

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday 26 June 2023
Council Chambers, St Helens

John Brown, General Manager
Break O'Day Council
19 June 2023

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AUDIO RECORDING OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

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In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, these audio files will be retained by Council for at least six (6) months and made available for listening online within seven (7) days of the scheduled meeting. The written minutes of a meeting, once confirmed, prevail over the audio recording of the meeting and a transcript of the recording will not be prepared.

OPENING

The Mayor welcomed Councillors, staff and community members and declared the meeting open at 10.00am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, the Palawa people of this land Tasmania, and recognise their continuing connection to the lands, skies and waters. We pay respects to the Elders Past, present and future.

06/23.1.0 ATTENDANCE

06/23.1.1 Present

Mayor Mick Tucker
Deputy Mayor Kristi Chapple
Councillor Gary Barnes
Councillor Ian Carter
Councillor Liz Johnstone
Councillor Barry LeFevre
Councillor Vaughan Oldham
Councillor Kylie Wright

06/23.1.2 Apologies

Nil

06/23.1.3 Leave of Absence

Councillor Janet Drummond

06/23.1.4 Staff in Attendance

General Manager, John Brown
Corporate Services Officer, Bec Wood
Manager Infrastructure and Development Services, David Jolly (1.0-18.3)
Manager Community Services, Chris Hughes (1.0-17.4)
Manager Business Services, Raoul Harper (1.0-18.2)
Development Services Coordinator, Jake Ihnen (1.0-16.5)
Senior Planning Officer, Deb Szekely (6.1, 15.5-16.5)
NRM Officer, Polly Buchhorn (15.5-16.5)
Economic Development Officer, Anna Williams (17.0-17.4)

06/23.2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

One (1) person in the gallery.

Nil

06/23.3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF A COUNCILLOR OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

Section 48 or 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a Councillor or Officer who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council Meeting that will be attended by the Councillor or Officer must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the General Manager before the meeting; or at the meeting before the matter is discussed.

A Councillor or Officer who makes a disclosure under Section 48 or 55 must not preside at the part of the meeting relating to the matter; or participate in; or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter, unless allowed by the Council.

Nil

06/23.4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

06/23.4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting 15 May 2023

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 15 May 2023 be confirmed.

DISCUSSION:

Nil

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.4.1.128 Moved: Clr K Chapple/ Seconded: Clr I Carter

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 15 May 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.5.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE 15 MAY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

06/23.5.1 Workshop 22 May 2023

There was a Workshop held on Monday 22 May 2023 and the following items were listed for discussion.

- Future of Local Government Review Stage Two Interim Report.

06/23.5.2 Workshop 5 June 2023

There was a Workshop held on Monday 5 June 2023 and the following items were listed for discussion.

- Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) – Motions for Discussion at March General Meeting.
- Long Term Financial Plan Review.
- Review of 2023-2024 Budget Estimates.
- Review – Draft Rates Resolution and Modelling.
- Animal Control Report – May 2023.
- Policy Review – AM18 Nature Strip Planting.
- Policy Review – AM13 Memorial Gardens Policy.
- St Marys Recreation Ground Lighting.
- Provision of Road Name – Private Access Road off Aulichs Road.
- Potential candidate Black Spot Program projects.
- Ansons Bay – Local Township Plan.
- St Helens – Local Township Plan.
- St Marys – Local Township Plan.
- St Helens Online Centre – Community Funding Program 2022-2023.
- Pending Development Application Updates.
- Break O Day Climate Change Action.
- Replacement of Current Planning Enforcement Policy with New Compliance Policy.
- Car Parking Area - 18-24 Cecilia Street, St Helens.
- Break O Day Response – Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies Workshop Report.
- Future of Local Government Review – Stage 2 Interim Report.
- Draft 2023-2024 Annual Plan.

- Community Engagement Framework.
- Aquatic Facility Working Group Members.
- Launceston Gastronomy.

06/23.6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 the Mayor informed the Council that it was now acting as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

06/23.6.1 DA 322-2022 – Sawmill and Cafe

FILE REFERENCE	DA322-2022
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

After due consideration of the application received and Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993* and the *Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013* that the application for RESOURCE PROCESSING & FOOD SERVICES - SAWMILL & CAFE on land situated at 55 LOTTAH ROAD, GOULDS COUNTRY described in Certificate of Title 237422/1 be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. Development must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents listed as follows, except as varied by conditions on this Planning Permit.

APPROVED PLANS			
PLAN / DOCUMENT NAME	REFERENCE NUMBER	PREPARED BY	DATED
Title Sheet	A-000 / B	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Locality & Setback Plan	A-100 / B	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Site Plan	A101 / B	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Floor Plan & Elevations	A201 / B	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Signage Plan	A301 / A	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Signage Elevations	A302 / A	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Landscape Plan	A401 / A	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022
Land Capability	Appendix A	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	-
Environmental Noise Report	Appendix B	Pearu Terts Architectural Acoustics Noise Control	06/09/2022

Traffic Impact Assessment	Appendix C	Keith Midson Midson Traffic Pty Ltd	12/12/2022
Geo-Environmental Assessment	Appendix D	Geo-Environmental Solutions	17/02/2023
Stormwater Assessment	Appendix E	Geo-Environmental Solutions	06/03/2023
Goshen Sawmill Sawdust Management	Appendix F	Tim Gowans	10/04/2023

2. Wood processing works (Resource Processing – Sawmill) is limited to a total production of less than 1000 cubic meters per year (Level 1 Activity).
3. Prior to the commencement of use and to be maintained at all times, the areas shown to be set aside for vehicle access and car parking must:
 - a. Be completed before the use of the development;
 - b. Provide for the manoeuvring of vehicles on site, generally in accordance with the approved plan.
 - c. Be provided with space for access turning and manoeuvring of vehicles on-site to enable them to enter and leave the site in a forward direction;
 - d. Surfaced with an impervious surface material;
 - e. Line-marked to indicate each space in accordance with Australian Standards AS 2890.1 – 2004 Parking Facilities, Part 1: Off Road Car Parking;
 - f. Drained to the onsite stormwater management system.

4. Limit the hours of operation to:

Use	Hours of Operation
Sawmill	0800 till 1700 Monday to Friday
Café	0900 till 1700 7 Days

5. A copy of the access licence from Property Services for the use of the Crown land road reserve, must be supplied to the Break O’Day Council within three (3) months of obtaining the same.
6. Carry out the development to ensure that adjoining properties, reserves and roads are protected from ponding or nuisance from stormwater as a result of any development undertaken.
7. The vehicle crossover servicing the café, from the carriageway to the property boundary, must be constructed in accordance with standard drawings TSD-RO3-v3 & TSD-R04-v3. The construction of a standard duty vehicular crossover will provide effective, safe and nuisance-free vehicle access in connection with the proposed development and must be financed by the applicant.
No works are to commence on the crossover until a permit to undertake works in the road reservation has been issued by Council’s Works Department for the crossover.
8. The proposed signs must be:
 - a. Professionally designed and legible;
 - b. Structurally sound and not in any way hazardous;
 - c. Located entirely within the boundaries of Certificate of Title 237422/1;
 - d. Situated so as not to obstruct traffic; and

- e. Designed in colours and principles not currently incorporated into statutory or directional signs erected by public authorities.
- 9. Effluent disposal is subject to a technical assessment and issue of a Plumbing Permit by Council's Plumbing Permit Authority.
- 10. Use of the development must not create a nuisance as defined by the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994.
- 11. Sawmill use (Resource Processing) is satisfy the recommendations of the Environmental Noise Report as detailed in the recommendation on page six (6) of the report dated 06/09/2022.
- 12. All runoff from the proposed buildings must be disposed of within the confines of the property by means that will not result in soil erosion or other stormwater nuisance. Soakage drains must be of sufficient size to absorb stormwater runoff.
- 13. Site benching through cut and fill must be in keeping with the physical and environmental capabilities of the site.
- 14. Provide landscaping on site generally in accordance with:

PLAN	REFERENCE NO.	PREPARED BY	DATED
Landscape Plan	A401 / A	Swamp Studio Architecture & Design	20/12/2022

The landscaping must also include the following and be installed prior to the commencement of use and maintained at all times:

- a) proposed screening shrubs able to achieve 2m at maturity, as infill where required, along the western side boundary (Sweets Hill Road) and within the property boundaries, to provide effective screening.
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Existing vegetation within the property boundaries and described as existing screening vegetation within Plan A401/A is to be maintained at all times and replaced when necessary to provide effective screening between the development site and the Union Church and Cemetery.

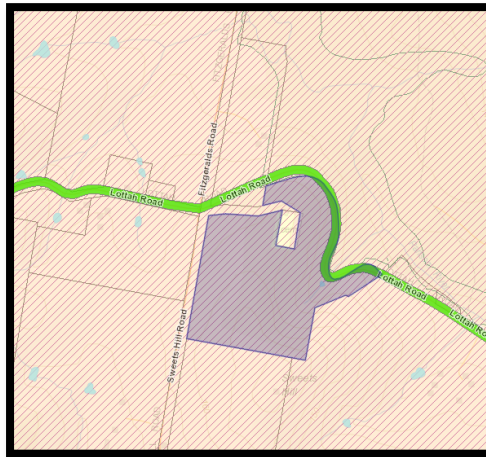
ADVICE

- 15. Use or development which may impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage is subject to the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*. If Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works then an Aboriginal site survey is required to determine the level of impact and the appropriate mitigation procedures.
- 16. Activities associated with construction works are not to be performed outside the permissible time frames listed:

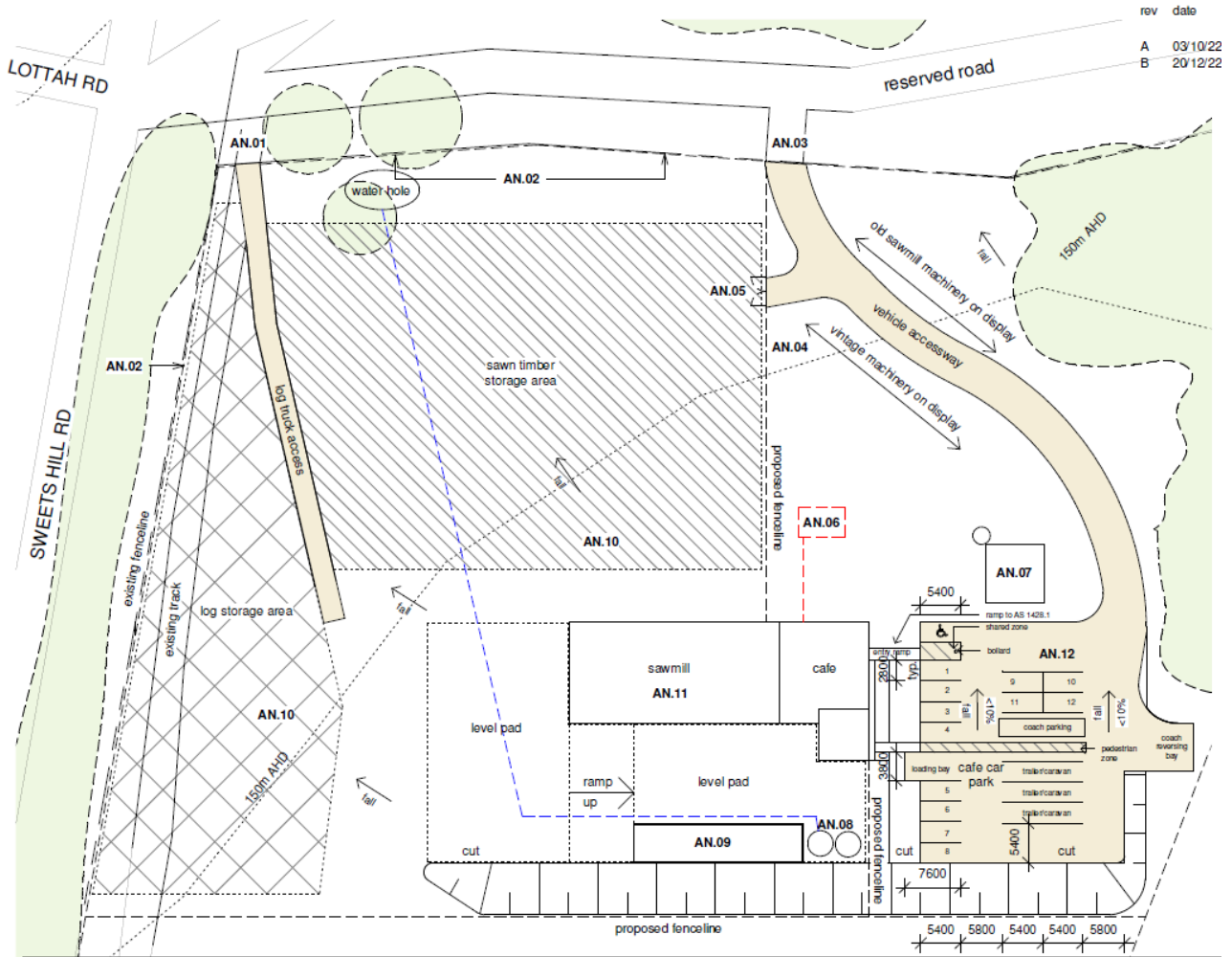
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INTRODUCTION:

The applicant is seeking approval for a Sawmill and Café at 55 Lottah Road, Goulds Country. The proposed Sawmill is within the Use Class, Resource Processing and intends to replace the existing Sawmill at Goshen. The proposed development is to be sited on Title Reference 237422/1 and is located at the cross roads of Lottah Road, Sweets Hill Rd and Fitzgeralds Rd. The development site is zoned Rural Resource Zone and has a land area of approximately 9.6 hectares.



Development Site



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DISCUSSION:

- The Senior planning Officer advised the following:
 - This application is for a sawmill and café and the use class is resource processing and food services.
 - It is located at a junction of three roads in Lottah in the rural resource zone and relies on a Crown licence for access.
 - 720 cubic metres of Tasmanian hardwood is expected to be processed annually which is a level one activity.
 - This equates to approximately one (1) truck per fortnight.
 - The sawmill will have 3-4 full time employees and will be open 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.
 - The café will be open 9am-5pm seven days a week and will include historic displays of wood processing equipment and handcrafted timber products.
 - A carpark is to be constructed which will also include space for cars with caravans and tourist buses.
 - 11 representations were received on time and one after time.

- The application has been recommended for approval with 14 conditions.
- Both Councillor LeFevre and Councillor Chapple supported the officers recommendation and indicated that they think it will be good for the area.
- Councillor Johnstone asked about the one (1) log truck movement per fortnight and wanted to clarify if this has been covered off. The Senior Planning Officer said yes and advised that we rely on qualified experts and the Traffic Impact Assessment report to make a decision regarding this.
- Councillor Johnstone asked about whether the hardwood is from native forest or from a plantation. The Senior Planning Officer advised that her understanding is that most of the hardwood will come from Sustainable Timber Tasmania and some from elsewhere. The source of the hardwood is not considered as part of the application. Mayor Tucker reiterated that the source of timber is not relevant to the application.
- Councillor Johnstone raised concerns regarding the logging of native forests, and is concerned we are approving something which may be outdated very quickly. The Senior Planning Officer advised that the owner operator would need to comply with current Tasmanian legislation.
- Councillor Wright clarified this is a replication of what is happening in the existing mill at Goshen and that the volume will remain roughly the same. The Senior Planning officer advised that the information they received was that for the year ending June 2022, 23 log trucks delivered 580 cubic metres to the existing sawmill.
- Councillor LeFevre noted that when visiting the site he noted that the church and cemetery need a lot of maintenance, he suggested a donation box at the café could create the opportunity for ongoing maintenance.
- Councillor Carter asked about the reserve road and asked whose responsibility it will be to maintain it. The Senior Planning Officer advised that would be a question for Crown Land Services but said the Crown licence should show this.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.6.1.129 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor advised the Council that it had now concluded its meeting as a Planning Authority under Section 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

06/23.7.0 COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

06/23.7.1 Outstanding Matters

06/23.8.0 PETITIONS

Nil

06/23.9.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

06/23.9.1 Notice of Rescission – St Helens Online Access Centre – Cllr Carter

MOTION:

Cllr Carter has given notice of the following Rescission Motion

That Council rescind the following Council Decision:

- 20 March, 2023 Council Meeting 03/23.15.6.061:
That Council does not provide \$15,000 to assist the St Helens Online Centre to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested by the St Helens Online Access Centre Committee.

SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION:

Council has again received a written request from the President of the St Helens Online Access Committee seeking Council's support in providing funding to support the St Helens Online Access Centre. For Council to review their original decision, Council needs to rescind the above motion.

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* Regulation 18 (3) the General Manager advises as follows:

Regulation 18 (3)

- (1) For the purposes of this regulation, a decision may be overturned, wholly or partly, by –
- (a) a motion directly rescinding or otherwise overturning the decision or part of the decision; or
 - (b) a motion that conflicts with, or is contrary to, the decision or part of the decision.

(1)(a) The proposed motion if resolved in the affirmative by an Absolute Majority would overturn the previous decision in its entirety.

- (2) A council or council committee may only overturn a decision passed at a previous meeting held since the last ordinary election –
- (a) by an absolute majority, in the case of a council; or

(b) by a simple majority, in the case of a council committee.

(This decision was made by the Council since the last Election at its meeting of 20 March 2023 and an Absolute Majority is required

(3) Any report given by the general manager to a council in respect of a proposed motion to overturn a decision of the council, or that will result in the overturning of a decision of the council, wholly or partly, is to include –

(a) a statement that the proposed motion, if resolved in the affirmative, would overturn that previous decision or part of that previous decision; and

(b) the details of that previous decision, or the part of that previous decision, that would be overturned; and

(c) advice as to whether or not that previous decision, or that part of that previous decision, directed that certain action be taken; and

(d) if that previous decision, or that part of that previous decision, directed that certain action be taken, advice as to whether or not that action has been wholly or substantially carried out.

(a) The General Manager advises that should the proposed motion be resolved in the affirmative it would overturn the previous decision in its entirety.

(b) The Decision made B Council at its meeting on 20 March 2023 is as follows

20 March, 2023 Council Meeting 03/23.15.6.061:

That Council does not provide \$15,000 to assist the St Helens Online Centre to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested by the St Helens Online Access Centre Committee.

(c) The General Manager advises that the Decision did not direct that any action be taken. The St Helens Online Access Centre were advised of Council's decision by email that funding would not be provided to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested.

(d) The General Manager advises that the Decision did not direct that any action be taken. The St Helens Online Access Centre were advised of Council's decision by email that funding would not be provided to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested.

DISCUSSION:

- Councillor Carter said he appreciates the amount of work that went into revisiting this item. He noted that there are lots of "haves" in our community but there are a group of people that don't have access to these services and feels this would benefit them.
- Councillor Chapple noted that she seconded this purely so it can be opened back up for discussion later in the agenda.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/239.1.130

Moved: Clr I Carter/ Seconded: Clr K Chapple

That Council rescind the following Council Decision:

- 20 March, 2023 Council Meeting 03/23.15.6.061:

That Council does not provide \$15,000 to assist the St Helens Online Centre to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested by the St Helens Online Access Centre Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

03/23.9.2 Online Access Centre Funding – Clr Carter

MOTION:

That Council write to the State Government requesting:

1. A definitive answer about the future funding of Online Access Centres in the Break O’Day area beyond the completion of the current funding contract expiring on 30 June 2024.
2. An explanation of the Hub approach that the Minister mentioned in a meeting with the Mayor and Acting General Manager in February 2023.
3. Clear articulation to the affected communities and relevant service providers of the State Government’s plans for the future delivery of services currently delivered by Online Access Centres at St Helens, St Marys and Fingal including how and who will be delivering these services and what services may be lost under the new approach. The articulation should include the financial consequences of establishing Hubs and the efforts that will be undertaken to seek ratepayer and service provider input

SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION:

During previous discussions, the Mayor has advised Councillors and the St Helens Online Access centre that funding for all Online Access Centres will finish at 30th June 2024 and that we should be working with the community to create a hub to provide the services the community requires. The Minister has provided no information to the Council or the Online Access Centres regarding what he is proposing.

DISCUSSION:

- Councillor Carter said he wants us to make sure that we hold the State Government to account to provide us with a clear indication of what will happen in this regard for the future for our whole Break O’Day community.
- Councillor Johnstone agreed and acknowledged the work done by Mayor Tucker and the Manager Business Services. She also noted that she feels this is very important for those in the community that require this service.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/239.2.131 Moved: Clr I Carter / Seconded: Clr L Johnstone

That Council write to the State Government requesting:

1. A definitive answer about the future funding of Online Access Centres in the Break O’Day area beyond the completion of the current funding contract expiring on 30 June 2024.

2. An explanation of the Hub approach that the Minister mentioned in a meeting with the Mayor and Acting General Manager in February 2023.
3. Clear articulation to the affected communities and relevant service providers of the State Government's plans for the future delivery of services currently delivered by Online Access Centres at St Helens, St Marys and Fingal including how and who will be delivering these services and what services may be lost under the new approach. The articulation should include the financial consequences of establishing Hubs and the efforts that will be undertaken to seek ratepayer and service provider input

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.10.0 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

06/23.11.0 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 specifies that in putting a Question Without Notice a Councillor must not offer an argument or opinion, draw any inference or make any imputations except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.

The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a Question without Notice or its answer.

Nil

06/23.12.0 MAYOR'S & COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

06/23.12.1 Mayor's Communications for Period Ending 26 June 2023

17.05.2023	Launceston	– General Manager's Committee and Premier's Local Government Council meetings
19.05.2023	Bicheno	– Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Mayor and General Manager meeting
22.05.2023	St Helens	– Future of Local Government Review Workshop
23.05.2023	St Helens	– Tasmania Police New Police Commander Kate Chambers meeting
25.05.2023	Canberra	– Australian Local Government Association Board meeting
26.05.2023	Prospect Vale	– Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Strategy workshop
30.05.2023	St Marys	– Certificate Presentation for SES
01.06.2023	St Helens	– Recreational Fishing Grants meeting
05.06.2023	St Helens	– Council workshop
07.06.2023	Launceston	– NTDC Representative Group and Mayors meetings
08.06.2023	St Helens	– Meeting with Dr Ian Hoyle and Dr Alexander to discuss a gym
13.06.2023 to 15.06.2023	Canberra	– ALGA, National General Assembly Of Local Government
23.06.2023	Devonport	– Future of Local Government Review engagement opportunities
26.06.2023	St Helens	– Council meeting

This is for Councillors to provide a report for any Committees they are Council Representatives on and will be given at the Council Meeting.

St Helens and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Tourism – Deputy Mayor Kristi Chapple

- The next meeting will be scheduled around 21 July 2023 and they will now be holding meetings bi-monthly.

NRM Special Committee – Clr Liz Johnstone

- The most recent meeting included reviewing Council's NRM plans for the 2023-24 financial year, welcoming Ann Bennett as the education sector representative and a presentation from a fisherman about Georges Bay.
- NRM North Association representatives were elected.

East Coast Tasmania Tourism (ECTT) – Clr Barry LeFevre

- The new Industry Support Officer for the South East Coast has been appointed.

Mental Health Action Group – Clr Barry LeFevre

Nil

Disability Access Committee – Clr Kylie Wright

Nil

Bay of Fires Master Plan Steering Committee – Clr Ian Carter

- The committee participated in a guided tour of the site.
- There are quite a number of places where there was evidence of campsite stress.
- There was discussion about a potential public toilet at the Gardens, he said he recognises the complications but the toilet is needed at such an important tourist icon.

06/23.13.0 BUSINESS AND CORPORATE SERVICES

06/23.13.1 Corporate Services Department Report

FILE REFERENCE	018\018\001\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on activities of the Business and Corporate Service Department since the previous Council Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services highlighted the following:
 - That there has been an update to Council's record management system. A lot of work went into this upgrade and the system is far more functional than previously. He thanked staff for working on the weekend to complete the upgrade.
 - Council's investments are going very well at the moment and we continue to focus on staggering these.
- Mayor Tucker noted that we have an investment maturing on 19 June 2023 and asked if we will move this to Bendigo to get 5.4% interest. The Manager Business Services advised that we will go to market on the day and select the best offer to Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.1.131 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That the Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.2 Monthly Financial Report

FILE REFERENCE	018\018\001\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the following reports for the month ending 31 May 2023 be received:

1. Profit and Loss Statements
2. Balance Sheet
3. Statement of Cash Flows

4. Capital Works 2022-2023
5. Profit and Loss

INTRODUCTION:

Presented to Council are the monthly financial statements.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services noted that we are coming to end of the financial year and it is good to see that the efforts to reduce expenditure are starting to show quite clearly. He also noted that Government revenue is down this year.
- The General Manager advised that in the past the Federal Government have been paying in advance our Financial Assistance Grants at the 75% level but that this year they had provided 100% of our grants for next year which can be quite difficult in terms of accounting as it inflates our result.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.2.132 Moved: Clr K Chapple / Seconded: Clr K Wright

That the following reports for the month ending 31 May 2023 be received:

1. Profit and Loss Statements
2. Balance Sheet
3. Statement of Cash Flows
4. Capital Works 2022-2023
5. Profit and Loss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.3 **Visitor Information Centre Report**

FILE REFERENCE	040\028\002\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various activities being undertaken by the Visitor Information Centre.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services advised that visitor number are good and staff are currently working to update the information sheets given out to tourists especially regarding dog friendly beaches.
- Councillor Johnstone noted that we are also getting a lot of enquiries about non mountain bike trails that people can ride and she found this very interesting.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.4.133 Moved: Clr K Wright / Seconded: Clr L Johnstone

That the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.4 **Review Audit Panel Charter**

FILE REFERENCE	018\005\024\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised Audit Panel Charter be adopted by Council.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager advised that this has to be reviewed annually but very little has changed beyond some job title names.
- Councillor LeFevre said that at the meeting a conversation was had around Councillor attendance as we struggle to get anyone else, he asked would Councillors be interested one at a time to sit in as an observer.
- Mayor Tucker confirmed general agreement for this to happen.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.4.134 Moved: Clr I Carter / Seconded: Clr K Wright

That the revised Audit Panel Charter be adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.5 **Report to Council Regarding Execution of Duties and Responsibilities by the Audit Panel**

FILE REFERENCE	018\005\024\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for information.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council regarding the execution of duties and responsibilities by the Audit Panel.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services advised that this report is about the annual work plan for the audit panel, there are no significant changes. The functions do not change as they are legislatively required. He noted that we do require more internal auditing on processes and functions.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.5.135 Moved: Clr K Wright/ Seconded: Clr L Johnstone

That the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.6 Audit Panel Minutes

FILE REFERENCE	018\005\024\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the minutes of the Audit Panel meeting of the 5th of June 2023.

INTRODUCTION:

The Council Audit Panel meets every three months and the minutes of each meeting are provided to Council.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services highlighted the following:
 - The key out of this month's audit panel meeting was that the audit panel has reviewed and endorsed a number of documents including the budget estimates, rates resolution and long term financial plan.
 - They have noted that a legal review has been done of the draft rates resolution and noted the internal audit program for the year ahead especially regarding cyber security and risk management.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.6.136 Moved: Clr K Wright / Seconded: Clr B LeFevre

That Council receive the minutes of the Audit Panel meeting of the 5th of June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.7 **Long-Term Financial Plan Review**

FILE REFERENCE	018\036\003\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Long Term Financial Plan 2023 – 2033.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the updated and refined Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). The LTFP is a key document that informs the development of the budget estimates for 2023/2024 and establishes the strategic financial framework within, which sound financial decisions will be made to ensure ongoing financial sustainability of the Council.

DISCUSSION:

- Mayor Tucker asked about the percentage of revenue uncollected which is listed as 4.58% - is that increasing or are we seeing any trends regarding this? The Manager Business Services advised that the economic situation we find ourselves in has only really been impacting over the last few years. He noted the figure is increasing but not increasing dramatically. The General Manager advised that at the end of the day it primarily affects how much cash is in the bank it doesn’t affect day to day operations.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.7.137 Moved: Clr B LeFevre/ Seconded: Clr K Chapple

That Council endorse the Long Term Financial Plan 2023 – 2033.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.8 **2023-2024 Budget Estimates**

FILE REFERENCE	018\007\001\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Budget Estimates for the 2023/2024 FY.

INTRODUCTION:

The Budget Estimates and Rates Resolution are considered annually in accordance with Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and are prepared in accordance with Council's Long Term Financial Plan, Financial Management Strategy and Rates and Charges Policy.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services noted:
 - That an extra page has been provided to Councillors as a printing error meant one page of the capital works program was missed from the printing. It doesn't make any material change to the report as the summary is still accurate, it is just an additional level of detail.
 - When preparing the budget a detailed review of expenditure was undertaken and cost savings have been identified.
 - The estimates in the budget align closely with the Long Term Financial Plan projections.
 - The report includes an increase to the General Residential rates. He noted that the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Council cost index was 8.11% but the increase to General Residential rates is only 5.95%.
- Councillor Wright stated that Council Officers have done a marvellous job trying to keep pressure off home owners.
- Councillor Johnstone noted that a comparison was done with Hobart and LGAT and asked how do we compare to other Council's of the same size? The Manager Business Services advised that all other Councils are facing the same challenges but we cannot afford to keep absorbing all the extra costs.
- Mayor Tucker highlighted that a 5.95% increase was a good balance to ensure Council can maintain services but also not increase rates too much for our community.

The additional page is included below:

439-Depot Rd		5,036	5,036	Reseal
485-Netball Rd		8,525	8,525	Reseal
484-Netball Rd		4,887	4,887	Reseal
688-St Helens Point Rd		31,893	31,893	Reseal
686-St Helens Point Rd		23,223	23,223	Reseal
Quail Street - off traffic lane resealing	50,000		50,000	Subject to State Growth resealing central camageway traffic lanes
Totals Reseals	106,084	439,403	544,487	
Roads - Construction, Digouts & Other				
Aerodrome ring road - Erosion mitigation		30,000	30,000	
Digouts and road edge remediation to be allocated	25,000	250,000	275,000	Multiple failures on sealed road network
216 - Mathina Plains Road	185,000		185,000	CFWD - Pavement Renewal and Sealing - Stage 3 works
Medeas St/Circassian St intersection upgrade	195	200,000	200,195	\$200,000 Black Spot funding received (Feb 2023)
LRCI Phase 3 North Ansons Bay Sealing	139,000		139,000	LRCIP, Phase 3 Project
Road Network - Sign Replacement		25,000	25,000	
				Phase 4 funding total is \$1,020,844 in two parts. Part A = \$847,406, Part B = \$373,438.
				\$130,000 of total funds has been allocated to the Cecilia St/ Georges Bay Espl Junction Upgrade leaving \$890,844
				Funding to be expended by 30 June 2025.
LRCI Program - Phase 4 Projects		890,844	890,844	
Flood damage remediation works		300,000	300,000	From October 22 Floods
Totals - Roads Construction, Digouts & Other	349,195	1,696,844	2,045,039	
Totals Roads & Footpaths	569,834	2,895,606	3,466,440	
Bridges				
B2293 - Cecilia St	216,499	5,000	221,499	CFWD TO 23/24
B7027 - Mathina Plains Road	30,000	30,000	60,000	CFWD TO 23/24
B1243 - Binns Road		28,600	28,600	Renew Timber Deck and Runners
B1245 - Clellands Road		29,400	29,400	Renew Timber Deck and Runners
B1675 - Lower Germantown Road		220,000	220,000	Replace bridge in concrete or culvert
Total Bridges	246,499	313,000	569,499	
Stormwater				
Minor stormwater Jobs		58,000	58,000	
Osprey Drive	9,006		9,006	Design only
Falmouth Street	10,000		10,000	Design only
Penelope Street	113,521		113,521	Stormwater Man - frontage of caravan park
Victoria Street, Fingal		108,000	108,000	New stormwater line - Design & Construct
Aulichs Lane, St Marys		10,000	10,000	New stormwater line - Design & Approvals
Total Stormwater	132,527	176,000	308,527	
Waste Management				
Scamander WTS - Waste Paint Container Station	14,283		14,283	
Scamander WTS - Replace sump pit & pump		20,000	20,000	
Scamander WTS - Waste Compactor		20,000	20,000	Develop specifications for replacement compactor
Total Waste Management	14,283	40,000	54,283	
Total Capital	3,616,626	4,722,731	6,339,366	

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.8.138 Moved: Clr K Wright/ Seconded: Clr I Carter

That Council adopt the Budget Estimates for the 2023/2024 FY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Wright left the room at 10.45am.
Councillor Wright returned to the room at 10.47am

06/23.13.9 **2023-2024 Rates Resolution**

FILE REFERENCE	018\023\006\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Rates Resolution 2023-2024.

INTRODUCTION:

As part of the annual budget process, Council is required to adopt a rates resolution for the applicable financial year. The resolution is informed by a number of legislative requirements, Council Policy and importantly by the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) projections of the revenue Council requires to sustainably fund and deliver services.

The rates resolution presented aligns with the funding requirements of Council in the LTFP and the Council Budget Estimates for 2023-2024, both discussed and reviewed at the June Council workshop and included in this agenda for adoption.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services highlighted the following:
 - That the resolution proposed aligns with Council’s policies and strategies.
 - A detailed assessment of how rates have been charged previously was undertaken and it is proposed that the General Rate increase be minimised as much as possible and the minimum General Rate be more equitable.
 - The resolution has also introduced further land use rating classes to separate them from the General Rate.
 - That the minimum General Rate is only charged to 14% of properties in the municipality, this previously has not kept up with inflation and needed to be looked at.
- Councillor LeFevre noted that this is probably the most important thing we do for the year. Councillors need to know it inside out as they will be asked by community members about how we came up with the figure of a 5.95% increase and you need to be able to answer them.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.9.139 Moved: Clr K Wright / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That Council approve the Rates Resolution 2023-2024.



BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL

RATES RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the following 2023-2024 rates resolution by absolute majority:

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Fire Services Act 1979 the Council makes the following Rates and Charges for land within the Council's municipal area for period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Definitions Used in this Resolution

- (a) "AAV" means the assessed annual value (AAV) for the land determined by the Valuer-General under the Valuation of Land Act 2001 and adjusted under the Act;
- (b) "land" means a parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list pursuant to the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 2001;
- (c) "commercial" means land that is shown as commercial (C), in the list of valuations prepared by the Valuer-General pursuant to the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 2001;
- (d) "industrial" means land that is shown as industrial (I), in the list of valuations prepared by the Valuer-General pursuant to the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 2001;
- (e) "primary production" means land that is shown as primary production (L), in the list of valuations prepared by the Valuer-General pursuant to the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 2001;
- (f) "vacant land" means land that is shown as vacant land (V), in the list of valuations prepared by the Valuer-General pursuant to the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 2001;
- (g) "tenement" means any land in relation to which the Valuer-General has separately determined assessed annual values having regard to occupation or construction of the land or improvement or structural alterations made in it;
- (h) "multiple dwelling" means a dwelling containing more than one separately occupied tenement where that dwelling does not have a separate title
- (i) "the Act" means the Local Government Act 1993
- (j) Terms used in this resolution have the same meaning as given to them in Part 9 if the Act unless it is inconsistent with the context of this resolution

1. GENERAL RATE

- 1.1 Pursuant to Section 90, of the Act Council hereby makes a General Rate of 6.73 cents in the dollar of AAV for all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 87 of the Act) within the municipal area subject to a minimum amount payable of \$650.
- 1.2 Pursuant to Section 107(1) of the Act, Council declares that the general rate is varied within the municipal area and within different parts of the municipal area according to the following factors :
 - (a) For all land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.4578 cents in the dollar of AAV;

- (b) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.4578 cents in the dollar of AAV;
 - (c) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for commercial purposes and non-use land (i.e. vacant commercial) the General Rate is varied to 8.4578 cents in the dollar of AAV;
 - (d) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for quarry purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.4578 cents in the dollar of AAV;
 - (e) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for public purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.4578 cents in the dollar of AAV;
 - (f) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for primary production purposes, the General Rate is varied to 6.07 cents in the dollar of AAV;
 - (g) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for primary production - forestry purposes, the General Rate is varied to 12.065 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- 1.3 Pursuant to Section 107(1) and 107(2A) of the Act, Council hereby varies the minimum General Rate of \$650 to \$750 per rateable land as follows:
- (a) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for residential purposes and non-use land (i.e. vacant residential) and is within the following locations:

Akaroa, Ansons Bay, Beaumaris, Binalong Bay, Chain of Lagoons, Douglas River, Falmouth, Fingal, Four Mile Creek, Scamander, Seymour, St Helens, St Marys, Stieglitz, and Upper Scamander.

2. SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

- 2.1 In accordance with the provisions of Section 93 and 94 of the Act, Council makes:
- (a) A Waste Infrastructure charge of \$240.00 for all rateable tenements within the municipal area comprising waste disposal areas, waste transfer stations and related waste management facilities;
 - (b) Waste Collection Charge
 - i. A collection charge of \$110.00 per bin for all land that has available a recycling waste collection services from Council; and
 - ii. A collection charge of \$106.00 per bin for all land that has available a 140L waste collection services from Council; and
 - iii. A collection charge of \$175.00 per bin for land that has available a 240L waste collection service from Council.
 - (c) Extra collection charges beyond those stipulated in 2.1(a) & (b) are to be arranged directly with the Council.
- 2.2 Pursuant to Section 97(3) of the Act, varies the service charges for waste management within the municipality as follows:
- (a) Where land is within a collection area but is vacant and not utilised for any purpose the collection charge in 3.1 (b), (c) and (d) is varied to nil if a bin is not provided or required.
 - (b) Where land is used or predominantly used for sporting or recreational purposes and is a jetty, boatshed, boat ramp or slipway, the service charges in 3.1 (b), (c) and (d) is varied to nil if bin is not provide or required.

3 FIRE SERVICE RATE

3.1 Pursuant to Section 93 and 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* for the 2023-2024 financial year as follows:

District	Rate
Urban Volunteer Brigade Rating Districts	0.3548 cents in the dollar of AAV
General Land	0.2452 cents in the dollar of AAV

3.2 Pursuant to Section 93(3) of the Act and Section 81C(6) of the *Fire Service Act 1979*, the minimum fire service contribution payable in respect of the fire service contribution is the amount of \$48.00.

4. PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 Pursuant to Section 124 of the Act, for the period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024 all rates and charges payable to Council shall be payable by four (4) instalments in accordance with the following payment schedule:

- (a) The first instalment must be made on or before the 31st of August 2023;
- (b) The second instalment must be made on or before the 30th of November 2023;
- (c) The third instalment must be made on or before the 28th of February 2024;
- (d) The fourth and final instalment must be made on or before the 30th of April 2024.

5. Pursuant to Section 130 of the Act, Council will provide a discount of 2% of the total current rates and charges specified in a rates notice applying to all the rates and charges for the financial year 2023-2024 and any arrears if they are paid in full on or before 31st August 2023.

6. In accordance with the provisions of Section 124 (5) of the Act if a ratepayer fails to pay any instalment within 21 days of the date on which the instalment is due, the ratepayer is liable to pay the full amount of the unpaid rates and charges.

7. Pursuant to Section 128 (2) of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the due date then:

- i. There is payable a penalty of 6% of the unpaid due instalment; and
- ii. If any rates and charges or instalment of the rates and charges are not paid on or before the date they fall due, then daily interest being 9.85% for the financial year 2023-2023 charged monthly is payable from the date they fell due to the date of payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.10

**Request for General Rate Remission and Service Rate Remission –
PID 6414634 - 4 Dunn Street, Mathinna**

FILE REFERENCE	6414634
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That:

In accordance with the provisions of s.129 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council’s *Rating Exemptions and Remission Policy no LG11*, Council **approve a General Rate remission and a 50% Service Charge Remission to the total value of \$803.80** as requested for the property known as 4 Dunn Street, Mathinna identified as PID 6414634.

INTRODUCTION:

Council has received correspondence from the Mathinna Landcare Group requesting a rate remission for the church they have purchased at 4 Dunn Street Mathinna in August 2021.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services explained that the Mathinna Landcare Group has purchased the church at Mathinna. He noted that this is a not for profit community group and it is affectively an \$803 remission.
- Councillor LeFevre supported this and said it is great for the community.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.10.140 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr B LeFevre

That:

In accordance with the provisions of s.129 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council’s *Rating Exemptions and Remission Policy no LG11*, Council **approve a General Rate remission and a 50% Service Charge Remission to the total value of \$803.80** as requested for the property known as 4 Dunn Street, Mathinna identified as PID 6414634.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.13.11

Review of Conservation Covenant Support Policy (EP03)

FILE REFERENCE	002\024\006\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Conservation Covenant Support Policy (EP03) be adopted as amended.

INTRODUCTION:

Review of Council’s Conservation Covenant Support Policy (No EP03) is due every three (3) years.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Business Services advised that when the original policy was approved there was unclear wording about how to apply it. This is to clarify the process.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.13.11.141 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That Conservation Covenant Support Policy (EP03) be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Tucker said he would like to acknowledge staff and show his appreciation at the level of work and the detailed work that has gone into preparing the Budget for the next financial year. All areas have been thoroughly researched and clearly explained.

Meeting adjourned at 10.56am.

Meeting resumed at 11.20am.

06/23.14.0 **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

06/23.14.1 **Works and Infrastructure Report**

FILE REFERENCE	014\002\001\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received by Council.

INTRODUCTION:

This report provides summary detail relating to Asset Maintenance, Weed Control, Waste Management, Capital Project updates and other general activity for the reporting period May 2023.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Infrastructure and Development Services noted the following:
 - Both the vulnerable road user submissions have been declined by the Department of State Growth
 - The submission for a safety audit of Tasman Highway between Atlas Drive and Lawry Heights didn’t quite fit the guidelines of the grant but has opened a discussion with the Department of State Growth.
 - In relation to the submission for an informal crossing at St Marys, it was reviewed against the criteria of the grant and we scored 350/1000. State Growth have asked

to see information about the full scale crossing with the loss of 10 parking bays. We do not agree with their commentary as the submission was prepared within their guidelines. Discussions will take place with the Department in late July and will come back to a later Council workshop.

- 70% of remediation work due to flood damage has been completed and there is an allocation of approx. \$300,000 in next year's budget to finish these works. Work is expected to be completed by December.
- The Capital Works program is currently quite busy with road sealing and the Cecilia Street Streetscape project is due to completed by the end of this week.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.14.1.142 Moved: Clr V Oldham / Seconded: Clr K Wright

That the report be received by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.14.2 **Animal Control Report**

FILE REFERENCE	003\003\018\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received by Council.

INTRODUCTION:

This is a monthly update for animal control undertaken since the last meeting of Council.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Infrastructure and Development Services advised that since this report was prepared we have had a later incident involving two dogs attacking a cyclist at Scamander which we are currently following up.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.14.2.143 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That the report be received by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.14.3 **Policy Review – AM13 Memorial Gardens Policy**

FILE REFERENCE	002\024\003\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Policy AM13 Memorial Gardens Policy be accepted without amendment.

INTRODUCTION:

Council has a schedule for regular review of Policies and this Policy is now due for revision.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Infrastructure and Development Services advised that the policy is unchanged.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.14.3.144 Moved: Clr I Carter / Seconded: Clr V Oldham

That Policy AM13 Memorial Gardens Policy be accepted without amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.14.4 **Policy Review – AM18 Nature Strip Planting**

FILE REFERENCE	002\024\003\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Policy AM18 Nature Strip Planting be accepted with minor amendment.

INTRODUCTION:

Council has a schedule for regular review of Policies and this Policy is now due for revision.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Infrastructure and Development Services advised that minor grammatical and spelling errors have been corrected but otherwise the policy remains unchanged.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.14.4.145 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

That Policy AM18 Nature Strip Planting be accepted with minor amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.15.0 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

06/23.15.1 Community Services Report

FILE REFERENCE	011\034\006\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various issues which are being dealt with by the Community Services Department.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Community Services highlighted the following:
 - Community Services staff will be at St Marys market this Saturday July 1 and St Helens market next Saturday July 8 with a kindness cup campaign.
 - That we are short on mentors in the learner driver program, if Councillors are talking to the community and find someone suitable please get them to contact us.
- Councillor Johnstone asked if staff would you like support for the upcoming markets. The Manager Community Services said thank you but no additional support is required.
- Councillor LeFevre wondered if the January event listed for community funding which includes the wood chopping needs rewording to clarify if there is a regatta occurring. The Manager Community Services advised that this is from the 2022-2023 financial year when they were originally advised that it was going ahead. It will be amended if necessary for the new financial year.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.15.1.146 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr K Wright

That the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.15.2 Ansons Bay – Local Township Plan

FILE REFERENCE	002\017\016\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the second Ansons Bay Township Plan, which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the township plan is to provide a framework for how members of the Ansons Bay community can work with Council on projects.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Community Services advised this is now up for adoption with no changes.
- Councillor Carter noted that it is great to see the Ansons Bay Progress Association resurrected. The Manager Community Services advised that was an outcome from the township meeting that was held as part of the community consultation process.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.15.2.147 Moved: Clr I Carter / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

That Council adopt the second Ansons Bay Township Plan, which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.15.3 **St Helens – Local Township Plan**

FILE REFERENCE	002\017\016\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the second St Helens Township Plan, which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the township plan is to provide a framework for how members of the St Helens community can work with Council on projects.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Community Services advised that we received one comment on the plan and it did not require any changes.
- Councillor Carter noted that this plan seems to have the least detail in it even though it is the largest town. The Manager Community Services advised that this depends on the level of engagement and if the community want to be part of the process.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.15.3.148 Moved: Clr K Wright / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That Council adopt the second St Helens Township Plan, which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.15.4 **St Marys – Local Township Plan**

FILE REFERENCE	002\017\016\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the second St Marys Township Plan, which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the township plan is to provide a framework for how members of the St Marys community can work with Council on projects.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Community Services advised that we did receive feedback from community members but there was no need to change the plan.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.15.4.149 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr K Wright

That Council adopt the second St Marys Township Plan, which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.15.5 **Request for financial support – St Helens Online Access Centre**

FILE REFERENCE	018\019\001\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council does not provide \$15,000 to assist the St Helens Online Centre to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested by the St Helens Online Access Centre Committee but provides \$5,000 for the 2023 – 2024 financial year to assist with the ongoing running costs of the Centre.

INTRODUCTION:

Council has again received a written request from the President of the St Helens Online Access Committee seeking Council's support in providing funding to support the St Helens Online Access Centre. For Council to review their original decision, Council needs to rescind the above motion.

DISCUSSION:

- The Manager Community Services advised that the recommendation that has been put forward for Council to consider is based around what was discussed at the workshop. She noted that concerns were raised regarding true and accurate figures and the Manager Community Services reiterated that counts were not accurate, the Online Access Centre (OAC) is relying solely on door counts and did not want to implement their own tally of who is actually accessing the services.
- Councillor LeFevre reiterated that the general feeling is that it is a great organisation but that it appears it will revert to a hub model in the future. He noted they asked for \$15,000 to increase their staff time, and this is not viable at the moment. Looking at funding data the figure of \$5000 will support them to get through the next twelve months. They should not be aiming to have leftover funds after that twelve months.
- Councillor Chapple agreed and feels no increase in hours is necessary as the library is already covering the extra resourcing needed for Fridays.
- Councillor Carter said it is important to understand that the difference between going to the library and OAC is the level of independence of people using the library services. He relayed the story of a resident engaging with online government and banking services and how difficult this is for some of our community members. In the OAC they are getting dedicated attention and do not feel like they are inconveniencing staff to receive this service. He feels we have a good hub now because everything is together but feels we would be missing something if we lose the OAC.
- Mayor Tucker thanked Councillor Carter for his insight, he said he agreed with what he said but as a Council we have now given permission for the General Manager to write to the Minister to get more clarity for the future.
- Councillor LeFevre asked how do Councillors feel about putting a condition on the \$5000 for the committee to cooperate with Council to look at the new hub model. Mayor Tucker said he thinks that the condition imposed would be unreasonable for the OAC. He said it is the State Government who should be penalised not the OAC. Councillor LeFevre said does not want a situation where they are funded to get over the line and then not have them participate in the discussion about the new hub model.
- Councillor Carter said he is opposed to this condition because the integrity of the people involved would be challenged by it. He noted that the committee and centre is mainly volunteer run with only one paid staff member. Councillor LeFevre raised it due to earlier communication showing they did not want to be part of the discussion. Councillor Carter said he feels this was because of a lack of understanding but they have now indicated they would like to participate.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.15.5.150 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

That Council does not provide \$15,000 to assist the St Helens Online Centre to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested by the St Helens Online Access Centre Committee but provides \$5,000 for the 2023 – 2024 financial year to assist with the ongoing running costs of the Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.15.6 **Notice of Motion - St Helens Online Centre – Community Funding Program 2022 - 2023**

FILE REFERENCE	018\019\001\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council re-offer the sum of \$3,000 to the St Helens Online Centre, which had previously been offered as part of the Community Funding Program 2022 – 2023.

INTRODUCTION:

A Notice of Motion proposed by Clr Carter asked that Council review its decision to provide the St Helens Online Access Centre with \$3,000 from the recent Community Grants Program rather than the requested \$5,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Manager Community Services this came up from a notice of motion and was discussed at the workshop, it was noted that Councillors would like to reoffer the funding.

Clr Carter would prefer to see the \$5000 to be offered but will accept the \$3000. Clr Carter also asked the Online Access Centre would they participate in training Fingal and St Marys Online Access Centres and the Online Access Centre agreed and said they were also happy to share their learning with all other Centres in the State.

Clr LeFevre said that at a future workshop he would like to see Council discuss the process for this. He has never seen this happen before were something comes up, gets turned down, come back, gets turned down and come back again. The Manager Community Services explained that due to this experience the process has been tightened.

Clr Johnstone clarified that they also received another \$1500 funding for this from Brian Mitchell.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.15.6.151 Moved: Clr L Johnstone/ Seconded: Clr K Wright

That Council re-offer the sum of \$3,000 to the St Helens Online Centre, which had previously been offered as part of the Community Funding Program 2022 – 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.16.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

06/23.16.1 Development Services Report

FILE REFERENCE	031\013\003\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various issues which have been dealt with by the Development Services Department since the previous Council meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- The Development Services Coordinator noted that they have been concentrating on a lot of policy development including the municipal by-law being considered today.
- Councillor LeFevre noted that we are going into hard times and asked if we have seen a decrease in applications. The Development Services Coordinator said yes there has been a decrease in planning applications but building applications are still high. He noted this seems to be leftover from Covid and when there was a lack of availability for tradespeople and materials.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.16.1.152 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.16.2 Break O Day Climate Change Action

FILE REFERENCE	017\023\001\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Council endorse the Climate Change Action 2023 plan of Council activities, which it will implement with support from the regional council’s Northern Climate Change Program.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse a plan of Climate Action activities: *Break O’Day Council Climate Change Action 2023*.

DISCUSSION:

- The NRM Facilitator emphasised that this is about Council’s exposure to climate change. He noted that this will be a progressive plan, and it is not an easy objective as the end result is unknown. He also noted that the Regional Climate Change program now has new coordinator managing it and they are quite enthusiastic.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.16.2.153 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

Council endorse the Climate Change Action 2023 plan of Council activities, which it will implement with support from the regional council’s Northern Climate Change Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.16.3 **Draft Municipal By-Law & Regulatory Impact Statement**

FILE REFERENCE	002\024\006\
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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION:

1. In accordance with section 156 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves to make a by-law for the regulation of refuse disposal sites, household refuse disposal, animal control, caravans and control of burning, and
2. Proceed to forward decision and draft documents to the Director of Local Government for certification under Section 156A(6) of the Local Government Act, and
3. Subsequent to the director of the office of local government certification, proceed to notification and seek community submissions for consideration.

INTRODUCTION:

Council officers have been drafting the new Municipal By-Law and received initial feedback on the draft from the Director, Office of Local Government. A New decision of Council is required as a result of the feedback, to ensure the decision to create the new By-Law correctly reflects the broader application of the by-law.

DISCUSSION:

- The Development Services Coordinator advised that this is back before Council after obtaining legal advice and having had consideration from the Office of Local

Government. The intent of the By-Law hasn't changed and after a technical review it required some minor tweaks. He advised that he was seeking Council approval to send to the Director of Local Government for endorsement.

- Councillor Wright asked about the penalty points and their dollar value. Councillor LeFevre advised that it is currently \$181 per penalty point.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.16.3.154 Moved: Clr K Chapple / Seconded: Clr K Wright

1. In accordance with section 156 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves to make a by-law for the regulation of refuse disposal sites, household refuse disposal, animal control, caravans and control of burning, and
2. Proceed to forward decision and draft documents to the Director of Local Government for certification under Section 156A(6) of the Local Government Act, and
3. Subsequent to the director of the office of local government certification, proceed to notification and seek community submissions for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.16.4 **Replacement of Current Planning Enforcement Policy with New Compliance Policy**

FILE REFERENCE	002\024\006\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council replace the current Planning Enforcement Policy (EP02) with the attached new Compliance Policy.

INTRODUCTION:

Occasionally, concerns are raised within the community in relation to Council's approach to Compliance Matters. A review has been conducted of the existing policy and Council officers have embarked on drafting a new Compliance Policy with an associated compliance matrix to guide Council's General Manager or delegated officers in taking appropriate action against offender

DISCUSSION:

- The Development Services Coordinator advised that this has been discussed at workshop and now needs Council's formal endorsement. This policy came about after reviewing all Council's enforcement activities instead of just planning enforcement. The policy provides guidance for the officer dealing with a breach and how they might deal with the matter and how to escalate if necessary.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.16.4.155 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr K Wright

1. That Council replace the current Planning Enforcement Policy (EP02) with the attached new Compliance Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.16.5 **Short Stay Accommodation (STA) – Short Term Rental Accommodation (NSW Term) – Visitor Accommodation – Break O Day Local Government**

FILE REFERENCE	23/13503
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Note that at this stage development of a Policy regulating Short Stay Accommodation is premature; and
2. Accept this report as an Interim Report in response to Cr. Drummonds motion concerning regulation of short stay accommodation (20/02/2023) and that Development Services continue to analyse relevant data as part of the 2023/2024 financial year strategic planning programme with the view to formulating recommendations based on relevant data.
3. Continues to participate in Local Government Association Tasmania discussions initiated by Clarence City Council and Launceston City Council, around member councils and short stay accommodation.

INTRODUCTION:

In Tasmania, Short Stay Accommodation (SSA) refers to premises that are let out to paying guests for overnight accommodation. Short-term accommodation may be for overnight or may extend to longer periods e.g. a number of weeks. The definition of SSA includes medium term. This is differentiated from long-term accommodation by differentiating the regulatory practice from the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997* or any other arrangement under which a person uses the premises as their primary place of residence. Short stay accommodation is generally for the purposes of holiday or vacation.

DISCUSSION:

- The Senior Planning Officer advised that this has been presented to Council in relation to a previous motion and highlighted the following points:
 - This this is an interim report and relevant data will continue to be analysed as part of the 2023-24 strategic planning program.

- The report includes publicly available data regarding active short stay accommodation in the Break O’Day area and includes information about the recent experiences of Hobart City Council.
 - The total number short stay accommodation in Break O’Day was 301 but this comes down to 189 when only considering those regularly and recently booked.
 - Tourism statistics have been included for Councillors information.
 - Additional data has been included in regards to Clarence and Launceston Councils for comparison purposes.
- Councillor Wright asked if we have a breakdown of figures regarding houses that went from long term rental to short stay accommodation since 2016. The Senior Planning Officer said no but that it is being considered by LGAT as they would like the ability to track it.
 - Councillor Wright asked about the recent decision of Hobart Council to increase rates for short stay accommodation. Mayor Tucker advised that there is a LGAT General Management Committee meeting later this week to look at organising a special committee to establish a system so that all Councils have the one process for the rating of short stay accommodation and consistent regulations. The Senior Town Planner advised that she would take into account the outcome of Hobart’s increase and include this information when coming back to Council with further information.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.16.5.156 Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr B LeFevre

That Council:

1. Note that at this stage development of a Policy regulating Short Stay Accommodation is premature; and
2. Accept this report as an Interim Report in response to Cr. Drummonds motion concerning regulation of short stay accommodation (20/02/2023) and that Development Services continue to analyse relevant data as part of the 2023/2024 financial year strategic planning programme with the view to formulating recommendations based on relevant data.
3. Continues to participate in Local Government Association Tasmania discussions initiated by Clarence City Council and Launceston City Council, around member councils and short stay accommodation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.17.0 **GOVERNANCE**

06/23.17.1 **General Manager’s Report**

FILE REFERENCE	002\012\001\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the General Manager's report be received.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various issues which are being dealt with by the General Manager and with other Council Officers where required.

DISCUSSION:

The General Manager noted the following:

- That he attended a Future of Local Government Review session at Portland Hall. This was for staff members to focus on the options and provide feedback around the challenges that could be faced if it happens.
- That the feelings coming from Dorset about lack of connection were the same as Break O'Day and connections with the east coast were well established.
- That he attended the meeting at St Marys on Saturday regarding health services in the area. The recent Federal Government decisions such as 60 day scripts and restrictions for doctors doing phone consults and the impact this is having in the community is a big issue.
- The critical thing from this meeting was getting a commitment from both the Liberal and Labor parties that they will not close the health centre or the inpatient beds. The inpatient beds require a doctor to remain functional.
- Councillor Johnstone highlighted that residents in Bicheno have different views regarding whether they will be part of Break O'Day or Sorell. The General Manager acknowledged there is a feeling that Glamorgan-Spring Bay may be split but there are still lots of connections along the east coast.
- Councillor Chapple said she is frustrated that Glamorgan-Spring Bay was at the staff session but they were not included in the same session for elected members. The elected member session included Georgetown and Dorset.
- The General Manager also noted that just including the possibility of Bicheno joining Break O'Day and not Coles Bay showed a lack of understanding and a lack of attention to detail by the Board and its consultants.
- Mayor Tucker raised his concerns about the Federal Government putting a lot of money into three areas of Tasmania to increase bulk billing and not one of those areas is regional Tasmania. Once again regional, rural and remote Australia misses out because they are putting funding in where there are votes and not where it is actually needed. He feels we as a Council should be writing a letter from our General Manager to the Minister and local MPs as it is a slap in the face that we continue to miss out on this funding. The General Manager advised that we can convey that sentiment in the letter that we write and it is logical to write to the Federal Minister in relation to this and copy in the Minister for Health at the state level.
- General agreement from Councillors that this letter should be written.

- Mayor Tucker said he is disappointed that politics in Canberra continue to determine whether we are being treated equitably – at the moment we are not.
- Councillor Wright also noted the need for nurse practitioners – they can take on role of writing scripts and giving injections etc.
- Mayor Tucker would like to see all independent MPs included in this letter as well.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.17.1.157 Moved: Clr K Wright / Seconded: Clr B LeFevre

That the General Manager’s report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.17.2 **Draft 2023-2024 Annual Plan**

FILE REFERENCE	002\036\002\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2023-2024 Annual Plan be adopted.

INTRODUCTION:

Council’s management team have prepared a draft 2023 – 2024 Annual Plan based on discussions that have occurred through Council workshops and the normal budget/planning process. The Annual Plan has been prepared to take into account these items as well as the broad factors that are impacting Council; and reflecting continuity of existing projects and activities where this exists.

DISCUSSION:

- The General Manager advised that this plan guides the activities that we will undertake in the 2023-2024 financial year. Key factors include the Future of Local Government Review process, climate change, strategic land use planning, population and housing challenges, capital projects. In the current year we finalised a number of strategies which will now move to implementation.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.17.2.158 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr I Carter

That the 2023-2024 Annual Plan be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FILE REFERENCE	014\006\001\
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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the General Manager's update on the Future of Local Government Review.

INTRODUCTION:

The Future of Local Government Review has now entered the third phase of activity following the release by the Local Government Board of its Stage 2 Interim Report of the Review. The Report has been developed by the Board following research and engagement to identify, develop and test a package of reform options.

The formal consultation period on the Report is open until 2 August 2023 and apart from Council preparing a submission it is important that we do all we can to encourage the community to provide their thoughts.

DISCUSSION:

- The General Manager advised the following:
 - That we have had two members of parliament who have now changed from Liberal to Independents and this may affect whether the process will be progressed or not. He now feels it is less than a 50/50 chance whether anything will go ahead.
 - We have received the information packs and noted that there are inaccuracies in data, broad assumptions and incorrect statements. In general there was a lack of information for Councils to make decisions.
 - We have indicated a preference and said we need more information before a final decision is made.
 - The critical area is community engagement – the Board is not intending to do any sessions but our Executive Officer is developing a plan which will come to the next workshop.
 - The community engagement report will be included as an attachment to our submission. The Council submission will not be based on community feedback but it will be included with the submission.
 - Community engagement will be through a number of avenues and will also try to capture those that live outside the Break O'Day area – including landowners, property owners and those that may be impacted by the changes such as those in neighbouring Council areas. We will be engaging outside support for this.
- Councillor LeFevre said it is really important that we do our due diligence and it is logical that it will be based on where people work, play, go to school, shop etc.
- Councillor Carter asked how do we have a conversation with Bicheno and Coles Bay as well to make sure we get their feedback. The General Manager said we are going to try and capture this through the online community engagement.

- Councillor Oldham noted that it was mentioned with the boundary adjustment that we leave Weldborough out, he is of the view that we look as though we are weak if we give this area away.
- Mayor Tucker said that we can be an example and work with Sorell and Glamorgan-Spring Bay to do a voluntary boundary adjustment as long as the State Government agrees to provide the funding to cover the transition.
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COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.17.3.159 Moved: Clr B LeFevre / Seconded: Clr V Oldham

That Council note the General Manager’s update on the Future of Local Government Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/23.17.4 **Launceston Gastronomy**

FILE REFERENCE	039\011\003\
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OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve funding in the 2023/2024 budget to provide the requested funding of \$3,457.96 to the Launceston Gastronomy project

INTRODUCTION:

Northern Tasmania’s place as one of the great food regions is an underpinning reason for the focus on Launceston being recognised as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. This recognition was secured in late 2021, providing the all-important first step in progressing this project.

The role of Launceston Gastronomy is to champion the Creative City objectives of promoting and sustaining diversity, innovation, competition and entrepreneurship across food and beverage related activities that build economic, cultural, social and environmental prosperity for Northern Tasmania.

UNESCO takes a broad definition of gastronomy to include all stages of the food supply chain. The focus is on using the region's unique cultural and creative identity in the area of gastronomy to address issues of economic, social and environmental sustainability within the broader Launceston region. Food plays a vital role in culture, creativity, social exchange and mental wellbeing.

The following documentation has been provided in support of the funding request:

- 1) A report and submission to continue funding for the 2023-24 work of Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy; and
- 2) Regional Gastronomy Tables and the Activities for 2023-24.

DISCUSSION:

- The Economic Development Officer advised that for the past two years Break O’Day Council has supported the project with the sum of \$2300 per year. For the next financial year they have requested \$3457 funding. The two main benefits for us are being part of the project and our ability to use the networks and branding.
- Councillor Wright asked how do our local people benefit from it? The Economic Development Officer said it has opened up the conversation about how our community can understand what is existing within the region, and this has led to a new action in the annual plan to create a leadership program and identify opportunities for our region.
- Councillor Carter said he would like to see a more explicit focus on how this actually benefits members of our community and a clearer indication of how this will benefit all of Northern Tasmania.
- Mayor Tucker said we are on the peripheral of a lot of things, but we need a successful centre in the North. This helps cement that we are part of the Northern Region.
- The General Manager advised that this project is very much in its infancy – we will see more and more benefit as it progresses. The flow on effect to outer communities is quite significant based on the experiences of communities surrounding the Bendigo project.
- The Economic Development Officer will request further engagement on community gardens and visit Northern Tasmania, we could ask for them to specifically engage with the East coast on this.

COUNCIL DECISION:

06/23.17.4.160 Moved: Clr K Chapple / Seconded: Clr G Barnes

That Council approve funding in the 2023/2024 budget to provide the requested funding of \$3,457.96 to the Launceston Gastronomy project

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor LeFevre congratulated Mayor Tucker on his election as the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

Pursuant to Regulation 15(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 that Council move into Closed Council

Moved: Clr L Johnstone / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

IN CONFIDENCE

06/23.18.0

CLOSED COUNCIL

06/23.18.1 Confirmation of Closed Council Minutes – Council Meeting 15 May 2023

06/23.18.2 Outstanding Actions List for Closed Council

The report was received.

06/23.18.3 General Manager Annual Leave Closed Council Item Pursuant to Section 15(2)A of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

COUNCIL DECISION:

TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE PUBLIC MINUTES:

06/23.18.3.CC Moved: Clr K Chapple / Seconded: Clr V Oldham

That the General Manager’s proposed annual leave be noted and that the Business Services Manager, Raoul Harper, be appointed as Acting General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pursuant to Regulation 15(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 that Council move out of Closed Council.

Moved: Clr K Wright/ Seconded: Clr K Chapple

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Tucker thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.40pm.

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