



MINUTES

Open Portion
Monday, 24 November 2025
At 4.00pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall



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PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, 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:

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at 4.38pm, returning at 4.39pm.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 4.45pm, after declaring an interest in item 19, returning at 4.49pm.

Councillor Posselt left the meeting at 4.51pm, returning at 4.52pm.

Alderman Zucco left the meeting at 6.02pm, returning at 6.04pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

LOHBERGER
KITSOS

The Chairperson reports that she has perused the minutes of the meeting of the Open Portion of the Council meeting held on [Monday, 27 October 2025](#), finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The minutes were signed.

3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Are there any items, which the meeting believes, should be transferred from this agenda to the closed agenda or from the closed agenda to the open agenda, in accordance with the procedures allowed under Section 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*?

No items were transferred.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

No communication was received.

5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

Date: 10 November 2025
Purpose: Bloomberg Philanthropies City Leadership Program –
Presentation | Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium -
Macquarie Point Precinct Order and Council Role and
Responsibilities | Economic Development Delivery Framework

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

Apologies:
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds

Leave of Absence:
Alderman M Zucco

Date: 17 November 2025
Purpose: University of Tasmania – STEM Business Case – Presentation |
Sandy Bay Area Briefing | Bushfire Preparedness | Hobart
Housing Action Plan | Draft Hobart Inner City Housing Supply
Incentive Policy

Attendance:
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Councillor's W F Harvey, J L Kelly, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillor's R J Posselt, B Lohberger and G H Kitsos

Apologies:
Councillor M S C Dutta

Leave of Absence:
Alderman M Zucco

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 Public Questions

6.1.1 Chris Merridew - Green Waste Collection and Rate Remissions

Chris Merridew put the following questions which were taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

Question 1

A fire awareness in greater Hobart presentation was delivered at the recent Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting encouraging residents to clean up leaves and other green waste around their properties to reduce fire risk. Many residents don't have access to incinerators to burn off garden waste. Can Council consider re-instating green waste collection in line with green bin collection and also offering free tip fees for dropping off green waste at McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre, before the next fire season?

Question 2

Can Council consider a rates remission / or waiver of some of the rates on properties in the rental market when that rental agreement is subsidised by the federal government in rental support?

6.1.2 Chris Scanlon - Water Pollution Outside Property

Chris Scanlon put the following:

Question

When will Hobart City Council remedy pollution outside of my property?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he has personally been out and viewed the problem, it's resolution is not straight forward and has necessitated a lot of investigation. He is in the process of finalising some advice to Ms Scanlon, which has necessitated the need to obtain additional technical advice. Because of its complexity, it has taken more time to consider how to resolve.

6.1.3 Ed Swan - Dog Bite South Hobart Oval

Ed Swan Co-president South Hobart Football Club, put the following questions which were taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

Question 1

What action has the Council undertaken to ensure that this dog which has now attacked a person is not continuing to use the ground with the potential to cause harm to legitimate recreational users?

Question 2

Does Council believe that residents should be warned of the potential for future dog attacks?

Question 3

It appears that Council Officers have determined, in conjunction with insurers, that the risk of dog attacks is an acceptable risk that sports and recreational users of the oval must accept. In this case the bite injury is on the thigh of a grown adult. Are elected members happy to accept this risk position and will you still hold this position if this attack was to happen to a young child?

6.2 Responses to Public Questions Taken On Notice

POSSELT
HARVEY

That the responses to public questions taken on notice, marked as items 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

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

- 6.2.1 Gaza and the West Bank
- 6.2.2 Sudden Closure of South Hobart Oval

7. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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*.

No supplementary items were received.

8. INDICATIONS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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 the agenda.

The following was declared:

- Councillor Elliot Item 19.

9. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

OFFICER REPORTS

10. Cornelian Bay Water Quality
File Ref: F25/67247

POSSELT
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 10 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

KELLY
ELLIOT

That the following additional clause 3 be added:

3. *With the aim of allowing swimming at Cornelian Bay, that a study as to the condition of the sand and any possible contaminants that are below the existing layer of sand be undertaken, noting that the water quality may be deemed acceptable for the swimming however the sand may well not be.*

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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**SUBSTANTIVE
MOTION CARRIED**

VOTING RECORD

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council note that water quality in Cornelian Bay will be monitored during the upcoming recreational water sampling summer program from December to March, and
2. The results will be reviewed at the conclusion of the program with findings expected to guide the focus of any further investigative effort in relation to swimming sites, in alignment with the developing Cornelian Bay Masterplan.
3. With the aim of allowing swimming at Cornelian Bay, that a study as to the condition of the sand and any possible contaminants that are below the existing layer of sand be undertaken, noting that the water quality may be deemed acceptable for the swimming however the sand may well not be.

11. City of Hobart Unsolicited Proposals Policy
File Ref: F25/75707

POSSELT
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 11 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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Lord Mayor Reynolds
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NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The report 'City of Hobart Unsolicited Proposals Policy' be received and noted.
2. The Council adopt the City of Hobart Unsolicited Proposals Policy marked as Attachment A to item 11 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any administrative changes required to finalise the City of Hobart Unsolicited Proposals Policy and arrange for it to be made available from the City's website.

12. Memorandum of Understanding - Macquarie Point Precinct Order
File Ref: F25/84590; 16/119

LOHBERGER
POSSELT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 12 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

KITSOS
HARVEY

That the matter be deferred, to obtain legal advice and return it to Council for further consideration, subject to it being passed by the upper house of State Parliament.

PROCEDURAL
MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the matter be deferred, to obtain legal advice and return it to Council for further consideration, subject to it being passed by the upper house of State Parliament.

13. Proposed Lease Renewal - 20 Creek Road, Lenah Valley - Langford Support Services
File Ref: F25/79050

HARVEY
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 13 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council grant a lease of 20 Creek Road, Lenah Valley, as shown on the plan marked as Attachment A to item 13 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, to Langford Support Services Inc for a term of three (3) years together with an option for a further term of two (2) years.
2. The initial rent for the lease is to be \$38,000 (plus GST) per annum, indexed annually by Hobart CPI and a market review is to be undertaken on the exercise of the option.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and agree to the final terms of the lease.

14. Cultural Park and North Hobart Skate Park - Crown Lease Renewal
File Ref: F25/82027

POSSELT
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 14 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council approve the renewal of the Crown Lease for Cultural Park and the North Hobart Skate Park as shown in Attachment A to item 14 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, for a term of 10 years with a 10-year option.
2. The Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve the renewal of Crown Leases and Licences when no changes to land use is proposed.

15. Conflict of Interest Advisory Panel - Response to Notice of Motion
File Ref: F25/81899

HARVEY
POSSELT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 15 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. Council note the advice contained within the report; and
2. Council note that the objects of the resolution dated 29 August 2022 have already been given effect by the approval of the Model Dispute Resolution Policy and an informal process implemented by the Manager Legal and Corporate Governance.

**16. TasWater - Price and Services Plan 5 - Letter of Support Request
File Ref: F25/83666**

KITSOS
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 16 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council provide a letter in support of TasWater's Price and Services Plan 5.
2. Subject to Council endorsement, the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to provide the letter to TasWater.

17. 2024-25 Financial Statements
File Ref: F25/78276

HARVEY
BLOOMFIELD

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 17 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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NOES

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council note in accordance with section 84(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* that the Chief Executive Officer tabled the certified financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

18. 2025-26 Capital Works Program Report as at 30 September 2025
File Ref: F25/79364

BLOOMFIELD
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 18 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the report titled '2025-26 Capital Works Program Report as at 30 September 2025', dated 5 November 2025, be noted.

Councillor Elliot declared an interest in item 19 and left the meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**19. Code of Conduct Determination Report
Councillor Mike Dutta v Councillor Louise Elliot
File Ref: F25/70353**

COATS
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 19 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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Lord Mayor Reynolds
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NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council receive and note the Code of Conduct Determination Report in respect to a complaint lodged by Councillor Mike Dutta against Councillor Louise Elliot, shown as Attachment A to item 19 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

20. Council Restructure and Amalgamation
FILE REF: F25/84219

Alderman Marti Zucco

Motion

“That:

1. The Hobart City Council further endorse council amalgamations in accordance with the current State Government policy as per Councils pursuing voluntary amalgamations and that;
2. The Hobart City Council write to the Glenorchy City Council to initiate preliminary discussions with the intent to pursue and develop a voluntary amalgamation strategy consistent with the State Government policy.
3. The Council write to the Minister for Local Government advising that the Hobart City Council is willing to pursue a strategy for voluntary amalgamations, and seeking Government advice, assistance, funding, and incentives for any transition and implementation process.”

Rationale:

“The current Mayor of Glenorchy, Sue Hickey, has publicly stated her support for council amalgamations. Several Hobart City Council elected members have similar views. Considering this shared support across both councils, as well as recent discussion papers on local government reform, there is an opportunity to commence preliminary discussions aimed at amalgamating the two councils into a new Council of Clark.

It is my view that both the City of Hobart and the City of Glenorchy would retain their identities as cities within any new governance model under a Clark Council structure.

Tasmania currently has 29 general managers, some earning as much as, or more than, the Prime Minister, along with an extensive second and third tier of senior management that continues to grow. This duplication of bureaucracy is no longer fit for purpose.

The 1800s and 1900s era when people travelled long distances by horse and cart to deliver handwritten correspondence, is well behind us. The relics of that colonial past should also be left behind. Today's technologically advanced society enjoys the benefits of online meeting platforms such as Zoom and Teams, instant messaging, online banking, electronic transactions, and digital service delivery. In this context, the need for 29 separate councils is obsolete.

With a population of fewer than 600,000 people, it is unreasonable that Tasmania should continue operating under a governance model designed for a vastly different time, particularly when society is evolving rapidly.

Local councils were once responsible for services such as policing, water, and transport. Those services now sit with state or federal governments. Other current council responsibilities could likewise be redistributed if local government, as a tier, were abolished.

One option would be to expand the Service Tasmania model to manage the responsibilities currently undertaken by local councils.

In the crucial area of planning, a matter for which I have long advocated reform, Tasmania needs a state-based regional planning authority comprised of trained, independent experts who can make decisions free from political interference. This would mirror the TasWater model, which transitioned from a local government responsibility to a state-managed authority. Other functions previously overseen by local government, such as policing and transport, have already been shifted.

There is considerable overlap between state and local government responsibilities, leading to duplication and inefficiency. In recent years, during a Hobart City Council workshop, councillors were briefed by a Canberra-based international relations expert on matters more appropriately aligned with state or federal government responsibilities. Another example was a local government workshop on population growth occurring simultaneously with the Tasmanian Government's statewide population review. These examples highlight unnecessary duplication and suggest that local government is increasingly seeking relevance in areas beyond its proper scope.

In summary, this motion offers a practical and community-focused pathway toward a more efficient and responsive local government system. By opening voluntary amalgamation discussions with Glenorchy, the Hobart City Council shows it is willing to plan responsibly for the future, reduce unnecessary duplication, and direct savings back into the services residents' value most.

This approach reassures the public that local identity will be respected while ensuring ratepayers benefit from a modern, streamlined model that puts community outcomes ahead of bureaucracy. Taking the initiative now allows us to help shape reform in a

way that strengthens representation, improves service delivery, and builds a stronger, more sustainable future for all communities across the region.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

The Council most recently considered a potential amalgamation with the Glenorchy City Council during the Future of Local Government Review process (“the Review”) that was carried out by the State Government in 2023/24. In its final submission to the Review in February 2024 (attachment A), the Council formed the following view on the matter:

“Whilst supporting the need for reform of Local Government in Tasmania and welcoming updated legislation, investigating alternative service delivery models along with other initiatives detailed in the Final Report, the City has no evidence of Hobartians views on the option identified for council mergers.

Given this, the City’s submission does not provide any comment on the recommendation that amalgamation proposals be developed for the City of Hobart and Glenorchy City Council. As stated in our previous submissions we do recognise that Tasmania is not best served by 29 councils and some consolidation is required. If the other councils identified for voluntary amalgamation in the recommendation wish to do so the transition process must be adequately supported and resourced.

...In relation to the development of the amalgamation proposal for the City of Hobart and Glenorchy City Council, both councils are already working together on a range of initiatives such as the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership, the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor and the bushfire awareness project, Sparking Conversations, Igniting Action...”

The Council also framed up its expectation in respect to potential Council amalgamations in its August 2023 submission in respect to Stage 2 of the Review (attachment B):

“Any significant changes to council functions must be adequately planned, communicated, and funded by the State to provide certainty for council staff, Elected Members and the communities they represent.

The City does not have sufficient evidence outlining Hobartian views on council mergers to form an opinion on the proposed boundary alteration options and whilst the commitment has been provided that boundary changes will not be forcibly imposed, the City considers it very important that should the Board recommend boundary changes, the following is considered:

- *Any local government amalgamations must be presented as a merger and not an annexation; and it is crucial that financial sustainability of catchments be assessed to determine the suitability of amalgamation.*
- *It is critical that any proposed changes to council boundaries consider economic clusters of activity and their connections to the districts or precincts around them.*
- *It is vital that the important geographic area of Kunanyi/Mt. Wellington be managed by an authority with appropriate knowledge and experience of the mountain's conditions and risks.*
- *Maintaining community connections and sense of place will be vital in any proposed boundary changes – for example, the inclusion of a rural area within the boundary of a metropolitan area may have negative impacts on the identities and representation of both distinct communities.*
- *It is critical that any substantial changes made to local government functions whether it is boundary changes, mandated shared services or increased collaboration between councils, must be appropriately funded by the State."*

Many of the concerns and expectations of the Council that were raised in respect to the potential amalgamation with Glenorchy City Council remain. Specifically, there has not been any engagement completed to enable City of Hobart ratepayers to have their say on a potential amalgamation to properly inform the Council. Equally, since this time there has not been any specific investigations in respect to the Council's expectations around the assessment of financial catchments, consideration of economic clusters of activities and connections and maintaining community connections and sense of place. Investigations into the future management of Kunanyi/Mt. Wellington are in the process of being completed through the State Government's Strategic Review process.

It should also be noted that SGS Economics and Planning were engaged in 2015 to completed a Greater Hobart: Local Government Reform Feasibility Report (attachment C). This report, which was released in 2017, included examination of an option to amalgamate the City of Hobart and Glenorchy City Council. It stated: *"the merged entity (Hobart and Glenorchy) will have the ability to plan for growth, enhance the competitiveness of Greater Hobart and improve the liveability of the city and all its residents, and enhance advocacy and promotion of the city. The merged entity will be able to generate savings by eliminating duplication of services and improved efficiencies. Wards or community boards are an important means to ensure ongoing local representation during transition. The merger is accompanied by a Hobart Capital City Act that recognises the role and responsibilities of the capital city and ensures commitment by local government and state government to deliver on a range of strategic objectives that are important to the prosperity of the city."* Ultimately, the report was not acted upon, and rather, the focus of the council's switched to the establishment of the Greater Hobart Act, Hobart City Deal, and the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership. The City Deal was officially signed on 24 February 2019 with the Council endorsing the Implementation Plan at its closed meeting on 23 September 2019.

A primary consideration for the Council at this juncture is the expectation that the State Government would need to provide adequate funding. Despite the motion's intent to "*seek Government advice, assistance, funding, and incentives for any transition and implementation process*", it is challenging for the State Government to allocate the necessary funds given its well-known budget constraints in the short to medium term.

Given the remaining unanswered questions from the Council's submissions to the Review, it seems prudent to request a comprehensive report from the CEO. This report should address the Council's outstanding concerns regarding a potential amalgamation with the Glenorchy City Council and outline a clear process for the Council to further deliberate on its position.

Should the Council support this direction, the CEO will collaborate with the Glenorchy City Council CEO to prepare a detailed report on the matter.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 8 - Governance and Civic Involvement

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

Strategy: 8.1.1 - 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.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: Not Applicable.

Policy: Not Applicable.

Financial Implications

1. Not Applicable.

Attachment A: Final Submission - Future of Local Government Review (Supporting information)

Attachment B: Stage 2 Submission - Future of Local Government Review (Supporting information)

Attachment C: Final Feasibility Report - Greater Hobart: Local Government Reform (Supporting information)

ZUCCO
COATS

That the motion be adopted.

HARVEY
POSSELT

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

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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MOTION

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That:

1. The Council commits to holding an elector poll on amalgamation of Glenorchy and Hobart Councils at the next Local Government Elections and respecting the result, contingent on Glenorchy City Council doing the same.
2. If Glenorchy Council commits to the above then the Council:
 - a. Request the Chief Executive Officers to prepare an evidence-based report on the potential implications, opportunities, and risks associated with voluntary council amalgamations, including consideration of the current State Government policy.
 - b. Include within the report an assessment of the feasibility, benefits, challenges, and community impacts of any potential amalgamation involving the City of Hobart and Glenorchy City Council.
 - c. Request that the report outline any legislative, financial, operational, and governance factors that would need to be examined prior to the Council forming a position on voluntary amalgamation.
 - d. Establish a funding arrangement MOU between the Councils and the State Government, with the State Government to bear the majority of costs associated with amalgamation of the two cities.
 - e. Write to the Glenorchy City Council and request that they participate in steps 2, a, b, c, and d.
 - f. Require that the report be presented to a Council workshop for discussion prior to any further decisions or correspondence being undertaken.

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

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 - c. Request that the report outline any legislative, financial, operational, and governance factors that would need to be examined prior to the Council forming a position on voluntary amalgamation.
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 - f. Require that the report be presented to a Council workshop for discussion prior to any further decisions or correspondence being undertaken.

21. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

POSSELT
DUTTA

That the following response to questions on notice, marked as item 21.1 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco
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NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the following response to questions on notice, marked as item 21.1 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 November 2025, be received and noted.

21.1 International and Interstate Travel

Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer of 19 November 2025.

Attachment

A Amended Response to Question

22. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

22.1 Councillor Elliot - Missing Travel

Question: Which trips were missed off the list in the response to a question on notice, listed as Agenda item 21 (of Open Council Agenda 24/11/2025)?

Response: The Lord Mayor took the question on notice.

22.2 Councillor Elliot - Council's Air Travel Policy

Question: Does the Council have a policy on air travel – not in addition to the Elected Member Development and Support Policy?

Response: The Lord Mayor confirmed that Council does not.

22.3 Councillor Elliot - Staff Attendance - Climate Events

Question: Listed as part of the question on notice response, item 21 (of the open Council Agenda 24/11/2025), how many staff attended the events or other events that are solely or predominately for the reason of saving the climate, and what has been the cost for staff to attend those events both interstate and international?

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

22.4 Councillor Elliot - Dog Signs

Question: Have officers considered putting up signage at the South Hobart Oval around 'Beware of the Dog' and 'Dog attacks happen in this area'?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that officers have not as they are currently looking at feedback provided in the submissions on the dog management plan that will come to Council at the next workshop. There hasn't been any consideration of additional signage at this point.

22.4 Councillor Kitsos - Salmon Farm Outbreaks

Question: Can we please test for florfenicol, (the antibiotic that has been used to deal with salmon disease outbreak) at our swimming beaches this summer; and can we make this information public?

Response The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

23. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

LOHBERGER
KITSOS

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
- Personal hardship
- Information relating to commercial arrangements
- Proposals for the Council in interest of land

The following items were discussed:-

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Council Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Communication from the Chairperson |
| Item No. 3 | Leave of Absence |
| Item No. 4 | Consideration of supplementary Items to the agenda |
| Item No. 5 | Indications of Conflicts of Interest |
| Item No. 6 | Office Accommodation Project
LG(MP)R 17(2)(g) |
| Item No. 7 | Outstanding Sundry Debts and Debt Write-Offs as at 30 September 2025
LG(MP)R 17(2)(g) |
| Item No. 8 | Questions without Notice |

MOTION CARRIED
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

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There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 6.31pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

CHAIRPERSON