



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

OPEN PORTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026
AT 4.00PM



The Mission

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

Our values

The Council is:



People

We care about people – our community, customers and colleagues.



Teamwork

We collaborate both within the organisation and with external stakeholders drawing on skills and expertise for the benefit of our community.



Focus and Direction

We have clear goals and plans to achieve sustainable social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Hobart community.



Creativity and Innovation

We embrace new approaches and continuously improve to achieve better outcomes for our community.



Accountability

We are transparent, work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.



Vision

Our vision, mission values Hobart:
A community vision for our island capital.



Hobart breathes.



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



We are brave and caring.



We resist mediocrity and sameness.



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



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



Elected Member Commitments*

Respectful and Cooperative Behaviour:

We will treat each other, staff, and stakeholders respectfully, fostering a collaborative environment.



Conduct and media use:

We will advocate using transparent, evidence-based arguments, respect majority decisions, avoid public criticism of employees, and maintain workplace safety by refraining from harmful communication.



We commit to acting respectfully, cooperatively, and with the city's best interests in mind.



Objective, evidence-based communication:

Our discussions and advocacy are grounded in reliable, shared evidence, avoiding personal attacks and promoting respectful debate before public commentary.

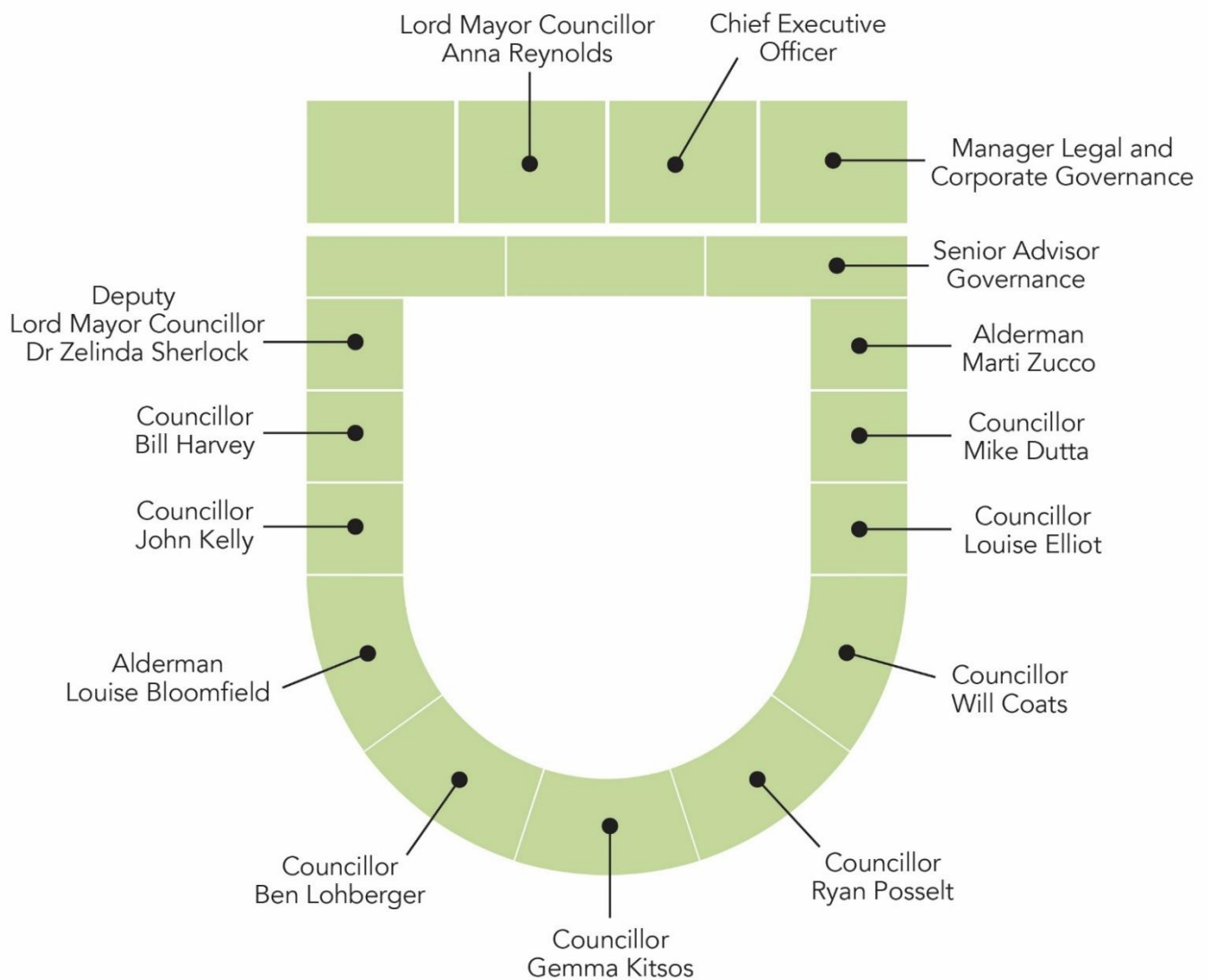


Roles and responsibilities:

We recognise our duty to represent our community while being accountable, engaging in critical debate and holding others to account respectfully.

*Endorsed by Council in February 2023 and recommitted to in February 2024





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**A MEETING OF THE OPEN PORTION OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026 AT
4.00PM.**

Michael Stretton
Chief Executive Officer

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

ELECTED MEMBERS:

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor W F Harvey
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor J L Kelly
Councillor L M Elliot
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger
Councillor W N S Coats
Councillor G H Kitsos

APOLOGIES:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Chairperson reports that she has perused the minutes of the meeting of the Open Portion of the Council meeting held on Monday, 15 December 2025, finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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: 19 January 2026

Purpose: Augusta Road / Elizabeth Street – Pedestrian, Bicycle, Public Transport and Urban Enhancement Planning Project | Twelve Month Review – Argyle and Campbell St Bike Lanes | Stormwater and Waterways Briefing | Future State of Car Parking in Hobart

Attendance:

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Alderman M Zucco, Councillor's W F Harvey, M S C Dutta, J L Kelly, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillor's R J Posselt, and B Lohberger

Apologies:

Councillors L M Elliot and G H Kitsos

Leave of Absence:

Nil

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

6.1 Public Questions

6.2 Responses to Public Questions Taken On Notice

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

6.2.1 Green Waste Collection and Rate Remissions File Ref: F25/93374

Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 23 December 2025.

Meeting date: 24 November 2025

Raised by: Chris Merridew

Response Author: Michael Stretton

Topic: **GREEN WASTE COLLECTION AND RATE REMISSIONS**

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?

Response 1:

The running of free green waste days at the landfill is a costly exercise due to the significant expenses associated with processing, the loss of revenue, and the additional administration and traffic management controls required to manage these events effectively.

The City of Hobart does not currently offer free green waste days and has not done so for several years, with the last occurrence being prior to the COVID period.

Preliminary estimates indicate that hosting a free green waste weekend would likely cost in the order of \$10,000–\$15,000, factoring in operational requirements and resource allocation.

While this initiative does have merit, unfortunately it cannot be undertaken in the short term. However, the City will explore its feasibility in the longer term. Officers will undertake a detailed analysis and provide a comprehensive report on this matter, including cost implications and potential options, for presentation to Council in the new calendar year for consideration.

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?

Response 2:

At present, the City does not have access to information that would allow identification of whether a property in the municipal area is rented or owner-occupied. This means we are unable to directly target rates relief based on rental arrangements or federal rental support.

However, I would like to highlight that the City has recently drafted the City of Hobart Housing Action Plan, which is scheduled for consideration at the December Council meeting of endorsement prior to its release for community engagement. The purpose of this Plan is to provide a clear and actionable framework for how the City can respond to Hobart's diverse housing needs, and to identify practical steps Council can take to support increased housing supply, affordability, and diversity within our local government area.

The Housing Action Plan builds on previous commitments, such as the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Commitment and the outcomes of the Hobart Housing Forum. It sets out nineteen new actions across themes including incentives, efficient regulatory processes, strategic land use planning, and working with the community. Following a recent Council motion, the Plan also includes the development of an incentives package for residential development in Central Hobart, which may encompass rates and fees incentives, application fee waivers, grants, and rates rebates.

The City continues to advocate for and support affordable and social housing and works collaboratively with other levels of government and stakeholders to address housing challenges. Council welcomes ongoing community input as we work towards practical solutions for housing affordability and supply.

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*.

8. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND 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 any item appearing on the agenda.

9. PETITIONS

OFFICER REPORTS

10. DKHAC - New Fees and Charges 2025-26
File Ref: F25/85958; 16/119

Report of the Business Manager, Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre and the Director Community and Economic Development of 19 January 2026.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: DKHAC - NEW FEES AND CHARGES 2025-26

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Business Manager, Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre
Director Community and Economic Development

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. A new Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) parking enforcement technology will soon be installed at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC, the Centre) to address parking issues at the Centre.
- 1.2. In 2024-25 financial year, 27% of the complaints received for DKHAC related to parking. This new technology will reinstate paid parking at the Centre, which is considered necessary to address ongoing concerns around the use of the DKHAC car park and availability of parking for members and other Centre users.
- 1.3. The purpose of this report is to present the new fees and charges associated with the new LPR parking enforcement technology for the 2025-26 financial year (FY) for formal adoption.
- 1.4. The revised parking structure is designed to improve access for members and guests, minimise unauthorised use and enhance compliance.
- 1.5. The structure supports the City's strategic pillar of encouraging community inclusion and participation, rewards loyalty and ensures DKHAC remains affordable for all users.

2. Recommendation

That the following 'schedule of proposed fees and charges' for parking at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre be adopted for the 2025-26 financial year:

Description	Fee – including GST
DKHAC Member Parking – 1 st – 3 rd Hours	First three hours free
DKHAC Member Parking – 4 th Hour	\$ 5.60
DKHAC Member Parking – 5 th Hour	\$ 11.20
DKHAC Member Parking – 6 th – 24 th Hours (and per 24 hour period thereafter)	\$ 60.00

DKHAC Casual User Parking – 1 st – 2 nd Hours	First two hours free
DKHAC Casual User Parking – 3 rd Hours	\$ 5.60
DKHAC Casual User Parking – 4 th Hours	\$ 11.20
DKHAC Casual User Parking – 5 th Hours	\$ 16.80
DKHAC Casual User Parking – 6 th – 24 th Hours (and per 24 hour period thereafter)	\$ 60.00
Unvalidated DKHAC Parking (per 24 hour period)	\$ 60.00

3. Discussion and Background

Previous parking fee structure

- 3.1. By way of background, the previous parking fee structure several years ago was:
 - 3.1.1. \$10 per hour for non-aquatic centre users (capped at \$30 per day)
 - 3.1.2. Free and unlimited for three (3) hours for members and casual users upon validation.
- 3.2. Whilst the free and unlimited parking for members strengthened member value and retention, the \$10 per hour for non-aquatic centre users was not enough of a deterrent.
- 3.3. The lack of differentiation between members and casuals for time allowances did not reward or recognise member loyalty.
- 3.4. These fees have not been collected since the boomgate and ticketing infrastructure was removed from the car park several years ago.

Proposed parking fee structure

- 3.5. Proposed members pricing
 - 3.5.1. Members are encouraged to attend the Centre frequently to improve physical and mental health and gain social and lifestyle benefits.
 - 3.5.2. Regular attendance has been proven to be one of the most sustainable ways to stay healthy and connected.

- 3.5.3. The standard swim/gym membership is over \$1,400 annually. It is considered that imposing car parking fees on top of membership fees for would put the total costs out of reach for many in the community with consequences being reduced member numbers and declining revenue.
- 3.5.4. Under the proposed pricing structure, active DKHAC members would receive up to three (3) hours of free parking per visit.
- 3.5.5. Free parking would be provided through a membership validation process upon entry.
- 3.5.6. This allowance would support:
- Swimming sessions
 - Swimming lessons
 - Gym workouts
 - Group fitness classes
 - Rehabilitation sessions
 - Family and recreational use

3.6. Proposed casual pricing

- 3.6.1. For casual users, the proposed parking costs are perceived as additional entry fees.
- 3.6.2. Under the proposed pricing structure, casual users would receive up to two (2) hours of free parking per visit.
- 3.6.3. Free parking would be provided through a validation process upon entry.
- 3.6.4. This allowance would support:
- Swimming sessions
 - Gym workouts
 - Group fitness classes
 - User group attendees
 - Event participants
 - School bookings
 - Family and recreational use

3.7. Proposed extended parking fees

- 3.7.1. The below fees include GST.
- 3.7.2. Following the free parking period for both members and casual users, an extended parking fee of \$5.60 per hour is proposed.

- 3.7.2.1. For members, \$5.60 per hour after three (3) hour free parking (maximum of an extra two (2) hours, for a total daily parking limit of five (5) hours).
 - 3.7.2.2. For casual users, \$5.60 per hour after two (2) hour free parking (maximum of an extra three (3) hours, for a total daily parking limit of five (5) hours).
 - 3.7.3. An hourly fee of \$5.60 (after the initial free period) is generally consistent with fees for metered parking in the remainder of the City. As such, it is considered a fair and effective approach to charging users.
 - 3.7.4. Should the five (5) hour daily limit be exceeded by either members or casuals, a total parking fee of \$60 will apply.
 - 3.7.5. A \$60 fee will apply to any parking that is not validated.
 - 3.7.6. A fee of \$60 for non-validated parkers, or for those who exceed five (5) hours, is considered an effective deterrent when compared to all day parking and infringement fees across the City.
- 3.8. Schedule of proposed fees and charges

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Key principles underpinning the proposed parking fee structure

3.9. The proposed parking fee structure has been developed to:

3.9.1. Preserve current participation

Ensuring the total cost of attending DKHAC remains affordable is essential for maintaining high levels of participation in all programs. Introducing parking fees that are too expensive creates a barrier to participation, especially for regular users who may choose not to renew their membership and consider other activities.

Reduced attendance over time leads to lower membership numbers, decreased membership revenue and lower secondary spend such as café/merchandise, diminished health outcomes and negative public sentiment.

3.9.2. A parking fee structure that is set too high can penalise the very people DKHAC exists to serve. A tiered validated parking approach can be effective in deterring non-centre users without driving away participants to ensure it remains welcoming, inclusive and well-utilised.

3.9.3. Reward loyalty

The proposed parking structure supports frequent visits and habit formation which is proven to deliver positive health outcomes.

Apart from cost savings for regular users, the free parking allowance is expected to reduce stress and friction points whilst improving the overall customer experience.

It is considered that rewarding existing customers can be a more cost effective than constantly attracting new members. Retaining members contributes substantially to the financial viability DKHAC.

3.9.4. Ensure equity for the Hobart community

The proposed pricing structure is designed to be fair, transparent, and considerate for the diverse needs of DKHAC users.

It will allow casual users reasonable free access and ensure that members receive additional benefit.

It has been developed with an understanding that DKHAC's regular users come from over 165 postcodes around Tasmania and car transportation is, for many, the only viable option.

3.9.5. Deter non-centre users

Research suggests that 14-17% of current car park visitors are non-centre users. The validation process and no validation parking fee will be a deterrent, improving access for DKHAC users.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 206, the City's Fees and Charges booklet will be updated to include the new fees and charges. The booklet is made available to the community from the City's website and the Customer Service Centre.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The setting of fees and charges align to Pillar 8 – Governance and Civic Involvement in the City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2023.

5.1.1. Specifically, that Hobart is a city that is well governed that recognises the community as an active partner that informs decisions; and

5.1.2. Hobart is a city that delivers public value and excellence by being a financially responsible, high performing and accountable organisation that is responsive to the needs of the community.

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Existing Revenue	0	0	0	0
Additional Revenue	\$11,664	\$36,740	\$38,576	\$40,505
Total Revenue	\$11,664	\$36,740	\$38,576	\$40,505
Expenditure				
Operating	9,824	23,578	23,578	23,578
Capital	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Net Cost	\$1,840	\$13,162	\$13,162	\$13,162

FTE Impact

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

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

- 6.1.1. There are currently no parking fees applied to the DKHAC car park. The existing revenue stream associated with the car park is through enforcement (parking infringements) and has not been calculated, as it is centrally collected under the City's parking operations.
- 6.1.2. The above revenue excludes GST and has been conservatively calculated, based upon the parking structure proposed in this report, together with several other considerations listed below.
 - Average stay for a family swim (2 x adults & 2 children) as most will exceed a two (2) hour stay.
 - % of casual swimmers who stay longer than two (2) hours (stay for a spa/sauna, family swim but did not purchase a family swim pass i.e, one child).
 - The odd parker who isn't deterred and pays the \$50.
 - Carnival and special events that are over several hours, some people will stay and pay.
- 6.1.3. The above revenue for the 2025-26 financial year assumes that the revised parking structure will be implemented by early March.
- 6.1.4. The revenue estimates for future financial years assumes 3% CPI increase per year.
- 6.1.5. The operating costs are estimates only and are based upon an agreement with the provider, which has not yet been finalised.
- 6.2. City Economy Strategy:
 - 6.2.1. This proposal aligns to the City Economy Strategy's third strategic pillar, "Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business."
- 6.3. Economic Impact:
 - 6.3.1. The new fees and charges will provide additional revenue to the City through parking fees however, more importantly, in deterring non-Centre users from parking at DKHAC, the revised parking structure will improve access and reduce congestion for members and visitors. The structure will preserve current participation and protect our membership base and revenue, avoid unintended penalties for the Centre's patrons, reward loyalty and support habit formation, and ensure equity across the Hobart community.
 - 6.3.2. It is expected that this will improve positive public sentiment of the City, supporting increased trust, community engagement and reduced complaints.

6.4. Consultants

6.4.1. No consultants were engaged in the preparation of this report.

7. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 7.1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 206, the City's Fees and Charges booklet will be updated to include the new fees and charges. The booklet is made available to the community from the City's website and the Customer Service Centre.
- 7.2. The Centre provides thirty days' notice for changes in membership fees and it is proposed to do the same for the new parking fees. The Centre will send an email to all current members and mailing list subscribers regarding the fees and put a notice on the Centre's noticeboards.
- 7.3. The new fees will be displayed at the Centre's customer service counter.
- 7.4. Car park signage will also be updated as appropriate to inform all members, casual users and members of the public of the parking fee structure.

8. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 8.1. In line with our commitment to continuous improvement and innovation, parking fees and charges at DKHAC are reviewed annually, and with the introduction of the new parking technology, officers will closely monitor performance and report back to Council should any adjustments be required before the next financial year.

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, DOONE
KENNEDY HOBART AQUATIC
CENTRE**



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 19 January 2026
File Reference: F25/85958; 16/119

11. Hobart: A City for All - Action Plan 2026-29
File Ref: F25/92998

Report of the Manager Community Programs and the Director Community and Economic Development of 19 January 2026 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: HOBART: A CITY FOR ALL - ACTION PLAN 2026-29

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Manager Community Programs
Director Community and Economic Development

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for the *Hobart: City for All – Action Plan 2026-29* (the Action Plan) shown at **Attachment A**.
 - 1.1.1. The Action Plan details the actions to be delivered to implement the overarching *Hobart: City for All – Community Inclusion and Equity Framework* (City for All) shown at **Attachment B**.
 - 1.1.2. The Action Plan replaces the existing 2021-23 community commitments detailing actions relating to the following program areas: Equal Access; Youth; Positive Ageing; Community Safety; LGBTIQ+; Multicultural; and Affordable Housing and Homelessness.
- 1.2. In accordance with the resolution from the Hobart Workshop Committee held on 21 July 2025, an external engagement process was undertaken between 6 to 26 October 2025.
 - 1.2.1. The engagement summary report detailing the engagement methodology and outcomes is shown at **Attachment C**.
 - 1.2.2. The engagement included distribution through Your Say; three public drop-in sessions; a targeted youth engagement; and further engagement with the City's reference/advisory groups. Through this engagement, there were 29 online responses; nine (9) votes on an online poll; and one (1) written submission received.
- 1.3. Feedback from the online poll revealed support for the Action Plan's inclusive approach and provided practical recommendations for improvement. 62.5% of responses in the poll supported the proposed direction. Key insights include:
 - Advocate for accessibility and walkability in public spaces for all ages and abilities.
 - Increase opportunities for cultural exchange and inclusion such as creative activities and affordable inclusive public events.
 - Support for vulnerable groups with an emphasis on tailoring programs for these groups.

- Practical improvements in infrastructure for safer and more accessible and vibrant streets (out of the scope of the Action Plan).
 - Communication and education to foster empathy, anti-racism and understanding across communities.
 - More measurable outcomes and regular review of actions to ensure ongoing relevance and impact.
 - There are community perspectives critical of the Action Plan, offering context on broader attitudes.
- 1.4. All suggestions from the engagement were considered and where relevant, changes were made accordingly. It is noted that many of the suggested changes were made by the Access Advisory Committee and LGBTIQ+ Reference Group and related to improvements to measurements.

2. Recommendation

That:

- 1. The Council endorse the Hobart: City for All – Action Plan 2026-29 marked as Attachment A to this report.***
- 2. The Council receive and note the Engagement Summary Report marked as Attachment C to this report.***
- 3. The implementation of actions (listed on the Hobart: City for All – Action Plan 2026-29 marked as Attachment A to this report) be monitored and an outcome report be prepared and provided to the Council annually.***

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. A report to the Hobart Workshop Committee on 21 July 2025 presented a draft Action Plan, that detailed the actions to be delivered to implement the overarching *Hobart: City for All – Community Inclusion and Equity Framework* (City for All) document.
 - 3.1.1. The Action Plan also sits alongside the Council's *Social Inclusion Policy*.
- 3.2. Instead of having seven separate commitments, all actions have been combined into a single Action Plan, with the overarching City for All detailing the strategic and policy framework. This approach has been supported both internally and externally.
 - 3.2.1. *Country, Culture, People 2025–27 Building cultural safety within the City of Hobart with Aboriginal people* also sits underneath the City for All framework but will remain as a separate document due to the nature of the plan.
- 3.3. The City has for many years had a series of community commitments detailing actions relating to community program areas. The replacement of multiple documents with a single Action Plan is more streamlined and easier to understand. It also reduces the siloed elements of our work and demonstrates how we work collaboratively across program areas.
- 3.4. The new Action Plan also includes actions that sit outside of specific program areas such as community recovery, resilience, community halls, volunteer support etc.
- 3.5. There was a large volume of information that was repeated in each of the commitments that is not necessary in a single action plan.
- 3.6. The Action Plan includes actions detailed cross unit actions, actions against each separate program areas, details partnerships and collaborations and details the City's role.
- 3.7. The draft Action Plan was developed through engagement with the City's reference groups and in consultation with relevant sector representatives throughout 2024 and early 2025.
- 3.8. The Access Advisory Committee; Hobart Older Persons Reference Group; Housing with Dignity Reference Group; Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance; Youth Advisory Squad; Youth Action Priority Group; LGBTIQ+ Advisory Group; Late Night Precinct Stakeholders; and Networking for Harmony Multicultural Group have provided an external accountability mechanism across the delivery of actions over the 2021-23 commitments.
 - 3.8.1. Annual outcome plans have been developed for each program area and shared with the relevant reference group.

- 3.9. All these groups as well as sector representatives were engaged with the review of the existing commitments and have been actively involved with the development of the new actions in the Action Plan.
- 3.10. Many of the actions included in the Action Plan involve collaborations across the organisation and many staff have been engaged through the consultation process.

Stage 2 Engagement

- 3.11. In accordance with the resolution from the Hobart Workshop Committee held on 21 July 2025, an external engagement process was undertaken between 6 to 26 October 2025.
 - 3.11.1. The engagement summary report detailing the engagement methodology and outcomes is shown at **Attachment C**.
 - 3.11.2. The engagement included distribution through Your Say; three public drop-in sessions; a targeted youth engagement; and further engagement with the City's reference/advisory groups. Through this engagement, there were 29 online responses; nine (9) votes on an online poll; and one (1) written submission received.
- 3.12. The engagement objectives were as follows:
 - 3.12.1. Consult with people with lived experience and target groups to provide feedback on the draft Action Plan.
 - 3.12.2. Celebrate the values behind the Action Plan - such as unity in diversity and intersectionality - and tell the story of its development.
 - 3.12.3. Collect feedback from the broader community on the draft Action Plan.
 - 3.12.4. Offer inclusive and accessible opportunities to participate in the engagement process, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to share their feedback.
 - 3.12.5. Report back on what was heard for any consideration on reviewing the draft Action Plan.
- 3.13. The draft Hobart: City for All – Action Plan 2026-29 was developed in collaboration with relevant groups during the Stage 1 engagement. This engagement report analysis presents feedback from Stage 2, which gathered quantitative and qualitative data through consultations with the broader community and key groups using the following process:
 - Committees and reference groups review
 - Pop-ups

- Young people consultation
 - Written submission
 - Online poll
 - Online and face-to-face survey
- 3.14. During Stage 2 of the engagement process, committees and reference groups played a pivotal role in reviewing the draft Action Plan, which they had helped shape through feedback during Stage 1. These groups undertook a detailed review of the draft, providing targeted feedback and recommendations to ensure the Action Plan accurately reflected the evolving needs and priorities of the communities they represent.
- 3.14.1. The Access Advisory Committee and LGBTIQ+ Reference Group in particular made suggestions to make the measures more specific and relevant. These suggestions were adopted into the final document.
- 3.15. It was noted that 62.5% of 9 respondents through the Your Say Hobart poll indicated support for the direction proposed in the Action Plan. In terms of the demographics of respondents, the vast majority of respondents identified as older people (50+). Respondents however, indicated a broad interest across all program areas.
- 3.16. It is noted that there were other comments received that were not related to the Action Plan including relating to : parking; transport and bike lanes; housing availability and choice; urban design; DKHAC facilities and parking; and the AFL stadium.
- 3.17. Pages 15-31 of the Engagement Summary Report detail the specific comments against each of the action plans. The vast majority of these actions have been able to be reflected in some way in the amended document.
- 3.17.1. The only suggestions not included were those that were not in the scope of this document or were unable to be delivered due to lack of capacity or resources.
- 3.18. Key insights from Stage 2 engagement revealed strong support for the plan's inclusive approach, as well as practical recommendations for improvement. Committees and reference groups provided targeted recommendations, leading to more specific, measurable and relevant actions within each plan. Feedback emphasised:
- Need to improve accessibility and walkability in public spaces for all ages and abilities.

- Calls for increased opportunities for cultural exchange, creative activities and inclusive public events that encourage participation without financial barriers.
- Support for vulnerable groups, including tailored programs for youth, older persons, people with disabilities and those experiencing homelessness.
- Suggestions for practical improvements, such as investment in bike lanes, safer access routes to schools and street vibrant enhancements.
- Requests for better communication, awareness campaigns and education to foster empathy, anti-racism and understanding across communities.
- Recommendations for more measurable outcomes and regular reviews of actions to ensure ongoing relevance and impact.
- Acknowledgement of varying community sentiments and perspectives outside the Action Plan, highlighting current community attitudes.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. The *Hobart: City for All – Community Inclusion and Equity Framework* is directly aligned with the City's responsibilities under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1998.
 - 4.1.1. This Action Plan also sits alongside the Council's *Social Inclusion Policy*.
- 4.2. A significant proportion of the actions included in the Action Plan align strongly to the Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-26 Discussion Paper that speaks to the role of councils in relation to the health and wellbeing of local communities.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The key strategic outcomes supported by the Action Plan are:

Pillar 2 Community Inclusion, Participation and Belonging:

Outcome 2.2 Hobart is a place where diversity is celebrated and everyone can belong, and where people have opportunities to learn about one another and participate in city life.

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.

Pillar 3 Creativity and Culture:

Outcome 3.1 Hobart is a creative and cultural capital where creativity is a way of life.

Outcome 3.2 Creativity serves as a platform for raising awareness and promoting understanding of diverse cultures and issues.

Outcome 3.3 Everyone in Hobart can participate in a diverse and thriving creative community.

Pillar 5 Movement and Connectivity:

Outcome 5.1 An accessible and connected city environment helps maintain Hobart's pace of life.

Pillar 7 Built Environment:

Outcome 7.3 Infrastructure and services are planned, managed and maintained to provide for community wellbeing.

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.

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

- 6.1.1. All actions included in the Action Plan would be in line with the current budget allocations for the Community Programs Group. There is no additional budget or positions being sought as part of the Action Plan.

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Operating Grants	-\$185	-\$185	-\$185	-\$185
Other Fees and Charges	-\$65	-\$67	-\$69	-\$72
Rents	-\$214	-\$221	-\$227	-\$234
Total Revenue	-\$464	-\$473	-\$481	-\$491
Expenditure				
Operating	\$2,422	\$2,489	\$2,557	\$2,628
Capital	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Expenditure	\$2,422	\$2,489	\$2,557	\$2,628
Net Cost	\$1,958	\$2,016	\$2,076	\$2,137

FTE Impact

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

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

6.2. City Economy Strategy:

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

1. Plan for our collective social, economic and environmental prosperity. - Partner with key stakeholders to deliver initiatives that support the needs of our wider community and strengthen our local economy as a small island state capital city.

3. Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business - Hobart is viewed as a desirable commercial, cultural, residential and visitor destination.

6.3. Consultants

6.3.1. There are no consultants engaged as part of this report.

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

7.1. There are many actions included in the Action Plan that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. In particular: Goal 1 No Poverty; Goal 2 Zero Hunger; Goal 3 Good Health and Well-being; Goal 4 Quality Education; Goal 5 Gender Equality; Goal 10 Reduced Inequalities; Goal 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities; Goal 13 Climate Action; Goal 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; and Goal 17 Partnerships for the goals.

- 7.2. Many actions are also directly aligned with Climate Ready Hobart, particularly Goal 2. Climate resilient Hobart and Priority 7. Connected and cohesive community.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 8.1. Engagement for the Draft Hobart: City for All – Action Plan 2026-2029 is detailed in the Engagement Summary Report shown at **Attachment C**.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 9.1. This report is presenting the Hobart: City for All Action Plan 2026-29 that details the actions to be delivered to implement the overarching *Hobart: City for All – Community Inclusion and Equity Framework*.
- 9.2. The approach to replace the multiple existing 2021-23 community commitments will reduce duplication and apply a whole of community lens to our work. The Action Plan primarily includes actions to be delivered by the Community Programs Group however there many actions that require collaboration across the organisation.
- 9.3. The actions included in the Action Plan are to be delivered within current resourcing.
- 9.4. The Community Programs Group are currently undertaken a project to more effectively capture both the qualitative and quantitative community outcomes for the programs and projects delivered.

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.





Kimbra Parker
MANAGER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS




Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 19 January 2026
File Reference: F25/92998

Attachment A: Hobart: City for All - Action Plan 2026-29 (Supporting information) 

Attachment B: Hobart: City for All - Community Inclusion and Equity Framework 2021 (Supporting information) 

Attachment C: Hobart: City for All - Action Plan - Engagement Summary Report (Supporting information) 

12. 2025 Children's Mayor Program - Outcome Report
File Ref: F26/1136

Report of the Inclusive City Program Leader, Manager Community Programs and the Director Community and Economic Development of 20 January 2026 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: 2025 CHILDREN'S MAYOR PROGRAM - OUTCOME REPORT

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Inclusive City Program Leader
Manager Community Programs
Director Community and Economic Development

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. This report provides the Council with an update on the delivery and outcomes from the 2025 Hobart Children's Mayor Program.
- 1.2. The Children's Mayor Program has been delivered by the City as part of Children's Week, since 2021.
- 1.3. It provides primary school aged children with an opportunity to engage meaningfully in civic life, and to propose projects and activities that have the potential to be undertaken by the City.
- 1.4. The Hobart Children's Mayor Program highlights the importance of children in our city, inviting their thoughts and contributions to the City in a meaningful way and publicly celebrating their leadership.
- 1.5. The program also builds knowledge and understanding of the democratic process and the role of local government amongst primary school students in Hobart thereby increasing civic engagement.
- 1.6. The program also fosters an inclusive and collaborative relationship between the City of Hobart, local schools, students, and their families.

2. Recommendation

That this report titled '2025 Children's Mayor Program – Outcome Report' be received and noted.

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The inaugural Hobart Children's Mayor Program was first delivered in October 2021 to coincide with National Children's Week. The program was designed to expand upon on the annual Children's Week Reception that has been offered to Hobart Primary Schools for more than a decade.
- 3.2. In February 2025 all primary schools in the Hobart LGA were provided with a comprehensive information pack (shown at **Attachment A**), detailing the program and providing a variety of ways to engage their students.
 - 3.2.1. The information pack also provided child friendly resources on Australian government structures and the role of local government to schools.
- 3.3. Students from primary schools in Hobart were encouraged to participate in the program by developing a short manifesto about how they would make Hobart a better city for children, starting with the line:
- 3.4. "If I was Children's Mayor of Hobart I would..."
 - 3.4.1. Schools were invited to tailor their participation to suit their schedule and their students. Participation was open to all primary school aged children, with content best suited to grades 3-6.
- 3.5. Sixteen submissions were received from six (6) different schools. Student ages ranged from 8 to 12 years, were a mix of genders and came from both private and public schools.
 - 3.5.1. The 2025 manifesto proposals covered a diverse range of issues such as homelessness, dirt bike tracks, murals and laneway activation, healthy activities for children, and increased accessibility of Council facilities.
- 3.6. A panel was convened that included the Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Director Community and Economic Development, the 2024 Children's Mayor and the 2024 Children's Deputy Lord Mayor.
 - 3.6.1. The panel assessed all responses based on identified criteria and made recommendations for the Children's Mayor, Deputy Mayor and two (2) highly commended awards.
- 3.7. A copy of all manifestos received is shown at **Attachment B**.

Selection Process and Outcomes

- 3.8. The award winners were selected on the strength of their proposals against criteria and the effort their work showed.

- 3.9. Noah Dobson from Lenah Valley Primary School was selected to be the Children's Mayor 2025 based on his proposal to install communication boards in the City's playgrounds to support children with a disability.
- 3.10. Ellie Huxtable from Mount Carmel College was selected as Children's Deputy Mayor 2025 based on her proposal for an historic scavenger hunt to engage children and families with Hobart's history.
- 3.8.3. Highly Commended awards were presented to Ethan Burman from Lenah Valley Primary School for his proposal to develop healthy activities for children and families, and to Kate Crawford for her proposal to include a note of care and support in emergency backpacks for people experiencing homelessness.
- 3.11. Delegates from every primary school in Hobart were invited to attend the Lord Mayor's Reception for Children at the Hobart Town Hall on 22 October 2025 during Children's Week.
 - 3.11.1. All children that submitted a manifesto were invited to present their idea to all attendees at the morning tea.
 - 3.11.2. The awards for Children's Mayor, Children's Deputy Mayor and highly commended awards were announced and presented at the morning tea.
- 3.12. The award winners then attended an afternoon tea on 9 December 2025 with the Lord Mayor where Council officers from the relevant areas came and spoke to each manifesto, highlighting how the idea relates to the work already being undertaken by the City and considering opportunities for their ideas to be progressed where possible.
- 3.13. The Children's Mayor and Children's Deputy Mayor then attended the Council's Annual General Meeting that evening where they presented their manifestos to the audience.
- 3.14. Noah Dobson, as the Children's Mayor joined the judging panel for the 2025 City of Hobart Myer Christmas Pageant.
- 3.15. The Children's Mayor and Children's Deputy Mayor will be invited to participate in public events during 2026.
- 3.16. Where possible, officers will also consider opportunities to implement some of the ideas where the students will be invited to participate in the delivery or promotion of their idea.
- 3.17. The ideas generated through this program are now actively informing the work of the City.
- 3.18. Feedback from teachers and parents has been highly positive with many citing the strong learning opportunities that the program provides and the benefit to participants' confidence and sense of agency.

- 3.19. In accordance with the City's commitment to engagement and consultation with young people, each submitted manifesto has been reviewed and forwarded to the relevant Council officers for consideration. A brief summary of each idea and officer responses is shown at **Attachment C**.

3.19.1. Formal responses have been provided to each student outlining the City's planned, ongoing and potential responses to the proposals raised.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. The Children's Mayor Program is delivered in line with the City's Risk Management Policy as well as policies, procedures and protocols in relation to safeguarding Children and Young People.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The Children's Mayor Program strongly aligns with following references within the **Hobart: A community vision for our island capital**.

2.2.4 We listen to the voices and wisdom of children and young people in our communities.

2.4.4 Hobart is a city of unique and varied skills and talents, which we foster in everyone, with a focus on children and young people.

8.6.4 We maintain open dialogue and recognise each of us as stakeholders and participants in our city life.

- 5.2. The program also aligns with the following **Capital City Strategic Plan 2023** actions.

2.2.1 Support people from all backgrounds and life experiences to participate in Hobart life.

2.3.6 Support accessible learning opportunities for people at all ages and stages of life, including foundational learning skills.

2.3.9 Enhance relationships with educational institutions and community-based organisations.

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	1.5	1.5		
Capital				
Total Expenditure				
Net Cost	1.5	1.5		

6.1.1. This program is funded from the existing Children and Families operating budget.

7. City Economy Strategy:

7.1 This proposal aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the City of Hobart City Economy Strategy 2023 – 2028:3.8 *Support cross-sector and community collaboration, incubation and testing of new solutions and initiatives to address city challenges and opportunities*

8. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

8.1. While there were no major environmental ideas put forward in this year's program proposals, environmental projects are often raised by children in this program.

9. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 9.1. The Children's Mayor Program is, in essence, a tailored and targeted community engagement mechanism for the City of Hobart
- 9.2. Students from primary schools in Hobart are encouraged to participate in the program by developing a short manifesto about how they would make Hobart a better city for children.
- 9.3. As schools invite many students to write their own ideas for Hobart, and select their top two submissions, the submissions received by the City are of high quality.
- 9.4. The ideas generated through this program are informing the work of the City with several new programs being considered in response to the submissions received.

- 9.4.1. Examples of these projects include: the installation of communication boards at City playgrounds in line with Noah's idea; a pilot "Try it Out" music program at YouthARC in line with Matilda's idea; the inclusion of a note of care from Hobart children into backpacks provided to people sleeping rough in line with Kate's idea; and a youth-led literacy activation as part of a school holiday program at YouthARC in line with Archer's idea.
- 9.5. Communications and Marketing developed and implemented a comprehensive marketing strategy to promote the project, including key dates and major milestones, and the Lord Mayor's Office coordinated the official communications with schools to encourage participation and engagement.
- 9.6. A dedicated webpage for the Children's Mayor program on the City of Hobart website, highlights the project's significance, participation details, important deadlines and the results of each iteration.

10. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 10.1. The Community Programs Team will work in collaboration with Communications and Marketing and the Lord Mayor's Office to review delivery of the Children's Mayor 2025 program, to identify opportunities for improvement and enhancement in 2026.
- 10.2. Consideration will be given to the timing of the program in 2026 to ensure that the program delivery is not impacted by the 2026 Local Government Elections.

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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MANAGER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



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**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 20 January 2026
File Reference: F26/1136

- Attachment A: Children's Mayor Program 2025 School Information Pack (Supporting information) 
- Attachment B: Children's Mayor Program 2025 All Student Manifestos (Supporting information) 
- Attachment C: Summary of Children's Mayor Manifestos 2025 (Supporting information) 

13. Risk and Audit Panel - Annual Report to Council and 2026 Work Plan
File Ref: F26/1216

Report of the Manager Rates, Procurement and Risk and the Director Corporate Services of 14 January 2026 and attachments.

Delegation: Council



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL

Risk and Audit Panel - Annual Report to Council and 2026 Work Plan

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Council with an overview of the Risk and Audit Panel's (the Panel's) activities during the 2025 year as required under the Panel's Terms of Reference and seek Council's approval of the Panel's work plan of proposed activities for 2026.

The Risk and Audit Panel was established pursuant to Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014* (the Order).

In accordance with the Order, each year the Panel is to develop an annual work plan to assist the Panel in performing its functions efficiently and effectively. The Panel then reports its performance against the work plan annually to Council in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

As outlined in the Panel's Terms of Reference, the Panel is to:

1. At least once a year, report to the Council on its operation and activities during the year. The report is to include:
 - a. An annual summary of the work performed to discharge its responsibilities;
 - b. High level advice on the Council's risk, control and compliance framework, including details of any significant emerging risks impact on the City of Hobart;
 - c. A review of Council's performance as set out in Section 3 of the Panel Terms of Reference; and
 - d. An outline of the results of the annual self-assessment undertaken by the Panel.

The Risk and Audit Panel's Annual Report for 2025 from the Panel Chair, Mr Wayne Davy, is attached – refer **Attachment A**. The Annual Report includes the outcomes from an annual self-assessment facilitated internally via an anonymous survey of members completed online.

At its meeting on 3 December 2025 the Panel endorsed a Work Plan for 2026, which is attached – refer **Attachment B** and provided to Council for approval. The Work Plan covers the Panel's functions and responsibilities in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

Mr Davy will attend a future Hobart Workshop Committee meeting to provide a briefing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- 1. The Risk and Audit Panel's Annual Report for 2025, marked as Attachment A to this memorandum, be received and noted.**
- 2. The 2026 Work Plan for the Risk and Audit Panel, marked as Attachment B to this memorandum, be approved.**

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.




Lara MacDonell
**MANAGER RATES, PROCUREMENT
AND RISK**



Michael Reynolds
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Date: 14 January 2026
File Reference: F26/1216

Attachment A: Risk and Audit Panel 2025 Annual Report to Council
(Supporting information) 

Attachment B: Risk and Audit Panel 2026 Work Plan (Supporting information)



**14. Local Government Electoral Bill 2025 and Local Government Amendment
(Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025**
File Ref: F26/830

Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 21 January 2026 and attachments.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL BILL 2025 AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (ELECTORAL
REFORMS) BILL 2025**

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Chief Executive Officer

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide comment to the State Government on two draft Bills currently available for public consultation.
- A new, standalone Local Government Electoral Bill 2025, establishing a contemporary, flexible framework for future council elections.
 - A Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025, delivering a number of reforms to the *Local Government Act 1993* supporting the broader elections framework.

2. Recommendation

That the Council provide a submission to the Office of Local Government on the draft Local Government Electoral Bill 2025 and Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025 in accordance with the comments outlined within this report.

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The delivery of new local government electoral legislation is a key component of the Tasmanian Government's [Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-26](#) aimed at improving local democracy and representation.
- 3.2. Key reforms in the Local Government Electoral Bill 2025 include flexibility for the Tasmanian Electoral Commission to determine the method of an election, increased transparency in political gifts and donations, strengthened advertising rules, and changes to voter and candidate eligibility.
- 3.3. The draft Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025 repeals existing electoral provisions from the *Local Government Act 1993*, introduces caretaker provisions for councils during election periods, and reforms to the current interest's management framework for local councillors.
- 3.4. Elected Members have previously considered the proposed legislative amendments through its Local Government Electoral Bill Discussion Paper which was released by the Tasmanian Government on 12 February 2025 as well as the managing conflicts of interest discussion paper. The Council considered the discussion paper in a workshop on 17 March 2025 and endorsed a submission to the Tasmanian Government at its meeting on 31 March 2025. Previously, the Council endorsed a submission on the framework proposal for managing conflicts of interest of councillors on 29 January 2024.
- 3.5. The Council's established position on the proposed reforms is outlined in the following tables:

Local Government Electoral Bill 2025

Key Reform	Comment
2 – ELECTION OF MAYORS, DEPUTY MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS	
Provides for the election of the Deputy Mayor 'around the table' by councillors, rather than by direct elector ballot. This must be done by vote of the council (simple majority), and within the first two general meetings of the council.	DO NOT SUPPORT
The Bill allows councils to determine the term of deputy mayor to be either the term of council or a lesser period.	The Council supports the maintenance of the status quo in relation to the election and role of the Deputy (Lord) Mayor. The Council believes that should, during the term of an office, a Deputy (Lord) Mayor leave permanently, the replacement is selected from the election result system of the prior election (following the usual preferences approach) and not by direct election from the Elected Members.
4 – ELECTORS AND ELECTORAL ROLLS	
Amends the definition of "occupier" for enrolment purposes, to refer to	SUPPORT

Key Reform	Comment
<p>actual occupation and use, and clarify that tenants and licensees are occupiers for the purposes of the Act.</p>	<p>This change will address ambiguity around the extent of association with land required to generate an entitlement to vote in local government elections in some specific instances (for instance, persons making regular use of a secondary property owned by a family member or associate).</p>
<p>Preserves a supplementary roll ('General Manager's Roll') for electors not entitled to be on the House of Assembly (HoA) Roll in respect of an electoral area, as well as clear and consistent criteria for applying to be on this Roll.</p> <p>This supplementary roll is now named the Local Government Electoral Roll.</p> <p>This roll is for persons with property-based entitlements (landowners/ occupiers, corporate bodies) and non-citizen electors who have lived in the electoral area for a continuous period of at least 12 months.</p> <p>Provides that responsibility for keeping and maintaining the supplementary rolls for electoral areas is to transfer to the TEC (currently council General Managers must maintain their council's supplementary rolls).</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This change will enable increased consistency in the administration and application of the supplementary electoral roll and the administration of this function will be streamlined.</p>
<p>Tightens the criteria for who can nominate to vote on behalf of corporate bodies, including that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be a director or the secretary of the corporate body. • Must not already be enrolled on the HoA roll for the electoral area. <p>Not be the corporate body nominee for another corporate body in the same area.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>These changes will ensure that a person may only have, in any circumstances, one vote in an election for a municipal area.</p>

Key Reform	Comment
<p>Provides for 'one vote, one value' by providing that each elector is entitled to one vote in an election for an electoral area.</p> <p>This changes the current situation where a person may have up to two votes (e.g. one in their own right, and one on behalf of a body corporate).</p>	
5 – COMPULSORY VOTING	
<p>Preserves compulsory voting for those on the HoA roll (status quo).</p> <p>Voting remains optional for electors on the supplementary Local Government Electoral Roll.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>The Council supports compulsory voting in Local Government elections.</p>
6 – ISSUING AND RECEIVING PLACES, POLLING PLACES AND ELECTION OFFICIALS	
<p>Reduces prescription and introduces flexibility to 'future proof' elections, allowing the Electoral Commissioner to determine the method of voting at an election. This can include one or more methods, including attendance voting at a polling place and/or postal voting (including provision and receipt of ballots in person and by mail).</p> <p>These provisions provide flexibility for the Commissioner to determine multiple methods of voting, supporting the position of moving to a hybrid postal electoral format, allowing for continued mail voting, with provision of pre-polling and polling places for in-person completion of ballots.</p> <p>The provides for the postal method (allowing for and encouraging for hand returns) as the default election method and allows for an attendance ballot only where the Commissioner is satisfied available</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>The Council supports the introduction of flexibility to determine the method of voting at an election</p> <p>The Council's preference is a move to compulsory voting by attendance at the ballot box. This is to be supported by an extended pre-poll period and postal voting for persons on the Local Government Electoral Roll.</p>

Key Reform	Comment
<p>postal services are inadequate to ensure the reliable conduct of the election by postal ballot, a postal ballot would be more expensive to conduct than an attendance ballot.</p> <p>The Commissioner will be required to issue a notice as to the chosen method of election at least six months in advance of the notice of an election.</p>	
<p>Preserves issuing and receiving places, which allow for issue and return of ballots during mail (or hybrid) elections.</p> <p>Provisions from the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> are expanded for accessibility, including allowing the Electoral Commissioner to appoint a hospital, convalescent home, nursing home or other similar place at which a mobile facility may be operated as an issuing and receiving place – similar to polling place provisions in the <i>Electoral Act 2004</i>.</p>	
<p>Allows for appointment of polling places, pre-poll polling places and mobile polling places in the event of an attendance ballot.</p> <p>Accessibility provisions mirror those for issuing and receiving places. There is also an additional clause (35) which provides for assistance to vote at a polling place to be provided for those who need it.</p>	
PART 7 – NOTICES OF ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS	
<p>Retains a single-phase nomination process, with additional requirements in the notice of nomination – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statement as to whether or not 	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This change will see the candidate information become part of the statutory elections framework and candidates be afforded a right to</p>

Key Reform	Comment
<p>the candidate is formally endorsed by a registered party or is running under a group name not associated with a party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An attestation that a candidate has completed the proposed mandatory pre-election training module (does not apply to incumbent councillors). <p>A notice of nomination must also be signed by at least 30 electors or 1% of electors in the municipal area (whichever is smaller). Currently a notice of nomination must be signed by only two electors.</p>	<p>submit an information statement as part of the notice of nomination. It will also improve transparency in respect to candidates nominated by a registered party.</p> <p>This change provides an initial test of credible public support for a candidacy, while not imposing a financial barrier on candidates.</p>
<p>Requires the TEC to publish and distribute a candidate information package. This is currently done as a matter of convention and is the primary way electors become aware of the range of candidates, their reasons for seeking election, views and propositions. However, this is currently not a part of the formal legislative framework.</p> <p>At a minimum, this will include for each candidate - the candidate's name, a personal statement (if provided), and whether the candidate is endorsed by a registered party, running under a group name or is an independent candidate. This information is gathered as part of the notice of nomination.</p>	
PART 8 - BALLOTS	
<p>Provides guidance around ballot material, and provisions on issuing, completing and returning ballots based on various election methods enabled under Part 6.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>The Council supports the introduction of flexibility to determine the method of voting at an election, which includes the preparation and</p>

Key Reform	Comment
	provision of ballot materials.
PART 10 – ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES	
<p>This is a broad part which allows the Electoral Commission to approve and deliver alternative voting procedures for classes of electors who face barriers to traditional means of voting. This includes, but is not limited to electronic voting methods such as online voting or voting by telephone.</p> <p>This supports universal franchise principles, consistent with recent reforms to the <i>State Electoral Act 2004</i>.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This reform will enable the Electoral Commission to provide assistance to electors with impediments to participation or who are outside Tasmania during the polling period.</p> <p>This reform will enable methods of voting to include assistive technologies. For instance, voting by telephone with a human operator, or voting using internet-based systems.</p>
<p>Requires the TEC to approve procedures which enable and support accessible voting practices for electors with additional barriers to participation.</p> <p>The TEC is also required to publish after each election a statement on the implementation of the accessibility principles.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This proposal is considered to balance appropriately the independence of the Commission, while providing a transparent accounting of participation at the election for electors with additional barriers to participation.</p>
PART 13 – OFFENCES RELATING TO ELECTIONS	
<p>Introduces a range of offences related to polling and conduct at polling places consistent with the <i>Electoral Act 2004</i>, while also retaining offences relating to elections under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>It also contains offences relating to electoral bribery and treating and intimidation.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>The Council supports the introduction of flexibility to determine the method of voting at an election and the development of a legislative framework to ensure elections are transparent and fair.</p>
PART 14 – INVESTIGATORY POWERS	
<p>Provides standard investigatory powers for the Electoral Commissioner (or authorised officers) – consistent again with the <i>Electoral Act 2004</i>. This includes:</p>	<p>DO NOT SUPPORT</p> <p>There are other existing jurisdictions (i.e. Integrity Commission) established to investigate these types of matters, so it seems like a</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to enter and inspect places. • Power to require production of documents or information. • Power to seize and detain. • Power to require attendance and questioning. 	duplication to provide the Electoral Commission with powers of investigation.
PART 15 – ELECTORAL ADVERTISING AND PUBLICATION OF ELECTORAL MATTER	
Introduces new prohibitions on the dissemination of misleading and deceptive statements (corresponding to the Electoral Act Review Final Report and the amended section 197 of the <i>Electoral Act 2004</i>).	DO NOT SUPPORT It is not considered feasible or desirable for the Electoral Commissioner to adjudicate on the truthfulness of candidates' comments during local government elections to the extent that defamatory material is published during elections. It is noted candidates have the same recourse to civil litigation as do all members of the community.
Repeals an existing provision that prohibits the publication of a candidate's name or image without their consent. This aligns local government elections with state and federal practices where no such restriction applies.	SUPPORT The Bill contains substantial and enhanced protections, including authorisation requirements that attribute electoral advertising to the candidate for whom benefit is intended, alongside continued limits on election expenditure. This is considered to achieve similar objectives to the repealed provision without so directly impinging on speech and expression.
Updates and clarifies what constitutes "electoral advertising" to ensure consistency and legal certainty. Seeks to align definitions with the <i>Electoral Act 2004</i> and reduce ambiguity for candidates and regulators.	SUPPORT This change will minimise ambiguities and improve clarity.
Requires electoral advertising to include information identifying who authorised the material. Aims to promote transparency and accountability in campaign	SUPPORT The change will require that electoral advertisements and associated material can be authorised by a candidate or intending candidate or a nominated person, identifying the

Key Reform	Comment
communications.	candidate or intending candidate who has provided their endorsement for the advertising or material.
PART 16 –ELECTORAL EXPENDITURE	
<p>Replaces current advertising-specific limits with an overall cap on total electoral expenditure.</p> <p>Aligns local government elections with Legislative Council spending rules.</p> <p>Expenditure caps are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a candidate for election to the Hobart City Council, Clarence City Council, Glenorchy City Council, Kingborough Council or Launceston City Council – \$16 000 plus the applicable annual increment for that financial year. • For a candidate for election to any other council – \$10 000 plus the applicable annual increment for that financial year. <p>The annual increment is a cumulative increase to this limit of \$500 every year for the councils referred to in the first bullet point, and \$300 for all other councils, applying annually from 1 July 2027.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>The proposed change will provide more flexibly (and appropriately) capture the range of campaigning activities open to candidates at contemporary elections.</p>
<p>Requires candidates to report not only their own spending but also any expenditure made on their behalf.</p> <p>Confirms that shared advertising must be fully attributed to each candidate featured.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This change will attribute expenditure made on behalf of candidates (who must have authorised that expenditure) to individual candidates, to enable the effective regulation of electoral advertising and other campaign activities using individual candidate expenditure limits.</p>
<p>Prevents third parties from incurring expenditure on behalf of a registered party to influence election outcomes (strengthens transparency and restricts indirect or unregulated campaign spending).</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This change will complement the above requirement that all electoral expenditure, including advertising, only be made by candidates or intending candidates themselves</p>

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	<p>(or their nominees), which enables regulation and disclosure for individual candidates.</p> <p>It is considered appropriate to apply the same prohibition as stands for Legislative Council elections, given advertising (now to be general) expenditure limits are an existing feature of local government elections.</p>
PART 17 – GIFTS AND DONATIONS	
<p>Extends gift and donation disclosure obligations to all candidates.</p> <p>Maintains the \$50 threshold and introduces disclosure via the Tasmanian Electoral Commission website during the election period.</p>	SUPPORT
<p>Prohibits indirect donations through intermediaries or third parties (ensuring all electoral donations are transparent and reported through candidates).</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>This change is intended to prohibit donations made to intermediaries which could otherwise obfuscate the origins and purpose of gifts or benefits intended to promote or procure the election of a candidate or influence the outcomes of elections.</p>

Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025

Key Reform	Comment
5 – PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
<p>Expands the definition of a close associate to a councillor to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who has provided a gift or donation (as defined in the <i>Local Government Electoral Act 2025</i>); • A relative of the councillor or member who resides with that councillor or member on a regular basis. 	<p>Support</p> <p>This change is consistent with the direction provided by the Council in its submission.</p>
<p>Establishes defence provisions for a councillor where they believe a pecuniary interest (where they receive or expect to receive a pecuniary benefit) is one held with a substantial proportion of electors in</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>This is an everyday citizen test which should reasonably apply for Elected Members.</p>

<p>the municipality (meaning at least 5% or 1 000 electors, whichever is the lesser).</p> <p>This defence also applies to an application or request for approval, authorisation, licence, permit, exemption or other right, or beneficial interest in shares of a company or other body.</p>	
<p>Requires that the existing register of pecuniary interests kept by the General Manager to be published on a council's website.</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>The Council already publishes its Public Interest Register on the website</p>
<p>5B – PERSONAL INTEREST RETURNS</p>	
<p>This is an entirely new Part which requires a councillor to lodge a personal interest return (PIR) with the General Manager, within 28 days after a certificate of election is issued.</p>	<p>Support.</p> <p>In its current term, Council has resolved to adopt a Public Interests Register Policy.</p> <p>This policy establishes a process for Elected Members to publicly disclose interests to help mitigate the risk of inappropriate decision (or perceived inappropriate decisions) and reputational damage to the City of Hobart. This policy was made in the absence of a holistic legislative framework.</p> <p>The proposed PIRs will be publicly accessible, but sensitive details, including exact monetary values, residential addresses, and commercial information, will be explicitly protected.</p> <p>This approach balances transparency with necessary privacy protections.</p>
<p>A PIR is to be made by Ministerial Order – and may specify a range of matters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The assets and classes of assets to be disclosed, including real property and financial interests; • The liabilities and classes of liabilities to be disclosed; • The associated persons and classes of persons whose interests are to be disclosed, including individuals, bodies corporate and trustees; • Employment, offices and other sources of income to be disclosed; • Gifts, donations or contributions to other entities, and the classes of such gifts, donations or contributions, to be disclosed; • Memberships of associations, including trade or professional associations, political parties and other organisations to be disclosed; • Thresholds for disclosure and 	

<p>time periods to which the disclosures relate; ·</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management strategies to be documented by councillors for managing actual, potential or perceived pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests arising from the matters disclosed. <p>As with all Orders pertaining to councils, the Minister must consult with councils before amending, revoking or substituting the PIR.</p> <p><i>Note: a draft PIR has been released alongside the consultation draft legislation package.</i></p>	
<p>The General Manager must publish each personal interest return, and any revised personal interest return, on the council's official website as soon as practicable after its lodgement.</p>	
<p>The General Manager must not provide to a councillor any information, other than information included on a public agenda or otherwise available to members of the public, if it is reasonably apparent to the General Manager, from a personal interest return or other information known to the general manager, that the councillor has a pecuniary interest in the matter.</p> <p>Likewise, a councillor must not seek to obtain any information on the above grounds.</p>	
<p>The council must retain each personal interest return, and each revised personal interest return, until two years after the expiration of the term of the council during which the return was lodged.</p>	
<p>Offence provisions are included for providing false information, omitting</p>	

known information, or refusal to lodge a PIR.	
PART 5C - Conduct of Council During Election Period	
<p>This Part introduces 'caretaker' provisions related to the conduct of councils during election periods. During an election period a council cannot make any decision defined as a 'prohibited decision'. This includes a decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That relates to the appointment, reappointment or the remuneration of a General Manager, other than the appointment, reappointment or remuneration of an acting General Manager • that relates to the termination of a General Manager • to enter into a contract, arrangement or agreement the total value of which exceeds whichever is the greater of – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100 000; or ○ 1% of the council's revenue from general and service rating and fees and charges in the preceding financial year • That would enable the use of council resources in a way that is intended to influence, or is likely to influence, voting at a council election. <p>A council may, if they determine it is necessary and in the public interest for a prohibited decision to be made during an election period, make an application to the Minister for an exemption.</p> <p>Prohibited decisions do not apply to decisions or actions required by councils under statutory timeframes.</p>	<p>Support.</p> <p>The Council already enacted caretaker provisions on a voluntary basis at the last election.</p>
This Part also prohibits the use of any council resources or publication of information promoting or	

<p>advantaging a particular candidate or group of candidates.</p> <p>It also prohibits councils from making resources available that advantage a candidate which are not equally available to all candidates.</p> <p>Information in relation to an election can only be published if it has been published by the Electoral Commission.</p>	
PART 6 –PETITIONS,POLLS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS	
<p>The threshold for petitions requesting elector polls or public meetings has been raised to 20% of electors (from 5% or 1,000 electors, whichever is lesser).</p>	<p>Do Not Support</p> <p>The Council considers that elector polls are expensive, especially when held out of cycle with local government elections and are a non-binding process.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is considered that the current threshold is currently too small which can trigger elector polls to easily. A higher threshold would ensure that a poll is called for matters which impacts a substantial proportion of ratepayers, however, the Council believes that the proportion of electors signing a petition required to compel a council to hold an elector poll should be changed to 10 per cent, rather than the proposed 20 per cent.</p>

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. This is a legislative reform process and the Council will need to adapt to the future changes that occur once the Bills are considered and determined by the Tasmanian Government.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The proposed changes, as outlined in the report, would enable the Council to meet the following strategy in the Capital City Strategic Plan:

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				
Expenditure				
Operating				
Capital				
Total Expenditure				
Net Cost				

FTE Impact

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

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

6.1.1. None arise from the writing of this report.

6.2. City Economy Strategy:

6.2.1. Not applicable.

6.3. Economic Impact:

6.3.1. Not applicable.

6.4. Consultants

6.4.1. Not applicable.

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

7.1. Not applicable.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

8.1. The two draft Bills are currently the subject of community and stakeholder consultation.

- 8.2. The period of consultation concludes on 28 February 2026 following which, the Tasmanian Government will consider the feedback in the determination process for the Bills.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement



- 9.1. Not applicable.

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: 21 January 2026
File Reference: F26/830

Attachment A: Local Government Electoral Bill 2025 - Consultation Draft
(Supporting information) 
Attachment B: Local Government (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025 - Consultation
Draft (Supporting information) 

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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15. Annual General Meeting Motions
File Ref: F25/92473

Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 14 January 2026.

Delegation: Council

**MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL****Annual General Meeting Motions**

The City's Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 9 December 2025.

Section 72B(6) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires that motions passed at an Annual General Meeting be considered at a meeting of the Council.

In accordance with this requirement the following motions were unanimously adopted at the meeting and are provided for the Council's consideration:

- a) *The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2024, be confirmed as an accurate record.*
- b) *That the 'City of Hobart Annual Report 2024-25' be adopted.*

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Section 72B of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council note the following two motions adopted unanimously at the City of Hobart Annual General Meeting of 9 December 2025:

- a) ***The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2024, be confirmed as an accurate record.***
- b) ***That the 'City of Hobart Annual Report 2024-25' be adopted.***

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: 14 January 2026
File Reference: F25/92473

**16. Code of Conduct Determination Report
Councillor Ryan Posselt v Councillor Louise Elliot
File Ref: F25/93597**

Report of the Director Corporate Services of 21 January 2026 and attachment.

Delegation: Council

City of **HOBART****MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL****Code of Conduct Determination Report
Councillor Ryan Posselt v Councillor Louise Elliot**

Pursuant to section 28ZK(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* I have been provided with a copy of a determination report from the Code of Conduct Panel in respect to a complaint lodged by Councillor Ryan Posselt against Councillor Louise Elliot.

The Act requires that I table this at the first meeting of the Council which is practicable to do so and which is open to the public. As such, a copy of the determination report is included as **Attachment A** to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note the Code of Conduct Determination Report in respect to a complaint lodged by Councillor Ryan Posselt against Councillor Louise Elliot, shown as Attachment A to this report.

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

Michael Reynolds
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Date: 21 January 2026
File Reference: F25/93597

Attachment A: Code of Conduct Determination Report- Councillor Ryan Posselt against Councillor Louise Elliot (Supporting information)



MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 16(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015****17. Extreme Weather Protocol**
File Ref: F26/3854

Councillor Ben Lohberger and Councillor Michael Dutta

Motion

“That:

1. Hobart City Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to provide the required funding to Homes Tasmania (HT), to allow HT to partner with the Hobart City Council to establish a pilot Extreme Weather Protocol to provide shelter for rough sleepers in greater Hobart during extreme weather events;
2. The purpose of this pilot program is to improve emergency accommodation and support for individuals experiencing homelessness in greater Hobart during extreme weather events. It is designed to supplement the existing Safe Space shelters when extreme weather drives an increased need for shelter.”

Rationale:

“The Hobart City Council recognises the vulnerability of individuals experiencing homelessness. The lack of access to safe and secure accommodation poses a significant risk to their health, safety, and well-being, particularly during extreme weather events.

Establishing an Extreme Weather Protocol for greater Hobart will provide a critical safety net for those in need, increasing emergency accommodation and support services during periods of extreme heat or cold. This initiative aligns with the Council's commitment to addressing homelessness and promoting the welfare of all community members.

This initiative also aligns with Commonwealth, State, and Hobart City Council climate change policies, which emphasise the importance of protecting vulnerable populations from the impacts of climate change. By establishing an Extreme Weather Protocol with State Government, we are taking proactive steps to address the climate-related risks faced by some of our most vulnerable citizens.

An extreme weather protocol is already in place in South Australia and was activated in August last year during a period of unseasonably cold weather in SA.

The Council believes that partnering with Homes Tasmania and securing funding from the Tasmanian Government is essential to making this initiative a reality. By working together, we can provide a compassionate and effective response to the

needs of our most vulnerable citizens and uphold our duty of care to ensure the well-being of all individuals in our city.

Council staff have already held discussions with the Tasmanian Government regarding the establishment of an Extreme Weather Protocol for Hobart and have offered the use of Mathers House as a suitable venue. Furthermore, the Council has proposed a working model in which the Government funds the staffing component of the shelter, while the Council contributes the infrastructure. Despite these efforts, funding has not been secured.

There has been a significant uptick in extreme weather events around the world due to climate change. Every summer brings increased risk of heatwaves and bushfires in Tasmania, and winter storms also pose a significant risk for homeless residents. Now is the time to increase the protection for homeless people around Hobart by boosting shelter availability during extreme weather events.

We urge the Tasmanian Government to provide the necessary funding to Homes Tas to support this critical collaboration.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

1. The need for an Extreme Weather Protocol was raised at the Homelessness Summit held at the Hobart Town Hall in 2019. This was then included as a key goal identified for priority action when the Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance (GHHA) was formed later in that year.
2. It is noted that to implement an Extreme Weather Protocol a commitment would be required from the State Government to provide resourcing to staff a temporary shelter with specialist homelessness service staff who have experience working with people who are rough sleeping.
3. The City could provide an overnight venue, a staff member from the City's Recovery Team and utilise bedding equipment etc. from the City's existing inventory that is available to establish an evacuation centre.
4. Since this issue was first raised, officers from the City have raised this matter through several State Government Agencies and have arranged for presentations to be delivered to the GHHA by staff from the City of Sydney and the City of Adelaide where extreme weather protocols currently operate.
5. In 2022 an email was sent to Minister Guy Barnett seeking consideration of the development of a protocol with Minister Barnett's response shown at **Attachment A**.
6. In 2024 in order to again to elevate this matter noting limited progress with engaging with State Government, a working group of the GHHA was formed to develop a detailed protocol proposal and budget bid for State Government

funding. A copy of the Extreme Weather Protocol Budget Submission is shown at **Attachment B**.

7. Staff from the following organisations/departments were involved in developing the submission which was led by the City of Hobart: Bureau of Meteorology; Clarence City Council; Department of Health; Department of Premier & Cabinet; Glenorchy City Council; Hobart City Mission; Local Government Association of Tasmania; Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania; State Emergency Services; and University of Tasmania.
8. The submission, that included significant research and data, was put forward for funding in December 2024 to be considered as part of the development of the 2025-26 Budget submissions but it was not successful in attracting funding and no response was received from the State Government.
9. Based on BOM records, the likelihood of an extreme weather event triggering the protocol would be potentially five times in any 12 month period.
This matter is still listed on the order of priorities list to be discussed at the next GHHA meeting to be held on 12 March 2026.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 2 – Community inclusion, participation and belonging.

Outcome: 2.2 Hobart is a place where diversity is celebrated and everyone can belong, and where people have opportunities to learn about one another and participate in city life.

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

Strategy: 2.2.1 Support people from all backgrounds and life experiences to participate in Hobart life

2.2.3 Provide and support activities and programs that celebrate diversity to reduce social isolation and build social cohesion

2.4.6 Deliver and support initiatives, activities and programs that build community resilience, wellbeing and safety.

2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy

Goal 2 Priority 7 - The Hobart community is socially connected and cohesive able to adapt and support priority people and communities in vulnerable situations.
Create safe and inclusive spaces for people that are accessible during extreme climate events. Look at ways to use existing spaces.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*

Policy: Social Inclusion Policy

Financial Implications

1. In the State Government Budget Submission, it notes that the City of Hobart's contribution to the protocol would be staff time to the value of \$20,000 with a material, resource, staff and venue contribution up to the value of \$5,000 each time the protocol is stood up.

Attachment A: Letter from Minister Barnett (Supporting information)

Attachment B: Extreme Weather Protocol Budget Submission (Supporting information)

18. Transforming Collins Street Trial - Safety Issues
File Ref: F26/3933

Councillor Louise Elliot

Motion

1. "That the Council require officers to resolve, with urgency, the following issues that have been created as a direct result of the changes to Collins Street as part of the Transforming Collins Street 'Trial':
 - serious safety issues due to insufficient turning space that at occur on the corner of Collins and Harrington Streets (near the new on-road dining area) when buses and other long vehicles turn right from Harrington Street into Collins Street following the removal of yellow line.
 - the removal of a 'drop zone' outside the Village Cinema that is impacting trade and access, including for young people, elderly people and people with a disability.
 - the reduction in traffic lanes exiting Victoria Street (including Centrepont Carpark) from two lanes to one lane which has caused significant delays with cars banked up in Centrepont during peaks for around an hour.
2. That the Council require officers to undertake a community awareness campaign, which includes on-location signage, advising the community that it is illegal for escooters to be used in the separated bike lanes on Collins Street."

Rationale:

"The changes to Collins Street are branded a 'trial' and comments have been made that the changes are 'tactical' so that they can be adjusted as needed. Issues have been created by the changes that need urgent attention as they are frustrating road users, presenting intolerable safety risks, hurting businesses and further damaging the Council's reputation."

Administration Response to Notice of Motion**Transforming Collins Street Trial**

Officers have been monitoring the three issues which are listed in this notice of motion and propose to provide Elected Members with a report on each, detailing the issue, the feedback we have had to date, the impact which has emerged from the data we have been collecting and the alterations we have made to date.

In respect to the turn from Harrington Street to Collins Street, works have occurred to move the holding line so that cars are required to stop further back from the intersection, providing further turning space for vehicles (busses in particular).

Regarding the Victoria Street turn onto Collins Street, temporary traffic changes were made in the days prior to Christmas once the Council became aware of the impact

this was having on the Centrepont Carpark exit. Officers have already commenced work to review whether more permanent changes (but still temporary in the context of this trial) should be made to address this issue.

Personal Mobility Devices

The regulation of personal mobility devices (PMDs) – particularly e-scooters – has some complexity. It is noted that the Council's position has been clarified that e-scooters cannot legally be used in bicycle lanes. Ideally, the law would be clarified to allow e-scooters in bicycle lanes and officers have already engaged with the state government to attempt to have this change made. Officers have no concerns about a community awareness campaign on this issue prior to any change in the law.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 5 – Movement and connectivity

Outcome: 5.2 – Hobart has an effective and environmentally sustainable transport system.

5.4 – Data Informs Decision Making

Strategy: 5.2.2 Prioritise and promote opportunities for safe, accessible and integrated active transport.

5.4.1 Gather and appropriately manage relevant data that can be used to guide decision-making, monitor trends and measure progress.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: City of Hobart manages the road network under a series of legislation

Policy: n/a

Financial Implications

1. A report is proposed as the response to this notice of motion. That report may contain proposed works and, if so, further details about the financial implications can be provided in the report.

19. Investigation into Cr Sherlock's Recorded Removal of Food and Beverages from the Elected Member Lounge
File Ref: F26/3945

Councillor Louise Elliot, Alderman Marti Zucco, Councillor John Kelly and Councillor Will Coats

Motion

1. "That the Council require the CEO to engage an appropriate external party to conduct an investigation into the alleged removal of "refreshments and snacks" by Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Zelinda Sherlock, from the Elected Members Lounge for consumption offsite, that is understood to have occurred as recorded in writing by a former Acting CEO on 23 January 2024 (Attachment A) and the organisation's response to the alleged conduct; and
2. That the Council resolve that the Lord Mayor write to the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Zelinda Sherlock, notifying Cr Sherlock of the Council's decision to undertake an independent investigation into their alleged conduct and the organisation's response. Further, the letter is to encourage Cr Sherlock to request Leave of Absence commencing as soon as practicable until the investigation referred to above is complete and the investigator's final report has been presented to Council for consideration."

Rationale:

"On 23 January 2024, then Acting CEO recorded in writing that he had met with Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Zelinda Sherlock, regarding Cr Sherlock's removal of "quantities of refreshments and snacks from the Alderman's Lounge" to consume them offsite. The Acting CEO also recorded Cr Sherlock's response, stating that Cr Sherlock had advised that "she had been undertaking the practice for a number of years.....and was a part of the "fringe benefits" that applied to the role."

Further, the Acting CEO noted that he had received Cr Sherlock's assurance that this practice would be "discontinued". The Acting CEO also noted an intention to inform the incoming and current CEO.

The Integrity Commission defines 'serious misconduct' as conduct "*that could, if proved, be a crime or offense of a serious nature, or could provide reasonable grounds for terminating employment. Examples include theft, fraud, assault....*" (Guide to Managing Misconduct in the Public Sector, Integrity Commission, September 2023).

<https://www.integrity.tas.gov.au/reporting/what-is-misconduct>

It is expected that the investigation referred to (Point 1) will include, but likely not be limited to:

- when, why and by whom concerns around the removal of product from the Elected Member Lounge was identified.

- the actual conduct that occurred, including when and by whom.
- the estimated value of the product removed.
- any seeking or offering of return of product or reimbursement of costs of product removed.
- any potential, likely or actual breaches of policy, the Local Government Act and Regulations and any other relevant instruments.
- any potential or likely breaches of the Tasmanian Criminal Code.
- the efficiency and timeliness of the organisation's inhouse investigations.
- any notifications of allegation of misconduct and/or the undertaking of a misconduct investigation to the Integrity Commission.
- any communication of the issue to the Lord Mayor or collective Council.
- the appropriateness of the organisation's in-house investigations.
- the appropriateness of the organisation's response to the conduct at the time.
- the appropriateness of the organisation's response to recent requests for information related to the conduct, investigation and resolution.

It is noted that the Deputy Lord Mayor is a key contact for staff for matters related to managing the Elected Members Lounge.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

This Notice of Motion (NOM) relates to a matter that was actioned in January 2024 when Councillor Sherlock was identified to be removing quantities of refreshments and snacks from the Elected Members' lounge to consume off-site. The Legal and Governance Team noticed an unusual increase in stock usage from the lounge and initiated an investigation, which led to the discovery through CCTV footage that Councillor Sherlock was taking refreshments and snacks off-site.

On January 23, 2024, the Acting CEO documented the situation in a file note, explaining that Councillor Sherlock had assumed the refreshments were available for consumption at any time as part of the role's benefits. Councillor Sherlock assured the Acting CEO that they would stop this practice and apologised for the misunderstanding. The Acting CEO acknowledged the lack of clarity in the policy regarding the use of the lounge and suggested updating it for future guidance.

The total expenditure on refreshments and snacks for the Elected Member lounge in 2023/24 was \$3,712, which was below the budgeted amount of \$3,846. This spend is consistent with prior and subsequent years. The value of the refreshments and snacks taken by Councillor Sherlock was considered immaterial, as reflected in the overall spend. It is noted that the refreshments and snacks in the Elected Member lounge are freely available to all Elected Members to support them in the performance of their role.

In consultation with the Director of City Enablers, the Acting CEO reviewed the policy at the time and confirmed it did not specify that refreshments and snacks from the Elected Members' lounge had to be consumed within Town Hall. Consequently, they concluded that no further action was warranted due to the policy's lack of clarity and Councillor Sherlock's apparent misunderstanding. However, they recognised the need to modify the policy for clarity, which has since been done.

No other Elected Member was informed of this matter at the time.

While the Council has access to the relevant CCTV footage, at this stage the CEO has decided that it not be released due to the inclusion of a third party, which raises personal information protection concerns. It should be noted that this is now the subject of a Right to Information application, which is the appropriate means to consider the concerns.

The NOM now calls for an independent investigation into the matter, highlighting several concerns to be addressed. An independent solicitor reviewed the Council's handling of the situation and the NOM, concluding that that it was open to the Acting CEO to conclude that Councillor Sherlock's actions stemmed from a misunderstanding, not deliberate dishonesty. The absence of explicit policy provisions could reasonably lead to the belief that the refreshments were available for personal consumption. The solicitor's advice supported the Acting CEO's conclusion that a misunderstanding had occurred, and no further action was warranted.

Specifically, the advice states:

In our view, it is open on the facts to conclude, as the then Acting CEO previously concluded, that Cr Sherlock was not being deliberately dishonest when removing refreshments and snacks. Cr Sherlock provided an explanation to the Acting CEO that she had a "misunderstanding" and believed it was a benefit of being a Councillor. Further, the absence of any express provision within the Elected Members' Development and Support Policy dated 24 April 2023 ('Policy') on the consumption of the refreshments provided within the Elected Members Lounge, coupled with the very existence of the refreshments within the Elected Members Lounge, could lead to a conclusion that the items were made available to the Councillors for their consumption.

The advice further concludes that:

We are of the opinion that it was within the Acting CEO's bona fide exercise of discretion, as the Acting CEO of the time, to conclude on the basis of Cr Sherlock's explanation, and having regard to the Policy content and omissions, that no misconduct of any type could be established and no further action could be sustained or was warranted.

(and that) It is open to the Council to conclude that no further investigation is warranted in the circumstances given the finding of the Acting CEO. As mentioned earlier, in our view, it was open to the Acting CEO to conclude and be satisfied that

Cr Sherlock's conduct was a result of a "misunderstanding" and therefore to conclude that no further investigation or action was warranted. In our view, it is open to the Council to conclude the same.

It is important to consider this matter in context. From time-to-time Council Officers manage misunderstandings or errors by Elected Members, such as parking infringement notices which are cancelled due to various circumstances, misuse of Elected Member parking spaces as well as misuse of fuel cards. These instances are typically resolved internally with the Elected Member concerned without the need for referral to the Council and/or external investigations, as they are minor and genuine misunderstandings or errors. In these instances, parking fines are valued at between \$50 - \$102.50 and they are cancelled based on the acceptance of the justifying reasons being given by the Elected Member.

It is considered that the matter that is the subject of this NOM was of a similarly low level and was accepted by the A/CEO as being a genuine misunderstanding or error. Accordingly, it is not considered that a further independent investigation is warranted.

Further, any concerns with the CEO handling of the recent requests for information on this matter would more appropriately be referred to the Office of the Ombudsman, rather than an external investigator. It is noted however that the requests have either been attended to, or are awaiting legal advice, as there are some complexities in respect to the release of the requested information.

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: *Local Government Act 1993*
Local Government (General) Regulations 2015

Policy: Elected Members' Development and Support Policy

Financial Implications

1. To be determined.

Attachment A: Correspondence from Acting CEO regarding refreshments

more that can be done at this time. However, as per the meeting, the meeting CEO should be advised of the matter and a clear policy drafted so confusion is avoided in future.

I will arrange for a policy to be prepared.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Director City Enablers



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Cr Sherlock

Hi [REDACTED]

I refer to our discussion yesterday where I outlined that I had been made aware that Cr Sherlock has been taking quantities of refreshments and snacks from the Alderman's Lounge and consume them offsite. I met Cr Sherlock today to question her on this practice. Cr Sherlock advised that she had been undertaking the practice for a number of years and that it was assumed by her that these refreshments were available to her to consume at any time whether at Council or away from the Council Chambers and was a part of the "fringe benefits" that applied to the role.

I advised that that was not the case and that these refreshments and snacks were available to the Elected Members for consumption on the premises while undertaking their duties. It appears that this is not clear within any policy or statement of expectation with the use of the lounge and suggest that this is included when these policies are next updated. I have received assurance from Cr Sherlock that this practice would be discontinued and she apologised for the misunderstanding. I propose to make the new CEO aware of this matter and the actions taken to date. Given the absence of any written clarity around this expectation I am not sure any further action can be sustained and therefore warranted at this stage.

Regards

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

Acting Chief Executive Officer



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20. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 34 *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.

20.1 Missing Travel

Memorandum of the Head of Executive Services of 19 January 2026

20.2 Staff Attendance - Climate Events

Memorandum of the Head of Executive Services of 14 January 2026

20.3 Salmon Farm Outbreaks

Memorandum of the Director Community and Economic Development of 14 January 2026

20.4 Travel and Costs Associated with Travel

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 5 January 2026

20.5 Status of Police Parking

Memorandum of the Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 5 January 2026

20.6 Parking over Driveway

Memorandum of the Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 13 January 2026

20.7 Elected Members Accepting Free Tickets

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 14 January 2026



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

MISSING TRAVEL

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 24 November 2025

Raised by: Councillor Elliot

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's travel to Canberra/Brisbane in June 2019, in her capacity as Chairperson of Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), and travel to Egypt in November 2022, as a Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) Board Member, were inadvertently omitted from the table provided in response to the Question on Notice listed as Agenda Item 21.

To address these omissions:

- An email was circulated to all Elected Members by the former Manager of Legal and Governance prior to the Council meeting on 24 November 2025, advising of the corrections.
- An amended version of the response to the Question on Notice now forms part of the Council Minutes of 24 November 2025.
- The Council's Travel Register has been updated and re-published on the Council's website.

It is also noted that travel to Canberra in June 2021, identified by Cr Elliot, was not included because it did not relate to 'climate' or 'sustainability' events or activities.

This trip was undertaken to present a Hobart City Council-endorsed motion on 5G technology and the protection of public spaces from undesirable infrastructure proliferation at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2021.

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.



Laura Eaton
HEAD OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Date: 19 January 2026
File Reference: F25/89173



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

STAFF ATTENDANCE - CLIMATE EVENTS

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 24 November 2025

Raised by: Councillor Elliot

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:

Since 1 January 2018, the Council's current subject matter expert (SME) has travelled internationally on two occasions and interstate on three occasions.

The details of each are listed below.

Dates	Event	Location	Cost	Funded by
25-26 November 2025	CCCLM Climate Forum	Sydney, Australia	Costs covered by CCCLM	CCCLM
3-5 November 2025	C40 Local Leaders Forum	Rio de Janiero, Brazil	Costs covered by GCOM and Bloomberg Philanthropies	GCOM & Bloomberg Philanthropies

			International Roaming charge - approx \$100	City of Hobart
10-11 September 2024	Better Futures Forum	Canberra, Australia	\$708	City of Hobart
29 November 2023 - 8 December 2023	<p>UN Climate Conference COP28 & Local Leaders Forum</p> <p>Note: The SME was awarded a Scholarship via the Climate Diplomacy Masterclass from University of Melbourne with support from Department of Foreign Affairs and Australia China Foundation. This trip was fully funded by University of Melbourne. An additional three days travel expenses were covered by C40.</p>	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Costs covered by GCOM/DFAT and Australia China Foundation	GCOM/DFAT/Australia China Foundation
6-7 September 2023	<p>Cities Power Partnership & Climate Summit for Local Government *</p> <p><i>*Council resolved to join</i></p>	Melbourne, Australia	\$1,716	City of Hobart

	<i>this partnership at its meeting of 17 July 2023).</i>			
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Laura Eaton
HEAD OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Date: 14 January 2026
File Reference: F25/89174



City of **HOBART**

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

SALMON FARM OUTBREAKS

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 24 November 2025

Raised by: Councillor Kitsos

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:

Testing for florfenicol at recreational water sites within the Hobart Municipality is not necessary. This is because:

- The EPA mandates testing of water in and around leases where florfenicol is being used to treat salmon and there is no need for Councils to undertake additional sampling.
- Testing of the water to date has only identified trace levels of florfenicol in water within close proximity to leases where florfenicol has been used to treat salmon.
- Florfenicol breaks down in water.
- The nearest beach in the Hobart Council area is approximately 33 km from the nearest lease where florfenicol has been used to treat salmon and it is highly unlikely that florfenicol would be present at Nutgrove or Sandy Bay beaches
- There is no evidence of harm to human health from exposure to traces of florfenicol in water or fish.

The current environmental monitoring schedules in place will provide data to inform future risk assessments and public health advice relating to the use of florfenicol to treat salmon.

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: 14 January 2026
File Reference: F25/89175



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

TRAVEL AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVEL

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 15 December 2025

Raised by: Alderman Zucco

Question:

1. How many times has Deputy Lord Mayor acted in the capacity of Lord Mayor since the 1 November 2022?
2. What are the extra costs associated with the Deputy acting as the Lord Mayor during that period?
3. How many times have Elected Members, including the Lord Mayor, travelled interstate or overseas in that period, paid for by Council or paid for by others?
4. Have any City of Hobart staff travelled with any Elected Member or Lord Mayor on overseas trips or interstate trips in regards to escorting Elected Members to events or otherwise irrespective of whether or not they've been paid for by other persons?
5. What are the staffing costs associated with staff escorting either Elected Members or the Lord Mayor on trips?

Response:

1. A Deputy Lord Mayor has acted in the capacity as the Lord Mayor on 16 occasions since the 1 November 2022.

2. \$11,508.55.
3. The Lord Mayor travelled interstate 13 times and overseas seven times from 1 November 2022 – 31 December 2025.

The Council's publicly available Elected Member Travel Register, current as at August 2025 notes:

- Ald Zucco travelled interstate on one occasion.
 - Cr Dutta travelled interstate on one occasion.
 - Cr Kelly travelled interstate on two occasions.
 - Cr Elliott travelled interstate on one occasion.
 - Ald Bloomfield travelled interstate on two occasions
 - Cr Coats travelled interstate on one occasion.
4. A Council officer attended the 2025 Local Leaders Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil between 1 to 9 November 2025 alongside the Lord Mayor.
 5. 2025 Local Leaders Forum - Travel costs were fully funded by the Global Covenant of Mayors and C40.

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: 14 January 2026
File Reference: F25/93822



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

STATUS OF POLICE PARKING

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 15 December 2025

Raised by: Councillor Elliot

Question:

What is the status of the Police returning car parking spaces in Argyle Street near Monotone Printers to general parking?

Response:

Officers are currently reviewing the arrangements for on-street parking for Ambulance Tasmania (Melville Street), Tasmania Police (Liverpool Street and Argyle Street, including the area in front of Monotone Printers) and Tasmania Fire Service (Argyle Street). We have commenced discussions with each service regarding potential changes to the parking arrangements.

Both City of Hobart officers and Tasmania Police are aware of the operational needs of the adjacent buildings, which includes Monotone. Similarly, for Ambulance Tasmania and Tasmania Fire Service, there is a need to balance the requirements of those services against the demand for general access to parking spaces for the community.

An update will be provided to Elected Members once the review has been finalised.

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, appearing to read 'Karen'.

Karen Abey
**DIRECTOR STRATEGIC AND
REGULATORY SERVICES**

Date: 5 January 2026
File Reference: F25/93826



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

PARKING OVER DRIVEWAY

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 15 December 2025

Raised by: Councillor Elliot

Question:

What information does the Council have on flexibility around the road rules relating to parking over your own driveway?

Response:

Parking over a driveway crossover is generally not permitted under the *Tasmanian Road Rules*. Rule 198 makes it clear that a driver must not stop on or across a driveway or any access way to adjacent land. This applies even if the obstruction appears minor or brief - any part of a vehicle encroaching over the driveway constitutes an offence.

There are only two very limited exceptions. A driver may stop across a driveway if they are actively dropping off or picking up passengers, remain with their vehicle at all times, and move on as soon as the activity is completed within a maximum of two minutes. Alternatively, a driver may stop within a marked parking bay that lawfully overlaps a driveway, provided the driver is permitted to use that bay under the Road Rules. Outside of these situations, stopping or parking over a crossover is not allowed.

These rules are in place to ensure safe and reliable access for residents, businesses, service vehicles, and emergency services. Blocking a driveway can create hazards,

delay access, and cause frustration for property owners. Consistent enforcement of these regulations supports fairness, safety, and clear expectations for all road users.

Members of the public should therefore be aware that parking over a driveway crossover will generally result in enforcement action. If special access or exemption is required, applications must be made directly to the Transport Commission, as councils do not have the authority to issue exemptions for driveway parking.

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
**DIRECTOR STRATEGIC AND
REGULATORY SERVICES**

Date: 13 January 2026
File Reference: F25/93829



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

ELECTED MEMBERS ACCEPTING FREE TICKETS

Meeting: Council

Meeting date: 15 December 2025

Raised by: Councillor Posselt

Question:

Recently an integrity probe has been launched into elected members of Parliament accepting free tickets to events.

Will Council officers commit to refusing free tickets for Elected Members as standard part of sponsor negotiations? (e.g. Taste and Dark Mofo) and will officers commit to not including those in the negotiations?

Response:

The City of Hobart provides in-kind and cash sponsorship to a variety of events through its grants program, based on officer reports, recommendations and Council resolutions.

As part of negotiated Sponsorship Rights, benefits to Council typically include opportunities for brand visibility, messaging within programs, naming rights, official quotes, social and digital media exposure, and invitations to media events and launches where Council branding is featured.

Complimentary tickets are also negotiated as part of these sponsorship arrangements. These tickets serve a strategic purpose: they enable Elected Members to experience sponsored events firsthand, engage with event staff, volunteers, performers, and other sponsors, and strengthen relationships with

community partners. This experiential understanding is essential for informed decision-making about future sponsorships and demonstrates visible support for events that contribute to Hobart's cultural and economic vitality.

Ticket allocations are managed by the CEO Office and Corporate Governance team, and acceptance by Elected Members remains optional.

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



Justyne Wilson
MANAGER CREATIVE CITY

Date: 14 January 2026
File Reference: F25/93831

21. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

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.

22. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve by absolute majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Minutes of a closed Council Meeting
- Legal matters involving Council
- Renewal or extension of contracts
- Closed Questions Without Notice

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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	Current Legal Proceedings LG(MP)R 17(2)(k)
Item No. 7	Contract Extension - Integrated Business Systems LG(MP)R 17(2)(e)
Item No. 8	Response to Questions without Notice
Item No. 9	Update on Legal Matters LG(MP)R 17(2)(k)
Item No. 10	Questions without notice