MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH AT 5.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2026

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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); Mr L Wighton (Manager Development Engineering) and Ms A Turvey (Manager Community Development & Engagement)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2026 - CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION & RECEIPT OF DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

Attachment: Tasmanian Electoral Commission- Certificate of Election

Author: James Dryburgh (Chief Executive Officer)

Background

Following the 2026 Local Government Elections, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission issued Brighton Council with a Certificate of Election confirming the candidates elected as Councillors for the 2026-2030 term.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, elected Councillors are required to make a Declaration of Office before undertaking the functions and duties of a Councillor. All elected Councillors have completed the required Declaration of Office and the declarations have been received and retained on Council records.

The Chief Executive Officer presented the Certificate of Election dated 3rd November 2026, confirming that the following Councillors had been duly elected for a period of four (4) years:

- Leigh GRAY
- Greg IRONS
- Barbara CURRAN
- Phil OWEN
- Peter GEARD
- Aaron DE LA TORRE
- Emma GILLIGAN

The Certificate also confirmed that Leigh Gray has been elected as Mayor and Greg Irons has been elected as Deputy Mayor, also for a period of four (4) years.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Brighton Council Certificate of Election issued by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission for the 2026 Local Government Elections; and acknowledges receipt of the Declarations of Office.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Council receive the Brighton Council Certificate of Election issued by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission for the 2026 Local Government Elections; and acknowledges receipt of the Declaration of Office.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

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 - 20 October 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20th October 2026, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20th October 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Irons and Cr Geard declared an interest in item 17.3

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.

Nil.

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.

Question on Notice - Cr De La Torre

Cr Aaron De La Torre submitted the following Question on Notice on the 6th November 2026.

Youth Activities

Following the adoption of Council's new Youth Policy at last month's Council meeting, could the CEO please provide an update on the current status of Council's youth activities and programs, including:

- Which activities and programs have been reinstated and are currently operating;
- Whether any activities remain suspended or are yet to recommence; and
- Whether there are any outstanding operational matters or barriers requiring attention before the full program of activities can be delivered.

Response from Manager, Community Development & Engagement:

Which activities and programs have been reinstated and are currently operating;

- We have recommenced our engagement with BYAG members in the age group 12-17 years as per the new Youth policy and will be back to regular scheduled meetings in December 2026.
- Brighton Council's Community Creators program that is facilitated in local schools was not put on hold and has continued as normal.
- Other youth engagement activities will commence as normal in the new year.

Whether any activities remain suspended or are yet to recommence;

- Council's support of Night Café as part of the Youth Justice Early Intervention grants has not recommenced. The Phase 1 grant funding for this was fully

expended. Afterschool drop in sessions utilising the Phase 2 funding will commence once the refurbishment of Council's Gunn Street building into a Youth Hub space is completed in February/March 2027.

Whether there are any outstanding operational matters or barriers requiring attention before the full program of activities can be delivered.

- Subsequent to Council's adoption of the new Youth Policy in October 2026, a full suite of operational guidelines is now being developed for all youth activities and will be in place by February 2027.

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 Chief Executive Officer 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.

Nil.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

9.1 Mayor's Communications

26/10/2026	Meeting with Tasmania Police and senior staff
28/10/2026	TasWaste South Board Meeting
05/11/2026	ALGA Board Meeting, Canberra
09/11/2026	Councillor Induction Session
13/11/2026	Launch of LGBTIQA+ Action Plan & Flag Raising
16/11/2026	ALGA webinar
17/11/2026	Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayors communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the Mayors communications be received.
CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

9.2 Reports from Council Representatives

An opportunity for Councillors to report any events or meetings they have attended since the previous council meeting.

Cr Geard

- attended Southern Hobart Emergency Management Committee - TFS cameras to capture fires early; BOM forecast heatwaves in Tasmania; difficulty predicting weather patterns at the moment, East Coast of Tasmania severe fire danger this coming season.
- attended Spring in the Vines and some vineyards passed on thanks for sponsoring of signage.

Cr Owen

- attended Rural Crime Forum sponsored by councils in Kempton. Facilitated by Luke Horne (Tasmania Police) and mainly centred around theft of copper.
- attended Youth Justice Forum at the Claremont RSL; also attended by council staff from Community Development.

Cr Irons

- attended a housing affordability forum on 10 November 2026. Unfortunately not a lot of solutions. Housing affordability stress very high even for higher income earners.
- visited East Derwent Primary School on 17 November (Years 3/4) learning about different levels of government.

Cr Curran

- attended meeting hosted by CWA guest speaker from RAW and the services they provide. No referral required and can just contact service.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the reports from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that the reports from Council representatives be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

10. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(3)(c) 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.

Nil.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with Regulation 19(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Councillors may submit Notices of Motion to the Chief Executive Officer at least seven days before a meeting for inclusion on the agenda.*

Nil.

13. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

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 now act as a Planning Authority in respect to all reports appearing under Item 16 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

Nil.

17. OFFICERS REPORTS

17.1 September 2026 - Finance Quarterly Report

Attachment: September Finance Quarterly Report

Author: Director, Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

The attached Quarterly report is attached for consideration. It contains the year-to-date Comprehensive Income Statement to 30th September 2026.

Consultation

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Not Applicable

Strategic Plan

Goal 4 – S4.4 – Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

Social Implications

Not Applicable

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable

Economic Implications

Not Applicable

Assessment

Not Applicable

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the September 2026 Finance Quarterly Report.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Irons seconded that Council receive the September 2026 Finance Quarterly Report.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.2 Complete Set of Financial Statements 2025/2026

Attachment: Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026

Author: Director, Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

In accordance with Section 84(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the complete set of Financial Statements for the year ending 2025/26 is formally submitted to Council for consideration.

The Tasmanian Audit Office has given its opinion that the Financial Report of Brighton Council and its subsidiaries presents fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2026, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended. The report is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The Financial Statements have again been passed without any qualifications by the Tasmanian Audit Office. The Tasmanian Audit Office is responsible for the report to be completed in accordance with section 84(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The report format also complies with the Australian Equivalent to International Reporting Standards (AIFRS). A summary has been provided below.

Highlights of the General Purpose Financial Report include:

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (P/L)

- Unqualified Audit Opinion by the Tasmanian Audit Office for Brighton Council.
- Recurrent Income of $25,950,914 up slightly from $23,802,004 last financial year. This was mainly due to an increase in rates & grant revenue but offset a reduction in commercial activities and user charges.
- Total Income $29,987,125. This includes capital grant revenue of $1,441,701 and profit on sale of plant and equipment of $311,228. Total income decreased from the 24/25 year by $4,347,499, this being predominately due to the reduction in non-monetary asset contributions.
- Other Comprehensive Income that contributed to the overall comprehensive result was $12,470,702. This included a net asset revaluation increment of $10,824,159 for Brighton Council Assets and a net asset revaluation increment of $1,646,543 on equity invested assets being our share of TasWater.
- Total expense from continuing operations was $23,851,895 which was a slight increase on the prior year period of $22,873,034. The increase in expenditure was predominately related to employee benefits and depreciation expenditure. Council has seen an increase in employee benefits due to years of not being able to recruit skilled applicants and therefore having vacant positions. The increase in depreciation is due to the increase of capital items in the past few years through successful grant applications.
- A positive net result for the year again from continuing operations of $6,135,230 compared to $11,461,589 in the previous year.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

All our key economic indicators are in sound shape. The following balance sheet statistics provide an excellent overall picture of our financial position at year end.

Every Financial Management Indicator sought by the Auditor General is either within the Auditor General's preferred range or exceeds the identified benchmark for the year ending June 2026.

- Our current assets are 154% of our current liabilities. The benchmark recognised by the Auditor General is >100%.
- Our asset sustainability ratio for the year was 140% against a benchmark of 100%.
- Our underlying surplus is a positive $1,4,28,000. The benchmark recognised by the Auditor General is 0.
- Our underlying surplus ratio is a positive 6%. The benchmark recognised by the Auditor General is 0.
- Our Net financial Liabilities are inside the Auditor General's benchmark range.
- Our asset consumption ratios are all above 60%. The Auditor general does not provide a benchmark for this ratio.
- Our Asset renewal funding ratio is 100%. The benchmark recognised by the Auditor General is 90% - 100%.
- Our asset sustainability ratio is 140%. The benchmark recognised by the Auditor General is 100%.
- Our total assets have increased from $322,208,274 to $343,262,244. The main contribution from property and infrastructure revaluation totalling $10,824,159.
- Our total liabilities have increased from $6,040,357 to $8,347,617. This increase is predominately due to the increase in the grant liability account, where payment has been received for projects that still remain incomplete.
- Our total equity has increased from $315,903,838 to $334,509,770 during the financial year. This equity increase reflects the comments provided that relate to the movement in total assets and total liabilities.
- Our total cash and investments have increased by $2,086,136 due to cash being held for grants projects that are yet to be completed such as the South Brighton Works.

In summary, the report outlines a strong position for the key financial management ratios of Brighton Council. I thank Councillors for their support and long term financial vision to place Brighton Council in such a strong financial position.

Consultation:

Tasmanian Audit Office

Risk Implications:

Nil

Financial/Budget Implications:

As stated.

Strategic Plan:

S4.4: - Ensure financial and risk sustainability.

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

Social Implications:

Not Applicable

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

Not Applicable

Economic Implications:

Not Applicable

Other Issues:

Not applicable

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Complete Set of Financial Statements for 2025/2026.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Geard seconded that Council receive the Complete Set of Financial Statements for 2025/2026.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

Cr Geard and Cr Irons left the meeting room at 5.59 p.m. due to declared interest in item 17.3

17.3 Tea Tree Community Association Inc - Request for funding

Attachment: Email from Treasurer

Author: Director, Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

The Tea Tree Hall was built in 1912 and is owned and managed by the Tea Tree Community Association. It is an integral part of the Tea Tree community and the venue is constantly used for weddings, baby showers, birthday parties as well as exercise classes and community gatherings.

In 2024, the Tea Tree Community Association received a State Election Grant for the construction of a combined sports court at its property at 596 Tea Tree Road, Tea Tree. As part of the planning process, it was found that part of the hall, the car park and the septic tanks and the proposed courts were located outside the halls title. The neighbouring owner gifted the land to the hall which meant the Association had to formalise the occupation through subdivision and rezoning the land from Agricultural zoning to community purpose.

The Association approached Council to seek a contribution towards these costs. At its 5th November 2024 Finance meeting it was decided that "funding up to $15,392 for expenses toward the subdivision and rezoning of the Tea Tree Community Hall Title, plus $8,711 in kind contribution for waiving Council planning fees".

The Association has written to Council seeking additional financial support to assist in the shortfall of $43,500 at the completion of the project.

Consultation

Director Asset Services, CEO, Greg Gard Treasurer Tea Tree Community Association Inc.

Risk Implications

Providing additional funding may create an expectation that Council will meet project cost overruns experienced by community organisations, particularly where projects have commenced on the basis of external grant funding and subsequently encounter increased or unforeseen costs.

Additional Council funding may also be insufficient to complete the project if additional costs arise. This risk should be considered against the Association's current financial position, the remaining project costs and the certainty of the estimates provided.

If additional financial assistance is not provided the courts may remain incomplete despite the State Government and Council having already contributed a significant amount of resources into this project which would limit the community benefit.

Financial Implications

Any provided assistance is outside the scope of the 2026/2027 budget and community grants process. Approval of any assistance would therefore result in additional unbudgeted expenditure and reduce funds otherwise available for Council's existing priorities and commitments. This should also be considered in the context of Council's previous financial and in-kind support for the project.

Strategic Plan

This request aligns with Councils Strategic Goals: -

Goal 1.1 – Engage with and enable our community
Goal 3.3 – Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary needs.
Goal 4.4 – Ensure financial and risk sustainability

Social Implications

The proposed outdoor courts have the potential to provide additional recreational opportunities for the Tea Tree community and support community participation, physical activity and social connection.

Should Council elect not to provide further financial assistance, there is a risk that completion of the project may be delayed while the Tea Tree Community Association seeks alternative funding. This may defer the anticipated community benefits and could affect the Association's capacity to deliver the project within its proposed timeframe.

However, Council has already provided significant financial and in-kind assistance towards resolving the land, subdivision and rezoning matters associated with the project. A decision not to provide further funding would therefore need to be considered in the context of Council's previous support and the availability of alternative funding opportunities.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

N/A

Assessment

The Tea Tree Community Association has demonstrated a commitment to progressing the upgrading of the hall precinct with the renovation and extension of the hall and the outdoor court project. These projects have been progressed with the work of many volunteer hours and funding provided by State Government, Tasmanian Community Fund, Council as well as fundraising by the Association and have provided a vibrant hub for the community to come together.

The Association has come up against many obstacles that have impacted initial budgets that have been put in place for these projects. Council has already provided $118,962 worth of funding to the Association since the 2019 financial year displayed in the following table.

02/09/2019	$3,250	Heat pump
29/06/2020	$868	Refund fees
25/09/2020	$7,450	Drafting & Engineering fees
02/08/2021	$90,000	Contribution to hall repairs
09/02/2021	$407	Refund fees
25/07/2024	$1,595	Whiteboard package
13/01/2025	$15,392	Subdivision fees
13/01/2025	$8,711	In-kind contribution
Total	**$118,962**	

Completion of the courts would provide an additional recreational asset for the Tea Tree community and would allow the benefit of the funding and works already committed to the project to be realised. Conversely, without further funding, there is a possibility that completion may be delayed while the Association seeks alternative funding, with the potential for further cost escalation.

However, the additional funding request is unbudgeted, and Council must also consider the precedent that may be created by providing additional financial assistance to meet cost overruns on externally funded community projects. Consideration should therefore be given to whether the circumstances of this project are sufficient to justify further assistance and whether alternative external funding opportunities have been adequately explored.

If Council wishes to support completion of the project while limiting its financial exposure, assistance could be capped and made conditional upon the Association demonstrating that sufficient funding is available to complete the project. Council may also consider whether an interest free loan repayable over five years, rather than an additional grant, provides an appropriate balance between supporting delivery of the community facility and maintaining responsible stewardship of Council funds. Audited financial statements from the 2024/2025 financial year have been provided by the Association that demonstrate the capacity to repay the potential provision of an interest free loan.

Options

1. As per recommendation.
2. Council provides the total amount of $43,500 for the completion of the project and records this amount as a donation in the 2026/2027 annual report.
3. Council provides an interest free loan of $43,500 for repayment over 5 years

4. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

1. approve the provision of an interest-free loan of up to $30,000 to the Tea Tree Community Association Inc. to assist with completion of the outdoor court project at 596 Tea Tree Road, Tea Tree;
2. note that the loan is to be repaid over a period of five years, subject to a formal loan agreement acceptable to Council; and
3. prior to the release of funding to the Association, that they demonstrate that sufficient funding is available to complete the project.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Council

1. *approve the provision of an interest-free loan of up to $43,500 to the Tea Tree Community Association Inc. to assist with completion of the outdoor court project at 596 Tea Tree Road, Tea Tree.*
2. *note that the loan is to be repaid over a period of five years, subject to a formal loan agreement acceptable to Council; and*
3. *prior to the release of funding to the Association, that they demonstrate that sufficient funding is available to repay the loan.*

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Owen	

Cr Geard and Cr Irons returned to the meeting at 6.13 p.m. and were informed of the decision.

17.4 Review - Mobile Food Vendor Policy - Policy 4.1

Attachment: Mobile Food Vendor Policy – Policy 4.1

Author: Strategic Planner (B White)

Authorised: Director, Development Services (A Woodward)

Background

This report seeks Council's adoption of the updated Mobile Food Vendors Policy No. 4.1, noting:

- the addition of Brighton Hub Truck Stop (2 Strong Street, Bridgewater -the Truck Stop site) to the preferred trading locations in clause 4.1; and
- Additional location for food vendors in front of the soccer club rooms and carpark at Seymour Street.

The policy provides a framework for issuing permits for mobile food vendors operating on roads maintained or owned by Council or on Council land. It sets out permit requirements, application documentation, preferred trading locations and times, and vendor responsibilities.

Council has entered into a long term lease with Building Tasmania regarding the Truck Stop site and is responsible for all site maintenance. A planning permit for use of the site for Food Premises was approved along with the works on the site in November 2025 (DA 2025/135).

The updated policy lists Brighton Hub Truck Stop (2 Strong Street, Bridgewater) as a preferred trading location, with permissible operating hours of "24 Hours". Appendix 1 also identifies Brighton Hub Truck Stop among the Bridgewater sites and that the location be administered through the policy's existing permit and operational requirements.

The preferred location of the food vans on the truck stop site at the Hub site was determined at the concept design phase of the project undertaken by Play Street.

Operating hours and existing restrictions

Clause 4.4 within the policy limits trading at any one approved location to three days in a calendar week and four hours on any day. Clause 4.6 requires vendors to move on within one hour of ceasing trade and prohibits remaining in the same position for more than six hours.

The permissible 24 operating hours for the Truck Stop site is treated as the window within which permitted trading may occur, not an exemption from clauses 4.4 and 4.6.

The policy also limits the number of vendors at a site to three at any one time, subject to its event exemption, and provides that a permit does not guarantee availability or exclusive use of a site.

Consultation

The proposal for food trucks at the Brighton Hub Truck Stop formed part of the Brighton Hub Truck Stop project, undertaken by Play Street, and which included multiple rounds of consultation with stakeholders within the Hub.

The additional locations for food vans at Seymour Street is in keeping with the continuing activation and evolution of the space.

Financial implications

The policy requires applicants to pay the applicable fee under Council's fee schedule.

Risk implications

The existing policy addresses food business registration, insurance, access, waste, noise and vendor responsibilities. Implementation at the additional location should ensure these requirements are reflected in permit administration and any site-specific conditions.

Strategic Plan

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

Options:

1. Adopt the recommendation.
2. Adopt the recommendation with amendments.
3. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy – Policy 4.1.

DECISION:

Cr Gilligan moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council adopt the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy – Policy 4.1.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.5 Signage - Pontville Pavilion

Attachment(s): 1. Proposed Signage 2. Alternate locations for signage

Author: Manager Planning (J Blackwell)

Authorised: Director, Development Services (A Woodward)

Background

Council is the owner of land at 325 Brighton Road, Brighton (Pontville Park), which includes the Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion (BRSP), a two-storey multi-purpose sports and community facility.

Council currently leases the BRSP to the Brighton Robins who operate the Brighton Robins Nest and Function Centre.

The Brighton Robins have submitted a development application for signage, which requires CEO consent pursuant to s52(1B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*. The proposed signage is shown in Attachment 1.

Consultation

SMT

Risk Implications

There is a risk that patrons of the site believe that the Brighton Robins, rather than Council own the site, and that other user groups of Pontville Park will request similar signage.

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age
1.1 Engage with and enable our community

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

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

Goal 3: Manage Infrastructure and Growth Effectively
3.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary needs

Social Implications

Signage identifying the Brighton Robins on the BRSP will encourage pride in the Club. However, an argument could be raised from other user groups that signage in the proposed location indicates that that the Brighton Robins are the owners of the site. It may lead to additional applications for signage on the building.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

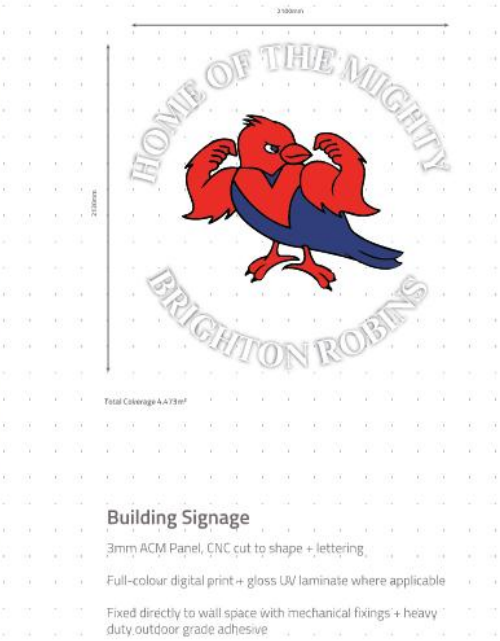
Council owned sporting facilities are community assets that may accommodate sporting clubs as primary or long-term users such as the Brighton Robins. Appropriate club signage can contribute to the identity of a facility, assist with wayfinding and recognise the important role sporting clubs play within the community.

However, prominent or extensive club branding may create the perception that a publicly owned facility is owned or exclusively controlled by a particular club. This is particularly relevant where facilities are, or may in the future be, used by multiple sporting clubs, community organisations or the broader public.

It is the view of Officers that Council should permit club identification signage on Council-owned buildings, provided that the scale, location and design of the signage is compatible with the building and remains subordinate to the identity of the facility as a public asset. A recommended example can be seen in Attachment 2 where the sign has been placed on the subsidiary walls away from the entry façade. This way the existing signage of "Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion" remains the most prominent and addresses the above concerns.

Attachment 1





Attachment 2



Options

1. Endorse CEO to consent to issue land owner consent for the proposed signage in the location requested.
2. Endorse CEO to consent to issue land owner consent for the proposed signage in an alternate location; or
3. Refuse to issue land owner consent for the proposed signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Supports the installation of Brighton Robins identification signage on the Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion;
2. Approves the signage being located on the subsidiary walls of the building, generally in accordance with Attachment 2; and
3. Requires the existing "Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion" signage on the entry façade to remain the primary and most prominent identification of the facility; and
4. Endorses the CEO to issue land owner consent for the proposed signage in an alternate location (as per attachment 2).

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Owen seconded that Council:

1. *Supports the installation of Brighton Robins identification signage on the Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion;*
2. *Approves the signage being located on the subsidiary walls of the building, generally in accordance with Attachment 2; and*

3. *Requires the existing "Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion" signage on the entry façade to remain the primary and most prominent identification of the facility; and*

4. *Endorses the CEO to issue land owner consent for the proposed signage in an alternate location (as per attachment 2).*

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.6 Cloak Oval, Old Beach - Protective Netting

Author: Director Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen)

Background

The installation of protective netting at Cloak Oval in Old Beach has been an ongoing matter for Brighton Council, primarily due to concerns about cricket balls entering the adjacent Lennox Park playground, barbecue area and neighbouring residential properties, creating potential risks to public safety and property.

The matter was formally considered by Council in October 2022, when a motion was carried requesting that officers prepare a design and costing for additional protective netting. Council subsequently progressed protective measures, including warning signage, fencing and netting, with the most recent installation near the Lennox Park playground costing approximately $30,000.

Despite these improvements, advice from council's insurers prevents higher grade cricket being played at Cloak Oval. This issue came to the fore at the commencement of the 2026/27 cricket season, when council were informed that the Old Beach Cricket Club had entered a team in 1st division, but were not able to be accommodated at the ground due to the insurance-imposed limitations. In order for higher grade cricket to be hosted at Cloak Oval, further netting will need to be investigated.

Alternative facilities within the municipality have been offered to the Old Beach Cricket Club in order to allow the club to play 1st division cricket. These alternative arrangements were deemed unacceptable to the club due to their concerns of lower revenue from games hosted away from their home ground.

The recently completed Lennox Park Masterplan does not currently include provision for netting the entirety of Cloak Oval, and an opportunity exists for this infrastructure to be incorporated into the masterplan to accommodate higher grade cricket games being hosted at the oval in future.

Consultation

Old Beach Cricket Club, Chief Executive Officer, Director Asset Services, Corporate and Risk Officer

Risk Implications

Council's insurance risk remains acceptable with 2nd division cricket being played at Cloak Oval. The inability to host 1st grade cricket games at Cloak Oval attracted significant media coverage at the commencement of the 2026/27 cricket season.

Financial Implications

Consideration of netting options will not carry a significant financial investment from council.

Any future project to undertake works to install netting would first be returned to council either via the budget approval process or a separate report requesting out of budget approval. Full enclosure netting of the oval is estimated to be in the order of $300,000.

Strategic Plan

S3.2: Infrastructure development and service delivery are guided by strategic planning and cater for the needs of a growing and changing population.

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

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Council elect to leave the Lennox Park Masterplan unchanged.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note that the merits, or otherwise, of extending netting at Cloak Oval will be considered as implementation of the Lennox Park Masterplan is progressed, with any proposal for netting to be brought back to Council for separate consideration.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Geard seconded that Council note that the merits, or otherwise, of extending netting at Cloak Oval will be considered as implementation of the Lennox Park Masterplan is progressed, with any proposal for netting to be brought back to Council for separate consideration.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.7 Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) - Voting Delegates

Author: Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

Background

Following each ordinary Council Election, Council is required to appoint a Voting Delegate and Proxy in accordance with the Member Rules of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

Historically, the Mayor has been appointed as Council's Voting Delegate, with the Deputy Mayor appointed as Proxy.

Section 27 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides that a function of the Mayor is to represent council on regional organisations and intergovernmental forums at regional; state and federal levels, unless the Mayor delegates that responsibility to another elected member).

It is appropriate that the Mayor continue to serve as Council's Voting Delegate to LGAT, with the Deputy Mayor acting as Proxy when required.

Consultation:

Executive Officer, Governance

Risk Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Plan

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

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint Mayor Leigh Gray as Brighton Council's Voting Delegate for Local Government Association of Tasmania meetings, and Deputy Mayor Greg Irons appointed as Proxy.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council appoint Mayor Leigh Gray as Brighton Council's Voting Delegate for Local Government Association of Tasmania meetings, and Deputy Mayor Greg Irons appointed as Proxy.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.8 Appointment of TasWaste South Member Representatives

Attachment: TasWaste South Member Representative Role Summary

Author: Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

Background

TasWaste South has advised member councils of the requirement to review and confirm their appointed representatives following the 2026 Local Government elections.

Under the Rules of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Waste Authority (TasWaste South), each member Council must appoint representatives to attend and participate in Local Government Forum meetings and Annual General Meetings. The Rules provide that a member representative may be either an elected member of Council or an employee of Council.

- One (1) member representative; and
- One (1) substitute representative.

TasWaste South request that new appointment be provided as soon as practicable following the election period due to the next TasWaste South Local Government Forum and Annual General Meeting being held on 9 December 2026.

Consultation:

TasWaste South

Risk Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Plan

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

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint Mayor Leigh Gray as Council's Member Representative and [Name] as Councils Substitute Representative for TasWaste South.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Geard seconded that Council appoint Mayor Leigh Gray as Council's Member Representative and Cr Owen as Council's Substitute Representative for TasWaste South.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.9 Audit Panel & Planning Authority - Appointment of Council Representatives

Attachment: Brighton Council Audit Panel Charter

Author: Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

Background

Following the recent Council election, Council is required to review and confirm its representation on the Audit Panel and Planning Authority.

Accordingly, Council is requested to appoint representatives to:

- Audit Panel (x 2 representatives).
- Planning Authority (Chairperson; Deputy Chairperson & Council representatives)

Audit Panel

The Audit Panel is established under section 85(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and as directed under the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014.*

The audit panel is set up to serve as an independent and objective party to assist Council in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to the review of Council's performance and effectiveness as well as safeguarding its long term financial position.

Refer to the attached Audit Panel Charter for further information on purpose, membership, meetings, work plan etc.

Planning Authority

Council acts as a Planning Authority pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.* Council (not individual councillors) act as Planning Authority at a local level to prepare and amend the planning scheme; assess applications for development under the planning scheme; act on breaches of the planning scheme and breaches of permits issued by Council. When acting as a Planning Authority, a council is acting in a statutory capacity different to that which it considers all other matters as a Council.

The Planning Authority only deals with Statutory Planning matters under the *Land Use and Planning Approvals Act 1993.* Broader strategic planning matters that are not at the statutory stage will be dealt with via other committees, workshops or by full Council.

Consultation:

Nil.

Risk Implications:

Ensuring appropriate appointments are made supports Council's legislative compliance and effective governance arrangements.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Plan

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

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Options

1. As per the recommendation.

2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint the following representatives to the Audit Panel and Planning Authority:

- Panel members for the Brighton Council Audit Panel: [NAME] and [NAME]
- Chairperson of Brighton Council Planning Authority: [NAME]
- Deputy Chairperson of Brighton Council Planning Authority: [NAME]
- Member(s) of Brighton Council Planning Authority: [NAME/S]

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Owen seconded that Council appoint the following representatives to the Audit Panel and Planning Authority:

- *Panel members for the Brighton Council Audit Panel:*
  Cr Geard and Cr Owen and Substitute Member Cr De La Torre
- *Chairperson of Brighton Council Planning Authority:*
  Cr Gray
- *Deputy Chairperson of Brighton Council Planning Authority:*
  Cr De La Torre
- *Members of Brighton Council Planning Authority:*
  Cr Curan; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Gray; Cr Gilligan; Cr Irons & Cr Owen

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

17.10 Proposed 2027 Council Meeting Dates

Attachment: Proposed 2027 Council Meeting Schedule

Author: Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

Background:

Following the 2026 Local Government Elections, it is appropriate for Council to consider and confirm its meeting arrangements for 2027.

The *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* prescribe requirements relating to the convening and timing of council meetings.

Under the Regulations:

- An ordinary meeting of a council is to be held at least once in each month; and
- A council meeting is not to commence before 5.00 p.m. unless otherwise determined by Council by absolute majority.

Council's Ordinary Meetings are currently held on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 5.30 p.m.

It should also be noted that Planning Authority Meetings (if required) and Council Workshops are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month with Planning Authority meetings held at 5.30 p.m. and workshops generally held between 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. dependent on content.

A proposed meeting schedule for 2027 has been developed for Council's consideration, including the proposed meeting dates, venues and commencement times.

Consultation:

Executive Officer, Governance

Risk Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Plan

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

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Amend the proposed 2027 meeting schedule.
3. Other

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. determine that Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 5.30 p.m; and Planning Authority meetings be held on the first Tuesday of each month commencing at 5.30 p.m.; and
2. endorse the 2027 meeting schedule.

DECISION:

Cr Gilligan moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council:

1. determine that Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 5.30 p.m; and Planning Authority meetings be held on the first Tuesday of each month commencing at 5.30 p.m.; and

2. endorse the 2027 meeting schedule.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

18. CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is to declare the meeting closed to the public in order to discuss the following matters:

Item 18.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

As per the provisions of regulation 40(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*

Item 18.2 Sale of Surplus Land - Bowden Drive, Bridgewater

As per the provisions of regulation 17(g) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

18.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

18.2 Sale of Surplus Land - Bowden Drive, Bridgewater

Authorisation to Move Out of Closed Session & Release of Information to the Public

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, having met and dealt with its business formally moves out of Closed Session and resolves to report that it has determined the following:

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council; having met and dealt with its business formally moves out of Closed Session and resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Agenda item	*Matter*	*Release of Information to Public*
18.1	*Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation*	*To remain confidential*
18.2	*Sale of Surplus Land - Bowden Drive, Bridgewater*	*To remain confidential*

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

For	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Gilligan	
Cr Irons	
Cr Owen	

MEETING CLOSED:

7.03 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

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(Mayor)

15th December 2026