



**Brighton
Council**

**Finance
Committee
Agenda**

6th February 2024

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Brighton Council

Council Representatives: Cr Curran (Chairperson); Cr A De La Torre (Deputy Chairperson); Cr L Gray; Cr P Geard; Cr T Murtagh; Cr P Owen & Cr M Whelan

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that the next **Finance Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, 1 Tivoli Road, Old Beach at **5.15 p.m.** on **Tuesday, 6th February 2024**, to discuss business as printed below.

QUALIFIED PERSON CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that in accordance with Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any advice, information and recommendation contained in the reports related to the Agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations.

Dated at Old Beach this *1st* day of *February 2024*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Dryburgh', written in a cursive style.

James Dryburgh
GENERAL MANAGER

AGENDA

Audio Recording of Meetings

An audio recording of this Planning Authority Meeting will be made in accordance with our Audio Recording of Council and Committee Meetings Policy 7.11. The audio recording will be available on Council's website within seven (7) business days after the meeting.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Brighton Council acknowledges the palawa/pakana (Tasmanian Aboriginal) community as the traditional and original owners of the skies, land and water of lutruwita (Tasmania) and forward our respect to their elders both past and present.

Brighton Council acknowledges the continued connection the Tasmanian Aboriginal people still have to the skies, land and water of lutruwita that provides them with the food, medicine and craft celebrated through ceremony today.

2. Apologies

Cr Peter Geard has requested leave of absence for this meeting.

3. Public Question Time and Deputations

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.

5. Business

5.1 Punjabi Society - Waiving of Civic Centre Hire Fees

Attachment(s): Letter from Punjabi Society Tasmania

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

Mr. Hemant Khanna on behalf of the Punjabi Society Tasmania (PST) has written to Council seeking support to use the Civic Centre to hold an event on the 20th April 2024.

The Punjabi Society Tasmania is a newly formed association which is in the process of becoming a registered organization run by volunteers. They would like to organize a cultural event around a festival called Vaisakhi celebrating the harvest season. The event will have performances, music, dance, and food stalls. This will be a social event which will have free entry and be open to the public to attend and participate in. The Society will be seeking sponsorships from businesses to cover the running cost and does not intend to earn any profit.

The Punjabi Society Tasmania has asked that Council support this event by waiving the Civic Centre hire fee and the Casual Hirers Insurance for this. Punjabi Society Tasmania would like to recognise Brighton Council as an official Sponsor.

Consultation

Hemant Khanna (President, Punjabi Society Tasmania), Ishita Singh (Facilities Management Officer)

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Fees that would have been applicable will need to be recognised as a donation from Council. The day rate for Civic Centre is \$849 and casual hire insurance is \$34, total of \$883. Groups like this would ordinarily be allowed a 50% discount on the hire fee.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.1 - Engage with and enable our community

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

Providing a facility for this festival for this group will contribute towards building positivity, community connections, social opportunity and promoting diversity.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

This festival will provide social gathering opportunities and activities for Brighton's diverse and local community. It is a free event, and the Society does not intend to make any profit. This festival will provide support and encourage the establishment and activities for diverse cultural groups.

Allowing free use of the Civic Centre and becoming an official sponsor will enable the society to run a free event in the municipality.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council approves the 50% discount for the use of the Civic Centre with insurance coverage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the free use of the Civic Centre and waives the casual insurance fee for the Punjabi Society of Tasmania for the 20th April 2024.

This use is to be classed as a Donation under Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and recorded in Council's Annual Report.

DECISION:

6.2 Adoption of Audit Panel Charter

Attachment: Audit Panel Charter

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

With the establishment of the new Audit Panel in May 2023 the Audit Panel Charter was required to be updated. Due to the panel makeup changing from one to two independent members the Charter has been updated to reflect this. The Charter has also been amended to include the Audit Panels submission of a report in Council's Annual Report and meeting guidelines.

Consultation

Audit Panel Committee

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Plan

Goal 4.2 – Be well governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

Social Implications

Nil

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The adoption of the updated Audit Charter allows the governance of Council to reflect its operations.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That Council not adopt the Charter.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the Audit Panel Charter.

DECISION: