

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Strathfield Municipal Council

Tuesday 7 April 2020

6:30pm
Council Chambers
65 Homebush Road, Strathfield

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HENRY T WONG
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MINUTES

Council Meeting

3 March 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 3 March 2020, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Mayor Antoine Doueih
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Maryanne Duggan
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Gulian Vaccari
Councillor Hall

STAFF: Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director - Corporate and Financial Services
Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

Councillor Hall arrived at 6:31pm.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mr Raj Datta addressed the meeting to discuss the installation of a public toilet and ATM at the Flemington Shopping Precinct.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Blackmore declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest in *Item DEU1 Planning Proposal – No.11-23 The Boulevarde, Strathfield (Strathfield Plaza – Lot 102 in DP597302 and Lot 21 in DP623899)* submitting the following reason:
“A member of Strathfield Independents may or may not be a director of a company in the Strathfield CBD. I will remain in the room.”

Councillor Blackmore declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest in *Item DEU2 Strathfield Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040 – Response to Submissions* submitting the following reason:

"A member of Strathfield Independents who have made a submission to Council on the matter. I will remain in the room."

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

33/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 4 February 2020, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

Voting on this item was unanimous

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Acknowledge of Praveen Jayaseelan's Volunteer Service

34/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That council acknowledge and thank Praveen Jayaseelan for his 10 years volunteer service as Treasurer and Parent Committee Member of the Not for Profit, Strathfield One Stop Child Care Service in Homebush.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 Passing of Ron Haddrick AM, MBE

35/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council offer our condolences to Lorraine Haddrick and family on the passing of long-term Homebush resident Ron Haddrick AM, MBE.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

7.3 Acknowledge Strathfield SES

36/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council send a note of gratitude to the Strathfield SES for their support to the Strathfield Community during the flood event on 9 February 2020.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

7.4 International Women's Day

37/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

1. That Council be thanked for hosting the annual morning tea for residents and all the women in the Strathfield Local Government Area. The electorate also be thanked.
2. That Council recognise the election of four female Councillors in 2017 for the first time in Strathfield Council's history and their achievements as Councillors.
3. That on behalf of Council, we wish every woman and men who support women in the LGA, a Happy Women's International Day. It is our responsibility to act to make women's lives safe, easier and relevant.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

9.1 Mayoral Minute No 4/20 Use of Greywater in Proposed New Dwellings

MOVED:

That Council's Development Control Plan be amended to include controls for greywater reuse in all new residential developments.

MOTION: (Doueihi)

That Council provide a report as to the different types of greywater systems, the costs and the EPA Guidelines to the May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting.

38/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

9.2 Mayoral Minute No 5/20 - Mayoral Acknowledgement

The Mayor announced he will be not be running for election in the September 2020 Local Government Elections. He acknowledged and gave a summary of his 20 years in public life, thanking Councillors, the community and his family for support during his time as Councillor at both Burwood and Strathfield Councils.

Councillor Matthew Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 7:04pm.

Councillor Matthew Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 7:06pm.

Suspension of Standing Orders

39/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Standing Orders be Suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

CEO1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2020-2021

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2020-2021

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That pursuant to section 402 (1-7) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Council has reviewed and updated its Community Strategic Plan, and places its' Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030' on public exhibition for 28 days.

2. That pursuant to sections 403 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Council has reviewed its Resourcing Strategy, as required as part of its Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030, and is placing it on public exhibition for 28 days.
3. That pursuant to sections 404 (1-5) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Council has reviewed its Delivery Program that details the principal activities to be undertaken by Council to implement the strategies set out by the Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030', and is placing this on public exhibition for 28 days.
4. That pursuant to sections 405(1-6), 532, 610B-610F, 706(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and clause 201(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2005, Strathfield Council has prepared its one year Operational Plan 2020-2021, which details financial resourcing for the forward periods, and placing this on public exhibition for 28 days.
5. That Council give notice of its intention to place upon public exhibition for 28 days:
 - i. Make and levy an Ordinary Rate to comprise a base rate and ad valorem rating structure for both Residential and Business categories of rates on all rateable land for 2020-2021, as set out in the Report; and
 - ii. Increase rates income by 2.6% in 2020-2021 in accordance with the permissible rate increase set by IPART.
6. That a Councillor Workshop be held during the exhibition period to provide Councillors with an opportunity to review the draft Fees and Charges and to discuss and amend the Draft Delivery Program 2020.

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For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Carried**.

Resumption of Standing Orders

41/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)

Nil.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 18 February 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

42/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2020 be noted and the

recommendations be adopted subject to the following corrections:

1. *Item 6.8 Redmyre Road, Strathfield – Speeding Issue*
That Council advise respondents that the matter will be referred to the Auburn Local Area Command.
2. *Item 6.9 Hedges Avenue, Strathfield – Speeding Issue*
That Council advise respondents that the matter will be referred to the Auburn Local Area Command.
3. *Item 9.4 Wentworth Street and Norfolk Road, Strathfield South – Illegal Parking*
 - i. That this matter be referred to Rangers for enforcement.
 - ii. That the matter be referred to the Auburn Local Area Command for vehicles failing to stop at stop signs.
 - iii. That Enfield Ports be advised of the action taken by Council's Traffic Committee.
4. *Item 9.9 The Boulevard and Albyn Road, Strathfield – Right Turn Ban*
 1. That a 'No Right Turn' be installed for School Hours (8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm) only.
 2. Council act on the previous motion regarding Albyn Road.
5. *Item 9.11 Yarrowee Road, Strathfield – Speeding Issue*
 1. That Council Officers conduct traffic counts to investigate speeding issues and bring back to the March Traffic Committee Meeting.
 2. That this matter be referred to the Auburn Local Area Command.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Council's Privacy Policy Review – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

1. That a Councillor Workshop be held in March 2020 for Councillors to review and be informed about all of Council's Privacy Policies and The Commonwealth Privacy Act.
2. That a report be prepared for the May 2020 Council Meeting in relation to any changes that need to be made to ensure the correct policies and procedures are in place to ensure that no personal information of residents, Council staff or Council employees are obtained by deception by any third party.
3. That Council become a Privacy Awareness Week 2020 supporter by registering and promoting privacy awareness week between 4 May 2020 and 10 May 2020 in Council's E-news.

43/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That a Councillor Workshop be held in March 2020 for Councillors to review and be informed about all of Council's Privacy Policies, The Commonwealth Privacy Act and with the NSW

PIPPA Act.

2. That a report be prepared for the May 2020 Council Meeting in relation to any changes that need to be made to ensure the correct policies and procedures are in place to ensure that no personal information of residents, Council staff or Council employees are obtained by deception by any third party.
3. That Council become a Privacy Awareness Week 2020 supporter by registering and promoting privacy awareness week between 4 May 2020 and 10 May 2020 in Council's E-news.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Homebush Village Traffic Flow and Safety – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED: (Hall)

That Council through the Traffic Committee investigate and conduct a survey of Homebush shop owners and residents for a roundabout at the intersection of The Crescent and Rochester Street.

44/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council through the Traffic Committee investigate and conduct a survey of Homebush shop owners and residents for a roundabout at the intersection of The Crescent and Rochester Street.

For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Carried**.

13.3 Notices for Fines for Riding on Footpaths and Policy – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED: (Hall)

1. That Council prepare a report to be presented at a Councillor Workshop in May 2020 and then at the June 2020 Council Meeting that determines a policy for fines issued to bicycle delivery services for riding on footpaths.
2. That the report include the rollout of notices in the shopping precincts with regard to the policy.

45/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Council prepare a report to be presented at a Councillor Workshop in May 2020 and then

at the June 2020 Council Meeting that determines a policy for fines issued to bicycle delivery services for riding on footpaths.

2. That the report include the rollout of notices in the shopping precincts with regard to the policy.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Cooke Park - Fence Between Playground and Madeline Street – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED: (Hall)

That Council investigate and report to the April 2020 Councillor Workshop the feasibility and cost of placing a fence or barrier between the playground area and Madeline Street at Cooke Park to improve the safety of children.

46/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That Council investigate and report to the April 2020 Councillor Workshop the feasibility and cost of placing a fence or barrier between the playground area and Madeline Street at Cooke Park to improve the safety of children.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.5 Councillor Valedictory – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED: (Duggan)

That interested Councillors be given 5 minutes at the meeting on 7 July 2020 to discuss highlights of their term, and what the role has meant for them.

47/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That interested Councillors be given 5 minutes at the meeting on 7 July 2020 to discuss highlights of their term, and what the role has meant for them.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.6 Council Mobile Office – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED: (Duggan)

1. That Strathfield Council conduct a (weekend or evening) mobile office every quarter commencing in July 2020. The mobile office will provide residents with an opportunity to meet with Councillors and key Council staff to discuss issues important to them, ask questions, and obtain information on Council activities. Future dates and venues to be advertised on Council's media platform, with rates notices, and letterbox delivery in vicinity of the scheduled mobile office.
2. That attendance and support of the community to be reviewed after one year.

48/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Strathfield Council conduct a (weekend or evening) mobile office every quarter commencing in July 2020. The mobile office will provide residents with an opportunity to meet with Councillors and key Council staff to discuss issues important to them, ask questions, and obtain information on Council activities. Future dates and venues to be advertised on Council's media platform, with rates notices, and letterbox delivery in vicinity of the scheduled mobile office.
2. That attendance and support of the community to be reviewed after one year.

For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Carried**.

13.7 Senior Citizen Communication Plan – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That Strathfield Council develop a draft Senior Citizen Communication Strategy for the next available Councillor Workshop and this report be presented to the next Council Meeting.

The plan should be prepared with input from stakeholders and Councillors. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that residents who are not on the internet or who have mobility issues are still receiving information regarding Council events, activities, and important local information.

The final plan should be incorporated into an overall communication plan for Strathfield Council.

49/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Strathfield Council develop a draft Senior Citizen Communication Strategy for the next available Councillor Workshop and this report be presented to the next Council Meeting.

The plan should be prepared with input from stakeholders and Councillors. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that residents who are not on the internet or who have mobility issues are still receiving information regarding Council events, activities, and important local information.

The final plan should be incorporated into an overall communication plan for Strathfield Council.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.8 Citizenship Ceremony – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That (apart from Australia Day), Citizenship Ceremonies are held in the early evening.

50/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That (apart from Australia Day), Citizenship Ceremonies are held in the early evening.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.9 Strathfield Library – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That Councillors be briefed at the next available Councillor Workshop on the details of:

1. The new services and programmes which will be provided in the upgraded Strathfield Library.
2. That Council prepare appropriate marketing material to inform library users and residents of new services and programs.
3. That Council ensure that the new facility name incorporates the words "Strathfield" and "Library" e.g. Strathfield Library and Learning Centre or similar.

51/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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1. The new services and programmes which will be provided in the upgraded Strathfield Library.
2. That Council prepare appropriate marketing material to inform library users and residents of new services and programs.
3. That Council ensure that the new facility name incorporates the words "Strathfield" and "Library" e.g. Strathfield Library and Learning Centre or similar.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.10 Driver Visibility - Hillcrest Avenue and Hill Street, Strathfield South – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

That an investigation into improvements that can be made to improve driver visibility when exiting Hillcrest Avenue, Strathfield South onto Hill Street, Strathfield South be conducted and a report be prepared for the next Traffic Committee.

52/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That an investigation into improvements that can be made to improve driver visibility when exiting Hillcrest Avenue, Strathfield South onto Hill Street, Strathfield South be conducted and a report be prepared for the next Traffic Committee.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.11 Improving Traffic Investigation – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

1. That an investigation be conducted and presented to the June 2020 Traffic Committee meeting in relation to improving traffic flow in the Strathfield South area bounded by Liverpool Road, Homebush Road, Coronation Parade and Dean Street, Strathfield South.
2. That the investigation look at the traffic impact during operating times of any local educational institutions or other organisations which have peak traffic times.

53/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That an investigation be conducted and presented to the June 2020 Traffic Committee meeting in relation to improving traffic flow in the Strathfield South area bounded by Liverpool Road, Homebush Road, Coronation Parade and Dean Street, Strathfield South.
2. That the investigation look at the traffic impact during operating times of any local educational institutions or other organisations which have peak traffic times.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.12 Cooke Park, Belfield - Improving Lighting – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

1. That Council staff be congratulated on the recent improvements to Cooke Park, Belfield including the installation of solar lighting along the Chisholm Street side of the park.
2. That Council install more of the same solar lights around the walking track and within close vicinity of the synthetic field.
3. That consultation with residents be conducted if there is any consideration of installation of lighting adjacent to residents homes.

54/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council staff be congratulated on the recent improvements to Cooke Park, Belfield including the installation of solar lighting along the Chisholm Street side of the park.
2. That Council install more of the same solar lights around the walking track and within close vicinity of the synthetic field.
3. That consultation with residents be conducted if there is any consideration of installation of lighting adjacent to residents homes.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO2 Christmas Carols

RECOMMENDATION

Christmas Carols be relocated to Hudson Park or Bark Huts Reserve.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Duggan)

1. That the Christmas Carols be returned to Strathfield Park.
2. That any funds required to facilitate this return to Strathfield Park be allocated at the quarterly budget review.
3. That Council reaffirm its commitment to host the Spring Festival at Strathfield Park.

55/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Duggan)

1. That the Christmas Carols be returned to Strathfield Park.
2. That any funds required to facilitate this return to Strathfield Park be allocated at the quarterly budget review.
3. That Council reaffirm its commitment to host the Spring Festival at Strathfield Park.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO3 Resident Information Communication and Protocol and Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

That an End of Year Financial Update be produced, but not be signed directly by Councillors if distributed during the caretaker period of 2020.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That the matter be referred and reviewed at the April 2020 Councillor Workshop in relation to the costs involved in producing an annual email and hard copy end of financial year update to be letterboxed to every home in Strathfield LGA.
2. That points 2 and 3 of the original resolution (24/20) be included in the discussion at the Councillor Workshop (as these explain that the update is only a snapshot not a full financial report).

56/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That the matter be referred and reviewed at the April 2020 Councillor Workshop in relation to the costs involved in producing an annual email and hard copy end of financial year update to be letterboxed to every home in Strathfield LGA.
2. That points 2 and 3 of the original resolution (24/20) be included in the discussion at the Councillor Workshop (as these explain that the update is only a snapshot not a full financial report).

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investments as at 31 January 2020

57/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 January 2020 be noted.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

That Item CS1 Investments as at 31 January 2020 be recommitted for Councillors to vote on.

58/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That Item CS1 Investments as at 31 January 2020 be recommitted for Councillors to vote on.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

59/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 January 2020 be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

60/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be received and noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU1 Planning Proposal - No.11-23 The Boulevarde, Strathfield (Strathfield Plaza - Lot 102 in DP 597302 and Lot 21 in DP 623899)

61/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

1. That Council endorse the recommendation of the Strathfield Local Planning Panel and reject the Planning Proposal included at Attachment 1 that seeks to amend SLEP 2012 to increase the height of buildings (Clause 4.3), increase the floor space ratio (Clause 4.4) and to increase the cap on residential accommodation permitted on the site under Clause 6.8 of SLEP 2012, for the following reasons;
 - I. The Proposal lacks both strategic and site specific merit;
 - II. The Proposal is considered to be premature of the anticipated Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan;
 - III. No consideration has been given by the Proponent on the desired future character of the Strathfield Town Centre;
 - IV. Considering the current context of the site, the proposed height, FSR and retail/commercial ration is without basis;
 - V. There has been no visual impact assessment undertaken to address the appropriateness of the proposed built form when viewed from the surrounding localities;
 - VI. The Planning Proposal is not considered to be in the public interest for the reason that it does not support the current strategic planning process being undertaken by Council in the preparation of the Local Strategic Planning Statement;
 - VII. The Proposal would establish a precedent for future tall buildings in the absence of a Town Centre master plan;
 - VIII. The Proposal does not include any unique public benefits commensurate with the proposed increase in bulk and scale.
2. That Council advise the applicant that it will not support the Planning Proposal and will not proceed to Gateway Determination.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU2 Strathfield Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040 - Response to Submissions

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Duggan)

1. That Council note the submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the *Strathfield 2040 - Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement* and the feedback received through the Greater Sydney Commission's Health Check process.
2. That Council endorse the *Strathfield 2040 - Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement* and the supporting *draft Strathfield 2040 - Local Strategic Planning Statement Implementation Plan*, as amended in response to the issues raised during public exhibition, for submission to the NSW State Government for the purpose of Assurance.
3. That Council seek support from the Greater Sydney Commission in Final Assurance and the making of *Strathfield 2040, Local Strategic Planning Statement*.
4. That Authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Planning, Environment and Urban Services to undertake any further minor amendments, correct errors or technical revisions to *Strathfield 2040 - Local Strategic Planning Statement* and *draft Strathfield 2040 - Local Strategic Planning Statement Implementation Plan* as required following the Greater Sydney Commission's consideration of the LSPS for the purpose of Assurance.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mr Andrew Soulos addressed the meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Doueihi)

That Mr Andrew Soulos be granted an extension of time.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

15. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005

Nil.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:27pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 April 2020.

Chairman_____

CEO_____

CEO1 STRATHFIELD COUNCIL COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2021

AUTHOR: Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance

APPROVER: Henry T Wong, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. With the exception of Statutory and Domestic Waste Management charges and a reduction in some Events Fees for non-profit and community groups, all other Fees and Charges be frozen at 2019-20 levels
2. Adopt Strathfield Council's Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030', as amended by 1.
3. Make the rates and charges as follows for 2020-2021:
 - a. An Ordinary Rate (Residential) of 0.061013 cents in the dollar be made for the year 2020-2021 on the land value of all rateable land in the Local Government area categorised as Residential in accordance with S.516 of the Local Government Act 1993, with a Base Rate in accordance with section 548 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of \$401.20
 - b. An Ordinary Rate (Business) of 0.226235 cents in the dollar be made for the year 2020-2021 on the land value of all rateable land categorised as Business in accordance with S.518 of the Local Government Act 1993, within the centre of population defined with the Strathfield Municipal areas, with a Base Rate in accordance with Section 548 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of \$401.20
4. In accordance with the provisions of S.566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 adopt the maximum interest rate as advised by the Minister for Local Government for outstanding rates, domestic waste management services and annual charges, being 7.5% per annum in respect of accrual on a single basis.
5. In accordance with S.496 of the Local Government Act 1993 that an annual charge of \$760 per annum be made for the year 2020-2021 for each domestic waste management service rendered to all properties categorised residential or non-rateable residential for each once weekly 120 litre MGB (or equivalent) service, a 240 litre recycling bin and a 240 litre green waste bin (fortnightly);
6. In accordance with S.502 of the Local Government Act 1993, that an annual charge of \$760 per annum be made for the year 2020-2021, for each additional 120 litre domestic waste management service rendered to owner occupied single occupied occupancy residential dwellings (excluding green waste and recycling service).
7. In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Local Government Act 1993, the following annual Stormwater Management Service Charge be made and levied on all developed rateable land categorised for rating purposes as follows:

Land categorised as Residential	\$25.00	For a single residential dwelling
Residential strata lots	\$12.50	For each strata unit

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Residential flats, community title, tenants-in-common residential units	\$12.50	For each flat/unit
Land categorised as Business	\$25.00	Plus an additional \$25.00 for each 350 square metres or part of 350 square metres by which the area of the parcel of land exceeds 350 square metres up to a maximum charge of \$200.00
Business Strata Lots, Business Company Title	\$5.00	Minimum \$5.00 or the relevant portion of the maximum annual charge that would apply to the strata scheme if it were a parcel of land subject to the land categorised as business charge \$200.00

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Council resolved at the meeting of 3 March 2020 to place the draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition for the statutory period of 28 days. Following consideration of submissions received during the exhibition period, this report recommends the adoption of the Strathfield Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030', including the reviewed Resourcing Strategy (Part 2), Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 including Revenue, Budget and Fees and Charges 2020-2021 (Part 3).

Since the exhibition period commenced, measures to curtail spread of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) has created uncertain operating conditions in the short to medium term which will affect Council's financial planning for at least the next 1-3 years. Therefore, this report recommends that amendments are made to the exhibited plan in order to address the changed operating conditions.

REPORT

Pursuant to S.405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to adopt an Operational Plan, Revenue Policy, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2020-2021 financial year commencing on 1 July. The annual Operational Plan is part of an integrated set of plans supporting the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). To ensure the CSP is fully resourced, the Resourcing Strategies such as Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Management Strategy were also revised. These plans were presented to the Council meeting on 2 April 2019 and placed on public exhibition for the statutory period.

The Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030' was adopted from 1 July 2018 and was prepared following extensive engagement with the Strathfield community in 2017 and 2018 in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy. The priorities identified through community engagement were incorporated into the draft community strategic plan 'Strathfield 2030':

1. Connectivity Theme - planning for infrastructure to meet the needs of growing population, transport networks that are integrated and connected, and transformed and connected information and service delivery.

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2. Community Wellbeing Theme – supporting socially cohesive, connected and safe communities with access to public spaces and community facilities, and opportunities to participate in programs and activities that enhance healthy active lifestyles.
3. Civic Pride and Place Management Theme – engaging town centres and public places, cultural and creative activities and events promoting a sense of civic pride.
4. Liveable Neighbourhoods Theme - high quality, well planned, sustainable, clean and well maintained urban and natural environments that retain and reflect local character and support thriving and resilient natural environments and greenspaces.
5. Responsible Leadership Theme - The above goals will be underpinned by leadership and accountable Council services directed by the priorities of an engaged and connected community.

These five key strategic directions are supported by key goals to guide the Strathfield area until 2030.

Under the five themes there are key goals and subsequent strategies for Council to facilitate in partnership with the community, government agencies and business.

Public Exhibition

A Public Notice inviting the community to make a submission on the draft plans was issued on 4 March 2020. Accordingly, the exhibition of the draft plans were advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald and Inner West Courier. It was also promulgated through Council's e-News each week during the exhibition period which ended on 1 April 2020. Copies of the plans were available from Council's website and Council's Customer Service Centre.

Public submissions

No submissions have been received in response to the public exhibition of the draft plan.

Councillor Workshop

A Councillor Workshop was held on 16 March 2020. The Councillors present at the meeting proposed that many fees and charges be frozen at 2019-2021 levels.

Discussion

Since the exhibition period commenced, measures to curtail spread of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) has created uncertain operating conditions in the short to medium term.

Recommendations

1. Schedule of Fees and Charges

In response to the COVID-19 and its impact on the local community, it is recommended that fees and charges are frozen at 2019-2021 levels with the exceptions of:

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- Statutory fees
- Domestic Waste Charges
- Events – Major Festivals and Events. Events charges were fully reviewed and a new pricing structure was prepared for 2020-2021. The new fee structure has either maintained or decreased fees in many hire categories. The only increase was for Not for Profit Stalls fees increased from \$110 to \$130. However, a new category was created for Not for Profit Information sites where costs decreased from \$110 to \$70, which provides a reasonable and affordable facility alternative to a stall.
- New Charges – Personal Trainers

It is estimated that this will reduce estimated 2020-2021 income by a total of \$313,249. Income from 2019-20 will also be affected by COVID-19 measures such as closure of services, reductions from rental incomes etc.

2. That the Domestic Waste Charge be increased as exhibited

The draft Fees and Charges for 2020-2021 proposed an increase of the Waste Charge from \$740 per annum to \$760 per annum for domestic waste services including three cleanup services. The increase is necessary to fund increased external costs eg cost of disposal of general waste and recycled materials, which have impacted on the cost of operating the service. As Waste services are not permitted to be cross-subsidised under the Local Government Act, Council is required to fund the service from the domestic waste charges.

The proposed increase is 2.7%, which is effectively a CPI increase, including the retention of the pensioner rate at 2019-2020 levels.

Should the increase not be adopted, it will result in a reduction of \$308K income per annum and would put pressure on future year for more substantial increase charges to cover the actual cost of the service.

There is no proposed increase for the cost of domestic waste services for eligible pensioners and Commonwealth Senior Health Care Card Holders. It is proposed that this charge will be maintained at \$600 per annum.

Conclusion

The Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030' reflects the articulated priorities of Strathfield residents and aims to deliver the services and projects that meet their aspirations over the life of the Plan.

The resources required to implement the strategies established by the Strathfield Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030' are defined in Council's long term Resourcing Strategies and delivered by the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, the latter is prepared annually together with a Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Strathfield Council regularly reports on the progress of 'Strathfield 2030' via Council's Annual Report, bi-annual Delivery Program progress reports and the End of Term report, which will be presented at the end of the current Council term.

Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2020-2021 (Cont'd)**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications have been identified in this report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

CEO2 COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

AUTHOR: Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance

APPROVER: Henry T Wong, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That this report on COVID-19 impacts be received and noted.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an overview of actions taken by Council in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) and to outline the likely financial impacts on Council's operations in the short to medium term.

REPORT

Council has implemented a range of measures to limit the transmission of COVID-19 (Corona Virus). This has been achieved by managing Council's services, facilities and programs in accordance with directives and health standards, maintaining essential Council services and issuing clear and timely advices and support to councillors, staff and the local community. At the time of writing, the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) has reported no cases of COVID-19. Concord Hospital is the local COVID-19 test centre for the Strathfield LGA.

There are few persons, services, businesses, schools or organisations not affected by the COVID-19 and the measures required to slow its spread. These measures have had significant impact on the community's health and wellbeing and the Australian economy. As responses to COVID-19 have escalated, State and Federal Governments have incrementally released spending and stimulus packages to address worsening economic conditions including business closures and sharply rising unemployment.

At the time of writing, stimulus announced by the Federal Government amounts to over \$300bn with \$130bn allocated to support wage subsidy through "JobKeepers" payments \$1,500 per fortnight to employers for every job they maintain. The Reserve Bank is purchasing government securities to keep the liquidity in the economy and banks are deferring interest payments until the economy recovers.

The Australian Government website www.australia.gov.au has centralised all assistance available from the Federal government and on COVID-19 resources. This site is frequently updated. Social mediaA WhatsApp channel on COVID-19 is operational. Council is supporting information and messages from the State and Federal Government with frequent updates on website and social media, especially concerning stopping the spread by social distancing and gathering of more than two people. Breaches of these directives are now punishable with sever fines at \$11,000 and \$55,000 for individual and corporations, businesses or organisers.

Measures implemented by Council

Strathfield Council operates a wide range of services, facilities and programs. While Council has sought to maintain its services and programs, many have been altered or ceased due to measures to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Council has implemented these measures in accordance with

COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

State and Federal Government directives. Council has also initiated best practice processes across all areas of its operations such as extra hygiene measures in workplaces, facilities and services.

Council actioned its Pandemic subplan in early March 2020. The plan included appointing staff to coordinate staff related c-19 measures and ensure there were sufficient personal hygiene supplies available. Council's Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) was activated to work with other external agencies on c-19 mandates. All staff have been regularly briefed on hygiene practices and use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Sanitisers were distributed to each workgroup and temperature checks taken daily. Any staff with flu-like symptoms are required to stay at home and not return until they have medical clearance. Sanitisation of touch surfaces frequently occurs at all facilities including the Connector Bus Service.

To date, the impact of measures on Council's services, facilities and programs are:

Council meetings, customer services and staffing arrangements

- The Local Government Act 1993 was amended by the NSW Parliament to provide the Minister with the powers to postpone Council elections for 12 months with a possible extension to 31 December 2021 should the need arise. Current councillors will continue to hold their civic offices until the rescheduled elections are held. The current Mayor was elected in 2019 will continue to hold office until September 2021 once the new election date is gazetted.
- The Local Government Act 1993 was amended to permit councils to meet remotely via audio-visual link to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and comply with Public Health Orders for a six month period. From April 2020, Strathfield Council meetings will be held online. Meetings will be publicly accessible via live streaming on Council's website.
- The hours of opening of Council's Customer Service Centre at 65 Homebush Road Strathfield have been reduced. Persons attending the Centre must register details and have temperatures checked before entering the building. Splatter screens were installed at the Centre and social distancing implemented. The public has multiple access points to Council which are available during normal business hours.
- A range of actions has been implemented to maintain Council's essential services and manage staff arrangements. Staff have been provided with the option of working remotely to reduce the risk of virus transmission. Equipment, software VPN access and security protections have been implemented for remote working. Daily welfare checks for staff working remotely are undertaken. Access to counselling services is available as required and essential workers have been offered by access to local childcare services if needed.
- Staff have been briefed regularly on protocols for a safe work environment eg temperature checks, regular sanitisation of surfaces in offices etc.
- All internal meetings, workshops, seminars etc have been cancelled.
- To assist Council's suppliers and customers, the Finance team is expediting and processing payments to suppliers without delay.

COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS (Cont'd)Communications

- Communications and updates have issued regularly via Council's media outlets including website, e-News and social media.
- Council has circulated the NSW Department of Health's leaflets in community languages and English at all touchpoints since early March 2020. The Department of Health has issued extensive media advertising in print, radio and TV as well as community language newspapers.

Waste, environment and regulatory services

- Domestic waste services have been maintained with no disruption to services. Waste staff are continuing to offer clean ups and manage illegal dumping.
- Council has maintained daily cleansing of key priority centres such as Town Centres.
- Food inspections – while Council is not charging for inspections, Council officers are frequently visiting food premises to check they are complying with food standards and directives regarding food service delivery eg no dining, only take away.
- Skin penetration/beauty salons – as shops have been directed to close by Public Health Order, no Council inspections are required.
- Legionnaire's inspections – Council is continuing inspections to ensure compliance with standards.
- Parking – rangers are monitoring streets, parks and parking areas. There has been an increase of cars near homes due to more people working from home. Rangers and parking officers are employing reasonable flexibility with parking regulations eg allowing grace periods for elderly person's grocery shopping, allowing parking in residential parking scheme areas if vehicles are parked in reasonable vicinity to registered home addresses etc. Rangers are monitoring parks and asking groups not observing social distancing to disperse.
- As a result of more people being home, there has been increases of complaints about neighbouring properties has increased eg odours, noise, trees etc.

Council parks, facilities and property management

- Where possible, Council is maintaining the condition of its parks and open spaces and continuing to make these available to the public for access to fresh air and place to walk and exercise subject to maintaining social distancing.
- However, facilities in public areas which may facilitate virus transmissions such as sportsgrounds, playgrounds, skate parks and outside gyms have been closed.
- Activities such as bootcamps have been reduced to two persons, including the trainer.

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- The Golf Driving range is still open as social distancing is feasible given that the range has built-in distancing between players.
- Business with agreements for outdoor dining facilities and footpath displays are not being charged fees.
- Leases and licences for facilities eg medical facility, child care etc are being managed on a case by case basis. Rental discounts have been negotiated depending on individual circumstances.

Local Economy

Council launched the 'Be Local Buy Local' program, which encourages the Strathfield community to support local stores. The program allows people who are purchasing in local shops in the Strathfield LGA to enter a weekly draw to win a \$100 shopping voucher.

Community and Events

- Council has cancelled activities and events which involve public gatherings in line with the requirements of the Federal Government. This includes Movies in the Park, Anzac Day, Cooks River Fun Run and regular programs such as aged day care and line dancing.
- Access to library lockers and Return and Earn machines have ceased due to risk of virus transmission.
- Council has set up a hotline to assist elderly, disabled, isolated or otherwise vulnerable people. Calls regarding medical issues are directed to NSW Health. The Council hotline is to ensure those in our community who require special assistance are not forgotten.
- The Neighbour2Neighbour Program (non-medical) connects vulnerable residents with neighbours who are in a position to help them. Council is also organising and supporting donations to local charities providing assistance and goods to people in need. More than 20 volunteers responded and all requests for assistance has been fulfilled.

Strathfield Connector Bus

The Strathfield Connector Bus has been running to a reduced timetable, arriving at bus stops every 60 minutes, between 8am - 5pm. Extra hygiene measures have been implemented including the availability of hand sanitiser and the sanitisation of surfaces every 2 hours.

Financial Impact of measures in short to medium term

The impact of COVID-19 will have a negative impact on Council's finances in the short to medium term. There will be a reduction of anticipated revenue and a likely increase of defaults and/or delays in payment of rates. Though it is difficult to estimate with certainty at present, it is likely Council will experience future revenue shortfalls. Options for managing deficits and actions to stimulate recovery are discussed in the separate Compendium Report.

COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS (Cont'd)**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications are outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

CEO3 COMPENDIUM REPORT

AUTHOR: Henry T Wong, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to borrow up to \$6 million to address temporary revenue deficits.
2. That Council authorises the CEO to borrow up to \$10 million to accelerate capital works in the 2020-21 financial year.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This Compendium Report (the Report) to the CSP and COVID-19 reports discuss mitigation measures to ameliorate the impacts on Council's revenues, programs, services and projects from COVID-19. This Report presents options for a way forward to protect existing jobs and generate new employment and economic activity.

In addition to Council continuing with all the programs and works identified in the CSP 2020-2021, this Report strongly argues that the Council must also be proactive in the creation of local jobs through infrastructure spending.

REPORT

COVID-19 has hit the global economy extremely hard, leading to wide-spread business closures and job losses. I fear many more jobs will be lost in the foreseeable future as more economic drivers are shut down by the public health policy to arrest the pandemic.

Councils are not immune to this. In many ways, Councils are the closest tier of government to the neighbourhoods where people live and work. When they suffer, they look to their local Council to use their budgetary position for fiscal leadership to protect and create local jobs and economic activity.

Modelling of Council's future cashflow shows that Rate and Domestic Management Charges, which makes up 80% of our total income, will deteriorate by 35% (in a medium case scenario). Although most of the arrears will be recovered over time, Council depends on this source of revenue to fund ordinary activities like waste, roads, parks, libraries and regulatory type services. These services, in turn, employ 210 staff, whose wages must be paid.

To ensure the Council can continue to deliver services stated in the CSP while protecting its financial position and liquidity obligations, Council will need to have in place a \$6m debt facility to account for the expected shortfall in cashflow from rates and Domestic Waste Management charges.

Local employment stimulus

The Federal Government has put in place stimulus measures to protect incomes and jobs. These measures will hopefully arrest rates of unemployment to 8-9%.

COMPENDIUM REPORT (Cont'd)

As a Council, we can contribute to the employment stimulus by bringing forward local infrastructure capital works from future years or by undertaking major capital infrastructure works.

Idea One – Asset recycling

Relocating the Council Weeroona Road Depot to Hudson Park West. This move will create an opportunity to resolve land use conflict in the Strathfield South Industrial Precinct by leasing the current Depot site on a 99 year lease term to raise capital for the proposed new depot, which is expected to cost \$35mil. This proposal will secure no net loss in employment land, while creating new housing adjacent to an existing residential precinct.

This proposal will create significant amount of appropriate housing stock adjacent to an existing residential neighbour. It is estimated this will create 1000 construction related jobs and a depot for over 150 staff.

Idea Two – Leisure Centre

Separately circulated is a presentation provided to a Councillors Workshop in August 2019 by AEC Consulting who prepared and developed the Business Case in response to actions in the endorsed CSP.

The Leisure Centre project has been included in Council's CSP since 2018. There has been community consultation indicating high levels of support. The business case was prepared in 2019. The OLG require a Capital Expenditure Review to be prepared for large capital works. This report was completed by Ms Cathy Jones in late 2019. The project is bankable and is shovel ready.

The QS's estimated cost for the proposal including contingency is \$42mil.

Should this proposal goes ahead, it will be consistent with Council's CSP obligations and provide a substantial community, recreation and health facility to meet the needs of a fast growing population, which are targeted to exceed 80,000 people by 2036. The project will generate up to 200 local jobs during its operation and 2000 jobs across a number of sectors during its construction

TCorp advised that Council is entitled to an interest rate subsidy offered by the State Government for Community facilities. Should Council proceed, the cost of funds is set at 1.2%.

I have built and successfully operated three leisure centres across Sydney. Each has exceeded the business case projections for achieving operational surpluses and profitability. I would like the Council to give this project in-principle support so that Council can submit its Capital Expenditure Review to Office of Local Government and commence lobbying for grant and stimulus funding from the State and/or Federal Government.

Idea three – future capital works

Compress the forward four years of capital works for delivery over two years and finance the works using \$10m debt capital in each of the next two years to enable the Council to capitalise \$20m on planned civic and urban infrastructural works

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are set out in the report.

COMPENDIUM REPORT (Cont'd)

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

CS1 INVESTMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020

AUTHOR: Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer

APPROVER: Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the record of cash investments as at 29 February 2020 be received and noted.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To submit Council's record of cash investments as at 29 February 2020 pursuant to Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

REPORT

Investment Portfolio as at 29 February 2020

Term Deposits	Rating	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (Days)	Interest Rate	Amount
AMP	A2	17/02/2020	17/08/2020	182	1.80%	2,000,000
AMP	A2	9/09/2019	9/03/2020	182	1.90%	2,000,000
AMP	A2	2/12/2019	1/06/2020	182	1.90%	2,000,000
Auswide	A2	24/02/2020	24/08/2020	182	1.65%	1,000,000
Auswide	A2	10/12/2019	9/03/2020	90	1.66%	2,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	2/09/2019	2/03/2020	182	1.70%	2,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	4/09/2019	2/03/2020	180	1.70%	3,000,000
Bendigo	A2	26/11/2019	25/05/2020	181	1.50%	1,000,000
Macquarie Bank	A1	24/02/2020	26/06/2020	120	1.60%	2,000,000
Macquarie Bank	A1	27/11/2019	25/05/2020	180	1.60%	1,000,000
Macquarie Bank	A1	9/12/2019	9/03/2020	91	1.60%	2,000,000
Macquarie Bank	A1	27/02/2020	26/06/2020	120	1.60%	1,000,000
ME Bank	A2	25/11/2019	25/05/2020	182	1.60%	2,000,000
ME Bank	A2	25/11/2019	25/05/2020	182	1.60%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	2/12/2019	2/03/2020	91	1.53%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	2/12/2019	2/03/2020	91	1.53%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	2/12/2019	2/03/2020	91	1.53%	1,000,000
National Bank	A1+	6/01/2020	6/04/2020	91	1.60%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	7/02/2020	4/05/2020	87	1.58%	2,000,000
Suncorp	A1	26/11/2019	25/05/2020	181	1.55%	2,000,000
						\$36,000,000

Investments as at 29 february 2020 (Cont'd)

Investment Portfolio as at 29 February 2020

Call Accounts	Rating	Term	Interest Rate	Amount
CBA General Fund	A1+	At Call	0.50%	2,419,135
CBA Business Online Saver	A1+	At Call	0.75%	1,705,758
AMP	A2	At Call	1.05%	92,827
TCorp IM Cash Fund	A1+	At Call	1.15%	1,096,900
				5,314,620

Total Investments**1.95%****41,314,620**

In accordance with Council's investment policy the following limits apply in relation to the maximum proportion of the total investment portfolio which can be invested for each credit rating category.

Investments Represented by	as at 29 February 2020
Externally Restricted Reserves	
Domestic Waste Management	2,614,581
Unexpended Grants	1,000,210
Section 94	13,050,542
Stormwater Management	411,930
Total Externally Restricted Reserves	17,077,263
Internally Restricted Reserves	
Plant Replacement	1,129,614
ELE	1,285,159
Deposits	8,773,295
Adshel	270,000
Technology	242,236
Carry Forwards	37,621
Future Major Expenditure	926,570
Parkscape Improvements	29,000
Risk Management	195,362
Election	228,510
Total Internally Restricted Reserves	13,117,367
Total Restricted Reserves	30,194,630
Unrestricted	9,154,923.50
Total Investments	41,314,620

* Unrestricted funds, whilst not subject to a restriction for a specific purpose, are fully committed via Council's adopted Operational Plan.

Investments as at 29 february 2020 (Cont'd)

The Reserve Bank of Australia's official cash rate remains as 0.75% for the month of February 2020. Council's investment portfolio is returning an average of 1.95% as at 29 February 2020 which is 1.06% above the 90 day BBSW benchmark of 0.89%.

Council has earned interest revenue totaling \$514,945 as at 29 February 2020, being 46.96% of the original projected budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [!\[\]\(e7a5b2ecc7ab80b32b565dd7dfa9a5a9_img.jpg\)](#) Investment Performance as at 29 February 2020

ATTACHMENT 1

INVESTMENTS - Feb 2020

