



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 5.30P.M. ON TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2024

PRESENT: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Ms G Browne (Director Corporate Services); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Director Asset Services); Mr D Allingham (Director Development Services) and Ms A Turvey (Manager, Community Development and Engagement)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies / Applications for leave of absence

All members were present.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 21st May 2024 are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st May 2024, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Irons seconded that the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st May 2024, 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	

3.2 Audit Panel Meeting

The Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting held on the 15th March 2024 are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting held on the 15th March 2024, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting held on the 15th March 2024, 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	

4. 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 Owen declared an interest in item 13.5.

5. 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.

There was no requirement for public question time.

6. Reports from Council

6.1 Mayor's Communications

The Mayor's communications are as follows:

- 22/5 Meeting with Homes Tasmania Board & CEO (GM in attendance)
- 23/5 Brighton Community Volunteering Awards
- 29/5 Meeting with Minister Duigan (GM in attendance)
- 3/6 Meeting with Andrew Jenner MP (GM in attendance)
- 4/6 Council Workshop
- 12/6 STRLUS Steering Committee Meeting
- 13/6 TasWaste (South) Special Local Government Forum
- 15/6 'The Walk' with Mr Peter Gutwein (along with Cr Owen, Cr Murtagh & Cr McMaster)
- 18/6 Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Owen seconded that the Mayor's communications 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	

6.2 Reports from Council Representatives

- Cr Geard – Opening Broadmarsh Hall renovation of building for a Recovery Centre.
- Cr Geard – Attended Hobart Fire Management Committee on 18/6/24.
- Cr Geard – Review of fire management areas.
- Cr Irons – Attended Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance meeting on 13/6/24.
- Cr Curran- Attended Drought Resilience Workshop in May.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the verbal reports from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:

Cr McMaster moved, Cr Irons 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	

7. Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Letter sent to Minister Street dated 30th May 2024 from the General Manager regarding a new gymnastics facility in Bridgewater.
- Letter sent to Minister Duigan dated 30th May 2024 from the General Manager regarding various topics.
- Proposed Housing Land Supply Consultation Package from the State Planning Office dated June 2024 regarding William Street, Brighton.
- Tasmanian Planning Commission Decision dated 9th April 2024 regarding RZ-2023-03 – 27 Scott Road, Bridgewater.
- Tasmanian Planning Commission Decision dated 10th May 2024 regarding RZ-2023-004 – Burrows Avenue Specific Area Plan.
- Tasmanian Planning Commission Decision dated 10th May 2024 regarding RZ-2022-05 – South Brighton Specific Area Plan.

8. Notification of Council Workshops

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

One (1) Council workshop has been held since the previous Ordinary Council meeting.

A workshop was held on the 4th June 2024 at 4.30 pm to discuss Community Grant applications and the Greening Brighton Strategy.

Attendance: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster and Cr Owen

Apologies: Cr Geard; Cr Murtagh & Cr Whelan

9. Notices of Motion

9.1 Condolence Motion - Mr Tony Foster AM OAM (1943-2024)

Mayor Leigh Gray has submitted the following motion:

That Brighton Council acknowledges the life and passing of Mr Tony Foster AM OAM (1943-2024). Tony made a significant contribution and had a major impact on the Brighton municipality as Mayor and Councillor over a period of 34 years.

Mayor Leigh Gray handed over the Chair to Cr Curran in order to move his motion and read the statement of condolence at 5.46pm.

Statement from Mayor L Gray:

Vale Mr Tony Foster AM OAM

On behalf of Brighton Council, it was with great sadness in May that I extended our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Tony Foster who passed away on Monday 27 May 2024.

Tony served the Brighton Council as Mayor and Councillor for 34 years before his retirement in June 2021. He was Mayor for an incredible 28 of those years.

Tony worked tirelessly for the communities of the Brighton Municipality. The fact that Tony was Mayor for a continuous period of 28 years is testimony to the level of support he received from our community and his strong ability to represent the people of our area in a truly kind, fair and understanding manner.

Tony was a very accomplished leader, with the ability to ensure that decisions of Council were seen through to the end. His focus on achieving Council's goals and objectives, even in the face of challenges, was unwavering and determined.

Under Tony's leadership as Mayor, Brighton experienced exponential growth, many improved and expanded services to the community, innovations were championed and Council was managed in a highly efficient and cost effective manner.

Without question, Tony leaves a legacy of a long list of achievements that strengthened our local economy and made Brighton a better place to live and work. Under Tony's leadership, Brighton Council developed from a quiet rural municipality to the vibrant, diverse and rapidly growing Municipality that we see continue to prosper and progress today.

We say a very sad farewell to a person of action, vision and humanity but his memory and legacy will live on in our communities. We send heartfelt wishes of love and support to his wife Noeline and all of his beloved family members and friends.

DECISION:

Cr Gray moved, Cr Geard seconded that Brighton Council acknowledges the life and passing of Mr Tony Foster AM OAM (1943-2024). Tony made a significant contribution and had a major impact on the Brighton municipality as Mayor and Councillor over a period of 34 years

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	

Mayor Leigh Gray returned to the Chair at 5.51pm.

10. 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 advised that there were no supplementary agenda items.

11. Reports from Committees

There were no Committee Meetings held in June 2024.

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 12 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

There were no Planning Authority items.

13. Officers Reports

13.1 Grants and Donations 2024/25

Attachment: 2024/25 Community Grants - Applicant Summary

Author: Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Background

The annual grants program guidelines were reviewed and adopted by Council in February 2024 and the following adjustments were made for the 2024/25 Brighton Council Community Development Grants Program:

- The Quick Response grants to once again be in line with the existing policy guidelines and exclude adults:
 - For individuals – this grant is for full-time students under the age of 18 years, who have been selected to represent Tasmania or Australia in a sport, the arts or another chosen field of expertise. The amounts are \$100 if representing Tasmania and \$200 if representing Australia.
- The Major Impact Grant is removed from the program due to these funds being allocated to the appointment of the Youth Engagement Officer for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.
- The 'Brighton Alive Grant' renamed to be simply 'Medium Community Development Grant' (\$5,000-\$15,000) to minimise confusion around who can apply (not just members of Brighton Alive Network) and to give a counter-balance to the 'Small Community Development Grant'.
- The Small and Medium Community Development Grants to be offered as just **one round** that opens at the beginning of March each year for approximately a four (4) week period. There was no obvious community demand for a second round, and it is anticipated that should Council be approached to consider funding a community initiative, this can be taken to Council for decision on its merits, outside of the official grant program period.

The Small and Medium Grant applications opened on 1 March and closed 5 April 2024. A total of 19 applications were received.

Across two Council workshops (7 May and 4 June 2024) Council discussed, assessed and awarded grant amounts based on these discussions.

Consultation

General Manager, Director Corporate Services, Director Asset Services, Community Development Officer, Youth Engagement Officer and Manager Community Development & Engagement.

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A total budget of \$75,000 has been allocated to Grants and Donations for 2024/25.

A total amount of \$62,601 has been awarded to applicants, allowing some remaining funds for the Quick Response grants and any additional incidental grants or donations that Council may be asked to consider during the year.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.1 Engage with and enable our community

Goal 1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identify and engaging activities

Goal 4.4 Ensure financial and risk sustainability

Social Implications

Nil.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

The Community Development team will work with the Speaking Made Easy, Brighton Group to define their idea for story boards/interpretation panels at the Pontville cenotaph and will report back to Council on what is required for this project.

Council will donate an existing defibrillator to Zoodoo and request that Zoodoo acknowledge this donation from Brighton Council with a sign or plaque.

Assessment

The small and medium grants have been awarded based on an assessment that they will have a positive impact on our local grassroots community groups in delivering improved outcomes for group members and our community as a whole, and takes into consideration many of these groups have limited funds from other sources available at their disposal.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That the grant allocation amounts be changed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the grants and donations requests as allocated be adopted for the 2024/25 financial year.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the grants and donations requests as allocated be adopted for the 2024/25 financial year.

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 LGBTIQA+ Community Consultation

Attachment:	LGBTIQA+ Community Consultation Proposal – La Trobe University, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society
Author:	Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)
Authorised:	General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

In 2023 Council was approached by community members, including individuals with lived experience of discrimination in our community, asking Council to take more of a leadership role in showing support for a more inclusive and diverse community. This included a request to fly a pride flag at Council's main buildings i.e. Civic Centre and Council Offices.

Subsequently, Mr Rodney Croome from Equality Tasmania was invited to brief Council in December 2023 on suggested approaches that Council could take in responding to these requests and possibly taking a broader approach to understanding the needs of our LGBTIQA+ community, their experiences of living in the Brighton area and promoting an inclusive community as a Council.

During this briefing it was highlighted that local government plays a key role in promoting inclusion because it is close to the community and provides key community services.

This is why a number of Tasmanian municipalities have taken action to ensure their community, services and workplaces are inclusive. Examples included:

- **Kingborough Council:** consulting with the community, developing an Action Plan, flying pride flags, conducting LGBTIQA+ inclusion workshops for staff.
- **City of Hobart:** consulting with the LGBTIQA+ community, developing an LGBTIQA+ commitment, flying pride flags, conducting workshops.
- **City of Launceston:** developing an LGBTIQA+ community consultation process and flag-flying policy.
- **Derwent, Huon and Meander Valley Councils:** flying pride flags.

It was agreed after this briefing that in order to ascertain the experience of specifically LGBTIQA+ people living in our community, Council conduct a consultation project with a view to potentially developing an LGBTIQA+ Action Plan based on these findings.

It was recommended that Council work with Dr Ruby Grant from La Trobe University who was involved in conducting the "Telling Us the Story" report, the largest-ever survey of LGBTIQA+ Tasmanians. It was commissioned by the State Government and conducted by the University of Tasmania in 2022.

Dr Ruby Grant prepared a proposal for Brighton Council and a grant application was made to DPAC for funding from the LGBTIQ+ Grant Program 2024 for funds of \$13,184 (including GST) to conduct Option 1 of this proposal with Council providing the research officers time from internal staff (please see attached proposal from La Trobe University).

Council was unsuccessful in this grant process as there was an unprecedented number of applications competing for a total amount of \$30K. The feedback from DPAC was that it was a very good proposal but as a first step, the grant review panel believed this was something that Council should take as a first step and self-fund.

In order to take this first step in understanding the experiences specifically of our LGBTIQ+ community in the Brighton Municipality, one solution is to use remaining funds from the 2023/24 budget for the Promotion of the Municipality.

Consultation

General Manager, Director Corporate Services, Dr Ruby Grant (La Trobe University), Mr Rodney Croome (Equality Tasmania), Community Development Officer, Youth Engagement Officer, Manager Community Development & Engagement and Department of Premier and Cabinet (LGBTIQ+ Grants Program).

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

A total budget of **\$13,184 (incl. GST)** based on internal project/research support being provided by Brighton Council. The funds to be allocated from the 2023/24 Promotion of Municipality budget.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age.

- 1.1 Engage with and enable our community.
- 1.2 Build resilience and opportunity.

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council.

- 4.3 Ensure strong relationships and engagements to shape the agenda and advocate for our community.

Social Implications

This project will be the beginning of a path towards Council providing a leadership role in assisting the LGBTIQ+ community in our area in feeling safe, being heard and represented in all areas of life in Brighton and in particular that the community feel seen and valued.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

The community consultation will provide understanding and evidence for Council and broader community of the experiences that LGBTIQ+ people and their families living and working in our area have, the potential barriers to wellbeing and insights into how Brighton Council can best provide safe, welcoming and inclusive spaces, infrastructure and facilities. All of these insights will inform and frame the themes that could be addressed in a Brighton Council LGBTIQ+ Action Plan. This localised consultation project presents a unique opportunity for Brighton Council to engage its LGBTIQ+ residents to inform community strategies that are fit for purpose.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve a budget of \$13,184 to conduct the LGBTIQ+ community consultation research in 2024/25 in partnership with Dr Ruby Grant from La Trobe University. To be funded from the Promotion of the municipality budget.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Council approve a budget of \$13,184 to conduct the LGBTIQ+ community consultation research in 2024/25 in partnership with Dr Ruby Grant from La Trobe University. To be funded from the Promotion of the municipality budget.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

13.3 Brighton Regional Sports Centre - upgrade to sporting facilities

Author: Project Engineer (L Ali-Lavroff)

Authorised: Director Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen)

Background

The Brighton Football Club has successfully secured funding of approximately \$145,000 (excl. GST) to upgrade the interchange boxes and goal netting at the Brighton Regional Sports Centre, aiming to make the infrastructure suitable for the Premier League. The cost of purchasing all necessary materials, excluding installation is estimated to be approximately \$100,000 (excl. GST). Quotes for these materials have been provided to council by the club.

Therefore, the Brighton Football Club is seeking support from the Brighton Council to carry out civil works, including the construction of footings for the new interchange boxes and netting posts, as well as administrative assistance to ensure compliance with all relevant building codes. The Brighton Football Club will be responsible for designing and managing the project. The club are hoping to use any remaining funding for upgrades to the gatekeepers box at the Pontville Park entrance.

Consultation

Director Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen) and President Brighton Football Club (D Clark).

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Not accounted for within the budget. Cost of concrete for slabs and footings is estimated to be approximately \$23,000 (excl. GST).

Strategic Plan

S1.1 Engage with and enable our community

S1.2 Build resilience and opportunity

S1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreation and economic opportunities

S1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities

S3.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary needs

S3.4 Advocate and facilitate investment in our region

Social Implications

Not providing funding could result in disappointment for the Brighton Football Club and a missed opportunity to support low cost sporting options in the area. Additionally, the community would lose potential health benefits that come from improved sports facilities and increased participation in physical activities.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Council staff have discussed Brighton Football Club’s proposal with the club’s President.

Providing in-kind support for this project would be beneficial from a community perspective as it would enhance local sports infrastructure, foster community engagement, and promote health and well-being through increased physical activity opportunities. Additionally, supporting the club aligns with the Council’s commitment to encouraging local sports and recreational activities, which can boost community spirit and contribute to the overall quality of life in the area.

Options

1. As per recommendation.
2. Council approval an alternative amount of funding to that detailed in the recommendation.
3. Council decline the request for funding support.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve a \$23,000 contribution to undertake the design and construction of footings for the new interchange boxes and netting posts at the Brighton Regional Sports Centre.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Irons seconded that item 13.3 is deferred subject to more information being provided.

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	

13.4 Draft Greening Brighton Strategy

Attachment: Draft Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033

Author: Planning Officer (K Min)

Authorised: Director Development Services (D Allingham)

Purpose

This report aims to seek the endorsement of public consultation relating to the Draft Greening Brighton Strategy.

Background

Council engaged The Derwent Catchment Project (DCP) to undertake the review and update of the Greening Brighton Strategy 2016-2021.

The Greening Brighton Strategy 2016-2021 focused on increasing the number of trees in the urban areas of Bridgewater, Gagebrook, and Herdsman's Cove.

The Brighton municipality is experiencing rapid population growth accompanied by the growth in urban areas. Also, the frequency, extent, and duration of extreme heat events are projected to increase in the future and the severity of heatwave impact will be drastically intensified in the urban areas with potential impacts on people, environment, infrastructure, and economic activity.

In response to these challenges, DCG prepared a Draft Greening Brighton Strategy that covers all urban areas in the municipality. The updated strategy will deliver an integrated strategic approach to guide the planning, provision, protection, integration, and management of urban greening across the municipality for the next 10 years.

The updated strategy transition to more native species which are more climate resilient and require less maintenance. It also focuses on increasing biodiversity and density of plantings as opposed to individual street trees.

If endorsed by Council, a consultation process will be undertaken to gather feedback and input from the key stakeholders and the broader community.

Consultation

The following individuals and organisations were involved in the development of the draft Greening Brighton Strategy:

- The Derwent Catchment Project
- Brighton Council's Steering Committee members
- Councillor workshop (dated 4 June 2024)

Risk implications

The foreseeable risks and implications associated with the Draft Greening Brighton Strategy are as follows:

General risks

- Lack of support

The risk of the community and relevant key stakeholders not being supportive of the key strategic approaches and actions identified in the Draft Strategy.

- Damage and vandalism

The risk of planting and infrastructure works undertaken based on the Draft Strategy being damaged or vandalised.

Financial Implications

- Budgeting

The Draft Greening Brighton Strategy includes an Action and Implementation Plan to guide Council's investment in urban greening. The sound implementation of the Strategy may require an increased budget to be allocated to the annual street tree budget. The draft Strategy can be utilised for grant applications to acquire more funding.

- Ongoing maintenance

Council to be responsible for any ongoing maintenance costs.

Strategic Plan

The Draft Greening Brighton Strategy aligns with the following strategies:

- S1.1 Engage with and enable our community
- S1.2 Build resilience and opportunity
- S1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities
- S1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities
- S2.1 Acknowledge and respond to the climate change and biodiversity emergency
- S2.2 Encourage respect and enjoyment of the natural environment
- S2.3 Demonstrate strong environmental stewardship and leadership
- S2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long-term sustainability and evidence-based approach
- S3.2 Infrastructure development and service delivery are guided by strategic planning to cater for the needs of a growing and changing population
- S4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking
- S4.4 Ensure financial and risk sustainability

Social implications

- Positive impact on liveability

Planting and works undertaken as a result of this initiative may encourage people to relax and walk around cool streets and green spaces, positively impacting their health and well-being.

- Positive impact on social cohesion

Planting and works undertaken as a result of this initiative may facilitate social connection by supporting community participation in greening and contribute to fostering a sense of belonging and community.

Economic implications

- Positive impact on businesses and the economy

Investment in quality urban greening can encourage and attract high value industries, entrepreneurs and skilled workers to the municipality through the creation of high quality, environmentally friendly living and working environments, adding value to local economies.

- Positive impact on property values and tax revenue

Increased street trees and vegetation cover may help increase the value of neighbouring residential properties and contribute to creating additional land tax and rates.

- Reduced public health care expenditure

Increased levels of urban greening can have a range of positive impacts on community health and wellbeing and may lower public health care expenditure.

Environmental or climate change implications

- Environmental benefits

The implementation of the Draft Strategy can help to absorb stormwater runoff, improve air quality, increase biodiversity, provide shade for animals and people, and reduce heat retention to build community resilience to climate change.

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The Draft Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033 aligns with Council's Strategic Plan and will provide a range of ongoing, long-term benefits to the community. The strategy pivots towards a planting regime that is more resilient with less maintenance which will have improved benefits for biodiversity and community wellbeing. If Council endorse the Draft Strategy, consultation with the key stakeholders and the broader community will commence.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Suggest amendments to the Draft Greening Brighton Strategy; or
3. Do not endorse the Draft Greening Brighton Strategy for community consultation; or
4. Other

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Draft Greening Brighton Strategy for public consultation.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council endorse the Draft Greening Brighton Strategy for public consultation.

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 Owen left the meeting at 6.33pm due to a declared conflict of interest in item 13.5.

13.5 Old Beach Fire Brigade - Free Tip Entry

Attachment: Email from Councillor Owen

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

An email has been received on behalf of the Old Beach Fire Brigade to request free entry to the Waste Transfer Station on Saturday 6th July 2024.

The Old Beach Fire Brigade will be conducting a working bee on this day to have a general tidy up around the station.

It is estimated that there will be a tandem trailer of general waste and a tandem trailer of green waste.

Consultation

Councillor Phil Owen, Ishita Singh (Facilities Management Officer)

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Fees that would be applicable for the Waste Transfer Entry would be approximately \$66.00, this being \$33 for each tandem trailer.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.3 – Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.

Goal 1.4 – Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities.

Social Implications

Nil

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The Old Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade has operated within the Brighton Municipality for over fifty years. There is no monetary amount that can be put on the benefit that the community receives by having these volunteers available to fight fires. The Brigade operates autonomously out of their premises in Old Beach and there appears to be no recent record of them requiring free entry to the Waste Transfer station in the past.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Not approve the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give free entry to the Old Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade for two tandem trailer loads of green and general waste.

This donation will be reported accordingly in Council's Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Council give free entry to the Old Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade for two tandem trailer loads of green and general waste.

This donation will be reported accordingly in Council's Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Cr Owen returned to the meeting at 6.36pm.

13.6 Budget 2024/25 Budget

Attachment: Draft Budget 2024-2025

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

The Budget (Estimates) has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. The 2024-2025 Budget and Fees & Charges Register has been provided to all Councillors and a draft budget review workshop has been undertaken. The final budget has been completed in accordance with Councillor requests and is now ready to be adopted.

Consultation

Councillors, Senior Management, Senior Rates Officer, ratepayers and other stakeholders.

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

As per the budget.

Strategic Plan

Goal 3 : Manage Infrastructure and growth effectively

Goal 4.4: Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

Social Implications

Considered within the budget.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Considered within the budget.

Economic Implications

Considered within the budget.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Council has been fortunate to receive substantial grant funding for various projects around the municipality over the past few years. This grant funding has meant that many projects have been brought forward that would not have come to fruition for several years, it also means that Council is required to maintain these new infrastructure assets, which results in an increase in operational costs.

Operational Costs especially in relation to materials and services that are used to provide ratepayers with the daily functions of waste collection, road works and streetscaping to name a few have been increasing dramatically since Covid times. These increases have previously been absorbed however it is no longer financially feasible for Council to keep absorbing these costs and to keep providing a higher level of service that ratepayers are expecting. Council has been extremely fortunate that in the past any increase has been minimal to the ratepayer however it is now not financially sustainable to do this in the future and unfortunately this increase will now need to be passed onto the ratepayers. The Brighton Council's 2024-2025 rate increase to residential occupied properties will be \$91 per year.

The Rating Resolution is in line with the *Local Government Act 1993* and adopts the principles of Average Area Rating for residential rating.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Review the budget and make further changes prior to adoption in principle.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the 2024-2025 budget be adopted; and
2. Approve the 2024-2025 Rating Resolution as follows:

NOTICE OF RATES AND CHARGES

1. GENERAL RATE & MINIMUM

1.1 Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (here referred to as the "**Act**"), Council hereby makes the following General Rate for all rateable land within the municipal area for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025:

(a) Pursuant to Section 90(3)(c) of the Act, a General Rate of 26.0 cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value (here referred to as "**AAV**") of the rateable land.

1.2 Pursuant to Section 107(1) of the Act, Council hereby varies the General Rate of 26.0 cents in the dollar (as previously made) as follows:

(a) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 7.150881 cents in the dollar of AAV;

(b) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for public purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 9.417983 cents in the dollar of AAV;

(c) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 5.706162 cents in the dollar of AAV;

- (d) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for primary production purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 3.794115 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (e) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for sporting or recreation purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 22.253977 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (f) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Agriculture within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 9.395113 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (g) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Business within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 13.851199 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (h) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Community Purpose within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 19.92671 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (i) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Environmental Management within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 19.92671 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (j) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as General Industrial within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 5.708664 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (k) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Light Industrial within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 9.290777 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (l) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Open Space within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 19.501699 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (m) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Rural Living within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 9.395058 cents in the dollar of AAV;

- (n) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Urban Mixed within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 11.649448 cents in the dollar of AAV and

1.3 Pursuant to Sections 107(2A) and 107(2B) of the Act, Council hereby sets minimum amounts payable, in respect of the general rate as varied, as follows:

- (a) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$1161.00;
- (b) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for public purposes, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$754.00;
- (c) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$1161.00;
- (d) For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for primary production purposes, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$1161.00;
- (e) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Agriculture within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;
- (f) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Business within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;
- (g) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Community Purpose within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;
- (h) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as General Industrial within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;
- (i) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Light Industrial within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;
- (j) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Residential within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;
- (k) For land within the municipality which is not used and is zoned as Rural Living within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is an amount of \$530.00;

2. AVERAGED AREA RATE

2.1 Pursuant to Section 109A of the Act and Certificates issued to Council in accordance with Section 109H of the Act, Council hereby make the following averaged area rate (here referred to as **"AAR"**) for all rateable land within the municipal area for the following categories and localities for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025:

- (a) In the locality of Bridgewater, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 6.934268 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1046.00;
- (b) In the locality of Brighton, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 5.783452 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1161.00;
- (c) In the locality of Dromedary, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 5.509084 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1161.00;
- (d) In the locality of Gagebrook, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 7.657748 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1046.00;
- (e) In the locality of Herdsmans Cove, for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 7.156964 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1046.00;
- (f) In the locality of Honeywood for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 4.997470 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1161.00;
- (g) In the locality of Old Beach for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 4.985227 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1161.00;
- (h) In the locality of Pontville for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 4.748147 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1161.00;

- (i) In the locality of Tea Tree for rateable land that is used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes, the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 4.736605 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$1161.00;
- (j) In the locality of Bridgewater, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 4.699813 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;
- (k) In the locality of Brighton, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 4.188586 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;
- (l) In the locality of Dromedary, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 6.254034 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;
- (m) In the locality of Gagebrook, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 7.454400 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;
- (n) In the locality of Herdsmans Cove, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 13.183555 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;
- (o) In the locality of Honeywood, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 3.475259 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;
- (p) In the locality of Old Beach, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 3.576459 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00;

- (q) In the locality of Pontville, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 5.419962 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00; and
- (r) In the locality of Tea Tree, for rateable land that may be classified as being both used, or predominantly used, for residential purposes **and** non-use land [i.e. vacant residential], the General Rate is varied by decreasing the amount of 26.0 cents in the dollar of AAV to 3.288181 cents in the dollar of AAV and then an AAR is made in the amount of \$530.00.

3. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE

Pursuant to Section 94(1) of the Act, Council hereby make the following service charges for waste management for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025

- (a) \$282.00 for each premises, tenement, flat, unit, apartment, single stratum section or portion of land set aside for separate occupation to which a regular garbage and recycling removal service is supplied by the Council.
- (b) \$82.00 for each premises, tenement, flat, unit, apartment, single stratum section or portion of land set aside for separate occupation to which a FOGO removal service is supplied by the Council.
- (c) In addition to (a) & (b) \$75.00 per bin for each premises, tenement, flat, unit, apartment, single stratum section or portion of land set aside for separate occupation to which a regular garbage and recycling and FOGO driver assist service is supplied by the Council.
- (d) In addition to (a), (b) & (c) State Government Waste Levy of \$20.00 for each premises, tenement, flat, unit, apartment, single stratum section or portion of land set aside for separate occupation to which a regular garbage and recycling removal service is supplied by the Council.

4. FIRE SERVICE RATE

Pursuant to Sections 93 & 93A of the Act, and notice received by Council in accordance with Section 81B of the *Fire Service Act 1979*, the following fire service rates apply for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025:

- (a) A Separate Urban Fire Rate of 1.128728 cents in the dollar of AAV in respect of all lands in the proclaimed district with a minimum amount of \$49.00; and
- (b) A Separate Brighton Rural Fire Rate of 0.305351 cents in the dollar of AAV in respect of all lands in the proclaimed district with a minimum amount of \$49.00; and
- (c) A Separate Rural Fire Rate of 0.283411 cents in the dollar of AAV in respect of all lands in the proclaimed district with a minimum amount of \$49.00.

5. PAYMENT OF RATES & CHARGES BY INSTALMENTS

Rates and Charges must be paid by four (4) instalments – the first to be paid on or before 7 August 2024, and then by 31 October 2024, 31 January 2025 and 30 April 2025 respectively.

6. INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 128(1) (b) of the Act interest will apply to any amount of rates and charges which remain unpaid after the date on which it is to be paid. The rate for 2024/2025 is 10.14% per annum calculated on a daily basis.

Cr Murtagh left the meeting at 6.37pm.

Cr Murtagh returned to the meeting at 6.40pm.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr McMaster seconded that

- 1. the 2024-2025 budget be adopted; and*
- 2. approve the 2024-2025 Rating Resolution as listed above.*

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	

13.7 Draft 2024/25 Annual Plan

Attachment: Draft 2024/25 Annual Plan

Author: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

The Annual Plan 2024/25 has been prepared in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council's 2024/25 budget.

The Annual Plan is presented in draft format. Once adopted by Council, it will be prepared and published in accordance with Council's style guide and be made available online.

Consultation

Senior Management Team and relevant Council officers.

Risk Implications

None.

Financial Implications

The draft Annual Plan directly reflects the 2024/25 budget, which is already approved in principle.

Strategic Plan

The draft Annual Plan is in accordance with Council's Strategic Plan, in line with the following strategies:

S4.4: Ensure financial and risk sustainability

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

Social Implications

The Annual Plan clearly shows the key commitments for the financial year. A mid-year progress report will be presented to Council early in 2025.

The Annual Plan contains a range of social and community-focused commitments.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

The Annual Plan includes a range of environmental and climate change commitments.

Economic Implications

The Annual Plan commitments support economic growth and development in the region.

Other Issues

Nil.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Annual Plan 2024/25 be adopted in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and that a copy be forwarded to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Geard seconded that the Annual Plan 2024/25 be adopted in accordance with Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1993 and that a copy be forwarded to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

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	

14. Questions on Notice

There were no Questions on Notice for the June 2024 meeting.

Meeting closed: 6.43pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

16 July 2024
