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



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

Date: 5 August 2025
File Reference: F25/55611

Attachment A: City Heritage Committee - Notes - 1 July 2025 (Supporting information) 

6.2 City Economy Committee
File Ref: F25/55707

Report of the Director Community and Economic Development of 5 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Committee

**MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE****City Economy Committee**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Hobart Workshop Committee of the outcomes of the City Economy Committee meeting 22 July 2025.

At the meeting, the Committee focused on the following matters:

- The launch by the Beacon Foundation of their Local Futures Project. A presentation was given on this project which is intended to empower young people in the Hobart area.
- The Hobart Strategic Growth Industries analysis that was undertaken was shared and short list of industries that Hobart should target to generate more investment leads was discussed.
- Upcoming economic development events in the City of Hobart.
- The upcoming Elizabeth Street Business Survey which the committee was invited to complete in its draft form and provide feedback.
- An update by Inspector John Toohey of Tasmania Police in regard to crime statistics and youth in the retail areas of the City, and how best to manage scenarios as they arise.

RECOMMENDATION


That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Economy Committee of 22 July 2025, marked as attachment A.

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



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 5 August 2025
File Reference: F25/55707

Attachment A: City Economy Committee - Minutes - 22 July 2025 (Supporting information) 

7. OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 Policy Manual Review - Round 2 - August 2025 **File Ref: F25/55965**

Report of the Director Corporate Services of 6 August 2025 and attachments.

Delegation: Committee

REPORT TITLE: POLICY MANUAL REVIEW - ROUND 2 - AUGUST 2025

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Director Corporate Services

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is for the Committee to approve a number of policies contained within the Council's Policy Manual.
- 1.2. The Policy Manual contains a total of 82 policies. This review considered 26 policies contained within the policy categories of:
 - 1.2.1. Environment, Planning and Development Control;
 - 1.2.2. Property Management;
 - 1.2.3. Roads, Traffic and Walkways;
 - 1.2.4. Parking Control;
 - 1.2.5. Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves; and
 - 1.2.6. Corporate Governance;

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. ***The Council policies marked as Appendices 1 to 26 of Attachment B to this report, be adopted.***
2. ***The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any minor amendments necessary to finalise the policies attached to this report and arrange for them to be made available from the City's website.***

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The Council Policy Manual contains 82 policies which are endorsed by the Council and should be reviewed at least once every two years.
- 3.2. Three tranches of review have been programmed; the first tranche was completed in March 2025 with 25 policies being reviewed. The second tranche contains 26 policies for review.
- 3.3. All 26 policies are presented irrespective of whether changes are proposed as a good governance practice. A summary of recommendations is provided at Attachment A with the respective policies shown in marked-up format as Attachment B.
- 3.4. All 26 policies included in this round were workshopped by the Hobart Workshop Committee on the 14 July 2025. Updates requested by the Committee have been incorporated in the policies and are included as Attachment B.
- 3.5. 22 policies are recommended for amendment, many of which are minor in nature and are shown in marked-up format within Attachment B.
- 3.6. As a result of the review process, four policies have been recommended to be rescinded, this includes three policies which have been deemed largely operational and are to be incorporated into standard operating procedures, including:
 - 3.6.1. The policy on **Waste, Recycling, and FOGO Collection from Private Residential Housing Estates (Attachment B, Appendix 4)**, which was considered at the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting of 17 March 2024 where the Committee resolved to defer to allow officers to review the FOGO service for public estates. As a result of this further review, it is now proposed to rescind this policy as it is largely operational in nature.
 - 3.6.2. The policy '**Donation of Park Furniture and Equipment for Installation in City Parks, Bushland and Reservices**' will be superseded by a new 'Memorials Policy' which is the subject of a separate agenda item at this meeting.
 - 3.6.3. The policy '**Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre Lane Space Allocation**' (Attachment B, Appendix 14), which is operational in nature.
 - 3.6.4. The policy '**Insurance Policy**' (Attachment B, Appendix 17), which is operational in nature.
- 3.7. Three policies propose more significant amendments:
 - 3.7.1. **Positive Provisioning for Cyclists (Attachment B, Appendix 3)**, has undergone significant review and been re-written to

align with the principles in the recently endorsed Hobart Transport Strategy 2024, as well as to bring it into line with the State Government policy for cycling infrastructure – the *Tasmanian Walk, Wheel, Ride Policy 2024*:

https://www.infrastructure.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/532304/tasmanian-walk-wheel-ride-policy-2024.pdf

- 3.7.1.1. This policy was considered at the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting of 17 March 2024 where the Committee resolved to defer the policy for further review and updates, which has occurred with additional proposed changes shown in marked-up.
- 3.7.2. The **Naming of Public Facilities, Parks or Reserves (Attachment B, Appendix 11)** has been updated to remove references to the naming of parks and reserves as this is now undertaken in accordance with the *Place Names Act 2020*. This policy now only applies to sporting facilities and buildings in public open space which are outside of the scope of the *Place Names Act 2020*.
- 3.7.3. A number of amendments are proposed for the **Elected Member Development and Support Policy (Attachment B, Appendix 19)**, many of which reflect changes to organisational structure, provide for improved clarity and better reflect current practice. The most significant changes include;
 - 3.7.3.1. Changes to provide the Chief Executive Officer greater flexibility to approve elected member participation in study and inspection tours, panels, forums and the like. This change is consistent with processes already in place for professional development activity approvals.
 - 3.7.3.2. In response to feedback from elected members, changes to expense reimbursements for communications, and local travel have also been incorporated;
 - Communications (previously named telecommunications) has been broadened to include digital subscriptions, to be approved at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.
 - Local Travel to recognise the shift in type of travel from fossil fuel powered vehicles to electric vehicles. A change that supports the City's *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy*. To ensure equity across all transport types, an overall expenditure cap of \$3,000 has also been introduced for this expense type.

- Increase in the hourly rate that applies to the reimbursement of childcare services which generally ranges from \$25 to \$35 per hour.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. The review complies with the requirements the functions and powers of Council under *Local Government Act 1993*.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The review of the City's Policy Manual is aligned with Pillar 8 of City's Capital City Strategic Plan 2023, specifically;

Objective 8.1 - *Hobart is a city that is well governed that recognises the community as an active partner that informs decisions.*

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
Revenue				
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue	Nil			
Expenditure				
Operating				
Capital				
Total Expenditure	Nil			
Net Cost	Nil			
FTE Impact				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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 financial impacts resulting from this policy review process.

6.2. Consultants

6.2.1. No consultants have been used in undertaking this review.

7. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

7.1. The third and final tranche of this policy review is planned to commence prior to the end of 2025.



7.2. Following this, a review will be undertaken every 6 months such that all policies are reviewed within a 2-year period.

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



Michael Reynolds
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Date: 6 August 2025
File Reference: F25/55965

Attachment A: Summary of Recommendations (Supporting information) 
Attachment B: Appendices 1-26 (Supporting information) 

8. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

The City of Hobart utilises the workshop forum as allowed under the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* as a mechanism to receive information in relations to specific matter.

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

8.1 Business Events Tasmania - 2025-26 City Partnership Proposal **File Ref: F25/55634**

Report of the Manager Economic Development and Director Community and Economic Development of 11 August 2025 and attachments.

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 has two main purposes:
 - 1.1.1. To present Business Events Tasmania's (BET) performance during 2024-25 financial year (FY), against the terms of the 2024-25 Grant Agreement.
 - 1.1.2. To present Business Events Tasmania's funding submission for the 2025-26 FY (Attachment A) for discussion. Noting that this includes a request for a multi-year funding agreement.
- 1.2. BET representatives will attend the Hobart Workshop Committee to present on the above matters.
- 1.3. The report proposes that Council enter a one-year partnership with Business Events Tasmania for 2025-26, and 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.
- 1.4. This report is for workshopping by the Hobart Workshop Committee, with a follow up report to be provided to Council at its meeting of 25 August 2025, that will seek Council endorsement of the following 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. Workshop Purpose

- 2.1. For the Hobart Workshop Committee to review this report, titled *Business Events Tasmania – 2025-26 City Partnership Proposal*, and the accompanying presentation.

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. Business events underpin knowledge creation and in exchange attract global talent, encourage trade and investment, nurture collaboration, foster innovation and provide social benefits.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. 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	\$80,000 (recommended)

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

3.5. BET received their funding from the following sources during the 2023-24 financial year:

3.5.1. State Government Grants: \$860,000

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

3.5.2.1. 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.

3.5.3. Member Subscriptions: \$182,454

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

3.6. 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

3.7. 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.

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

3.8. 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.

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

- 3.9.1. 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.
- 3.9.2. To heighten awareness of Business Events to be held in the Hobart Local Government Area.
- 3.9.3. 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.
- 3.9.4. 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.
- 3.10. Provided below is a summary of how BET have addressed the 'Approved Purpose' requirements:
- 3.10.1. 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.
- 3.11. 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.

Financial Year	City Funding (excluding GST)	CoH Target Bid Wins	Actual Bids Won	Delegates	Estimated Economic Impact
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

- 3.12. To heighten awareness of Business Events to be held in the Hobart Local Government Area, and promotion of Hello Hobart and the TTIC.
- 3.12.1. 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.

- 3.12.2. 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.
 - 3.12.2.1. All business events align to the City Economy Strategy priority – Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business.
 - 3.12.2.2. 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.
 - 3.12.2.3. 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.
- 3.12.3. 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.
 - 3.12.3.1. BET built the questions requested by Council into their event participant surveys. The following represents a summary of the results.
 - 3.12.3.2. Feedback on experience in Hobart – 100% of respondents had a positive experience.
 - 3.12.3.3. 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.

- 3.12.3.4. In terms of revisiting in the future, research conducted separately demonstrated that 89% of delegates intend to return within 3 years after the event.
- 3.12.4. 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.
- 3.12.5. 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.
 - 3.12.5.1. BET secured 15 events aligned to this performance measure.
- 3.12.6. 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.
 - 3.12.6.1. 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.
- 3.12.7. 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.
 - 3.12.7.1. 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.
- 3.12.8. 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.
 - 3.12.8.1. 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.

- 3.12.9. 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.

- 3.12.9.1. 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

- 3.13. When the BET funding for 2024-25 was endorsed by Council, Council also resolved that (in part):

- 3.13.1. 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.

- 3.14. The following attempts to address the requirements of this review. The review of BET funding was not considered as part of a broader Funding Program review conducted by KPMG.

- 3.15. 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.

- 3.15.1. 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.

- 3.16. 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.

- 3.17. 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.
- 3.18. 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.
- 3.19. 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.
- 3.20. 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

- 3.21. BET has provided its Annual Funding Submission for the 2025-26 financial year (Attachment A).
- 3.22. In short, BET is requesting the same amount of \$80,000 (excl. GST) in 2025-26 as they were provided in 2024-25.
- 3.23. 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.
- 3.24. 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).

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. 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.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. 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.*

- 5.2. 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.*

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

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

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.

6.2. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result

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

6.3. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result

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

6.4. Asset Related Implications

6.4.1. There are no asset related implications.

6.5. City Economy Strategy:

6.5.1. 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.

6.6. Economic Impact:

6.6.1. 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.

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

7.1. 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.

- 7.2. Utilising strong lines of communications and relationships with event organisers and accommodation providers, BET actively encourages sustainability practices.
- 7.3. BET has implemented a mandate that all staff are to use electric vehicles for any intrastate travel, where possible.
- 7.4. 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.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. 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.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 9.1. 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.





Nick McGuire
**MANAGER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 11 August 2025
File Reference: F25/55634

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

8.2 Taste of Summer - 2025-26 Sponsorship Proposal
File Ref: F25/48130

Report of the Manager Creative City and Director Community and Economic Development of 11 August 2025 and attachments.

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. Taste of Summer representatives will attend the Hobart Workshop Committee to present on the above matters.
- 1.6. This report is for workshopping by the Hobart Workshop Committee, with a follow up report to be provided to Council at its meeting of 25 August 2025, that will seek Council endorsement of the following 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. Workshop Purpose

- 2.1. For the Hobart Workshop Committee to review the report titled *Taste of Summer – 2025-26 Sponsorship Proposal*, and the accompanying presentation and provide feedback.

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. Previously run as the Taste of Tasmania by the City of Hobart, the event remains a significant driver of the local economy.
- 3.2. First established in 1988, the Taste of Tasmania quickly became a key event on Tasmania's social calendar, and now holds the title of Australia's longest running food and wine festival.
- 3.3. Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2024-25 post event report is included at **Attachment B**.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. 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	\$65,000 (recommended)

- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. 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.
- 3.9. 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.
- 3.10. 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.
- 3.11. The benefits to the City will be subject to final negotiation with Pinpoint Group however based on last year's agreement will include:
 - 3.11.1. Exclusive naming rights for the City of Hobart Community Day, to be held on 31 December 2025.
 - 3.11.2. 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.
 - 3.11.3. 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.
 - 3.11.4. The option to supply official quotes in Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival media releases.

- 3.11.5. 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.
- 3.11.6. A number of multi-day entry passes to Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.
- 3.11.7. A number of tickets per day permitting entry into the Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.
- 3.11.8. A number of tickets to the New Year's Eve ticketed event at the Tasmania's Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival.
- 3.12. While specific details of the festival's scope are being finalised, key highlights include an expanded market precinct utilising Salamanca Lawns and Princess Wharf 1, local artists and stalls, and New Years Eve program.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. Pinpoint Group's Event Management Plan will be reviewed by the City of Hobart's Risk and Audit officers to ensure that:
 - 4.2.1. The use of Council venues complies with safety requirements.
 - 4.2.2. The use of Council equipment in the Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival's proposed venues complies with safety requirements.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. The Taste of Summer 2025-26 event is required to comply with:
 - 4.4.1. *City of Hobart Public Spaces By-law No.4 of 2018*
 - 4.4.2. *City of Hobart Single-use Plastic By-law 2020*
 - 4.4.3. *City of Hobart Waste Management By-law No.3 of 2018*

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. 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.

- 5.2. Hobart a community vision for our Island.
- 5.3. As part of requirements of State funding, Taste of Summer aligns with Tasmanian Events Strategy 2023-27, and 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy Tasmania.

6. Financial Viability

- 6.1. Pinpoint Group has requested support for the Taste of Summer 2025-26 festival for Council consideration.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. 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, as per the 2024-25 arrangements.
- 6.4. The proposed cash contribution of \$65,000 (excluding GST) has been budgeted for and is considered appropriate.
- 6.5. 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.

6.6. Financial Considerations:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue				
Expenditure				
Operating	-\$465			
Capital				
Total Expenditure				
Net Cost	-\$465			
FTE Impact				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE	0			

6.7. City Economy Strategy:

6.7.1. 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.

6.8. Economic Impact:

6.8.1. 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.

6.8.2. 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.

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

6.9. 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.

Summary of In-Kind Support Items (2024-25)	Value
Former Taste of Tasmania equipment 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
City of Hobart fabrication crew 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
Road closure permit 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
Venue hire Salamanca Lawns zones 1-4 In-kind support excludes cost of site bond of \$15,000 which will be the responsibility of Pinpoint Group for payment.	\$18,191.00
Civic banner hire 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
Car parking 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. 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
City of Hobart Nursery provision Hire and delivery costs, as well as regular watering.	\$20,000.00
Total	\$ 390,000.00

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

- 7.1. Events or activities that the City delivers are required to align with the objectives of the City of Hobart Waste Management Strategy 2015-30.
- 7.2. 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.

- 7.3. In particular, participants and contractors must outline their commitment to sustainable events, certified compostable food packaging and reducing waste to landfill.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. The Event is free of single use plastics.
- 7.6. Ticketing and event information is digital, with paperless ticketing.
- 7.7. Taste 'keep cups' are available for purchase throughout the festival.
- 7.8. Used cooking oil is turned into Biofuel by Belgrove Distillery at Kempton.
- 7.9. 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.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 8.1. Officers have engaged internally to connect event organisers to all relevant areas for engagement, permissions, media and so on.
- 8.2. A Media and Communications Strategy, and Community Engagement strategy will be developed in consultation with Taste of Summer.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. Beyond its economic benefits, Taste of Summer/PinPoint Group remains dedicated to fostering sustainability, inclusivity, and meaningful engagement with the greater Hobart community.
- 8.5. A media and communications strategy will be developed in consultation with Taste of Summer.
- 8.6. 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.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 9.1. 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.

- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. 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.




Justyne Wilson
MANAGER CREATIVE CITY



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 11 August 2025
File Reference: F25/48130

Attachment A: City of Hobart Proposal letter_ToS 2025 (Supporting information) 

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

8.3 South Hobart Area Briefing
File Ref: F25/49683

Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 8 July 2025.



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

South Hobart Area Briefing

A briefing on the South Hobart area will be provided at the Hobart Workshop and will include an update on:

- Current works and completed projects
- Upcoming works and projects

Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting to hear about what the City of Hobart is doing in the South Hobart area.

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: 8 July 2025
File Reference: F25/49683

8.4 Draft Open Space Strategy
File Ref: F25/53712

Report of the Manager Open Space and Director Infrastructure and Assets of 13 August 2025 and attachments.

REPORT TITLE: DRAFT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Manager Open Space
Director Infrastructure and Assets

1. Report Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present the draft City of Hobart Open Space Strategy 2025-35 (draft strategy) for review with the aim to seek approval to commence community engagement on the draft strategy.

2. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 2.1. The development of an open space strategy for Hobart aligns with several of the outcomes and strategies in the City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2023.
- 2.1.1. The draft strategy is intended to guide the provision and management of existing open spaces and the delivery of new and improved open spaces to meet the needs of Hobart's residents and visitors, now and into the future.
- 2.1.2. The draft strategy focuses on parks and bushland and the infrastructure within these areas of open space.
- 2.1.3. is 'Our open spaces are balanced for people and nature, they enhance the health and wellbeing of current and future communities and help mitigate the effects of climate change'.
- 2.1.4. The draft strategy includes five principles and supporting goals, and a proposed hierarchy for Hobarts parks and large areas of bushland.
- 2.1.5. The implementation plan for the draft strategy includes 42 actions that will help to deliver the goals. These actions will be subject to periodic review to ensure that they reflect the priorities at time of review.
- 2.1.6. The draft strategy incorporates feedback from an elected member workshop in November 2024 and the open space survey community engagement in March 2024.

3. **Workshop Purpose**

That:

- 1. The Hobart Workshop Committee review and provide feedback on the draft City of Hobart Open Space Strategy shown at Attachment B.***
- 2. The draft City of Hobart Open Space Strategy would then be subject to a public engagement process prior to being presented back to the Council for approval.***

4. **Discussion and Background**

- 4.1. The development of an open space strategy for Hobart is an outcome of the City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2023, which reflects the community's values and aspirations in the document Hobart: A Community Vision for Our Island Capital.
- 4.2. Open spaces are vital for a thriving and connected community, as they encourage people to be outside in nature, exercise, and enjoy recreation, all of which improve health and wellbeing.
- 4.3. In 2024, we undertook a survey to find out what people love about Hobart's open spaces. We asked why they visit them, what is important in them and what they want to see more of in our open spaces.
- 4.4. We received over 300 responses to our survey and nearly 1500 visits to our project page. We were informed by what people value in our parks and bushland areas, and what they want to see more of in these open spaces in the future.
- 4.5. We used the feedback from the open space survey to inform the draft strategy.
- 4.6. Elected Members may recall the workshop, in November 2024, where we discussed the draft strategy. We have incorporated the feedback we received at this workshop into this revised document and made a number of other improvements.
- 4.7. Our open spaces are balanced for people and nature, they enhance the health and wellbeing of current and future communities and help mitigate the effects of climate change'.
- 4.8. Under the draft strategy, Hobart's open spaces will continue to provide a place where residents and visitors of all ages and abilities can participate in leisure and recreation.
- 4.9. Hobart's open spaces will always be havens for nature and our bushland areas and parks have an important role in mitigating the impacts of climate change.

- 4.10 The City will work with traditional owners to acknowledge Country and with all local community groups to maintain the places that provide Hobart with its natural identity, character, and sense of place.
- 4.11 The draft strategy positions the City of Hobart to address major trends and opportunities such as climate change, our ageing population, and changes in the way people use their leisure time, which will influence how Hobart's open spaces are used now and into the future.
- 4.12. The draft strategy includes Principles, Goals, and Actions which will require implementation to achieve its intent. The five principles and the goals are summarised below:
- 4.12.1. **Accessible and Inclusive:** Increasing the amount of accessible and inclusive open spaces for people of all abilities, ages and cultures to use them for recreation and leisure.
- Goal 1.1 Open spaces that can be accessed and enjoyed by everyone in the community.
- Goal 1.2 Welcoming for people of all ages.
- Goal 1.3 Safe Places.
- 4.12.2. **Nature Positive:** Hobart is uniquely entwined with its natural environment. Our natural surroundings define the character and identity of our city.
- Goal 2.1 Nature is secure and flourishing.
- Goal 2.2 Resilient open spaces mitigate climate change impacts.
- Goal 2.3 Nature threads through our city.
- 4.12.3. **Cultural:** Our open spaces are welcoming locations for ideas to generate, somewhere to celebrate and places to experience art and performance.
- Goal 3.1 People can engage with Tasmanian Aboriginal culture in open spaces.
- Goal 3.2 Contemporary cultural heritage.
- Goal 3.3 A place for gatherings and social events.
- 4.12.4. **Health and Wellbeing:** Open space provides significant mental and physical health benefits by providing a place to exercise, a space for contemplation and relaxation in natural surrounds, and opportunities for community interaction.
- Goal 4.1 Our open spaces benefit human health.
- Goal 4.2 Spaces for connection and contemplation.
- Goal 4.3 Facilitating active travel.

- 4.12.5. **Quality and Quantity:** The continued provision of open space of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

Goal 5.1 Meet the needs of residents and visitors now and into the future.

Goal 5.2 Our open spaces are carefully planned.

Goal 5.3 New and upgraded open spaces utilise sustainable design principles.

- 4.13. Also included in the draft strategy is the proposed hierarchy for Hobart's open space.
- 4.14. The hierarchy recognises that parks and bushland areas within the City's network of open spaces operate at different levels and generally service different-sized catchments but also that Hobart is an established city with a huge range of existing open spaces.
- 4.15. The hierarchy details the different levels of open space, a theoretical description of the open spaces at that level of the hierarchy and a desired proximity standard for the type of open space. For example, a desired proximity standard is that a local park is provided within 400m of most dwellings.
- 4.16. The position of the park or major bushland area within the hierarchy of the open space will influence the amenities on offer and the anticipated amount of resources needed for that open space. This information is detailed in Appendix 2 of the draft strategy, in the Open Space Provision Standards.
- 4.17. In the section, Parks near people-filling in the gaps, we include analysis of the current gaps in the network of parks. We include an action, in the implementation plan, that we undertake further, more detailed, analysis on the likely future demand for open space including identifying and prioritising existing gaps in the network.
- 4.18. The draft strategy is supported by the implementation plan which details the actions we propose to undertake to achieve the principles and goals of the strategy.
- 4.19. These actions exclude the business-as-usual work undertaken to manage and maintain Hobarts open space.
- 4.20. Currently proposed actions under the principle Accessible and Inclusive include:
- 4.20.1. Developing a program of work to improve the accessibility of our open spaces.
- 4.20.2. A Playground Action Plan.

- 4.20.3. Assessment of facilities and equipment for older children and teenagers – such as skate parks, basketball half courts and pump tracks.
- 4.20.4. Improving lighting in open space active travel corridors.
- 4.21. Currently proposed actions under the principle Nature Positive include:
 - 4.21.1. Creating a biodiversity-centred 'welcome information pack' for new residents in key, high value conservation areas.
 - 4.21.2. Planning for a flagship urban ecological restoration project.
 - 4.21.3. Plant species lists and guidelines for climate appropriate plantings on private and City of Hobart land.

Currently proposed actions under the principle Cultural include:

- 4.21.4. Establishing a partnership with Pakana Rangers to support shared learning and participation in on-ground land management activities across Hobart's natural areas.
 - 4.21.5. Reviewing the use of the Cenotaph and Regatta grounds to determine the suitability of use for parking and events.
- 4.22. Currently proposed actions under the principle Health and Wellbeing include:
 - 4.22.1. The establishment of a Parkcare program that allows members of the community to become part of a group that helps maintain a park in their area.
 - 4.22.2. Developing a recreational track and trail action plan to improve Hobarts recreational track and trail network.
 - 4.22.3. Installing a 'Happy to Chat' bench to help encourage community interaction.
- 4.23. Currently proposed actions under the principle Quality and Quantity include:
 - 4.23.1. Planning for how we can provide future open space to ensure everyone has access to open space in accordance with the desired proximity standards in the hierarchy.
 - 4.23.2. Investigating options for the provision of new open space in the Central Hobart Plan and North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan areas.
 - 4.23.3. A plan that identifies visitor facility needs across our five major bushland parks/ reserves.

- 4.24. These actions might change or be added to following community feedback.
- 4.25. The final implementation actions in an adopted strategy will direct our annual priorities for open spaces and will be a mechanism through which we will monitor our progress towards achieving our strategic goals.

5. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 5.1. It is not anticipated that there are any specific legal, risk and legislative issues that apply to the proposed endorsement of the draft strategy for community engagement.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The development of an open space strategy for Hobart is an outcome of the City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2023, which reflects the community's values and aspirations in the document *Hobart: A Community Vision for Our Island Capital*.

- 6.2. The draft strategy aligns with many of the strategic outcomes in the Capital City Strategic Plan 2023 with those of particular relevance including:

- 6.2.1. Sense of Place

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

- Outcome: 1.2 Hobart's cityscape reflects the heritage, culture and natural environment that make it special.

- 6.2.2. Community Inclusion, Participation and Belonging

- Outcome: 2.1 Hobart is a place that recognises and celebrates Tasmanian Aboriginal people, history and culture, working together towards shared goals.

- Outcome: 2.3 Hobart communities are active, have good health and wellbeing and are engaged in lifelong learning.

- Outcome 2.4 Hobart communities are safe and resilient, ensuring people can support one another and flourish in times of hardship.

6.2.3. Movement and Connectivity

Outcome 5.2 Hobart has effective and environmentally sustainable transport systems.

6.2.4. Natural Environment

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

Outcome 6.2 Education, participation, leadership and partnerships all contribute to Hobart's strong environmental performance and healthy ecosystems.

Outcome 6.4 Hobart is a leader on climate change moving toward a zero emissions and climate-resilient city.

Outcome 6.5 Hobart's bushland, parks and reserves are places for sport, recreation and play.

6.3. The draft strategy has been designed to be consistent with several planning and land use documents produced for Tasmania that guide land use and resources.

6.4. These documents include various mechanisms to manage growth and change that seek to create healthy communities with adequate access to public open space for sport and recreation and deliver environmental sustainability in Tasmania. Of note are the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-2035 (currently being reviewed), the Tasmanian Open Space Policy and Planning Framework, the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan.

7. Financial Viability

7.1. Financial Considerations:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue				
Expenditure				
Operating				
Capital		74	74	150
Total Expenditure				
Net Cost				

FTE Impact				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

- 7.1.1. The majority of the actions in the draft strategy will be delivered internally by the Open Space Group. Some project/program funding will be required.
- 7.1.2. Based on the actions currently in the draft strategy the estimated funding required over the 10 year life of the strategy is \$1.2m.
- 7.1.3. The actions in the draft strategy are proposed to be delivered in the short term, medium term, long term, or ongoing across the life of the strategy.
- 7.1.4. Short term actions to be delivered in the first two years of an adopted strategy are estimated to be \$148,000.
- 7.1.5. Ongoing actions to be delivered over the life of an adopted strategy and funded from Open Space Group operational budgets are estimated at \$75,000.
- 7.1.6. Medium term actions to be delivered in the first 5 years of an adopted strategy are estimated at \$615,000.
- 7.1.7. Long term actions to be delivered in the 5 to 10 year timescale of an adopted strategy are estimated at \$200,000.
- 7.1.8. Additional funding needs for larger projects or infrastructure improvements will be considered as part of the annual budget cycle.
- 7.2. City Economy Strategy:
 - 7.2.1. This proposal aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the City of Hobart City Economy Strategy 2023 – 2028:
 - 7.2.2. Plan for our collective social, economic and environmental prosperity.
 - 7.2.3. Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business.
 - 7.2.4. Promote and leverage Hobart's uniqueness and celebrate the Hobart Difference.

7.3. Economic Impact:

- 7.3.1. Hobart's open spaces attract tourists and visitors whose spending provides economic benefit to local businesses who employ local people creating a local multiplier effect.
- 7.3.2. Our urban parks are frequently used for open air events such as markets and festivals. The hiring out of these parks for cultural events such as Dark Mofo and Street Eats, brings substantial numbers of visitors into the city, enhances the recreation and visitor experience, as well as providing a source of income to business and the City of Hobart.
- 7.3.3. Our bushland areas and tracks host a variety of recreation events for local and visitors including Kunanyi Mountain Run, Point to Pinnacle and Tas Gravity Enduro. These events attract visitors from interstate and overseas bringing money into the Tasmanian economy.

7.4. Consultants

- 7.4.1. The draft strategy has been developed by City of Hobart officers.
- 7.4.2. The draft strategy has been designed by City of Hobart officers.
- 7.4.3. A consultancy has been agreed for community engagement with Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

8. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

- 8.1. The City of Hobart has committed to lead on climate change by working with community to move toward a zero emissions and climate-resilient future.
- 8.2. Hobart's open spaces have a key role to play in delivering priorities and action in the 2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy. In particular, priority 5 'A green city where nature and people thrive'.
- 8.3. Climate change, climate resilience, and sustainability are key themes within the draft strategy and in the current work of the City's Open Space Group.
- 8.4. The draft strategy includes goals to create resilient open spaces and mitigate climate change impacts, facilitate active travel, and utilise sustainable design principles.
- 8.5. Many of the actions in the draft strategy have been developed with sustainability and future proofing as a core consideration.

9. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 9.1. The first round of engagement was in March 2024.
 - 9.1.1. We asked the community what they love about Hobarts open spaces, why they visit them, what is important in them, and what they want to see more of in our open spaces.
 - 9.1.2. We promoted the survey at the Picnic at Legacy Park event and spoke with community members.
 - 9.1.3. We promoted the survey on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.
 - 9.1.4. Emails were sent to established lists including registered users of Your Say Hobart, Bushcare and Trackcare volunteers, as well as sports and recreational groups.
 - 9.1.5. Posters promoting the online engagement opportunity were erected at key green open spaces.
 - 9.1.6. A variable message sign board promoting the online engagement opportunity was set up at the entrance to Wellington Park.
 - 9.1.7. Local schools were notified of the online engagement opportunity and were encouraged to promote this in their school newsletters. Posters were put up at YouthARC and promoted on YouthARC's social media.
 - 9.1.8. We featured on local radio, television, and in The Mercury.
 - 9.1.9. We received over 300 responses to our survey.
 - 9.1.10. We received nearly 1500 visits to our project page.
 - 9.1.11. We were informed by what people value in our open spaces and what they would like to see more of in open spaces, in the future.
- 9.2. We consulted with key internal stakeholders across the City of Hobart in October 2024.
- 9.3. We attended an Elected Members workshop in November 2024 and have amended the draft strategy to reflect feedback received.
- 9.4. After this workshop we propose to undertake another round of community engagement, which will include community consultation and targeted consultation with specific groups in accordance with the attached summary community engagement plan.
 - 9.4.1. We propose to undertake specific community consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

- 9.4.2. We will meet with the access advisory committee to discuss the suitability of a specific accessible community consultation event.
- 9.4.3. We will hold a targeted community consultation session with young people.

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.





Sean Black
MANAGER OPEN SPACE



David Reeve
**DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ASSETS**

Date: 13 August 2025
File Reference: F25/53712

Attachment A: Open Space Strategy Engagement Plan (Round 2) (Supporting information) 

Attachment B: Draft Open Space Strategy (Supporting information) 

8.5 DKHAC Update
File Ref: F25/59292

Report of the Business Manager Aquatic Centre and Director Community and Economic Development of 6 August 2025.



MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

DKHAC Update

REPORT PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of this memorandum report is to provide the Hobart Workshop Committee with an update on the operational improvements and capital projects at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC, the Centre), for Elected Member information and review.

WORKSHOP PURPOSE

For the Hobart Workshop Committee to receive this report, titled DKHAC Update, and accompanying presentation.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past 12 months, a series of enhancements have been implemented across DKHAC to improve service delivery and optimise resources, particularly in the commercial based activities being Learn to Swim and Health & Fitness.

- **Role re-structuring** has seen two senior roles removed contributing to a leaner organisational structure.
- **Program improvements** to the Learn to Swim program have improved efficiency, access and customer satisfaction.
- **Gym operations** have been optimised by better aligning staffing with peak usage times and member needs. The implementation of the trainer kiosk has enhanced accessibility and member engagement.

Future initiatives include the development of an Asset Management Plan and a Business Plan, both driven by community engagement. These plans aim to maximise facility utilisation and ensure long-term sustainability.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A status and budget update will be provided via presentation on the following key capital projects underway at DKHAC which includes.

- Main switchboard renewal
- Chemical bay delivery area
- Dali lighting tube replacement
- Spa, sauna, steam amenity-plant upgrade
- Car park license recognition system
- 50m pool movable bulkhead

ROOF RECTIFICATION WORKS

A status update will be provided via presentation on the planned roof rectification works at DKHAC, including the priorities, cost estimates and timelines.

NEXT STEPS

DKHAC is progressing several key initiatives:

- **Energy transition** – DKHAC is currently the highest user of gas within the City and we're aiming to transition away from gas as an energy source by leveraging the Community Energy Upgrades Fund to replace our aging heat pumps, reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency.
- **Car park improvements** – The car park receives the highest number of complaints for DKHAC. We're reviewing strategies to encourage participation during off peak times designed to reduce congestion and stop non-aquatic centre users from taking up spaces.
- **Financial sustainability** – Cost control and revenue growth is a daily focus for DKHAC. Over the next 12 months we will introduce a new leisure management system designed to improve the customer experience & improve efficiency.
- **Learn to Swim** – We will also continue to develop our Learn to Swim program by enhancing the program delivery, increasing enrolments and introducing a school swimming lesson program.

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



Nick Canals
**BUSINESS MANAGER AQUATIC
CENTRE**



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 6 August 2025
File Reference: F25/59292

9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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.

9.1 Recycle Walls

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 16 June 2025

9.2 Car Park Incidents

Memorandum of the Director Community and Economic Development of 21 July 2025

9.3 Second Generation Rodenticides

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 21 July 2025

9.4 Recording of Hobart Workshop Committees

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 21 July 2025

9.5 Security at Council and Committee Meetings

Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer of 21 July 2025



City of **HOBART**

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

RECYCLE WALLS

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 16 June 2025

Raised by: Lord Mayor – Councillor Reynolds

Question:

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

Response:

The Recycling Unit for Hard to Recycle Items at the Council Centre has been operating for approximately six years and continues to be immensely popular, receiving an average of 2.2 tonnes of recyclables from the community annually.

In the last three months 560.75kg of materials have been collected, including oral care products (32kg), E-waste (306.41kg), mobile phones (5.3kg), and batteries (53.76kg). The unit is serviced weekly by the external provider Recycle Smart.

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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David Reeve
**DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ASSETS**

Date: 4 August 2025
File Reference: F25/47019; 13-1-10



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

CAR PARK INCIDENTS

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 21 July 2025

Raised by: Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds

Question:

In our multi-storey car parks:

How often do CoH carpark staff need to put out witches hats to warn users of long cars?

What is the crash history in our multi-storey car parks?

How many complaints do we receive about people not being able to get into cars because of large vehicles creating problems?

Response:

Officers estimate that, on average, witches hats are placed once a week for those vehicles protruding into the traffic lane by one third or more. Recently, our Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader Car Park Operations were taking photographs of overlength vehicles and noticed that two (2) or three (3) vehicles daily, from each car park, protrude into the lane, in some cases because they hadn't driven all the way to the wheel stop / rear of the space.

Officers estimate that, on average, they may receive two (2) to three (3) complaints per week for overlength vehicles in each of the City's three multi-storey car parks.

Major accidents that the City provides a response to are recorded in the City's incident management system. In the past 12 months there has been one significant

accident, which occurred in the City's Centrepont Car Park, where the driver of the vehicle hit the accelerator rather than the brake, and crashed into a wall.

Customers also report minor parking incidents to the cashiers, however these are not formally recorded. Officers estimate that there is, on average, one incident per month in Argyle Street Car Park, one incident every other month in Centrepont Car Park, and one incident quarterly in Central. This is attribute to the volume of vehicles using each car park.

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.



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 5 August 2025
File Reference: F25/55839



City of **HOBART**

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

SECOND GENERATION RODENTICIDES

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 21 July 2025

Raised by: Councillor Bill Harvey

Question:

Can we confirm the City does not use second generation rodenticides?

Response:

Flick is the City's contracted pest control provider, responsible for managing rodent activity across multiple Council sites. Their approach prioritises environmentally responsible practices, with a strong emphasis on non-chemical methods wherever feasible. Under the current contract, the use of second-generation rodenticides is strictly prohibited due to their well-documented risks to wildlife and pets.

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.

David Reeve
**DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ASSETS**

Date: 30 July 2025
File Reference: F25/55859



MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS

RECORDING OF HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEES

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 21 July 2025

Raised by: Councillor Louise Elliot

Question:

Is the recording of the Hobart Workshop Committee audio only and can video recording also be considered along with the possibility of having meetings conducted and recorded in the Chamber?

Response:

The Local Government meeting regulations were recently changed from 'may determine that an audio recording is made of a meeting' to 'is to make, as a minimum, an audio recording of a meeting'.

To visually record Council Workshops, the Workshops would need to be relocated to the Council Chamber as the City does not currently have the ability to record outside of this facility. However, it is considered that relocating Workshops to the Council Chamber is a move away from the true 'workshopping' needs of the Council.

The City is open to continuing this discussion with the Council and will complete a 12-month review with the visual recording to be included as part of that review.

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: 31 July 2025
File Reference: F25/55869



MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS

SECURITY AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting: Hobart Workshop Committee

Meeting date: 21 July 2025

Raised by: Councillor Gemma Kitsos

Question:

Has there been any recent discussions around increasing security at meetings/should there be increased security at these meetings?

Response:

The Council has previously employed security guards to attend Council meetings as a measure to minimise the potential for security risks to be posed by members of the public attending Council meetings, however, there have been no incidences of genuine risk posed to Elected Members and or staff by members of the public attending Council meetings in recent years.

Where a risk is elevated due to the consideration of contentious matters, the Council could still engage security staff to attend meetings as a deterrent against any anti-social type behaviour. Council officers are reviewing building security arrangements in and around the Council Chambers following a discussion/request from Elected Members in July.

In addition, there is an Annual Plan priority to 'Develop a City of Hobart Security Plan that improves organisation wide clarity on the ownership of physical security, assets and policies.' A new Safe City Project Manager will commence in September to take the lead on developing the security review.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large 'M' followed by several loops and a final vertical stroke.

Michael Stretton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 6 August 2025
File Reference: F25/55873

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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 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 may be necessary to explain the question.

(3) The chairperson of a meeting must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.

(4) The chairperson, councillor or 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.

11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee resolve by 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 the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
- Indications of conflicts of interest
- Questions Without Notice
- Response to a closed Question Without Notice

The following items are listed for discussion:-

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Questions Without Notice
Item No. 5	Response to a closed Question Without Notice