



# Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
COUNCIL OFFICES, 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH  
AT 5.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023**

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

## **2. Attendance**

Cr Gray (Mayor); Cr Curran (Deputy Mayor); Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Manager Asset Services); Ms J Banks (Governance Manager) and Mr D Allingham (Manager Development Services).

## **3. Applications for Leave of Absence**

*All members were present.*

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **4.1 Ordinary Council Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 are submitted for confirmation.

### **DECISION**

*Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 21 March 2023 be confirmed.*

**CARRIED**

#### **VOTING RECORD**

<b>In favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
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Cr Curran	
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Cr De La Torre	
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Cr Geard	
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Cr Gray	
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Cr Irons  
 Cr McMaster  
 Cr Murtagh  
 Cr Owen  
 Cr Whelan

#### 4.2 Planning Authority Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 are submitted for confirmation.

#### **DECISION**

*Cr Whelan moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the Minutes of the Planning Authority meeting of 12 April 2023 be confirmed.*

CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

#### 5. Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

In accordance with Section 48(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is the responsibility of councillors to then notify the general manager, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

*Cr Gray declared an interest in Item 13.6*

*Cr Owen declared an interest in Item 12.1*

#### 6. Public Question Time and Deputations

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

- Siobhan Fernantzen (Head of Development, Young Group) addressed Council regarding their development at 131 Covehill Road, Bridgewater.

## 7. Reports from Council

### 7.1 Mayor's Communications

- 25/3 Opening of Sustainable Living Expo at Brighton Civic Centre
- 3/4 Meeting with General Manager
- 3/4 Meeting with Jane Howlett MP
- 4/4 Meeting with Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
- 12/4 Planning Authority Meeting
- 13/4 Meeting with Senator Wendy Askew and A/GM
- 18/4 Community Development Committee workshop to discuss 2023/24 community grants
- 18/4 Budget Workshop
- 18/4 Council Meeting

### **DECISION**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded that the Mayor's Communications be received.*

**CARRIED**

#### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

### 7.2 Reports from Council Representatives

- Cr Geard – meeting of with Show Society – meeting with staff re Pontville Show and Pontville Park
- Cr Curran and Cr Irons were invited and attended a Mentoring Program at the Brighton Primary school with Grade 6 students.

### **DECISION**

*Cr Irons moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the verbal reports from Council representatives be received.*

**CARRIED**

## VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

**8. Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- Letter from Minister Ferguson dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 regarding public transport issues in the Brighton municipality.
- Letter from Mayor L Gray dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to all Councils regarding 2023 Election for LGAT President.
- Letter from General Manager to Minister Roger Jaensch MP dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 regarding the Proposed Youth Justice Detention facility at 466 Brighton Road, Pontville.

**DECISION**

*Cr Whelan moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the information be received.*

**CARRIED**

## VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

**9. Notification of Council Workshops**

*In accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

*Nil Council workshops have been held since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.*

**10. Notices of Motion**

*There were no Notices of Motion.*

## 11. Consideration of Supplementary Items to the Agenda

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council, by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda, and
- (b) that the matter is urgent, and
- (c) that advice has been provided under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The General Manager requested that Item 13.6 – LGAT 2023 Elections – General Management committee be considered; at the time of compiling the Agenda information was not available and the matter is now considered urgent as nominations closed 19 April 2023.

### DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Geard seconded that Item 13.6 – LGAT 2023 Elections – General Management committee be considered as a supplementary agenda item.

CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

*For the purpose of these Minutes items will remain in numerical order.*

## 12. Council Acting as a Planning Authority

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and in accordance with Regulation 25 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 13 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

*Cr Owen had declared an interest in the following Item and left the meeting at 5.57pm*

## 12.1 Amendment to the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) for Greater Hobart

Type of Report:	Planning Authority
Address:	Greater Hobart
Requested by:	Minister for Planning
Proposal:	Amendment to the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) Urban Growth Boundary for Greater Hobart
Author:	Senior Strategic Planner (Brian White)
Authorised:	Manager Development Services (David Allingham)

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### Background

The purpose of this report is to enable the Planning Authority to determine whether to support an amendment to the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) by the Minister of Planning.

The amendment is proposed as a short-term solution to address current growth pressures in greater Hobart identified in the work done so far on the Greater Hobart Plan ('GHP'). This work has identified anomalies and errors with the currently mapped UGB, and a number of small to moderate sized parcels adjoining the current UGB which should logically be included without requiring extensive strategic planning justification.

The amendment allows additional land to be rezoned for urban/ residential purposes adjacent to the existing UGB which is consistent with the initial findings of the GHP and the strategic intent of the STRLUS. Further work on the UGB will occur once the GHP's implementation and settlement strategy is finalised and released.

The amendment to the STRLUS consists of two elements:

1. Mapped changes to the UGB to address the anomalies and errors identified by the GHP preparation process
2. Text change to policy SRD 2.1.

### Mapped Changes to UGB

The mapped changes to the UGB includes two (2) sties in the Brighton Municipality, as shown below:

<b>Site: Brighton Road, Brighton</b>	
Municipality	Brighton
Area	62.0 ha
Current Zoning(s)	Industrial, Environmental Management, Rural, Utilities
Current Use	Industrial, Residential, Vacant, Roads
Reason for Inclusion within the UGB	Logical extension. Connects industrial estate with southern edge of existing urban area.



Figure 1: Site One - Brighton Road, Brighton

<b>Site: Ashgrove Crescent, Old Beach</b>	
Municipality	Brighton
Area	7.0 ha
Current Zoning(s)	General Residential, Rural Living
Current Use	Residential, vacant land
Reason for Inclusion within the UGB	Logical extension. Already zoned and developed for residential use. Located immediately adjacent to land identified for potential future expansion of the UGB (refer Brighton Structure Plan August 2018 - Site 9: Old Beach Quarry).



Figure 2 – Site Two - Ashgrove Crescent, Old Beach

**Text change to policy SRD 2.1.**

The text change to policy SRD 2.12 replaces a previous amendment to the same policy in September 2021 which enabled the consideration of a rezoning proposal for a lot with an area of up to 2ha that is outside, but adjoining, the Greater Hobart Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

This current amendment removes that 2ha maximum limit but introduces the following requirements:

*Notwithstanding SRD 2.2 and SRD 2.8, and having regard to the strategic intent of the Urban Growth Boundary under SRD 2 to manage and contain growth across greater Hobart, land outside the Urban Growth Boundary shown in Map 10 may be considered for urban development if it:*



- a) *shares a common boundary with land zoned for urban development within the Urban Growth Boundary;*
- b) *only provides for a minor and logical extension to land for urban development and does not constitute a significant increase in land zoned for urban development in that locality;*
- c) *is identified in a settlement strategy or structure plan produced or endorsed by the relevant planning authority; and*
- d) *results in minimal potential for land use conflicts with adjoining uses*

### **Legislative & Policy Context**

The Minister of Planning can declare amendments to the STRLUS by virtue of section 5A (3) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* ('LUPAA'). In amending STRLUS, LUPAA (s. 5A(7)) requires that he or she must firstly consult with:

- a) *the Commission;*
- b) *the planning authorities; and*
- c) *the State Service Agencies, and State authorities, as he or she thinks fit.*

This submission is a response to the Ministers consultation with the Brighton Council.

### **Risk & Implications**

It is acknowledged that the current amendment is an early action of the Government to implement the initial findings of the GHP to modestly increase land supply in Greater Hobart on land adjoining the current UGB.

There appear to be no real risks to Council as any future rezoning applications on land subject to the amendment will be assessed by the Planning Authority according to the current legislation.

### **Assessment**

Council Officers support the mapping amendment to the UGB, and the policy wording change, as proposed in the documents prepared by the Department.

Whilst site 1 is on land currently constrained for future sensitive uses by virtue of the Bridgewater Quarry and Brighton Industrial Hub Specific Area Plans, the land is adjacent to the site of the new high school and the proposed master planned 'South Brighton' residential area. Including it in the UGB will allow parts of it to potentially be investigated for a zoning to provide for 'urban development'.

Site 2 is a logical expansion of the UGB, and has been included as part of the ongoing Old Beach Zoning review study. The land is partially covered by the Old Beach Quarry overlay, however the quarry is no longer in use and has been rehabilitated.

Council Officers have also reviewed the sites in other municipalities and have no comment on these.

The proposed wording is a modest change from the previous amendment in September 2021. The only real concern with the wording is that the policy should either be amended or removed in the new STRLUS, with any rezoning outside of an updated UGB should either be forbidden or required to fix an error or anomaly.

**Conclusion**

Council Officers support the amendment to STRLUS made by the Minister of Planning.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council resolve to:

- A. Receive the Report; and
- B. Provide the following response to Minister of Planning:

*Brighton Council has no objection to the Amendment to the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) Urban Growth Boundary for Greater Hobart as provided in attachments A – C of this report.*

*Brighton Council suggests that policy SRD 2.12 should either be amended or removed in the new STRLUS, with any rezoning outside of an updated UGB either being forbidden or required only to fix an error or anomaly in the mapping.*

**DECISION**

*Cr Irons moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr Whelan	

Cr Owen rejoined the meeting at 6.05pm

**13. Reports from Officers**

## 13.1 Draft Customer Service Charter

Author: General Manager (James Dryburgh)

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### Background

Section 339F of the *Local Government Act 1993* (The Act) requires council to review its Customer Service Charter within 12 months after each ordinary election.

#### *339F. Customer service charter*

- (1) *A council must adopt a customer service charter on or before 1 January 2006.*
- (2) *The customer service charter is to –*
  - (a) *specify the principles relating to services provided by the council; and*
  - (b) *specify a procedure for dealing with complaints relating to services provided by the council; and*
  - (c) *include any prescribed matter.*
- (3) *The general manager is to make the customer service charter available –*
  - (a) *for public inspection at the public office during ordinary office hours; and*
  - (b) *on the council's internet site free of charge; and*
  - (c) *for purchase at a reasonable charge.*
- (4) *A council is to review its customer service charter at least once every 2 years.*
- (5) *The general manager is to provide the council with a report at least once a year of the number and nature of complaints received.*

The Charter outlines what our customers can expect from our staff and how members of the public can help us to deliver professional, reliable and consistent customer service.

### Consultation

Senior Management Team

### Risk Implications

Nil.

### Financial Implications

Nil

### Strategic Plan

Goal 4 – Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council

S4.2 – Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

**Social Implications**

Not Applicable.

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications**

Not Applicable.

**Economic Implications**

Not Applicable.

**Other Issues**

Nil.

**Assessment**

The Senior Management Team were provided with the opportunity to review the Charter prior to submission to Council. Minor amendments have been made to the Charter including additional wording included under Habitual and Vexatious Complaints section.

**Options**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council amend the Customer Service Charter.
3. That Council not adopt the draft Customer Service Charter.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the Customer Service Charter in accordance with Section 339F of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**DECISION**

*Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Irons seconded that the recommendation be adopted as amended.*

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

## **13.2 Audit Panel Committee**

Author: Corporate Executive (Ms G Browne)

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### **Background**

At the March 2023 Finance Meeting, Mr Ric De Santi was appointed as the Audit Panel Chairperson. As per Councils current audit panel charter "The membership of the Panel will comprise of three (3) members, whereby one (1) member must be an Independent Person."

The new Audit Panel Chair has raised concerns that there is only one independent person on the panel and that in the instance that he is unable to attend a meeting at any stage, then the meeting is unable to go ahead. Due to this issue, it is proposed to appoint one or two other independent members with adequate skills to the panel as well as two Councillors to sit on the committee.

Due to the audit panel charter needing to be reviewed to update the changes to independent members, it is proposed that members are appointed prior to the first meeting of the audit panel and that the charter in relation to membership take effect retrospectively.

### **Consultation**

Audit Panel Chairperson, Deputy General Manager, General Manager

### **Risk Implications**

Nil.

### **Financial Implications**

The audit panel is set up to serve as an independent and objective party to review all financial information presented to the local community. By appointing one or two other independent members with sufficient skills in business or Local Government as well as two Councillors to the panel would show due diligence and accountability to Council's external observers.

### **Strategic Plan**

Goal 4 - 4.4 - Ensure financial and risk sustainability

### **Social Implications**

Not Applicable.

### **Environmental or Climate Change Implications**

Not Applicable.

### **Economic Implications**

Not Applicable.

### **Other Issues**

Nil.

### Assessment

Some other Local Government Councils have more than one independent member as well as two Councillors on their panel. It is generally considered better practice to appoint more than one independent member to the Audit Panel.

### Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. To continue as per the existing charter and only have one independent member and two Councillors on the audit panel.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That an additional independent audit panel member be sought with sufficient skills in business or Local Government experience to sit on the panel. That the audit panel charter in relation to membership be updated retrospectively to reflect the appointment of the additional independent members.

### **DECISION**

*Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Geard seconded that the recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

#### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

*Cr De La Torre left the meeting at 6.17pm*

### **13.3 Endorsement of Draft Brighton Natural Resource Management Strategy**

**Author:** Project Engineer (Kimberley Tongue)

**Authorised:** Manager Asset Services (Callum Pearce-Rasmussen)

### Background

Brighton Council has engaged the Derwent Catchment Project (DCP) to assist to better manage council owned land and assist members of the community to do their part for a variety of environmental issues.

The DCP was set up to assist landholders to restore and maintain natural and agricultural landscapes, to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for the Derwent River Catchment. The DCP is a not-for-profit group and provides Natural Resource Management (NRM) services to the Derwent Valley Council, Central Highlands Council and Brighton Council.

The Draft Brighton Natural Resource Management Strategy has been developed by the DCP and provides clear direction and strategic actions for NRM in Brighton over the next 10 years (subject to review).

The Draft NRM Strategy covers:

- overview of natural assets in the municipality
- key threats to the environment
- goals, actions and targets for resource management (split into the themes Cultural Landscapes, Water, Land, Biodiversity and People)
- legislative responsibilities
- list of key stakeholders
- context of NRM Strategy in Brighton Strategic Plan and 2050 Vision

### **Consultation**

The General Manager, Manager Assets Services and Manager Development Services have been involved with the development of the NRM Strategy, as well as consultation with community groups and stakeholders.

It is proposed that further community consultation occur by promoting the Draft NRM Strategy and inviting comment.

### **Risk Implications**

Undertaking and finalising an NRM Strategy is low risk as it leads to improved planning and natural resource management. A clear and coordinated NRM approach reduces the risks of various forms of environmental damage and reputational damage from community complaints.

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Social Implications**

The community looks to Brighton Council for leadership on issues such as climate change action and caring for the environment, and it emerged as a core priority for the community in the 2050 Vision consultation. There is a key role for local government to actively work with the range of organisations that care for the land, such as the State Government, the Derwent Estuary Program DCP and Landcare Tasmania.

## Strategic Plan

The recommendations further the following strategies from Council's strategic plan:

S1.1: Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing

S1.5: Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future

S4.1: Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

S4.2: Be well-governed

S4.4: Long-term thinking & evidence-based

## Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Caring for the natural environment are actions under the *Brighton Council Climate Change Resilience Strategy 2019*:

- 65 - Develop and implement a Brighton Biodiversity & Natural Values Strategy
- 67 - Work collaboratively with regional landscape management agencies to effectively manage Brighton's natural assets in a changing climate. (e.g. Crown, NRM South, DPIPWE, Tas Water)

## Economic Implications

There will be an expectation from the community that Brighton Council will take action to enhance and restore the natural environment by meeting the goals provided in the NRM Strategy. This will include the implementation of several ongoing coordinated programs.

## Assessment

The Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy will provide a strategic approach to NRM within the Brighton municipality, with clear common goals which all stakeholders can aim towards in their relevant fields. The pursuit of these goals will provide a range of environmental, social and economic benefits to the community.

Prior to Council formally endorsing the Draft NRM Strategy it is considered appropriate to invite comment from the community.

## Options

1. Endorse the Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy for community consultation.
2. Endorse the Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy without community consultation.
3. Do not endorse the Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy.

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy for community consultation.



**DECISION**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

### **13.4 Tasmania Police - Brighton Civic Centre**

**Author:** Executive Officer (Ms M Braslin)

**Authorised:** Deputy General Manager (Mr G Davoren)

#### **Background**

Tasmania Police (Tas Police) contacted Council regarding a temporary premises 'shop front' location whilst the current Police Station at Bridgewater is demolished and re-built in 2024.

Council staff presented several locations to Tas Police and the one that was most suited for size and location was the meeting rooms at the Brighton Civic Centre.

Tas Police proposal is to lease the Civic Centre meeting room from January – December 2024 as well as build a meeting room and property storage room at the end of the foyer area. This will be leased for 7 days per week.

It is important for Police to maintain presence and visibility in the community and have good relations with the public.

#### **Consultation**

Senior Management Team, Community Facilities Officer and Community Development Officer.

#### **Risk Implications**

Possible increase of vandalism of Council assets.

#### **Financial Implications**

Council will increase revenue via a lease agreement for 12 months.

#### **Strategic Plan**

Goal 3 Manage infrastructure and growth effectively.

3.4 Advocate and facilitate investment in our region.

### Social Implications

#### Pro's:

- Maintaining a physical presence of Police in the community;
- Further developing out collaborative relationship with Tas Police and the Community;
- Ensuring an essential service in our community;
- Improving our relationship with Community and Tas Police by placing them in our community building;
- More use and presence in our building; and
- Break down the barriers and stigma of Police for a portion of our community members.

#### Con:

- Loss of space to community hirers.

### Environmental or Climate Change Implications

No significant climate or environmental-related issues. Any tenant will be required to engage in activities to promote sustainable living behaviours.

### Economic Implications

Regular support to the new Café and increased use of the building.

### Other Issues

Nil.

### Assessment

The building work is likely to commence towards the end of 2023 with the Police Station move in early 2024 for 12 months.

Any regular users of the meeting room will be offered another area of the building at the same cost or found an alternative venue.

Anyone looking to book the Civic Centre for 2024 will be advised at the time of the enquiry of the Police Station in the meeting room and part of the foyer.

The alternative to Tas Police not leasing part of the Civic Centre is they will be based at the Glenorchy Police Station.

There are 12 staff on shift at a time, but only a few staff will occupy the station at one time.

Police are a major part of a community. They are expected to perform many community duties, including keeping the peace, handling emergencies, they also are responsible for educating the public and enhancing their confidence and decreasing fear of crime.

Community and Police relationships are an important part of society, this is achieved through maintaining visibility and interaction within the Community.

### Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do not approve Tas Police to lease at the Brighton Civic Centre Bridgewater for 12 months.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council approve Tas Police to lease the meeting room and build an office and property storage area at the Brighton Civic Centre for 12 months.
2. Council approve the Deputy General Manager to negotiate a lease agreement with Tas Police.

### **DECISION**

*Cr Geard moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

#### VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

## **13.5 Social Infrastructure Plan**

**Author:** Senior Planner (Jo Blackwell)

**Authorised:** Manager Development Services (David Allingham)

### Background

The Social Infrastructure Plan (the Plan) is a strategic document which analyses, details and recommends actions to provide the necessary social infrastructure to support the expected population growth across Brighton to 2042.

The Plan was endorsed by Council at its ordinary council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 for public consultation for a period of four (4) weeks.

The purpose of this report is to provide commentary on submissions made in response to the Plan during the public consultation period and identify any changes that may be required.

## Consultation

The Plan was exhibited between Tuesday 31st January until Friday 3rd March 2023.

The Plan was advertised in the Brighton Community News; on Council's social media pages; and direct emails were sent to stakeholders, adjoining municipalities, and local community groups via the Brighton Alive network and stakeholder register.

A total of five (5) responses were received during the public exhibition period via Council's Have Your Say page. From the five (5) responses received, one submission was left blank, and one submission related to the Old Beach Zoning Review.

Submission	Response
Need for additional parkland/open space in Riviera Drive area	Open space and recreational opportunities are provided as part of the future stages of the Tivoli Green development
Comments regarding opportunities provided by Libraries Tasmania (Bridgewater Library) regarding opportunities for art hanging spaces, meeting rooms and demand for those spaces.	<p>The Plan has been amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- refer to Bridgewater Library, not LINC, as required</li> <li>- refer to number of available bookable meeting rooms at the Bridgewater Library</li> <li>- update commentary for Library Space in s3.4 Summary Gaps.</li> <li>- update commentary to refer to Bridgewater Library exhibition space in Priority Action 06.</li> <li>- update commentary to refer to demand for meeting spaces and opportunities for public art/cultural spaces in Action BW01 and BW06.</li> </ul> <p>The amendments do not alter any of the recommendations.</p>
Request for an additional Civic Centre	The Summary Gaps assessment identifies that the Civic Centre satisfies benchmarked demand to 2042.

Other changes within the Plan include a statement at page 11 to clarify the terminology to note the difference between the Brighton LGA and the Brighton township, and various formatting changes.

## Risk Implications

The Plan outlines recommended actions to provide the necessary social infrastructure to accommodate the Brighton population to 2042. However, there is a risk that residents and ratepayers will expect the actions outlined in the Plan should be implemented immediately. This has been somewhat mitigated by providing delivery timeframes within the Plan.

## Financial Implications

Endorsement of the Plan will have ongoing financial implications. Implementation of actions will form part of future budget decisions by Council.

## Strategic Plan

- 1.1 Engage and enable our community.
- 1.2 Build resilience and opportunity.
- 1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.
- 1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities.
- 2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long-term sustainability and evidence-based approach.
- 3.2 Infrastructure development and service delivery are guided by strategic planning to cater for the needs of a growing and changing population.
- 3.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary needs.
- 3.4 Advocate and facilitate investment in our region.
- 4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking.

## Social Implications

Implementation of the Plan will help to ensure that Brighton has the necessary social infrastructure to cater for Brighton's growing population to 2042.

## Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

## Economic Implications

Implementing actions outlined in the Plan will encourage future development in the Brighton Municipality.

## Other Issues

Nil

## Assessment

The Plan is a complex and comprehensive document which analyses, details and recommends actions to provide the necessary social infrastructure to support the expected population growth across Brighton to 2042.

The Plan has been through the final stage of public exhibition and it is recommended that it be endorsed by Council.

## Options

1. Endorse the Social Infrastructure Plan.

2. Not endorse the Social Infrastructure Plan.
3. Endorse the Social Infrastructure Plan, with amendments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the Social Infrastructure Plan.

**DECISION**

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

**CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

*Cr Gray had declared an interest in the following Item and left the meeting at 6.23pm;  
Cr Curran (Deputy Mayor) took the Chair.*

**13.6 LGAT 2023 Elections - General Management Committee**

**Author:** General Manager (James Dryburgh)

**Background**

As Councillors are aware the Tasmanian Electoral Commission are conducting the 2023 election for the positions of President and six (6) members of the General Management Committee for a two-year term in accordance with the rules of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) adopted at the AGM of the Association on 30 June 2021.

Council can only nominate a Councillor within their own electoral district and population category. Brighton Council is within the 'Southern Electoral District with a population of less than 20,000' category (Brighton; Central Highlands; Derwent Valley; Glamorgan Spring Bay; Huon Valley; Southern Midlands; Sorell and Tasman).

Mayor L Gray has consulted with all Councillors and indicated to them his intent to nominate for the position of LGAT President and will be seeking Council's support. Mayor Gray has now also decided it makes sense to also run for the GMC.

Nominations are invited from LGAT members for the following positions:-

- Nomination of one (1) elected Councillor for the position of President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania; and
- Nomination of one (1) elected Councillor for the position of Committee Member of the General Management Committee.

The election timetable is detailed below for information:-

Nominations open: ..... Monday, 27 February 2023  
 Nominations close: ..... 5:00 pm – Wednesday, 19 April 2023  
 Ballot material posted (if a ballot is required): ..... Monday, 24 April 2023  
 Close of postal ballot: ..... 10:00 am - Thursday, 15 June 2023  
 Declaration of the result: ..... Thursday, 15 June 2023

**Strategic Plan:**

*S4.2: Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.*

*S4.3: Ensure strong engagements and relationships to shape the agenda and advocate for our community.*

**Social Implications:**

N/A.

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications:**

N/A.

**Economic Implications:**

N/A.

**Other Issues:**

Nil.

**Assessment:**

Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 19 April 2023.

**Options:**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council support Mayor L Gray and his nomination for the position on the LGAT General Management Committee (Category – Southern Electoral District – Population less than 20,000) in addition to the support already endorsed for the position of President.

**DECISION**

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr Geard	
Cr Irons	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

*Cr Gray rejoined the meeting at 6.24pm and took the Chair.*

**14. Questions on Notice**

*There were no Questions on Notice for the April meeting.*

Meeting closed: 6.25pm

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
16 May 2023