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Meeting Commencing at 1.00pm

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1. PRESENT

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21 MAY 2019

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 21 May 2019 numbered 082/19 to 095/19, 099/19 and 100/19 as circulated to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For:

Against:

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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

[Refer to Minute No. 243/16. The period set aside for public question time will be at least 15 minutes. Questions given on notice will be addressed first. Once questions on notice have been addressed, persons who have registered their interest to ask a question will be called to do so in the order in which they have registered. Persons attending Council meetings will have the opportunity to register their interest to ask a question without notice prior to the commencement of the meeting. Council staff will be on hand to assist with this process.

Participants cannot ask more than 2 questions in a row with a maximum of 2 minutes per question. If a person has more than (2) questions, they will be placed at the 'end of the queue' and may, if time permits, ask their further questions once all other persons have had an opportunity to ask questions. Persons who have not registered their interest to ask a question will be given an opportunity to do so following all those who have registered. All questions must be directed to the Chairperson.

For further information on Council's Public Question Time Rules and Procedure, please refer to George Town Council Public Question Time Policy No. 18.]

Questions asked and answers provided may be summarised in the minutes of the meeting.

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3.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil.

3.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Refer to Minute No. 425/00, which states in part, “that a copy of all written replies to questions from the Public Gallery be included in the following Council Agenda.”)

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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

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6. PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil.

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7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

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8. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

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9. CORPORATE AND FINANCE

Nil.

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10. COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – CHAIR OF THE HEALTHY GEORGE TOWN PROJECT WORKING GROUP

AUTHOR: Community Development Officer

REPORT DATE: 20 June 2019

FILE NO.: 15.8

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

This report is intended to nominate, and endorse by Council resolution, Council's representation on the Healthy George Town Project Working Group (HGTPWG), and specifically to the role of Chairperson.

BACKGROUND

Healthy George Town is an evidence-based, community-wide, holistic, collaborative and sustainable health and wellbeing project that aims to create a safe, connected, vibrant, healthy and positive community.

In partnership with community organisations, local providers and health professionals, Healthy George Town will facilitate the delivery of a broad suite of activities and sessions, events, initiatives and strategy/policy developments. Its successful implementation will include major local capacity building with a multitude of training and mentoring opportunities.

Healthy George Town will mobilise the community to improve their wellbeing by; filling gaps in provision, creating pathways, reducing barriers and targeting those with the highest need.

Healthy George Town has been in the planning stages since 2011 and will be designed to add value to existing successful local programs/services and fill any identified gaps, therefore, Healthy George Town will not duplicate services, rather endorse, support and guide new and existing healthy lifestyle providers to enhance their service and their connection with the community. Initiatives will be designed to overcome barriers such as a lack of opportunity, low self-esteem, high costs, social disconnection and/or a lack of knowledge of the opportunities available in our community. By facilitating engagement of all members of our community in improved healthy lifestyle behaviour, Healthy George Town will encourage behaviour change by providing free access to programs, resources and networks to ensure these healthy lifestyle behaviour changes are sustainable into the future.

The project will be auspiced by the George Town Council (the fund holders) with project management support from Healthy Tasmania Pty Ltd.

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10.1 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – CHAIR OF THE HEALTHY GEORGE TOWN PROJECT WORKING GROUP (CONT.)

CONSULTATION

A presentation of the Healthy George Town Project was made by Council's Community Development Officer to Councillors at a workshop on the 18th June, outlining the scope of the Healthy George Town Project, and seeking expressions of interest from Council for a member to Chair the HGTPWG Committee meetings. Expressions of Interest were to be emailed to the General Manager by 12 noon on Thursday 20th June 2019.

No Expressions of Interest were received.

ROLE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The role of the Chairperson is to provide leadership to the HGTPWG. The Chairperson's responsibilities include:

- Presiding at meetings of the HGTPWG and ensuring that business is conducted efficiently, effectively and with due diligence and good governance.
- Supporting members of the HGTPWG to understand and discharge their roles and responsibilities.
- Ensuring that there is an effective process for identifying and managing conflicts of interest.
- Encouraging and enabling participation by all members of the HGTPWG.
- To act as the spokesperson on behalf of the HGTPWG.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 02:

Support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods.

Key Objective 1

Support and advocate for organisations and community groups to grow community capacity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Appointment of a Council chair of the HGTPWG would be by Council resolution.

Council's representative as Chair of the HGTPWG would also be required to consider any direction within their capacity as member of the HGTPWG in accordance with George Town Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed to the Council representative, subject to claim, in accordance with the George Town Council Councillors Allowances Policy.

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10.1 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – CHAIR OF THE HEALTHY GEORGE TOWN PROJECT WORKING GROUP (CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Identified members of the HGTPWG consists of:

Representatives from the following	Role	Voting Right
Healthy Tasmania Pty Ltd	Contract Project Manager	Yes
GTC Community Development Officer	Project Manager and Secretary	Yes
GTC Youth Officer, George Town Council	Committee Member	Yes
GTC Engagement / Business Partner	Committee Member	Yes
George Town Neighbourhood House	Committee Member	Yes
Beacon Foundation	Committee Member	Yes
George Town Hospital	Committee Member	Yes
Gordon Square Childcare	Committee Member	Yes
Port Dalrymple School	Committee Member	Yes
Sherriff's Health & Fitness	Committee Member	Yes
Bee Bop Dance Studio	Committee Member	Yes
George Town Community Hub	Committee Member	Yes
Royal Flying Doctors	Committee Member	Yes
Reclink Australia	Committee Member	Yes
Senior Citizens	Committee Member	Yes
YMCA Launceston	Committee Member	Yes
George Town Future Impact Group	Committee Member	Yes

Meetings of the Healthy George Town Project Working Group will be held at monthly.

The appointment of a Council representative as Chairperson of the Healthy George Town Project Working Group aligns with Council's strategic direction.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council calls for nominations for the appointment of Chairperson of the Healthy George Town Project Working Group, effective as at 25 June 2019.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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11. DEPUTY MAYOR

11.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – ACTING MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 19 June 2019

Acting Mayor Cr Tim Harris		
MAY	23	Attended the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea – Memorial Hall George Town
JUNE	12	Attended Tasmanian Population Symposium Attended Annual Rotary Club of George Town – Annual Change-over dinner
	14	Attended presentation by the Valuer General – Council Chambers
	16 - 19	Attended Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly - Canberra
	25	Attended additional Council Workshop
		Attended ordinary Council meeting

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information report from the Acting Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12. GENERAL MANAGER

12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JUNE 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager

REPORT DATE: 19 June 2019

FILE NO: 14.10

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a record of workshops held in accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

- Department of Communities Tasmania re: Housing and available land in George Town
- Sale of Council owned land (Road) – York Cove
- Tourism Northern Tasmania re: Activities Update
- Council's Tree Planting Program
- Healthy George Town Program
- Draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan
- Draft 2019/2020 Rates
- Draft 2019/2020 Fees & Charges
- Draft 2019/2020 Operating Budget
- Draft 2019/2020 Capital Works Budget

Present: Cr Barwick, Cr Mason, Cr Barraclough, Cr Kieser (from 1.00pm), Cr Dawson (from 1.00pm), Cr Michieletto (from 1.00pm)

Apologies: Acting Mayor Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, General Manager

In Attendance: Team Leader Corporate & Finance, Team Leader Community & Development Services, Team Leader Works & Infrastructure, Governance Support Officer

Guests: Representative – Department of Communities Tasmania
Chief Executive Officer - Tourism Northern Tasmania

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12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JUNE 2019

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshop - June 2019 from the General Manager.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

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12.2 SETTING OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

REPORT AUTHOR/S: Team Leaders

REPORT DATE: 11 June 2019

FILE NO: 32.4

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Fees & Charges Schedule for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

SUMMARY

This report provides the recommended fees and charges for the financial year 2019/2020.

BACKGROUND

The Council every year as a part of its budget deliberations sets its fees and charges for a number of functions. These fees reflect Council's desire to maintain a system of fees and charges based on the user pays principle while also recognising the community service obligation inherent in certain service functions. The recommended schedule of fees and charges is in the form of an attachment to this report.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended states:

- 205.** (1) *In addition to any other power to impose fees and charges but subject to subsection (2), a council may impose fees and charges in respect of any one or all of the following matters:*
- (a) the use of any property or facility owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the council;*
 - (b) services supplied at a person's request;*
 - (c) carrying out work at a person's request;*
 - (d) providing information or materials, or providing copies of, or extracts from, records of the council;*
 - (e) any application to the council;*
 - (f) any licence, permit, registration or authorization granted by the council;*
 - (g) any other prescribed matter.*
- (2) *A council may not impose a fee or charge in respect of a matter if –*
- (a) a fee or charge is prescribed in respect of that matter; or*
 - (b) this or any other Act provides that a fee or charge is not payable in respect of that matter.*
- (3) *Any fee or charge under subsection (1) need not be fixed by reference to the cost to the Council*

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12.2 SETTING OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR
(CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENT

Attached for the information of Council are comparison tables, showing fees for the 2018/2019 year and those proposed for 2019/2020 financial year. Total budgeted revenue from fees and charges for 2019/2020 is 5.13% of total revenue. Council's Long Term Financial Plan projects fees and charges revenue of \$465,000, proposed revenue in the 2019/2020 budget from fees and charges is \$537,786 in line with actual income received in the prior three year period in statutory charges.

In particular the following points should be noted.

- The fees and charges schedule has taken into account gazetted fees and charges based on decisions of the state government where applicable.
- Cemetery fees – incremental increases only to account for Council Cost Index (CCI) and service delivery costs.
- Engineering fees – adjusted to reflect actual services offered.
- Photocopying fees - incremental increases only to account for CCI.
- Planning fees - incremental increases only to account for CCI.
- Swimming pool fees – incremental increases only to account for CCI.
- Temporary dwelling accommodation - incremental increases only to account for CCI.
- Waste transfer fees – fees were amended during the 2018/2019 year with the introduction of the weigh bridge. Analysis by Council officers indicates that these fees are appropriate for cost of service. Other items have been amended due to cost of service or potential income from sale of items.
- Halls and public buildings - incremental increases only to account for CCI. Memorial Hall has been modified on a user pays approach. Sporting club halls and facilities have not been included as this will form part of the facilities and user group reviews being undertaken.

The following has been extracted from the Council's adopted financial strategy in relation to the setting of fees and charges.

7. Fees and Charges

7.1 OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

Council has for a number of years implemented a user pays principle in charging for some services. This recognises the situation whereby some services are consumed by a discrete section of the community who may or may not be ratepayers or residents. This approach does not imply that every service or function is subject to the principle nor does it prevent Council from exempting some sectors of the community from paying for the service where it deems the service to be a community service obligation.

7.2 STRATEGIES

- Review all fees and charges prior to the setting of budget each year.
- Determine those fees and charges to which the user pays principle applies.

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- Consider an appropriate increase for those fees and charges where the user pays principle applies.
- Align fees and charges set in the annual budget estimates with the long term financial plan.
- Consider the application of new fees or charges where a new service is introduced or amend fees and charges where service delivery is changed significantly.

7.3 AIMS AND TARGETS

- Maintain the percentage of total cash receipts from user charges at 4.2% or increase this if possible.

Performance measure	Percentage increase in fees and charges
Performance calculation	Last year's fee or charge/this year's fee or charge (expressed as a percentage)
Aim	Local government cost index percentage increase applied
Target	Local government cost index percentage increase applied
Performance measure	Percentage of cash receipts from user charges
Performance calculation	Receipts from user charges/total receipts
Aim	10%
Target	4.5%

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council, pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 receive and adopt the schedules of fees and charges attached to this report for the 2019/2020 financial year.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.3 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2019/2020 YEAR

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
Team Leader – Corporate & Finance

REPORT DATE: 19 June 2019

FILE NO: 32.1

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

BACKGROUND

Section 11 of the Valuation of Land Act 2001 (the Act) requires the Valuer General to make valuations of the Land Value (LV), Capital Value (CV) and Annual Assessed Value's (AAV) for all land within each Municipal Area, including any Crown land that are liable to be rated in accordance with Part 9 of the Local Government Act 1993. Section 20 of the Valuation of Land Act 2001 (the Act) requires a fresh valuation of all lands within each valuation district to be made within 7 years after the date of the last such valuation.

The Valuer General has provided a fresh valuation to George Town land and these valuations will be used for the making of rates and charges for 2019/2020 year in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

The fresh valuation has resulted in an overall increase of 14.98% on the previous adjusted Capital Values.

George Town Council applies the Capital Value provided by the Valuer General as a basis to raise rates, for all categories of rateable land with the exception of rateable land used predominately for residential purposes, which is rated on an average area rate.

The impact of the changes in valuation due to the fresh valuations, may impact each individual rating assessment differently dependant on the change in valuation.

The Council Cost Index (CCI) as recommended by Local Government Association of Tasmania provides an aggregated picture of cost movements at the State level. The mix of construction and non-construction activity varies from council to council. Similarly, there are parts of the State where construction costs have been increasing faster than the State average. Such factors will all be of relevance at the local level when determining the level of rate increase necessary to provide the desired level of service. The CCI rate has been set at 3.38% which is the proposed increase for rates for 2019/2020.

Three options for Rates and charges as detailed in the below are suggested for Councils consideration:

Option 1 – Overall increase in rates income from 2018/2019 rates levy ranging from 3.38% to 6.20% (location dependent) with cents in the dollar varied to absorb the impact of the fresh valuations. The changes made reflect a general rate increase of 3.38% for the non-residential and an increase of 3.38% to 6.20% for the residential sector varying by locality.

Option 2 – Overall increase in rates income from 2018/2019 rates levy by 3.38%, and apply impact of the fresh valuations.

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Option 3 – Increase Average Area Rate by between 3.38% and 6.20%, set minimum rate at \$726 and apply the 2018/2019 cents in the dollar rates to all other categories and apply the impact of the fresh valuations.

RATES & CHARGES FOR 2019/2020

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('Act'), Council must make a General Rate on all rateable land excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 87 of the Act within the municipal area of George Town for the period commencing 1st July 2019 and ending on 30th June 2020, requires absolute majority of Council.

OPTION 1

Overall increase in rates income from 2018/2019 rates levy by 3.38% to 6.20% (cents in the dollar varied to absorb the impact of the fresh valuations). The changes made reflect a general rate increase of 3.38% for the non-residential and an increase of 3.38% to 6.20% for the residential sector varying by locality. Cents in the dollar on capital value have been varied to absorb the impact of the fresh valuations.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- (a) '**Planning Scheme**' means the George Town Interim Planning Scheme 2013 as amended or replaced pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas).
- (b) Where the context permits, terms used in this resolution have the meaning given to those terms in the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) or the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas) (as applicable).

1. GENERAL RATE & MINIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('Act'), Council makes the following General Rate on all rateable land excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 87 of the Act within the municipal area of George Town for the period commencing 1st July 2019 and ending on 30th June 2020:

- (a) pursuant to Sections 90(1) and 90(3)(b) of the Act, Council hereby makes a General Rate of **0.3331** cents in the dollar on the **capital value** of the land; and
- (b) pursuant to Section 90(4) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate of **\$726.00**.

2. VARIATIONS TO THE GENERAL RATE

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Act, Council hereby varies the General Rate of **0.3331** cents in the dollar (as previously made) as follows:

- (a) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned 'General Industrial' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.3136** cents to **1.6466** cents in the dollar on capital value;

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- (b) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned 'Utilities' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.3873** cents to **1.7204** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (c) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned 'Port And Marine' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.3245** cents to **1.6576** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (d) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is not zoned 'General Industrial', 'Utilities' or 'Port And Marine' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **0.3561** cents to **0.6892** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (e) For land used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **0.3695** cents to **0.7026** cents in the dollar on capital value;

3. AVERAGED AREA RATES

Pursuant to Section 109A of the Act and Certificates issued to Council in accordance with Section 109H of the Act, Council hereby make the following Averaged Area Rates ('AAR') for all rateable land within the municipal area for the following categories and localities for the financial year commencing 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020:

- (a) In the locality of Beechford, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (b) In the locality of Bellingham, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (c) In the locality of George Town, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,125.00**
- (d) In the locality of Hillwood, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (e) In the locality of Lefroy, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (f) In the locality of Low Head, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,125.00**
- (g) In the locality of Lulworth, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (h) In the locality of Mount Direction, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (i) In the locality of Pipers Brook, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (j) In the locality of Pipers River, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**

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- (k) In the locality of Weymouth, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1062.00**

4. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 94 of the Act, Council by absolute majority hereby makes the following service charges on all rateable land within the municipal area of George Town (including land which is otherwise exempt from general and separate rates pursuant to Section 87 of the Act but excluding Crown land to which Council does not supply waste management services) for the period commencing 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2020, namely:

- (a) A service charge of **\$40.00** for waste management on all rateable land for the establishment, management, provision and rehabilitation by Council of waste management facilities, and
- (b) A service charge for waste management in respect of all land to which Council provides or makes available waste management services, including garbage and recycling removal and disposal using mobile garbage and recycling bins, pursuant to Section 94(3A) of the Act varied according to the level of service provided or made available, of:
- (i) **\$187.00** for land serviced by one 85 litre mobile garbage bin and one 140 litre mobile recycling bin;
 - (ii) **\$225.00** for land serviced by one 140 litre mobile garbage bin and one 140 litre mobile recycling bin; and
 - (iii) **\$327.00** for land serviced by one 240 litre mobile garbage bin and one 240 litre mobile recycling bin.

5. SERVICE RATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION

- (a) Pursuant to Section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following fire protection service rates for the purpose of collecting a fire service contribution from all rateable land in the municipal area sufficient to pay the contribution that Council is required to make pursuant to the notice received by Council from the State Fire Commission given accordance with Section 81B of the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas) for the 2019-2020 financial year as follows:

<u>District</u>	Rate Cents in the dollar of Capital Value
George Town Volunteer Brigade Rating District	\$0.0189015
General Land	\$0.0207881

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- (b) Pursuant to Section 93(3) of the Act and Section 81C(6) and Section 79B(2) of the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas), the minimum fire service contribution payable in respect of the fire service contribution is the amount of **\$41.00**.

6. PAYMENT OF RATES

Pursuant to Section 124 of the Act, Council determines that:

all rates may be paid by rate payers by way of four (4) approximately equal instalments in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) First instalment due on or before 31 August 2019;
- (b) Second instalment due on or before 31 October 2019;
- (c) Third instalment due on or before 31 January 2020; and
- (d) Fourth and final instalment due on or before 31 March 2020.

7. PENALTY AND INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 128(1)(c) of the Act, if any rate, instalment or charge is not paid on or before the date that it falls due for payment then:

- (a) there is payable a penalty of five percent (**5%**) of the unpaid amounts of the rate, instalment or charge; and
- (b) there is payable a daily interest charge of **0.02219178% (8.1% per annum)** in respect of the unpaid amount of the rate, instalment or charge for the period during which it remains unpaid.

8. SEPARATE LAND

For the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges (including the minimum amounts) shall apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* (Tas).

9. ADJUSTED VALUES

For the purposes of these resolutions any reference to capital value includes a reference to that value as may be adjusted from time to time pursuant to Section 89 of the Act.

OPTION 2

The changes made reflect a general rate increase of 3.38% for the non-residential and an increase of 3.38% to 6.20% for the residential sector varying by locality. The impact of the fresh valuations will be realised on each individual assessment based on the new capital valuation applying to that land, for all categories apart from residential.

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DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- (a) **‘Planning Scheme’** means the George Town Interim Planning Scheme 2013 as amended or replaced pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas).
- (b) Where the context permits, terms used in this resolution have the meaning given to those terms in the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) or the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas) (as applicable).

1. GENERAL RATE & MINIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (**‘Act’**), Council makes the following General Rate on all rateable land excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 87 of the Act within the municipal area of George Town for the period commencing 1st July 2019 and ending on 30th June 2020:

- (a) pursuant to Sections 90(1) and 90(3)(b) of the Act, Council hereby makes a General Rate of **0.3767** cents in the dollar on the **capital value** of the land; and
- (b) pursuant to Section 90(4) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate of **\$726.00**.

2. VARIATIONS TO THE GENERAL RATE

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Act, Council hereby varies the General Rate of **0.3767** cents in the dollar (as previously made) as follows:

- (a) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned ‘General Industrial’ as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.5317** cents to **1.9084** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (b) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned ‘Utilities’ as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.5317** cents to **1.9084** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (c) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned ‘Port And Marine’ as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.5317** cents to **1.9084** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (d) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is not zoned ‘General Industrial’, ‘Utilities’ or ‘Port And Marine’ as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **0.4105 cents to 0.7872** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (e) For land used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **0.4112** cents to **0.7879** cents in the dollar on capital value;

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3. AVERAGED AREA RATES

Pursuant to Section 109A of the Act and Certificates issued to Council in accordance with Section 109H of the Act, Council hereby make the following Averaged Area Rates ('AAR') for all rateable land within the municipal area for the following categories and localities for the financial year commencing 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020:

- (a) In the locality of Beechford, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (b) In the locality of Bellingham, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (c) In the locality of George Town, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,125.00**
- (d) In the locality of Hillwood, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (e) In the locality of Lefroy, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (f) In the locality of Low Head, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,125.00**
- (g) In the locality of Lulworth, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (h) In the locality of Mount Direction, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (i) In the locality of Pipers Brook, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (j) In the locality of Pipers River, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (k) In the locality of Weymouth, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**

4. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 94 of the Act, Council by absolute majority hereby makes the following service charges on all rateable land within the municipal area of George Town (including land which is otherwise exempt from general and separate rates pursuant to Section 87 of the Act but excluding Crown land to which Council does not supply waste management services) for the period commencing 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2020, namely:

- (a) A service charge of **\$40.00** for waste management on all rateable land for the establishment, management, provision and rehabilitation by Council of waste management facilities, and

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- (b) A service charge for waste management in respect of all land to which Council provides or makes available waste management services, including garbage and recycling removal and disposal using mobile garbage and recycling bins, pursuant to Section 94(3A) of the Act varied according to the level of service provided or made available, of:
- (i) **\$187.00** for land serviced by one 85 litre mobile garbage bin and one 140 litre mobile recycling bin;
 - (ii) **\$225.00** for land serviced by one 140 litre mobile garbage bin and one 140 litre mobile recycling bin; and
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5. SERVICE RATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION

- (a) Pursuant to Section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following fire protection service rates for the purpose of collecting a fire service contribution from all rateable land in the municipal area sufficient to pay the contribution that Council is required to make pursuant to the notice received by Council from the State Fire Commission given accordance with Section 81B of the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas) for the 2019-2020 financial year as follows:

<u>District</u>	Rate Cents in the dollar of Capital Value
George Town Volunteer Brigade Rating District	\$0.0189015
General Land	\$0.0207881

- (b) Pursuant to Section 93(3) of the Act and Section 81C(6) and Section 79B(2) of the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas), the minimum fire service contribution payable in respect of the fire service contribution is the amount of **\$41.00**.

6. PAYMENT OF RATES

Pursuant to Section 124 of the Act, Council determines that:

all rates may be paid by rate payers by way of four (4) approximately equal instalments in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) First instalment due on or before 31 August 2019;
- (b) Second instalment due on or before 31 October 2019;
- (c) Third instalment due on or before 31 January 2020; and
- (d) Fourth and final instalment due on or before 31 March 2020.

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7. PENALTY AND INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 128(1) (c) of the Act, if any rate, instalment or charge is not paid on or before the date that it falls due for payment then:

- (a) there is payable a penalty of five percent (**5%**) of the unpaid amounts of the rate, instalment or charge; and
- (b) there is payable a daily interest charge of **0.02219178% (8.1% per annum)** in respect of the unpaid amount of the rate, instalment or charge for the period during which it remains unpaid.

8. SEPARATE LAND

For the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges (including the minimum amounts) shall apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* (Tas).

9. ADJUSTED VALUES

For the purposes of these resolutions any reference to capital value includes a reference to that value as may be adjusted from time to time pursuant to Section 89 of the Act.

OPTION 3

Increase Average Area Rate by between 3.38% and 6.20%, set minimum rate at \$726 and apply the 2018/2019 cents in the dollar rates to all other categories and apply the impact of the fresh valuations.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- (a) **'Planning Scheme'** means the George Town Interim Planning Scheme 2013 as amended or replaced pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas).
- (b) Where the context permits, terms used in this resolution have the meaning given to those terms in the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) or the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas) (as applicable).

1. GENERAL RATE & MINIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (**'Act'**), Council makes the following General Rate on all rateable land excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 87 of the Act within the municipal area of George Town for the period commencing 1st July 2019 and ending on 30th June 2020:

- (a) pursuant to Sections 90(1) and 90(3)(b) of the Act, Council hereby makes a General Rate of **0.3644** cents in the dollar on the **capital value** of the land; and

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- (b) pursuant to Section 90(4) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate of **\$726.00**.

2. VARIATIONS TO THE GENERAL RATE

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Act, Council hereby varies the General Rate of **0.3644** cents in the dollar (as previously made) as follows:

- (a) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned 'General Industrial' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 1.4816 cents to **1.846** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (b) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned 'Utilities' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.4816** cents to **1.846** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (c) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is zoned 'Port And Marine' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **1.4816** cents to **1.846** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (d) For land used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, and which is not zoned 'General Industrial', 'Utilities' or 'Port And Marine' as defined in the Planning Scheme, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **0.3971 cents to 0.7615** cents in the dollar on capital value;
- (e) For land used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by **0.3969** cents to **0.7613** cents in the dollar on capital value;

3. AVERAGED AREA RATES

Pursuant to Section 109A of the Act and Certificates issued to Council in accordance with Section 109H of the Act, Council hereby make the following Averaged Area Rates ('AAR') for all rateable land within the municipal area for the following categories and localities for the financial year commencing 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2020:

- (a) In the locality of Beechford, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
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- (d) In the locality of Hillwood, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
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- (g) In the locality of Lulworth, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,062.00**
- (h) In the locality of Mount Direction, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
- (i) In the locality of Pipers Brook, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, an AAR is made in the amount of **\$1,083.00**
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4. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 94 of the Act, Council by absolute majority hereby makes the following service charges on all rateable land within the municipal area of George Town (including land which is otherwise exempt from general and separate rates pursuant to Section 87 of the Act but excluding Crown land to which Council does not supply waste management services) for the period commencing 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2020, namely:

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5. SERVICE RATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION

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<u>District</u>	Rate Cents in the dollar of Capital Value
George Town Volunteer Brigade Rating District	\$0.0189015
General Land	\$0.0207881

- b. Pursuant to Section 93(3) of the Act and Section 81C(6) and Section 79B(2) of the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas), the minimum fire service contribution payable in respect of the fire service contribution is the amount of **\$41.00**.

6. PAYMENT OF RATES

Pursuant to Section 124 of the Act, Council determines that:

all rates may be paid by rate payers by way of four (4) approximately equal instalments in accordance with the following schedule:

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- (d) Fourth and final instalment due on or before 31 March 2020.

7. PENALTY AND INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 128(1) (c) of the Act, if any rate, instalment or charge is not paid on or before the date that it falls due for payment then:

- (a) there is payable a penalty of five percent (**5%**) of the unpaid amounts of the rate, instalment or charge; and
- (b) there is payable a daily interest charge of **0.02219178% (8.1% per annum)** in respect of the unpaid amount of the rate, instalment or charge for the period during which it remains unpaid.

8. SEPARATE LAND

For the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges (including the minimum amounts) shall apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* (Tas).

9. ADJUSTED VALUES

For the purposes of these resolutions any reference to capital value includes a reference to that value as may be adjusted from time to time pursuant to Section 89 of the Act.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated rating income per category and overall for each option is presented in the table below, together with the estimated underlying operating surplus achievable with each option.

Rate Category	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Residential	\$ 3,783,186	\$ 3,783,186	\$ 3,783,186
Commercial	\$ 373,790	\$ 419,308	\$ 397,672
General Industrial	\$ 1,513,859	\$ 1,754,396	\$ 1,697,055
Industrial	\$ 64,353	\$ 72,781	\$ 70,571
Port and Marine	\$ 185,280	\$ 213,319	\$ 206,344
Utilities	\$ 141,919	\$ 157,273	\$ 152,178
General Rates	\$ 1,118,924	\$ 1,205,617	\$ 1,180,895
Total Estimated Rates Revenue 2019/2020	\$ 7,181,310	\$ 7,605,880	\$ 7,487,901
Estimated underlying operating surplus 2019/2020	\$ 106,081	\$ 530,650	\$ 412,671

Changes to valuation amounts due to objection or revaluation will have an impact on these results.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks associated with Option 1:

- (a) Land owners have 60 days to object to the valuation. Any negative change to a valuation in categories other than residential will have a negative impact on rates revenue and the underlying operating result.
- (b) Risk of future valuations being negative and this impacting on the overall rate base of Council and therefore the financial sustainability of Council.

Risks associated with Option 2

- (a) The increase in valuation and any resultant increase in rates charges could impact on the financial position of individual land owners.
- (b) There will be an impact on the level of rates overall as compared to other municipalities.

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Risks associated with Option 3

- (a) The opportunity for a percentage increase in cents in the dollar rates for 2019/2020 will be lost and Councils long term financial sustainability may be jeopardised, especially if future valuations record small or negative growth.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993 ('Act')*, Council makes the General Rate on all rateable land excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 87 of the Act within the municipal area of George Town for the period commencing 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 in accordance with **Option 1** being:

1. Set General Rate at **0.3331** cents in the dollar.
2. Set Minimum rate at **\$726.00**
3. Vary the General Rate to:

Utilities	1.7204 cents in the dollar
Port and Marine	1.6576 cents in the dollar
Industrial Other	0.6892 cents in the dollar
General Industrial	1.6466 cents in the dollar
Commercial	0.7026 cents in the dollar

4. Set Average Area Rate to:

Beechfood, Bellingham, Lefroy, Lulworth & Weymouth	\$ 1,062.00
George Town & Low Head	\$ 1,125.00
Hillwood, Mount Direction, Pipers Brook & Pipers River	\$ 1,083.00

5. Set waste charges to:

85lt	\$187.00
140lt	\$225.00
240lt	\$327.00
Waste Service Charge	\$40.00

6. Set fire levy to:

George Town Volunteer Brigade Rating District	\$0.0189015
General Land	\$0.0207881

Minimum charge of \$41.00

7. Set late penalty fee at 5% of outstanding instalment balance and interest charge at 8.1% per annum.

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VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
Team Leader – Corporate & Finance

MEETING: 25 June 2019

FILE NO: 29.11

ATTACHMENT/S: Draft Operating Budget by Budget Centre 2019/2020

OBJECTIVE

This report provides information on budget parameters, assumptions and strategies that have been applied in the preparation of the 2019/2020 budget papers.

BACKGROUND

A number of workshops have been held to discuss budget matters for the 2019/2020 budget including rating matters. Detailed budget work papers have been provided to elected members to support discussions. Feedback has been sought and provided to elected members in order to prepare the budget recommendation.

Draft budget documents were provided to the Audit Panel meeting of 11 June 2019. The Audit Panel endorsed the budget as presented, subject to the Council not incurring any expenditure in regards to the Mountain Bike Trail and Regent Square Development (Stage Two and beyond), capital projects until the funding deed with the Federal Government is signed for the full value of the application being approximately \$4.4m and \$2.4m respectively.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Budget Estimates

Local Government Act 1993 Section 82 – Estimates states:

- (1) *The General Manager must prepare estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.*
- (2) *Estimates are to contain details of the following:*
 - (a) *the estimated revenue of the Council;*
 - (b) *the estimated expenditure of the Council;*
 - (c) *the estimated borrowing by the Council;*
 - (d) *the estimated capital works of the Council;*
 - (e) *any other detail required by the Minister.*
- (3) *Estimates for a financial year must –*
 - (a) *be adopted by the Council, with or without alteration, by absolute majority; and*
 - (b) *be adopted before 31 August in that financial year; and*
 - (c) *not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year.*
- (4) *A Council may alter by absolute majority any estimate referred to in subsection (2) during the financial year.*

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12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Rates and Charges

Part 9 of the Local Government Act 1993 contains the detailed requirements of Council in relation to rates and charges. Part 9 is considered too voluminous to reproduce in this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016/2026

The ten-year goals of Council are to:

1. Foster the growth of a diverse business and industry mix and to foster population growth.
2. Support an active, vibrant, and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods.
3. Conserve our natural environment and heritage and ensure it is enjoyed by our community, visitors and future generations.
4. Strengthen the vibrancy of our towns and enhance the benefits of living in a rural setting and living close to the river and coast.
5. Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Mission:

George Town Council will strive to achieve the community's vision of a vibrant, engaged and diverse municipality through: the provision of quality and affordable services, the usage of available assets and resources, the application of sound governance principles and prudent financial management and a focus on sustainability in all that we do.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Budget Estimates Key Assumptions, Influences and Application of Council Policy

External Influences

1 Council Cost Index 2019 3.38%

The Council Cost Index provides an aggregated picture of cost movements at the State level. The mix of construction and non-construction activity varies from council to council. Similarly, there are parts of the State where construction costs have been increasing faster than the State average. Such factors will all be of relevance at the local level when determining the level of rate increase necessary to provide the desired level of service

2 Consumer Price Index

The Hobart CPI was estimated to have decreased by 0.2% per cent in the March quarter 2019 and was 2.1 per cent higher than the price index in the corresponding quarter one year earlier.

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3 Fuel price increase

Should costs increase significantly, this will impact on the estimated operating result.

4 Federal Assistance Grant Treatment

The Commonwealth Government has announced the prepayment of half of the 2019/2020 Federal Assistance Grant. The effect of this is that a 50% of the 2019/2020 grant, approximately \$941,261 will be received in the 2018/2019 year. The budget has been amended to show the decreased operational grant revenue in 2019/2020 as the prepayment is required to be reported in the year that it is received i.e. 2018/2019. This will mean that, although operational grant revenue will be reported as reduced by the 50% in 2019/2020, the carried forward cash is available to fund the 2019/2020 budget.

5 Cash rate

Movements in the cash rate for investments will impact on the budget estimates for interest received.

6 Bad debt write off

The level of bad debt write off is dependent on the economic circumstances that prevail and impact on rate payers in general. The budget papers include only a minimal estimate. Should there be a significant increase in the inability of ratepayers to meet rate demands the level of bad debt write off may increase.

7 Capital Grants Received

Any changes in government policy regarding capital grants, will impact the prepared budget estimates.

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12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

<u>Draft operating budget - 2019-2020</u>				
	\$	\$	\$	
<u>Operating Income</u>	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget	2020 Proposed Budget	% Change from 2018/2019
Contributions operational	1,025			
Grants operational	961,679	913,846	941,261	3.00
Investment Income	194,610	304,490	321,000	5.42
Other Revenues	46,081	41,902	40,560	-3.20
Rates	8,223,634	8,231,142	8,539,554	3.75
Reimbursements	94,700	85,807	84,199	-1.87
Statutory Charges	340,306	265,851	274,794	3.36
User Charges	252,386	382,711	262,992	-31.28
<u>Total Operating Income</u>	10,114,421	10,225,750	10,464,359	2.33
<u>Operating Expenditure</u>				
Contracts	1,898,601	2,363,577	2,511,747	6.27
Depreciation Amortisation	2,569,416	2,803,000	2,777,000	-0.93
Employee Costs	3,025,233	3,365,655	3,611,430	7.30
Finance Costs	88,366	108,967	124,967	14.68
Impairment	0	5,000	5,000	0.00
Internal Hire	-40,968	0	0	0.00
Materials	582,838	684,488	720,651	5.28
Other Expenses	1,449,611	1,543,685	1,548,744	0.33
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	9,105,931	10,874,372	11,299,539	3.91
<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>	1,008,490	-648,622	-835,181	29

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	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget	2020 Proposed Budget	% Change from 2018/2019
<u>Operating Income</u>				
Federal Assistance grant prepaid	912,737	913,846	941,261	3
<u>Underlying Surplus</u>	1,921,227	265,224	106,081	-60
<u>Capital Items</u>				
Contributions capital	0	0		
Grants capital	4,278,475	3,637,000	7,290,000	
<u>Total Capital</u>	4,278,475	3,637,000	7,290,000	
<u>Net Surplus</u>	6,199,702	3,902,224	7,396,081	
Less loan principal repayments	136,787	111,978	141,000	
Plus depreciation	2,569,416	2,803,000	2,777,000	
Less prepaid Financial Assistance Grant	912,737	913,846	941,261	
<u>Cash Surplus/Deficit</u>	7,719,594	5,679,400	9,090,819	
Less purchase/construction of assets (2017/2018 and carry forward capital program)	7,736,921	5,887,690	10,011,500	
<u>Cash Deficit</u>	-17,327	-208,290	-920,681	
Estimated cash at start of year	4,987,116	4,969,789	4,761,499	
<u>Estimated cash at end of year</u>	4,969,789	4,761,499	3,840,818	

12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Operational Budget

Key points

Operating Revenue \$

Estimated operating income is \$10,464,359 which is an increase of 2.33% on the estimated budget for 2018/2019.

- Increase of 3.38% for general rates and charges, and 3.38% to 6.20% for residential Average Area Rating.
- Kerbside waste charges have been increased further to reflect the increase in waste levy together with increase charges for recycling.
- Revenue from user charges proposed for the 2019/20 budget have been decreased by 30% as estimated in the 2018/19 budget due to the removal of the overly aspirationally of \$200,000 budgeted for inert waste.

Operating Expenditure \$11,299,539

Estimated operating expenditure is \$11,299,539 being an increase of 3.91% overall when compared to the estimated budget for 2018/2019.

- Employee costs – 7.3% overall increase in employee costs. The increment to employment costs has been estimated with EBA negotiations underway. Two positions which have previously been contracted have been included in employee costs as these roles are now filled by employees.
- Finance costs – two loans have had reviews in the past twelve months resulting in a higher interest rate being applied to one of the loans.
- Materials have also increased due to inclusion of Place Making Group initiatives (\$50,000), increases as identified in the events strategy and community submissions.
- Contracts – 6.27% increase due to inclusion of contracts for:
 - Strategic Plan Review - \$20,000
 - Development of Information Technology Strategy and Framework - \$22,000
 - Internal Audit function - \$15,000
 - Land Use Strategy and Precinct Structure Plan - \$60,000
 - Design and Economic Analysis of Macquarie St Precinct - \$50,000
 - Tourism and Accommodation strategy. - \$50,000
 - Horticulturalist trainee - \$50,000

Underlying Surplus

An underlying surplus is forecast or an underlying surplus ratio of positive 1% after adjusting for the FAG grant prepayment. A positive underlying surplus is in compliance with Council's adopted financial strategy which calls for a positive underlying surplus of 1% of operating income.

12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Rating strategy for 2019/2020

Agenda report 12.3 Making rates and charges provides the information regarding the rating strategy for 2019/2020.

Statutory fees and fines \$274,794

Significant statutory fees and fines include;

- Planning fees
- Rates certificate fees
- Dog registrations
- Building fees

Statutory fees and fines are estimated to be \$274,794 for the 2019/2020 financial year based on trends experienced over the past three financial years.

Operational Grants \$941,261

Advice is yet to be received on total Federal Assistance Grant for 2019/2020, however Federal budget announcement advises that with the first two instalments of four to be received in the 2018/2019 financial year.

User charges \$262,992

Significant user fees include;

- Waste transfer site fees,
- Cemetery fees,
- Sale of items from Visitors Information Centre,
- Hall hire fees,
- Airport leases rental,
- Planning advertising fees,
- Sponsorships received.

User fees revenue is estimated to be \$262,992 for the 2019/2020 financial year based on trends experienced in the 2018/2019 financial year with the additional budget projection of \$200,000 for inert waste removed.

Interest and Investment Income \$321,000

Investments from the Water Corporation are dividends proposed from estimates provided by TasWater however these are subject to change.

An indicative amount based on the average investment has been used for the purposes of budget estimates for interest earned on funds invested.

Movements in the cash rate will impact on the budget estimates for interest received.

12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Other Income and Reimbursements \$124,759

Significant items of other income include.

- Heavy vehicles distribution – diesel fuel rebate
- Lease payments received
- Fire levy commission

Other income is estimated to be \$124,759 is slightly less than the estimate for the 2018/2019 financial year estimates impacted by reduction in diesel fuel rebates based on current trends.

Employee benefits \$3,611,430 or 31.96% of overall operating costs.

General

EBA negotiations are still underway so the incremental increase has been estimated only for the 2019/2020 financial year. Increase in overall employee benefits has resulted from previously outsourced functions coming back in house.

Capitalised Wages

The 2019/2020 budget includes an estimate of \$421,868 for the cost of wages, salaries and on costs charged to capital expenditure or projects. The budget estimate is based on wages and salaries allocation to projects across the Proposed Capital Works Program. Salaries for Project Management of the proposed Mountain Bike Trail and Regents Square Projects have not been included in capitalised wages.

Materials & Contracts/Services \$3,232,398 or 28.63% of overall operating costs

Significant items of materials and services expenditure include.

- Specific purpose consultancies
- Cleaning contractors
- Cleaning materials and supplies
- Solicitors fees
- Plumbing, industrial and electrical supplies
- Audit and audit panel fees
- Materials and supplies for repairs generally
- Fuel purchases
- Grounds maintenance contractors for parks and reserves
- IT maintenance and consultancy fees
- Minor computer hardware purchases
- Road maintenance supplies
- Road maintenance contractors
- Building maintenance materials and supplies
- Building maintenance contractors
- Municipal valuation fees
- Pool management contract fees
- Pool maintenance materials and supplies
- Crushing and screening of green waste
- Transfer of waste to Remount Road
- Fees for deposit of waste at Remount Road
- Minor tool purchases
- External equipment hire

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- Printing and photocopying costs
- Catering costs
- Kerb side recycling contract collections
- Kerb side waste contract collections

The increase in materials and services/contract expenses relates to specific purpose contractual increases and specific purpose consultancies and a general purpose increase applied to accommodate estimated price increments.

Bad and Doubtful Debts \$5,000 or 0.04% of operating expenditure

Provision has been made for a minimal write off of rates debt.

Depreciation and Amortisation \$2,777,000 or 24.58% of operating expenditure

Depreciation & amortisation is an accounting measure which attempts to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life for Council's property, plant, equipment including infrastructure assets such as roads and stormwater drains. Council's plant is currently being revalued and indications are that depreciation will decrease as a result. This has been reflected in the small decrease in depreciation compared with 2018/2019.

Other Expenses \$1,548,744 or 13.70% of operating expenditure.

Significant items of other expenditure include the following.

- Government building and training levies
- Telephone charges
- Elected members allowances and payments
- Electricity
- Insurance
- Subscriptions – NTDC, LGAT, TNT, BBAMZ
- Sponsorships paid
- Community grants
- Fire levy payment
- Land tax
- Training costs
- Software licences
- Vehicle registrations
- Advertising and promotional costs
- Water consumption charges
- Water connection charges

The estimates for other expenses include the fire levy initially collected by Council but paid to Tasmanian Fire Services. Other significant expenditure is related to water connection and consumption charges and allocations for promotion, advertising and sponsorships.

Finance Costs \$124,967 or 1.1% of operating expenditure

Finance costs relate to interest on borrowings for existing loans.

12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Capital Grants \$6,955,000

Capital grants include all funds received from Government and other sources for the purpose of funding the capital works. For the 2019/2020 financial year the estimated capital grants include the Roads to Recovery Grant, Bridge replacement grant and the Federal Grant funding of the Mountain Bike Trail and Regent Square Redevelopment, both of which are subject to the signing of the deed of agreement.

It may be possible for Council to take advantage of other capital grant opportunities as they arise. Any changes in government policy regarding capital grants, will impact the prepared budget estimates.

Application of the financial strategy and Council policy documents

1 Application of Council's community consultation process

Community members were invited to make submissions for funding considerations in the budget process. A number of submissions have been received and considered as part of the budget preparation process. Councillors were provided with a list of these submissions and Council Officers recommendations at last budget workshop. These are included in the draft budget.

2 Application of Council's financial strategy, (operational budget)

Council's financial management strategy lists the following specific strategies with regard to the operating budget which will assist in the development of the budget.

- Operational budget is aligned to the annual plan,
- Annual plan is linked and conforms to the strategic plan,
- Operational budget is guided by the long term financial plan,
- Operational budget is guided by the asset management plan in terms of infrastructure maintenance, and renewal,
- Operational budget developed with an underlying surplus as a priority,
- Cost increments allowed for at the rate of the Local Government Cost Index or where other specific agreements or documents are in place, by the increases agreed or determined in them.

3 Strategic, economic and social development

In developing the operating and capital budgets priority consideration has previously been given to projects and or new initiatives that support and further enhance the strategic, economic and social development of the George Town Council local government area.

4 Community safety

In developing the operating and capital budgets priority consideration has been given to those projects and or initiatives that support and further enhance community safety and the safety of those maintaining community facilities.

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12.4 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the operating budget estimates prepared by the General Manager pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act as summarised in the preceding be approved and adopted.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.5 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

REPORT AUTHOR/S: General Manager
Team Leader – Corporate and Finance

REPORT DATE: 11 June 2019

FILE NO: 32.4

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Proposed 2019/2020 Capital Works Budget Report
(2) Carry forward Capital Projects – from 2018/2019

SUMMARY

This report recommends the proposed capital works program for the financial year 2019/2020.

BACKGROUND

The Council as part of its budget deliberations has given consideration to funding capital works for the 2019/2020 financial year. The proposed Capital Works Program takes into account a new program of works based on asset management considerations, community and Councillor consultation and strategic plan considerations.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Each project within the Capital Works Program is assessed individually for risk. Investment in renewal of infrastructure will reduce the associated risks.

STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 4

Strengthen the vibrancy of our towns and enhance the benefits of living in a rural setting and living close to the river and coast.

Key objective

To identify and respond to changing needs for infrastructure and facilities.

Key priorities

Review and manage the assets and infrastructure Council currently owns in line with community needs.

Continue regular maintenance of Council infrastructure facilities.

12.5 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENT

Community Consultation

Community members were invited to make submissions for funding considerations in the budget process. A number of submissions have been received and considered as part of the budget preparation process. Councillors were provided with a list of these submissions and Council Officers recommendations at last budget workshop.

Application of Financial strategy and funding infrastructure

Council's financial strategy includes the following specific strategies in relation to funding infrastructure;

- Review the need to renew assets based on community demand (community consultation and engagement required),
- Continue to improve the rate base,
- Continue to improve asset management practices with a high priority being to have adequate asset condition and fit for purpose assets to enable reasonable long term capital renewal forecasts which can be directly linked to long term financial planning and annual budgets,
- Implement funding plans that meet the renewal and new funding requirements over the life of asset management plans,
- Asset management plans are updated for all classes of Council's assets with a focus on ensuring assets are fit for purpose and provide the desired level of service to the community,
- Asset rationalisation and review of growth strategies,
- Carrying out cost benefit analysis on the services being provided including the use of whole of life costing for proposed projects.

Funding for the 2019/2020 Capital Program

The proposed new capital program put forward is \$10,011,500 in addition \$141,000 of loan repayments are to be funded which totals \$10,152,500.

Capital expenditure for 2019/2020 will be funded by capital grants estimated at \$7,290,000 with the remainder of \$2,862,500 to be funded from council revenue raised in the 2019/2020 financial year.

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12.5 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (CONT.)

Carry Forward Projects

A total of \$1,773,916 of expenditure remains committed to projects that are carried forward. Carry forward commitments and projects may change by year end 2018/2019 depending on timing of works and balances will remain committed to projects for completion in the 2019/2020 year.

Funding depreciation and future sustainability

The total depreciation charge for Councils assets for 2019/2020 is estimated at \$2,777,000. Repeated and improved underlying surplus will assist Council funding the replacement of assets in the future.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Works expenditure for the 2019/2020 financial year and the carry forward capital works as reported be approved and adopted subject to the Council not incurring any expenditure in regards to the Mountain Bike Trail and Regent Square Development Stage Two and beyond, capital projects until the funding deed with the Federal Government is signed for the full value of the application being approximately \$4.4m and \$2.4m respectively.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.6 AUTHORISATION TO GENERAL MANAGER TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET ESTIMATES

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 27 May 2019

FILE NO: 14.2

ATTACHMENT: Nil

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to authorise the General Manager to make minor adjustments to endorsed budget estimates.

BACKGROUND

Each year officers prepare budget estimates for revenue, expenditure, borrowings and capital works. These estimates are prepared from a range of sources and assumptions including but not limited to:

- Engineering and construction estimates
- Contractual obligations
- Expected grants
- Forecast revenue through fees and charges
- Employee costs (including leave provisions and other entitlements)

Not all sources and assumptions used for preparing budget estimates are accurate which can result in variances of expenditure and revenue throughout the financial year. Examples can include unexpected costs associated with legal advice, reduction in revenue through reduced visitation at council facilities such as transfer stations, change in market conditions such as inflated construction costs and materials.

Section 82 (6) of the *Local Government Act 1993* makes provision for Council to authorise the General Manager to make minor adjustments up to \$150,000 to individual items within any estimate referred to in subsection (2) so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered. Enabling the General Manager to make minor amendments to the budget provides greater flexibility to the General Manager to ensure efficient operation of the organisation, reliable service delivery and greater community outcomes. Without such authority, the General Manager is limited in their ability to make decisions that have minor financial implications without first seeking formal approval by Council.

The current limitations restrict the General Manager's ability to perform operational functions. Section 62(1)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* stipulates that the General Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations and affairs of the Council and in accordance with Section 63(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the General Manager of a Council may:

- (a) appoint persons as employees of the Council; and
- (b) allocate duties to employees; and
- (c) control and direct employees; and
- (d) suspend or dismiss employees.

12.6 AUTHORISATION TO GENERAL MANAGER TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET ESTIMATES (CONT.)

These limitations are recognised by the Department of Premier and Cabinet who have confirmed will be recommending the introduction of greater flexibility for General Managers to operate within the overall approved budget as part of the review of the *Local Government Act*.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Under section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council has delegated authority to the General Manager to:

‘expend its funds for the purpose of exercising its powers or carrying out its functions under this or any other Act within the estimates adopted under section 82’.

Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides:

- (1) The general manager must prepare estimates of the council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.*
- (2) Estimates are to contain details of the following:*
- (a) the estimated revenue of the council;*
 - (b) the estimated expenditure of the council;*
 - (c) the estimated borrowings by the council;*
 - (d) the estimated capital works of the council;*
 - (e) any other detail required by the Minister.*
- (3) Estimates for a financial year must –*
- (a) be adopted by the council, with or without alteration, by absolute majority; and*
 - (b) be adopted before 31 August in that financial year; and*
 - (c) not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year.*
- (4) A council may alter by absolute majority any estimate referred to in [subsection \(2\)](#) during the financial year.*
- (5) A council may make adjustments to individual items within any estimate referred to in [subsection \(2\)](#) by a simple majority so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.*
- (6) A council, by absolute majority, may authorise the general manager to make minor adjustments up to specified amounts to individual items within any estimate referred to in [subsection \(2\)](#) so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.*
- (7) The general manager is to report any adjustment and an explanation of the adjustment at the first ordinary meeting of the council following the adjustment.’*

The process for procurement of goods and services is outlined within Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy.

CONSULTATION

The views of the Depart of Premier and Cabinet and the Local Government Association of Tasmania have been sought in relation to this matter.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

12.6 AUTHORISATION TO GENERAL MANAGER TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET ESTIMATES (CONT.)

Key Objective

4. Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The General Manager is held to account by way of legislative frameworks, council policy and a performance management plan and appraisal process to reduce any risk of unethical, fraudulent or mismanagement of funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Authorising the General Manager to make minor adjustments up to specified amounts to individual items within any estimate does not permit the General Manager to alter the total amount of the estimate.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. In accordance with section 82(6) of the Local Government Act 1993, authorise the General Manager to make adjustments not exceeding \$150,000 (and not exceeding the total amount of the estimates) within budget estimates as prescribed in section 82(2)(a)(b) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
2. Receive a report from the General Manager at the next available ordinary Council meeting detailing any adjustments made to budget estimates.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.7 REPORT ON TRIAL OF HARD WASTE OPTIONS

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader – Corporate and Finance

REPORT DATE: 11th June 2019

FILE NO: 73.2

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with an update regarding the free days at the Waste Transfer Stations, and the future management of hard waste and green waste days.

BACKGROUND

In March 2017, Council moved and carried a notice of motion;

A) That Council provide all ratepayers in the municipality with 1 free waste voucher per quarter (to be used within the relevant quarter but at any day/time) in the 2017/18 financial year instead of conducting hard waste and green waste collection. The voucher to apply to loads not exceeding that of a Ute with trailer and be limited by Council's normal conditions in relation to allowable material.

B) That this be done on a trial basis for the 2017/18 year and data be collected on the usage and cost of providing the vouchers and compared with the 2016/17 costs of providing hard/green waste collection to inform future decision making.

In June 2018 Council resolved to continue with the trial of suitable collection options for hard waste, by replacing the voucher option with two free open weekends at Pipers River and George Town Waste Transfer stations during the 2018/2019 financial year.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 4 Our Natural Environment and Heritage

Aim: To manage and enhance our heritage and natural environment by minimising waste to landfill and maximising resource recovery.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The implementation of free waste days in preference to the voucher system was far more cost effective to Council. Both days were successful and in fact the last free day saw more than 500 visits to the George Town Waste Transfer Station.

It is proposed to maintain two free waste weekends at the transfer stations, however it is proposed one day be hard waste only and one day be green waste only. This will allow for better segregation of the waste and transferring of the waste.

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12.7 REPORT ON TRIAL OF HARD WASTE OPTIONS (CONT.)

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council holds two free waste weekends for residents and rate payers of the George Town Municipality with the Saturday being free hard waste only and the Sunday being free green waste only at Pipers River and George Town Waste Transfer stations during the 2019/2020 financial year.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.8 REQUEST FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION – JUST CATS TASMANIA

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 20 June 2019

FILE NO: 43.2

ATTACHMENT: Nil

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council consideration of a request received from Just Cats Tasmania for an annual funding contribution from Council of \$10,000 towards the continuation and expansion of its existing services.

BACKGROUND

An email received from the Founder and Director of Just Cats, states that the service provided by Just Cats fills the gap for Councils by taking referrals from Council and managing complaints, concerns and enquiries about stray and problematic felines.

Just Cats has indicated that they are keen to work closer with Council to provide community microchipping days and the subsidisation of desexing initiatives to reduce the overpopulation and stray cat issues.

Just Cats states that the service provides a no kill shelter, meaning that they operate at capacity and rely on a foster network and a prioritised waiting list. The organisation has a conservative approach to the feral cat situation in Tasmania and maintains that all domestic cats should be contained. Just Cats has also indicated that they are happy to work with Council and other bodies to continue to address the issue of effective feral management around the State.

CONSULTATION

The General Manager has previously circulated an email from the Founder and Director of Just Cats Tasmania to Councillors requesting feedback in respect to the request for annual funding.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04

Strengthen the vibrancy of our towns and enhance the benefits of living in a rural setting and living close to the river and coast.

Key Objective

11. Continue to provide an efficient animal control service promoting the amenity and safety of the community and animal welfare.

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

12.8 REQUEST FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION – JUST CATS TASMANIA (CONT.)

Key Objective

4. Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risk is identified in the consideration of the request by Just Cats Tasmania for funding as any budget allocation would be subject to Council decision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council agree to an annual contribution to Just Cats Tasmania, an amount of \$10,000 would form part of Council's ongoing budget deliberations.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Just Cats receives no funding for its services and has recently approached Council requesting that Council consider an annual contribution of \$10,000 to allow them to continue and expand their current service.

Just Cats has advised that their tenure at their Mowbray facility is limited and they require larger premises than those at their Longford adoption centre as their intake numbers have doubled in the last 6 months.

Whilst Council Officers have provided some assistance to Just Cats and worked with Launceston City Council to find a suitable premises for the organisation, the Officers are of the view that cat management is primarily a State issue. Council currently has no bylaws in respect to the management of cats and with limited available resources, it is suggested that Council may better utilise funds in the development of its own cat management practices if so desired.

It is further recommended that Council discuss the development of its own cat management practices at an upcoming workshop and/or renegotiate a lower contribution amount for Just Cats.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Does not support an annual contribution of \$10,000 to Just Cats Tasmania; and
2. Council discusses the development of its own cat management practices at an upcoming workshop; and/or
3. Renegotiate a lower contribution amount for Just Cats Tasmania.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.9 GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL MEETING HELD 30 APRIL 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 20 June 2019

FILE NO: 29.11

ATTACHMENT/S: Confirmed Minutes George Town Council Audit Panel Meeting, 30 April 2019

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Confirmed minutes of the George Town Council Audit Panel meeting held 30 April 2019 as attached to this report be received.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

12.10 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 20 June 2019

FILE NO: 14.12

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

To review Council's representative and voting delegate to the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

BACKGROUND

With the recent resignation of Mayor Archer it is necessary to review Council's representative and voting delegate to LGAT.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key objective

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

Key priority

Be actively involved and seek to influence decisions made at regional and State Government levels.

RISK MANAGEMENT

No risk is identified in the appointment of the Acting Mayor as Council's representative and voting delegate to the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications may be associated with the Acting Mayor's travel reimbursements in attending LGAT meetings.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Council will need to review its representation on various Committees and Groups following the upcoming by-election. In the meantime in order for the Acting Mayor to vote on behalf of Council at LGAT meetings including the 2019 LGAT AGM and the July 2019 General Meeting, it is necessary that Council endorses the Acting Mayor, Cr Tim Harris as Council's representative and voting delegate to LGAT.

12.10 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA (CONT.)

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Acting Mayor Cr Tim Harris as its representative and voting delegate to the Local Government Association of Tasmania until such time that Council officially reviews its representation to the various groups and committees or associations following the upcoming Council by-election.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.11 LGAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3 JULY 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
REPORT DATE: 20 June 2019
FILE NO: 14.35
ATTACHMENT: Previously circulated to Councillors

SUMMARY

To provide Council with options in respect of the motions for which notice has been given for the upcoming 2019 LGAT Annual General Meeting for review, consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND

The 2019 LGAT Annual General Meeting Agenda (AGM) has previously been circulated to Councillors. A copy of the Agenda is also available via LGAT's website www.lgat.tas.gov.au

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective 1

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are identified.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified subject to voting preferences aligning with Council resolution, strategic direction and policy.

CONSULTATION

The 2019 LGAT Annual General Meeting Agenda has been previously circulated to Councillors.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The 2019 LGAT AGM is scheduled to be held on Wednesday the 3 July 2019.

As in previous years, Council is requested to provide voting direction to the Council delegate, the Acting Mayor, on the items listed for decision, noting and discussion at the 2019 LGAT Annual General Meeting.

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The following two options are submitted for Council's consideration:

Option 1

That Council determines that the Acting Mayor be authorised to vote at the LGAT 2019 AGM in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting;

OR

Option 2

That Council considers and provides voting preferences to the Acting Mayor for the LGAT 2019 AGM by a show of hands in respect to each individual item listed below and formally endorses that direction.

The following motions are to be considered at the LGAT 2019 Annual General Meeting:

LGAT 2019 AGM Agenda Item No.	Items for Decision
3	Financial Statements to 30 June 2018 That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 be received and adopted.
4	LGAT Budget and Subscriptions 2019/2020 That the Meeting endorse the adoption of the Budget and Subscriptions as presented.
5	President and Vice President Honorariums That the President's and Vice President's allowance for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Wages Price Index.
6	Rules of the Local Government Association of Tasmania That the Meeting agree to change the LGAT Rules to enable the outgoing President to Chair both the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting attached to the LGAT Conference, prior to the Incoming President taking up the reins.
7	LGAT Annual Plan That Members note the report against the LGAT Annual Plan.
8	Strategic Plan 2017-2020 That Members note the proposed 2019-20 priorities for the LGAT Strategic Plan and that they are invited to provide feedback to LGAT staff or Members of the General Management Committee.
9	Reports from Board Representatives (a) That the reports from representatives on various bodies be received and noted. (b) That Conference acknowledges the time and effort put in by all Association representatives on boards, working parties, advisory groups and committees etc.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- a) That Council determines that the Acting Mayor be authorised to vote at the LGAT 2019 AGM in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting;

OR

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- b) That Council considers and provides voting preferences to the Acting Mayor for the LGAT 2019 AGM by a show of hands in respect to each individual item listed below and formally endorses that direction:

LGAT 2019 AGM Agenda Item No.	Items for Decision	George Town Council Voting Preference
3	Financial Statements to 30 June 2018 That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 be received and adopted.	Supported/Not Supported
4	LGAT Budget and Subscriptions 2019/2020 That the Meeting endorse the adoption of the Budget and Subscriptions as presented.	Supported/Not Supported
5	President and Vice President Honorariums That the President's and Vice President's allowance for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Wages Price Index.	Supported/Not Supported
6	Rules of the Local Government Association of Tasmania That the Meeting agree to change the LGAT Rules to enable the outgoing President to Chair both the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting attached to the LGAT Conference, prior to the Incoming President taking up the reins.	Supported/Not Supported
7	LGAT Annual Plan That Members note the report against the LGAT Annual Plan.	Supported/Not Supported
8	Strategic Plan 2017-2020 That Members note the proposed 2019-20 priorities for the LGAT Strategic Plan and that they are invited to provide feedback to LGAT staff or Members of the General Management Committee.	Supported/Not Supported
9	Reports from Board Representatives (a) That the reports from representatives on various bodies be received and noted. (b) That Conference acknowledges the time and effort put in by all Association representatives on boards, working parties, advisory groups and committees etc.	Supported/Not Supported

DECISION

VOTING:

For:

Against:

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12.12 LGAT GENERAL MEETING 3 JULY 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager
REPORT DATE: 20 June 2018
FILE NO: 14.35
ATTACHMENT: Previously circulated to Councillors

SUMMARY

To provide Council with options in respect of the motions for which notice has been given for the LGAT July 2019 General Meeting for review, consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND

The LGAT July 2019 General Meeting Agenda has previously been circulated Councillors. A copy of the Agenda is also available via LGAT's website www.lgat.tas.gov.au

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective 1

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are identified.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified subject to voting preferences aligning with Council resolution, strategic direction and policy.

CONSULTATION

The 2019 LGAT Annual General Meeting Agenda has been previously circulated to Councillors.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The LGAT July 2019 General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 3 July 2019 immediately following the LGAT AGM.

Council is requested to provide voting direction to the Council delegate, the Acting Mayor, on the items listed for decision, noting and discussion at the LGAT July 2019 General Meeting. The following two options are submitted for Council's consideration:

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Option 1

That Council determines that the Acting Mayor be authorised to vote at the LGAT July 2019 General Meeting in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that Meeting.

OR

Option 2

That Council considers and provides voting preferences to the Acting Mayor for the LGAT July 2019 General Meeting by a show of hands in respect to each individual item listed below and formally endorses that direction.

The following motions are to be considered at the LGAT July 2019 General Meeting:

LGAT July 2019 General Meeting Agenda Item No.	Items for Decision	Submitting Council
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9.1	Charitable Exemptions on Rates That Members note the report on LGAT Activity with respect to charitable rates exemptions.	LGAT
9.2	Local Government Act Review That Members note the report on the progress of the Local Government Act Review.	LGAT
9.3	Waste Management That Members note the following report on LGAT's advocacy around waste issues and the report from the Statewide Waste Arrangements Feasibility Study.	LGAT
9.4	21st Century Councils That Members note the progress on the 21 st Century Council's project.	LGAT
9.5	Planning Reform That Members note the following report on the progress of the State government's program of land use planning reform.	LGAT
9.6	LGAT Community Satisfaction Survey That Members note the results from the 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey as provided in the written report and presentation to the General Meeting.	LGAT
9.7	St Lukes Corporate Health Plan That Members note the St Lukes Health Corporate Plan that is now available to all elected representatives and staff of Local Government Tasmania.	LGAT
9.8	Digital Advisory Group That Members note the following report on the work of the Digital Advisory Group.	LGAT
9.9	Energy That Members note the report on LGAT's successful advocacy in the energy sector, resulting in significant sector savings.	LGAT
9.10	National Local Government Workforce and Future Skills Reports That Members note the following report on the Local Government Workforce and Future Skills Report.	LGAT
9.11	Environmental Health Officer Update That Members note the report on LGAT's work to address EHO shortages.	LGAT
9.12	LGAT Procurement That Members note the report on LGAT's procurement services, the savings of nearly \$2million across the sector and potential future procurement opportunities for councils.	LGAT
9.13	Heavy Vehicle National Law Review and Heavy Vehicles Regulation in Tasmania That Members note the following report on the review of Heavy Vehicle National Law and direct interested staff to make contact with LGAT.	LGAT
9.14	Emergency Management That Members note the report on Emergency Management activity.	LGAT

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9.15	Local Government Community Health and Wellbeing Project That Members note the report on LGAT's Community Health and Wellbeing Project.	LGAT
9.16	LGAT Peer Advisor Program That Members note the Peer Advisor Program has been extended until the end of 2019.	LGAT
9.17	State Budget That Members note the report on the 2019-20 State Budget.	LGAT
9.18	Federal Election That Members note the report on the outcomes of the 2019 Federal Election.	LGAT
9.19	Communications, Events and Training Update That Members note the following update regarding LGAT's communications, events and training.	LGAT
10.1	Reinstatement of Heavy Vehicle Road Tax That Member Councils of LGAT recommend that the State Government provides an immediate commitment to reinstatement of the equitable distribution of the total heavy motor vehicle road tax collected, to the percentage distribution at the time of inception of the scheme in 1996/1997.	Circular Head Council
10.2	Compensation for No Indexation of Heavy Vehicle Road Tax member Councils of LGAT recommend that the State Government make to all local Councils a one off additional annual payment allocation of the heavy motor vehicle road tax distribution as compensation for 24 years of no indexation of the funding allocation.	Circular Head Council
11.1	Amend Meeting Procedures That LGAT lobby the State Government requesting changes to be made to Part 3, Sections 27 and 28 – Voting as well as the inclusion of reasons to be listed in Section 32 – Minutes of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 with regard to elected members voting against an "Officer's Recommendation" or "Motion".	Break O'Day Council
14.1	Climate Change That the Local Government Association of Tasmania investigate opportunities for the sector to develop a position on climate change including acknowledging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a climate emergency that requires action by all levels of the government; - Human induced climate change is at the forefront of the climate emergency; and - The State Government has a particular role in assisting local governments in dealing with the impacts of climate change. 	
14.2	Climate Change That the LGAT call upon the Federal and Tasmanian State Governments and Parliaments urging them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acknowledge the urgency created by climate change that requires immediate and collaborative action across all tiers of government; b) Acknowledge that the world climate crisis is an issue of social and environmental injustice and, to a great extent, the burden of the frontline impacts of climate change fall on low income communities vulnerable groups and future generations; and c) Facilitate emergency action to address the climate crisis, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet or exceed targets in the Paris Agreement. 	Huon Valley Council
14.3	Single Use Plastics/Waste Strategy That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobbies the State Government to complete a state-wide Waste Strategy that includes Policy and Legislation that will phase out single use plastics across the State and support the establishment of regional composting facilities.	Huon Valley Council
14.4	Single Use Plastics Request that LGAT lobby the State Government to take leadership in developing a consistent state wide approach to banning the use of single use plastics in takeaway food packaging.	Break O'Day Council
14.5	State Weed Management That LGAT lobby the heads of the Tasmanian Government's Departments and GBEs with responsibilities for management of public lands or works on public lands to have new increased and sustained resourcing levels committed in government agency budgets to manage weeds on public land in coordination with the efforts of others in local areas.	Break O'Day Council
14.6	Waste Management Storage & Collection That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the Tasmanian Government for: Reform of multiple dwelling standards in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme to require consideration of:	West Tamar Council

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste management storage and collection impacts for multiple dwelling developments; and - Allowing for alternative waste storage and collection means such as site skip bins. 	
14.7	<p>Feral Cats That LGAT calls on the State Government as matter of urgency to set up, resource, and authorise a program within the relevant State agency of a kind equivalent to the former Fox Eradication Taskforce with a specific purpose of taking and coordinating immediate and continuing long-term direct action to control and reduce the population of stray and feral cats in all parts of Tasmania.</p>	Burnie City Council
15.1	<p>Certificate 337's That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the Tasmanian Government for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urgent review of the 337 certificate form under Schedule 5 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015 to address the following omissions from current regulatory regimes that impact the subject lands: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 Codes (such as landslip); Specific Area Plans; Local provisions; Applications for a new planning scheme – including the Tasmanian Planning Scheme; or Applications for amendments to local provisions under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. b) Building Act 2016 Submitted form 80's for low risk building work; Whether any natural hazard considerations affect the lands; Question 31 (a) add a new section (iii) asking about onsite waste waters systems approved prior to the Plumbing Regulations 1994 Questions 38-40 be revised to ask whether notifiable building work has been completed and then to provide details regardless of the answer; and 2. Revisions to the Property Agents and Land Transactions Act 2016 to consider: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Requiring a 337 certificate prior to listing of a property and making it available as part of the sale process; and b) Seeking full disclosure for properties as part of the listing process rather than the current process 	West Tamar Council
15.2	<p>Increased Penalties for Unlawful Use and Development That LGAT lobby the State Government to amend the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 to increase penalties and introduce alternative sentencing options for unlawful use and development consistent with the provisions in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 introduced by the NSW State Government in 2014/2015 by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Act 2014.</p>	City of Hobart
16.1	<p>Smoke Free Areas That the LGAT lobby the State Government to increase the smoking distance from doorways from 3 metres to 5 metres in support of local businesses.</p>	City of Hobart
16.2	<p>Gun Control Laws That LGAT lobby the State Government to ensure any amendments to the Tasmanian Firearms Act 1996 and associated regulations further align Tasmanian law with the National Firearms Agreement.</p>	Kingsborough Council

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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9.9	Energy That Members note the report on LGAT's successful advocacy in the energy spacer, resulting in significant sector savings.	LGAT	Supported/Not Supported
9.10	National Local Government Workforce and Future Skills Reports That Members note the following report on the Local Government Workforce and Future Skills Report.	LGAT	Supported/Not Supported

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14.3	<p>Single Use Plastics/Waste Strategy That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobbies the State Government to complete a state-wide Waste Strategy that includes Policy and Legislation that will phase out single use plastics across the State and support the establishment of regional composting facilities.</p>	Huon Valley Council	Supported/Not Supported
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14.5	<p>State Weed Management That LGAT lobby the heads of the Tasmanian Government's Departments and GBEs with responsibilities for management of public lands or works on public lands to have new increased and sustained resourcing levels committed in government agency budgets to manage weeds on public land in coordination with the efforts of others in local areas.</p>	Break O'Day Council	Supported/Not Supported
14.6	<p>Waste Management Storage & Collection That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the Tasmanian Government for: Reform of multiple dwelling standards in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme to require consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste management storage and collection impacts for multiple dwelling developments; and - Allowing for alternative waste storage 	West Tamar Council	Supported/Not Supported

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	and collection means such as site skip bins.		
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	Amendment Act 2014.		
16.1	Smoke Free Areas That the LGAT lobby the State Government to increase the smoking distance from doorways from 3 metres to 5 metres in support of local businesses.	City of Hobart	Supported/Not Supported
16.2	Gun Control Laws That LGAT lobby the State Government to ensure any amendments to the Tasmanian Firearms Act 1996 and associated regulations further align Tasmanian law with the National Firearms Agreement.	Kingsborough Council	Supported/Not Supported

DECISION

VOTING:

For:

Against:

13. PETITIONS

Nil.

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14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

**15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM
PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

[Refer to Minute No. 362/15 which states "At any Ordinary Meeting of Council when a 'without notice' question from a councillor is accepted, and when this question is taken on notice',

- a) The General Manager is to record in the minutes of that meeting the 'question', and that the question was 'taken on notice'.*
- b) Provide the answer to the question 'taken on notice, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, in writing."]*

Nil.

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16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING – 7 MAY 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 20 June, 2019

FILE NO: 22.24

ATTACHMENT/S: George Town Community Safety Group Committee Confirmed Minutes – 7 May 2019

The George Town Community Safety Group Committee met on the 4th June, 2019.

The Committee at this meeting resolved the following motion:

To accept the minutes of the 7 May 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting (attached).

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That the confirmed minutes of the George Town Community Safety Committee meeting held on the 7 May, 2019 as attached to this report be received.

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17. CLOSED MEETING

17.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr
Seconded: Cr

That Council move into closed meeting at to discuss the following items:

Item 1 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 21 May 2019

As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

VOTING

For:

Against:

17.3 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 regulation 15(8) while in a closed meeting the Council is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting at and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

VOTING

For:

Against:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at

Cr Tim Harris
ACTING MAYOR