



# Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE **ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES  
OLD BEACH AT 4.30PM ON TUESDAY,  
12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**PRESENT:** Cr Curran (Chairperson); Cr Foster; Cr Garlick; Cr; Cr Jeffries and Cr Owen

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager); Mr H Macpherson (Municipal Engineer) and Mr J Dryburgh (Chief Operations Officer).

## 1. APOLOGIES:

*Cr Owen moved Cr Geard seconded that Cr Geard be granted leave of absence as he is currently interstate fighting fires in NSW.*

**CARRIED**

## VOTING RECORD

| In favour   | Against |
|-------------|---------|
| Cr Curran   |         |
| Cr Foster   |         |
| Cr Garlick  |         |
| Cr Jeffries |         |
| Cr Owen     |         |

## 2. QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS:

*As there were no members in the gallery there was no requirement for question time.*

### **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

In accordance with Part 5, Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have an interest in any item on the agenda; and

Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of any interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

*There were no declarations of interest.*

### **4. BUSINESS:**

#### **4.1 DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE STRATEGY 2019:**

**AUTHOR:** Chief Operations Officer  
(Mr J Dryburgh)

#### **Background:**

Councillors Owen and Curran have both explicitly expressed a desire to better understand what council is doing with regards to addressing climate change and also some proposals of how council might do more. After a workshop with councillors and relevant staff, Council's Chief Operations Officer (COO) committed to drafting a climate change strategy for consideration by the Environment and Heritage Committee and ultimately for formal adoption by council.

#### **Consultation:**

Senior Management Team, Councillors.

#### **Risk Implications:**

Increasingly councils are expected to have clear strategies in place to mitigate and to adapt to climate change. These expectations are from the community, business, other levels of government, but also from council's insurers and auditors. As such, it is increasingly risky from a financial, governance and reputational perspective not to have such a strategy.

There are also risks of costs due to inefficiencies and poorly planned infrastructure spending associated with climate change and sustainability as well.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

Financial and budget implications directly related to the Strategy are minimal. Any actions stemming from the Strategy that have significant financial or budget implications will be brought before council for separate consideration.

**Strategic Plan:**

The Strategy details its strong alignment with Council's *Strategy On A Page 2019-2029*.

**Social Implications:**

The Strategy aims to link action on climate change with creating a more sustainable and resilient community generally. The Strategy includes a number of actions that come from a community building and social benefit perspective.

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications:**

The primary purpose of the Strategy is to improve council's influence over creating a sustainable environment and dealing with climate change.

**Economic Implications:**

The Strategy identifies a number of clear economic opportunities for the region that stem from a transition towards more climate-friendly industries and ways of life. Creating a clear approach from council should help potential investors in the area.

**Other Issues:**

None.

**Assessment:**

The Strategy itself provides all the justification, rationale and detail underpinning the Strategy.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
  2. Do nothing.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee endorse the Strategy and recommend to full council that it formally adopt it.

**DECISION:**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Jeffries seconded that the recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

| <b>In favour</b> | <b>Against</b> |
|------------------|----------------|
| Cr Curran        |                |
| Cr Foster        |                |
| Cr Garlick       |                |
| Cr Jeffries      |                |
| Cr Owen          |                |

The meeting closed at 4.50pm

Confirmed:

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(Mayor)

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_ 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 \_\_\_\_\_