



**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 5.32 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (Chief Executive Officer); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen
(Director Asset Services); Ms G Browne (Director Corporate
Services); Mr A Woodward (Director Development Services); Mrs J
Blackwell (Manager Planning); Mr B White (Strategic Planner) & Ms
E Lang (Executive Officer, Governance)

- 1. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON**
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
- 3. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

- 4. NOTIFICATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PARENTAL LEAVE**

Nil.

- 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting -21 July 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st July 2026, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Irons seconded that the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st July 2026, 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	

5.2 Planning Authority Meeting - 4 August 2026**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting held on 4th August 2026, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting held on 4th August 2026, 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	

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda. In accordance with Section 48(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is the responsibility of councillors to then notify the Chief Executive Officer, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

There were no declarations of interest.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS

In accordance with the requirements of Regulations 33, 36, 37 & 38 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

- Mr Quinten Villanueva on behalf of Dourias Group Holdings addressed Council in relation to the Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan (agenda item 17.1). Councillors were provided with a printed version of a letter from the Dourias Group, which had previously been distributed to them by email.

7.1 Response to Public Question taken on notice from previous meeting

A question was taken on notice at the July Ordinary Council meeting from Yvonne Miller who raised a concern about the lack of white line markings on Jetty Road, Old Beach, noting that it was dangerous.

Response from Manager, Development Engineering:

Jetty Road Line Marking



Jetty Road at the northern end has a carriageway width of approximately 9.2 to 9.4m until it approaches the East Derwent Highway where it narrows. There is an existing continuous white centreline for a distance of approximately 60 metres from the northern intersection of the East Derwent Highway.



Extending the continuous centreline south would result in less than 3m from a parked car to the centreline effectively prohibiting on street parking.

The northern end of Jetty Road does have a compound curvature that may result in some vehicles moving toward the inside of the curve. Council can investigate further and measure sight distances to determine whether a broken white centreline may be appropriate through the curved section for an additional 130 to 160 metres south of the existing continuous centreline. This will allow the need to be prioritised amongst other line marking projects.

7.2 Public Questions on Notice

Nil.

8. COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

8.1 Councillor Questions on Notice

In accordance with Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting.

Cr Owen submitted the following Question on Notice on the 28th July 2026.

Re Jerry Statue.

Upon location of the Jerry Statue at the site chosen by Brighton Council in July 2026....

1. *The cost of installation into the StateGrowth Sculpture park will be met by who?*
2. *Ownership of statue will be vested with whom?*
3. *Who will be responsible for cost of repairs and maintenance?*
4. *Will there be a MOU or policy outlining that any damage will be repaired within a certain period of time?*
5. *Who will be responsible for the relocation to a site offering greater open public view and surveillance ?*

NOTE

It is noted too that I understand not all Cafe Connections input as to location of the Jerry Statue was presented to council as options?

Response from Manager, Community Development & Engagement:

Contact has been made with the Project Manager at Building Tasmania (formerly Department of State Growth) and the following information is provided in response to questions raised.

1. Building Tasmania will be responsible for the cost of installing the sculpture (and Council responsible for transporting it to site, as previously agreed).
2. Building Tasmania agree that ownership of the sculpture should be vested in Council following installation.
3. As the asset owner, it is considered that the management of repairs, maintenance priorities and any associated response timeframes should sit with Council as the owner of the asset.
4. Should the sculpture become subject to repeated vandalism, damage or other issues that affect its suitability at the proposed location, Council will be responsible for determining and funding any relocation. This reflects Council's ongoing ownership and management responsibilities for the asset.
5. Council would also be best placed to identify and assess alternative locations that may provide greater public visibility and passive surveillance.

Council considered a range of suggestions and site options put forward during the consultation process, including those raised by Café Connections. While not every suggestion was advanced to Council in detail, all feedback was reviewed as part of the broader assessment of potential locations.

8.2 Councillor Questions without Notice

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice. The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question. The chairperson may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.

Response to Question taken on notice from previous meeting

At the July Ordinary Council meeting, Cr Owen asked whether Council has established any flood mitigation plans for the areas of Bridgewater and Old Beach that are affected by high tides.

Response from Director, Asset Services:

In March 2024, Council completed the Derwent River Foreshore Coastal Hazards Project, which assessed coastal inundation, erosion and stormwater risks at Riverside Drive, Bridgewater, and along the Old Beach foreshore. The assessment found that there is no immediate inundation threat to residential dwellings; however, risk is expected to increase over time as sea levels rise and high-tide and storm events become more frequent.

At Bridgewater, the present risk to public infrastructure is generally minimal, but affected assets may include sections of Riverside Drive and other roads, the foreshore trail, open space, playground and boat ramp, with some private properties potentially exposed in the medium to long term.

At Old Beach, the foreshore walking track and Crown land are already susceptible to high tides and storm events, with increasing future risk to roads, the boat ramp, open space and residential properties.

The project identified a “protect the coast” adaptation pathway as the preferred approach for Bridgewater and Old Beach. Potential measures include vegetation management, targeted foreshore protection such as rock revetment, raising low-lying land or infrastructure where appropriate, and improvements to stormwater drainage. These are strategic options rather than approved construction plans, and the report notes that the cost estimates are indicative and require site-specific engineering design, environmental and Aboriginal heritage assessment, landowner and stakeholder consultation, and consideration of how works would be funded.

Council will use the completed assessment as the evidence base for the next stage of adaptation planning. This will include further community and stakeholder engagement, prioritisation of locations and measures, preparation of concept designs and engineering investigations, and consideration through future capital and stormwater planning processes. In the interim, Council will continue to monitor affected areas and maintain its assets in response to observed conditions.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

9.1 Mayor's Communications

29/07/2026	TasWaste South Board Meeting
30/07/2026	ALGA Board Meeting
04/08/2026	Council Workshop
04/08/2026	Planning Authority Meeting
05/08/20206	LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
05/08/2026	Premiers Local Government Council
06/08/2026	TasWaste South Special Board Meeting
10/8/2026	Presentation to Councillors from the Dourias Group
14/08/2026	Media Event for Seymour Street Master Plan Stage 2
14/08/2026	Meeting with DFAT State Director
18/08/2026	Council Workshop
18/08/2026	Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the Mayor's communications be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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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 McMaster	
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Cr Murtagh	
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Cr Owen	
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Cr Whelan	
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9.2 Reports from Council Representatives

- Cr Geard expressed appreciation to Council staff for their recent screening of the movie 'Floodland' at the Civic Centre, congratulating staff on a job well done.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the reports from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Whelan seconded that the reports from Council representatives be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
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10. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from TasFarmers CEO dated 9 July 2026 regarding Agricultural Property Valuations and Annual Assessed Values.
- Letter to the CEO TasFarmers from the Mayor dated 17 July 2026 in response to Agricultural Property Valuations and Annual Assessed Values.
- Letter from the Minister for Housing and Planning dated 20 July 2026 regarding the classification of the Brighton Activity Centre within the draft STRLUS.

11. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(3) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the agenda is to make provision for the date and purpose of any council workshop held since the last meeting.

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

A workshop was held on the 4th August 2026 at 4.45pm to receive a quarterly update from the Brighton Youth Action Group (BYAG) and discuss the Brighton and Pontville Local Area Plan.

Attendance: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Owen & Cr Whelan.

Apologies: Cr Murtagh

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide to deal with a matter that is not specifically listed on the agenda if:-

- (a) the general manager has reported the reason for which it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) the general manager has reported that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) the general manager has certified under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* that the advice has been obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council.

There were no supplementary agenda items.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

15. PETITIONS

Nil.

16. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is to advise the meeting that Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 16 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

Nil.

17. OFFICERS REPORTS

17.1 Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan

Author: Strategic Planner (B White)

Authorised: Director, Development Services (A Woodward)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to:

- Present the outcomes of stakeholder engagement undertaken for the draft Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan (BPLAP);
- Present officer responses to submissions received during consultation;
- Seek Council endorsement of the final Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan.

Background

The Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan (BPLAP) has been prepared to provide a long-term strategic planning framework for their future growth and development.

The BPLAP establishes a vision, strategic directions and actions relating to housing, employment, activity centres, transport, community infrastructure, open space and environmental values. The Plan is intended to guide Council's future strategic planning work, infrastructure advocacy and land use planning decision-making.

The Plan has been informed by a review of relevant State, regional and local planning policy, technical investigations, stakeholder engagement and community consultation. The final BPLAP is provided as Attachment A.

Consultation

At its June 2026 meeting, Council endorsed the draft BPLAP for stakeholder and community consultation. Consultation on the draft BPLAP involved a range of engagement activities with community members, landowners, government agencies and key stakeholders.

Engagement methods included:

- Have Your Say website.
- Email submissions.
- Social media engagement.
- Direct stakeholder meetings.
- Landowner engagement.
- Consultation with relevant State agencies.

A detailed summary of engagement activities and feedback received is provided in Attachment B.

Engagement Results Summary

A summary of consultation outcomes is contained within **Attachment B**.

The Engagement Summary identifies the key themes raised during consultation and provides an overview of stakeholder views regarding future growth, housing, activity centres, transport, open space, community infrastructure and employment opportunities.

Attachment B does not assess stakeholder submissions. Council officers' assessment of matters raised during consultation is contained within **Attachment C**.

Key Matters Raised During Consultation

The key planning issues raised during consultation included:

- Future residential growth opportunities.
- Investigation areas for future residential development.
- Future mixed-use and employment land opportunities.
- Retail and commercial growth, including submissions relating to South Brighton.
- The role and function of the Brighton District Activity Centre.
- Future transport and connectivity improvements.
- Community infrastructure and open space planning.
- Environmental constraints and infrastructure servicing.
- Prioritisation and implementation of actions contained within the BPLAP.

Further detail regarding these matters is provided within **Attachments B and C**.

Changes to BPLAP

A number of changes have been made to the BPLAP as a result of feedback received during consultation. These changes are summarised in the following table.

Table 1 Key Changes to BPLAP post consultation

Issue	Key Change	Discussion
Future residential growth opportunities	Addition of 69 Brighton Road as a future investigation area	The site has been identified as a potential longer-term opportunity for future residential growth. Any future rezoning would require detailed strategic investigations and consultation.
Future mixed-use opportunities	Addition of the School Farm land as a future investigation area	The site has been identified for further strategic consideration given its location and longer-term development potential. The investigation would take place if the current use of the site ceases or is vacated.
Strategic directions and actions	Refinements and clarifications	Amendments have been made to improve clarity and implementation guidance.
Mapping and supporting text	Minor amendments	Corrections and updates have been incorporated throughout the document.

A complete assessment of submissions and recommended amendments is provided within **Attachment C**.

Risk Implications

While the BPLAP establishes a long-term strategic framework, many of the actions and investigation areas identified in the Plan will require further detailed investigations, funding considerations, statutory planning processes and stakeholder consultation before implementation can occur.

Financial Implications

Implementation of actions identified within the BPLAP may result in future financial implications for Council. For example, via the funding and delivery of Infrastructure upgrades.

Strategic Plan

The BPLAP accords with the Brighton Council Strategy 2023-2033 as follows:

- 1.1 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.
- 1.2 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities
- 2.2 Encourage respect and enjoyment of the natural environment
- 2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long-term sustainability and evidence-based approach
- 3.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary need
- 4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking

Social Implications

The BPLAP seeks to support the creation of healthy, connected and resilient communities through coordinated planning for housing, employment, recreation, transport, open space and community infrastructure.

Implementation of the Plan will assist Council in responding to future growth while maintaining and enhancing local liveability.

Environmental or climate change implications

The BPLAP specifically responds to climate change in its key directions and many of the actions, such as increasing tree canopy levels to address urban heat effects.

Other Issues

N/A

Assessment

Council officers have reviewed all submissions and other feedback received during consultation on the draft BPLAP.

A number of submissions raised matters that warranted amendments to the final Plan. These changes have been incorporated where considered appropriate and are outlined within **Attachment C**.

Other submissions sought outcomes that officers do not recommend supporting. In these instances, officers consider that the matters raised are either:

- already addressed through the strategic directions of the BPLAP;
- require further work and analysis to demonstrate their merits or appropriateness;
- inconsistent with the evidence base supporting the Plan within the Brighton Activity Centre Strategy;
- Inconsistent with the key directions of the BPLAP and other relevant local, regional and state planning policy.

Officers consider that the consultation process has strengthened the final BPLAP and has resulted in a more robust strategic planning framework for Brighton and Pontville.

The final BPLAP provides Council with a contemporary, evidence based framework to guide the future growth and development of Brighton and Pontville which will greatly assist Council in prioritising future strategic planning work, infrastructure advocacy, and public/ private investment.

It should be noted that regular reviews of the Plan should occur and that council has the power to seek review or considerations of modifications at any time, should circumstances change or new analysis become available for the study area.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the Engagement Summary contained within Attachment B.

- B. Notes the Council Officer Response to Submissions contained within Attachment C.
- C. Endorses the Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan contained within Attachment A.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Owen seconded that Council:

- A. Notes the Engagement Summary contained within Attachment B.*
- B. Notes the Council Officer Response to Submissions contained within Attachment C.*
- C. Endorses the Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan contained within Attachment A.*

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	

17.2 Request for further rent reduction - Unit 1/84 Jetty Road, Old Beach

Author: Executive Officer Risk & Property (M Braslin)

Authorised: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

In April 2026, the tenant of Unit 1/84 Jetty Road, Old Beach wrote to Council to request a six-month reduction of rent. At the ordinary Council meeting a decision was made to approve a three month rent reduction, to be reviewed with evidence to be provided if any further reductions are requested.

The tenant has again written in requesting a further rent reduction and provided financials and medical certificates. Most of the circumstances behind the original request remain or have worsened since the original request.

The therapist who was on extended medical leave remains off work and a second therapist is now also on medical leave, both with no clear return dates. NDIS has also changed participant funding and eligibility rules withheld or reduced the price cap on therapy services. The tenant currently has active job advertisements and is working through overhead reductions.

This is having an impact on declining revenue for the business, however they remain confident in the underlying viability of the business.

Consultation

Director, Corporate Services.

Risk Implications

A temporary reduction of rent for the child therapy tenant presents a risk of diminished revenue for Council, potentially affecting the financial sustainability of property operations. However, maintaining the tenancy helps to avoid the loss of an essential service provider, which could have broader negative impacts on the community by reducing local access to child therapy services. Balancing these risks is important to ensure both financial prudence and continued community support.

Financial Implications

Current rent revenue is \$40,000 per annum exclusive of GST (inclusive of Land Tax and Rates) - \$3,333.33 per month.

A 50% reduction for a further 3 months equates to \$5499.00.

Strategic Plan

Goal 3 Manage infrastructure and growth effectively (3.3)

Goal 4 Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council.

Social Implications

A temporary rent reduction for a child therapy business helps ensure continued access to essential services for families and children who rely on therapy support. This concession may relieve financial pressure on the provider, allowing them to maintain their operations within the community. As a result, local families benefit from sustained therapeutic resources, which can contribute to improved wellbeing and social cohesion in the area.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Council will encourage sustainable living practices in all our buildings.

Economic Implications

In the short term, reducing rent for the child therapy tenant will result in decreased revenue for the Council, potentially impacting available funds for other projects or operational costs. However, this concession may support the sustainability of the therapy service, which could foster long-term economic benefits through increased community wellbeing and attracting further investment in the area. The temporary reduction could also enhance Council's reputation for supporting essential services, encouraging future tenancy and economic activity.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

These combined unforeseen factors have made it increasingly difficult for the tenant to meet their overhead costs under the lease agreement. The letter from the tenant states they are committed to continuing their services and maintaining their tenancy in Old Beach and are hopeful that a temporary adjustment could provide meaningful relief during this difficult period.

If Council consider approving a temporary rent reduction for the child therapy business in Old Beach this measure would help maintain access to essential therapeutic services for local families and children who depend on them. By easing the financial burden on the service provider, Council supports the ongoing operation of a vital community resource, which promotes wellbeing and social cohesion. Although there may be a short-term decrease in Council revenue, the long-term benefits include a healthier, more resilient community.

If approved this action would demonstrate Council's continual commitment to supporting essential services and fostering a caring, progressive environment for residents.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Do not adopt the recommendation.
 3. Other.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve a 50% rent reduction for Unit 1/84 Jetty Road, Old Beach, effective for the next three months commencing from 1 July 2026.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Whelan seconded that Council approve a 50% rent reduction for Unit 1/84 Jetty Road, Old Beach for a further 3 months.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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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	
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Cr McMaster	
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Cr Murtagh	
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Cr Owen	
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Cr Whelan	
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17.3 Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy - Final Draft

Author: Director, Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen)

Background

The Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy is a long-term regional plan developed by the four councils of the Greater Hobart Councils Partnership (GHCP) - Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough, in collaboration with Brighton and Sorell Councils, and with support from Active Tasmania and a range of state sporting organisations and peak bodies.

Prepared by ROSS Planning, a specialist consultancy with extensive experience in sport, recreation and community infrastructure planning across Australia, the Strategy provides a 20-year planning horizon to guide the delivery, management, renewal and activation of sport facilities across the region. The Strategy responds to Greater Hobart's growing and diversifying population, evolving participation trends and the need to move beyond a council-by-council approach to sport infrastructure planning.

The Strategy represents the first coordinated regional assessment of sport infrastructure needs across Greater Hobart and establishes a shared evidence base to support future planning, investment and advocacy. It is informed by detailed facility audits, participation analysis, demographic and population projections, stakeholder engagement and assessment of current and future demand.

The Strategy finds that Greater Hobart is generally well served by its existing network of sport facilities; however, there are increasing pressures arising from population growth, changing participation patterns, ageing infrastructure, capacity constraints in some sports, and limited opportunities for new greenfield development. The Strategy therefore emphasises the importance of regional collaboration, improved utilisation of existing facilities, renewal of ageing assets, shared-use arrangements and targeted investment in priority infrastructure over time.

The Strategy is intended to guide long-term planning and decision-making rather than commit councils to specific projects or funding allocations. It provides a strategic framework to support future business cases, funding applications, advocacy initiatives and capital investment decisions by councils, sporting organisations and other levels of government.

The Strategy will enable:

- **Regional Collaboration** - recognising that sport participation, facility catchments and club operations extend across municipal boundaries and are best supported through coordinated regional planning.
- **Evidence-Based Decision Making** - prioritising future investment based on demonstrated need, participation trends, facility condition, population growth and long-term community benefit.
- **Maximising Existing Assets** - optimising the use of existing facilities through improved scheduling, shared-use arrangements, multi-sport opportunities and activation initiatives before pursuing new infrastructure.
- **Partnerships and Shared Delivery** - encouraging collaboration between councils, sporting organisations, schools, education providers, state agencies and the

private sector to improve access to facilities and leverage investment opportunities.

- **Inclusion and Accessibility** - supporting equitable participation outcomes through accessible, welcoming and inclusive facilities that respond to the needs of diverse communities.
- **Flexible and Adaptable Infrastructure** - designing and upgrading facilities to accommodate changing participation trends, multiple user groups and future community needs.
- **Sustainability and Resilience** - promoting environmentally sustainable, financially responsible and climate-resilient infrastructure outcomes.
- **Strategic Advocacy** - providing a coordinated regional evidence base to support funding applications, government advocacy and future investment attraction.

Before this strategy is finalised, an engagement process will be undertaken with key sporting organisations, state sporting associations, Active Tasmania, and other relevant stakeholders.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer, Director, Asset Services

Risk Implications

The Strategy reduces risk by providing a coordinated, evidence-based framework for future investment. Key risks include funding constraints, changing participation demand, ageing assets and inequitable facility access, which can be managed through ongoing review, stakeholder engagement and project-specific business cases.

Financial Implications

The Strategy supports more efficient, evidence-based investment, reduces unnecessary duplication of facilities and strengthens opportunities for regional funding and partnerships. Implementation may require future capital and ongoing operational expenditure, subject to Council budgets and project-specific business cases.

Strategic Plan

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

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

4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence based in our thinking

4.4 Ensure financial and risk sustainability

Social Implications

The development of a regional sport infrastructure strategy is expected to deliver positive social outcomes by supporting improved health and wellbeing, social connection, inclusion and equitable access to sporting opportunities across the region. A coordinated approach can strengthen clubs and volunteer networks, improve opportunities for children and young people, and ensure facilities respond to the needs of a growing and diverse population. Implementation will need to consider affordability, accessibility, transport, geographic distribution and the potential impact of facility prioritisation or consolidation on individual communities and user groups.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

The Strategy provides an opportunity to improve the sustainability and climate resilience of sporting facilities through energy and water efficiency, sustainable design, and consideration of risks such as extreme heat, bushfire, flooding and water scarcity.

Economic Implications

The Strategy may support the local economy by attracting sporting events and visitors, increasing spending at local businesses, supporting employment and procurement opportunities, and improving Brighton's attractiveness as a place to live and invest.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Brighton Council is well-positioned for future growth, with strong planning foundations and a clear set of priorities for sports infrastructure. The main focus in the final draft report is on upgrading and expanding key facilities, particularly Pontville Park, to meet both local and regional needs, while addressing gaps in court and tennis provision and ensuring sustainable, inclusive, and flexible infrastructure for a growing community.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council receive the final draft and request further feedback be considered before the strategy is considered for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the final draft of the Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy, noting that consultation with key sporting organisations and relevant stakeholders will now be undertaken and that the Strategy will be brought back to Council for endorsement following consultation and finalisation.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council receive the final draft of the Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy, noting that consultation with key sporting organisations and relevant stakeholders will now be undertaken and that the Strategy will be brought back to Council for endorsement following consultation and finalisation.

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	

Meeting closed: 6.15 pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

15th September 2026
