

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday 24 February 2025 at 3:30 PM**



**Present
(in Chambers):**

Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Tim Marks, Peter Ridler, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer, Russell Yaxley (Deputy Mayor) and Councillor Molly Kendall

**In attendance
(in Chambers):**

Tony McMullen (Chief Executive Officer), Emilio Reale (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Emma Watkins (Coordinator Executive and Strategy), Michael Sokulski (Chief Financial Officer), Paul Garnsey (Manager Development), Lyndal Byrne (Coordinator Planning Services), Melanie Burk (Executive Assistant to the Mayor)

**In attendance
(by video link):**

Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

Leave of absence:

Workshops held since last Council Meeting:

Date: Monday, 3 February 2025

Purpose: To discuss:

- Bucaan House
- Mid-Year Budget Review
- CEO Recruitment – Scope of works for Recruitment Consultant

Date: Tuesday, 11 February 2025

Purpose: To discuss:

- Derwent Estuary Program Windermere Bay Restoration Project
- Local Government Reform – State Government Program Submission
- CEO Recruitment – Revise CEO Position Description

Date: Monday, 17 February 2025

Purpose: To discuss:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities
- Capital Spend vs Leasing – Fleet
- CEO Recruitment Consultant Quotes ahead of the February 2025 Council meeting

The Council meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 20 viewers and 3 members of the public attended in person.

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.30pm.

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the original and traditional owners and continuing custodians of the land and their elders, past and present.

We acknowledge the muwinina people as the traditional owners of this land. We recognise the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the original owners and continuing custodians of the land, sky and country and waters of this island, lutruwita. We pay our respect to Aboriginal Elders, past and present. We commit to working in a way that welcomes and respects all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

The Chair read a statement noting that the meeting would be recorded and live streamed to members of the public, and about work health and safety at the Council meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

SLADE/MARKS

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Wilkinsons Point Development

- The concept that Larry Kestelman is proposing for Wilkinsons Point would be an extremely exciting development for our city, particularly if it includes retail developments that our community has been asking for.
- Developing more family-friendly accommodation would also be a positive addition to our city.
- I should point out that, as it stands, this is just a concept, and nothing is currently before Council, nor has any planning permission been sought.
- The proposal will be assessed in line with our usual planning protocols should an application be lodged.

The Pool

Repair and reopen

- Tenders for the repair of the pool were released on 1 February and are due on 5 March.
- There has been a high level of interest in both the tenders, so we are expecting a good response.
- We are still confident that we will have the pool reopened later this year for summer 2025/26.

Redevelopment of the pool

- We continue to lobby State and Federal Governments for the \$83.8 million needed to redevelop the pool.
- I am scheduling meetings with all relevant politicians to run them through the case for funding.
- I am also meeting with Lions, Probus, Rotary and other community organisation to brief them on the redevelopment of the pool and ask them to advocate for the funding.

- We have also received strong support from the Friends of the Pool Incorporated who are helping to get the word out about the need to fund the pool redevelopment.

Signal box wrapping

- This project is almost complete with 20 boxes now wrapped.
- Phase one was the test run with one box wrapped to make sure it would work.
- Phase two saw nine boxes wrapped with artwork from the b kinder foundation and an intergenerational street art competition that Council ran in conjunction with COTA.
- Phase three has seen 11 boxes wrapped with art works from primary schools in the area.

Footpath sweeper

- You may have noticed our new footpath sweeper cleaning our streets and paths.
- This is part of our \$600 000 investment in a cleaner city.
- As part of our efforts to keep Glenorchy clean our new sweeper is in operation every weekday.
- The street sweeper has been joined by a new truck with pressure washers to clean seating areas, rubbish bins, and graffiti more effectively.
- Both will be joined by a rapid-response Ute to handle smaller jobs quickly, freeing up the existing truck for larger jobs.
- We are currently working on branding to be added to the street sweeper and truck and will soon be launching a competition to give the street sweeper a name.

Golden Years Club

- The expression of interest process is still underway to find the right fit to continue vital services for our community, particularly those older members amongst us.
- There is a real lack of services for older people in Glenorchy who are at risk of loneliness, especially if they live alone.

- By continuing services for older people at this central location, we will ensure that our more vulnerable residents have a place to meet and recreate.

Caring for our Young People

- Daily youth engagement continues Monday to Friday on the GCC lawns trying to reduce anti-social behaviour and encourage positive engagements.
- The youth team are now recording youth engagement numbers.
- I encourage you to visit the lawns and see how engaged the many young people who join us every day are.
- Not only are they provided with things to do in the afternoons, but they are also fed and provided with much needed referrals to job, health and wellbeing services if needed.
- To add to our youth support work, we have recently launched the CommUNITY Hub in the little red building next to the bus mall and Chambers.
- Previously used as a labour bureau, pensioner building and library, this building has been brought back to life and now supports Mission Australia, Glenorchy Jobs Hub and Pulse Youth Health to provide youth support and services.
- The Hub also offers a place for services such as digital training, community engagement and a space for other community organisations to work out of.
- If you are passing by, drop in and have a look, or keep an eye on our webpage or Facebook page for updates on events, programs and services available at the Hub.
- We are continuing to lobby government for funding to establish a dedicated youth hub as a safe, inclusive space to provide services, support and opportunities for our young people.

Joint anti-racism campaign

- Glenorchy is joining councils of greater Hobart in a bold and unified stand against racism.
- The anti-racism campaign was developed with invaluable input from the Migrant Resouce Centre and local representatives.
- It aims to foster unity and empowerment throughout Tasmanian communities, including Glenorchy, Brighton, Hobart, Kingborough, Clarence and Sorell.
- The campaign will be launched on Friday 21 March in conjunction with the Walk Against Racism from the Hobart waterfront to Parliament lawns.

New Town Rivulet Renewal

- Today I joined Hobart Lord Mayor, Anna Reynolds to announce the start of the \$2 million to transform the New Town Rivulet Estuary.
- This exciting project will transform the badly degraded mouth of the New Town Rivulet into a natural estuarine environment.
- A joint project with Glenorchy City Council we'll replace the failing concrete walls with a beautifully landscaped space featuring large boulders, water plants and wide gravel paths.
- We are also planting 45,000 native trees, shrubs, water plants and grasses.

Moonah Arts Centre 10th Birthday

- Moonah Arts Centre will celebrate its 10th birthday on Saturday 8 March from 12 – 2pm.
- You are invited to come along and enjoy live music and pop-up performances from some of Tasmania's most engaging artists and performers.
- The bar will be open and there will be food and coffee available for purchase.
- Entry is free and everyone is welcome.
- For more information visit the Moonah Arts Centre's website.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chairperson asked if any Aldermen had or were likely to have a pecuniary interest in any items on the Agenda.

Tony McMullen, Chief Executive Officer, declared a pecuniary interest in items 11 and 24.

Emilio Reale, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, declared a pecuniary interest in items 11 and 24.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Question without notice – Manfred Gutmann, West Moonah

Q1: Does Council have an exemption from the OTGR to use the current COVID-19 mRNA vaccine since the COVID-19 vaccine administered to the public had no trial, due to the TGA hidden bait and switch to dirty contaminating e-coli bacteria for mass production from clean PCR used during trial and for application for registration with TGA?

A1: This question was taken on notice.

Response:

Glenorchy City Council did not and does not administer the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. This was administered by the State Government.

Q2: Will Council and members of Council answer my conflict of interest request from 18 November 2024 regarding funding sources for COVID-19 programs and vaccine hesitancy programs and include incoming funding versus outgoing expenses under transparency and good governance, and if not, why not?

A2: This question was taken on notice.

Response:

Glenorchy City Council did not receive funding for the administration of COVID-19 Vaccinations. This was administered by the State Government.

This is a question best addressed to the State Government.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Please note:

The Council Meeting is a formal meeting of the Elected Members elected by the Glenorchy community. It is chaired by the Mayor. Public question time is an opportunity in the formal meeting for the public to ask questions of their elected Council representatives about the matters that affect ratepayers and citizens.

In accordance with regulation 31(2) and (3) (Public question time) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council will allocate 15 minutes during each Council Meeting to invite members of the public to ask questions relating to the activities of Council.

The following rules and procedures apply to Public Question Time:

1. questions must relate to the activities of Council
2. members of the public are to announce their name and residential address before asking a question (which will be recorded in the minutes)
3. questions are to be put succinctly and in the form of a question, not a comment
4. questions must not be inflammatory, abusive, defamatory, contain a personal attack or otherwise breach any rules of the meeting which have been explained by the Chairperson
5. the Chairperson may limit the number of questions asked by each member of the public in order to ensure that all members of the public wishing to ask questions are given the opportunity within the allocated time
6. the Chairperson will decide the order in which questions are to be asked and may rotate the order between different members of the public if individuals have more than one question to ask
7. the Chairperson may, in their absolute discretion:
 - a) refuse to answer a question if the Chairperson deems that it is inappropriate or does not comply with these rules or the rules of the Council meeting, or
 - b) take a question 'on notice', in which case the answer will be provided in writing prior the next Council meeting and included on the agenda for the next Council meeting
8. if a question is taken on notice, the Chairperson may request that the member of the public submit their question in writing and may refuse to provide a response if the question is not provided as requested, and
9. the 15 minutes allocated for Public Question Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson at the conclusion of the time period. Council is to publish information relating to Public Question Time, including any additional rules and procedures, on Council's website.

Question with notice – Michelle Austen, Glenorchy Received 29 January 2025

Q1: When Councillors begin their term in office they are appointed to committees. Why are Councillors who work in say, real estate, allowed to join the planning committee when this would be a clear conflict of interest.

A1: An elected member would be required to declare and manage a conflict of interest in any matter coming before them. There is not an automatic conflict of interest in every matter because a person was, for example, a real estate agent.

It is a matter of considering the circumstances surrounding each individual matter that comes forward to an elected member for decision.

The *Local Government Act 1993* sets out in detail the requirements for elected members when it comes to conflict of interest.

In summary, the Act requires elected members to bring an open and unprejudiced mind to all matters being decided upon in the course of their duties, including when making planning decisions as part of the Council's role as a Planning Authority. They must make decisions free from personal bias or prejudice.

There are two kinds of conflict detailed in the Act – pecuniary (or “money-related”) interests and non-pecuniary interests.

Pecuniary interest

An elected member has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the elected member or a close associate would, if the matter were decided in a particular manner, receive, have an expectation of receiving or be likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

Close associate is defined in detail under the Act to include a range of business and family relationships.

If an elected member has a pecuniary interest in a particular matter, they are required to declare their interest, leave the room and not participate in the decision-making. There are penalties under the Act for not doing so.

Non-pecuniary interest

Non-pecuniary interests are non-money-related personal or private interests (whether actual, potential or perceived) that might unduly influence, or be seen to unduly influence, an elected member in their decision-making. These are addressed in the Elected Member Code of Conduct and the Act.

An elected member must act in good faith and exercise reasonable judgement to determine whether they have an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest.

An elected member must avoid, and remove themselves from, positions of conflict of interest as far as reasonably possible.

An elected member who has a non-pecuniary interest, must:

- (a) declare the conflict of interest and the nature of the interest before discussion of the matter begins; and
- (b) act in good faith and exercise reasonable judgement to determine whether a reasonable person would consider that the conflict of interest requires the elected member to remove themselves physically from any Council discussion and remain out of the room until the matter is decided by the Council.

There are penalties under the Act for not complying with the Code of Conduct.

Question with notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta

Received 6 February 2025

Please find below the response I received to a question I asked in public question time in January 2025 open council. I'd like some clarification, so I ask the following questions with notice.

In answer to the question, you asked, which was “what is the nature of the report Council receives from the recycling facility Cleanaway” we committed to seek permission to provide you with the headings of the report, so you have an insight into the nature of the report. Cleanaway agreed to providing this information to you.

This report has commercial in confidence information which we do not have permission to publicly release. Council sought permission to provide the topics that are reported on, so you have an insight to the nature of the report.

The report content is:

- Council Monthly Tonnes In
- Commercial Tonnes In
- Total Tonnes In
- Council Monthly Tonnes In – Percentages
- Commercial Monthly Tonnes In – Percentages
- Glass Out
- Waste Out
- Cardboard In/Out
- Commodities Out
- 6.1 Standard Reporting
- 6.2 Incident Report

Q1: When the word "in" appears, where is the measured material going from and where is it going to?

Response:

The material comes from the 12 southern Tasmanian Councils. Council is not informed of where it is going to.

Q2: When the word "out" appears, where is the measured material going from and where is it going to?

Response:

The material is going from the Material Recovery Facility in Derwent Park Road. Council is not informed of where it is going to.

Q3: What is the definition of "commodities" in the context of the report? together with these additional questions?

Response:

Commodities is made up of cardboard, paper, metals and plastics.

Q4: Does Council have any data relating specifically to reuse of plastics recovered by Cleanaway at its MRF? If so, can you describe its nature?

Response:

Council does not have this data.

Q5: Does Council have any data relating to reuse of any materials whatsoever recovered by Cleanaway at its MRF? If so, can you describe its nature?

Response:

Council does not have this data.

Question without notice – Manfred Gutmann, West Moonah

Q1: I sent a detailed email on 8 January 2025, to which I have had no response other than the 4 questions and answers emailed to me and noted in this agenda. Can Council please respond to my questions?

A1: [CEO]

Council, as a local government authority, follows the public health advice of State and Federal health authorities as the best way of fulfilling our health and safety duty.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is aware of misinformation in recent media and online reports that claim the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are contaminated with excessive levels of DNA. This is not the case.

These reports are based on studies conducted by a small number of laboratories that have attempted to investigate the amount of DNA in COVID-19 vaccines.

While the TGA welcomes and constantly reviews the latest scientific evidence about the safety of vaccines and other biotechnology products, these recent studies fail to apply the required scientific rigor expected in pharmaceutical testing. As such, the results are not robust or reliable and are creating confusion and concern regarding the safety of vaccines.

Many of our concerns are listed [below](#):

The TGA reassures the public that all COVID-19 vaccines approved in Australia have been rigorously assessed and meet our high standards for safety, quality, and efficacy.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of death and severe illness from infection. The protective benefits of vaccination far outweigh the potential risks. This [statement from medicine regulators around the world](#) provides more information on the good safety profile of COVID-19 vaccines:

Key messages:

- COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the risk of severe disease, hospitalisation and death from infection with SARS-CoV-2.
- SARS-CoV-2 keeps changing and revaccination may be needed to maintain protection against new variants and continue saving millions of lives worldwide.
- Evidence from the more than 13 billion of vaccine doses given worldwide shows that COVID-19 vaccines have a very good safety profile in all age groups. The benefits of the approved vaccines far outweigh the possible risks.

- The vast majority of side effects are mild and temporary. However, safety monitoring (pharmacovigilance) systems have identified some very rare (occurring in less than 1 in 10,000 people) but serious side effects. Medicines regulators around the world have put in place measures to reduce the risk of harm from these side effects.
- As for all medicines, reports of medical events after COVID-19 vaccination (suspected side effects) are collected and continuously evaluated by the authorities. These evaluations show that in most cases the medical events were not caused by the vaccine.
- False and misleading information about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines on social media often exaggerates the frequency and severity of side effects. Misinformation also wrongly attributes unrelated medical events to the vaccines. Vaccine misinformation leading individuals to decline vaccination has very likely led to many more deaths than adverse effects of the vaccines.
- There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines have contributed to excess mortality during the pandemic. Excess mortality largely coincides with peaks of SARS-CoV-2 infections, particularly during the first waves when vaccines were not available. In fact, there is strong evidence that COVID-19 vaccines save lives and prevent the serious harm associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- Emerging evidence also suggests that long COVID is less likely to develop in people who have been vaccinated.

Directives required Glenorchy City Council staff to be vaccinated to protect themselves from COVID and reduce the likelihood of spread of COVID to others, including other staff members, family members and community members.

This was consistent with my duty as person conducting the business or undertaking under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

[Mayor] This is not in our sphere of influence. Please note that the above will be recorded in the February minutes and the March agenda.

Question without notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose

Q1: Will Council consider using part of the substantial Golden Years Club as it is a very large building and a perfect and safe location for youth arts and recreation centre activities in conjunction with maintaining areas for the much-needed activities for older community members?

A1: [Deputy CEO] We are still going through the expression of interest process. We need to see what is brought forward to us before we can bring those to Council for due consideration.

Q2: Is it possible for the old croquet club to be used in some way for the youths?

A2: [Deputy CEO] It has deteriorated quite a lot. We have looked at it. It would also have to go under an expression of interest process. We support a facility for young people.

Question without notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta

Q1: This is about the agenda item on the Open Council Workshops. Did Council consider asking the public what topics they may be interested in?

A1: [Mayor] We have asked at Open workshops what people may be interested in. Certainly, we have also discussed it amongst ourselves and with staff and everyone is looking for suitable people to be able to present really interesting topics. We really welcome any ideas, so if you have something that you have a particular interest in, by all means, put it forward.

[CEO] There isn't a defined process. Some workshop topics are decided based on approaches from external organisations, others come from officers and others are suggested by the mayor.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Reporting Brief:

To receive an update on the recent activities of the Mayor.

Resolution:

KENDALL/KING

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report about the activities of Mayor Hickey and Acting Mayor Yaxley during the period from Monday, 20 January 2025 to Sunday, 16 February 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER AWARDS - CHANGE TO AWARD CATEGORIES

File Reference: Community and Volunteer Awards 2025

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council approves a change to the major award categories in the annual Community and Volunteer Awards.

Resolution:

SLADE/KING

That Council:

1. APPROVE the removal of the Sports Achievement Award and the Business Person of the Year award categories for Council's Community and Volunteer Awards.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer

AGAINST: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

The motion was CARRIED.

Alderman King declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 and left the meeting at 4:12pm.

10. REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY - RESPONSE TO MINISTER'S PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

File Reference: Regional Land Use Strategy

Reporting Brief:

To seek Council's endorsement of a submission to the Minister for Planning's proposal to expand the Urban Growth Boundary of the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010 – 2035.

Resolution:

MARKS/ALDERTON

That Council:

1. MAKE a submission to the State Planning Office on the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy - Urban Growth Boundary proposed update in the form set out in **Attachment 2**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

Alderman King returned to the meeting at 4.24pm.

Chief Executive Officer, Tony McMullen and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Emilio Reale left the meeting at 4.24pm in accordance with their previous Declarations of Pecuniary Interest for item 11.

11. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO TWO PROXY POSITIONS ON THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

File Reference: Council Committees

Reporting Brief:

The purpose of the report is to recommend that Council appoints two Elected Members as proxy members to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee to provide flexibility in the event of conflicts of interest arising through the current Chief Executive Officer recruitment process.

Motion:

SLADE/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. CONDUCT a ballot in accordance with the procedure in Part 3 of the *Committee Nominations and Appointments Policy* to determine the two members-elect for the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee.
2. ELECT Councillor Kendall and Alderman Cockshutt to the two proxy positions on the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee for the duration of the CEO recruitment process.

Amended Motion:

RIDLER/MARKS

That Council:

1. CONDUCT a ballot in accordance with the procedure in Part 3 of the *Committee Nominations and Appointments Policy* to determine the two members-elect for the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee.
2. ELECT (the members-elect) to the two substantive additional positions on the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee for the duration of the CEO recruitment process.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Ridler and Marks

AGAINST: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

The amended motion was LOST.

Resolution:

SLADE/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. CONDUCT a ballot in accordance with the procedure in Part 3 of the *Committee Nominations and Appointments Policy* to determine the two members-elect for the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee.
2. ELECT Councillor Kendall and Alderman Cockshutt to the two proxy positions on the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee for the duration of the CEO recruitment process.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer, Tony McMullen and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Emilio Reale returned to the meeting at 4.44pm.

12. OPEN COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

File Reference: Aldermen Administration

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with an evaluation of the six-month trial of Open Council Workshops and recommend that Council continues to schedule these sessions as a part of its overall workshop program.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/SLADE

That Council:

1. NOTE the outcomes of the Open Workshop trial as set out in this report.
2. APPROVE the continuation of Open Workshops based on the “Proposed Features of Ongoing Open Workshop Sessions” as set out in this report.
3. CONTINUE to hold closed to the public Council workshop sessions to address matters requiring Council officer to Elected Member briefings and dialogue of a strictly non-decision-making nature, preparatory to formal decision-making processes in Council meetings and Council committee meetings.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. 2024/25 MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

File Reference: 2024/25 Budget

Reporting Brief:

To report to Council the review of the 2024/25 budget estimates and recommend Council approves alterations to the current estimates as detailed in this report pursuant to Section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Resolution:

ALDERTON/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. APPROVE alterations to Council's 2024/25 Budget estimates as follows:
 - (a) An increase in estimated operating revenue from \$77,714,890 to \$78,772,087
 - (b) An increase in estimated operating expenditure from \$77,942,038 to \$78,407,491
 - (c) An increase in estimated capital revenue from \$11,273,130 to \$17,214,130
 - (d) An increase of \$81,000 in estimated capital expenditure

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY.

14. QUARTERLY REPORT Q2 2024/25

File Reference: Corporate Reporting

Reporting Brief:

The purpose of the report is to recommend that Council appoints two Elected Members as proxy members to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee to provide flexibility in the event of conflicts of interest arising through the current Chief Executive Officer recruitment process.

Resolution:

KENDALL/KING

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE Council's Quarterly Report at **Attachment 1** and Quarterly Annual Plan Progress Report at **Attachment 2** for the quarter ending 31 December 2024.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

15. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2025

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the monthly Financial Performance Report for the period ending 31 January 2025.

Resolution:

MARKS/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 31 January 2025 as set out in **Attachment 1**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

16. CONSIDERATION OF LISTING THE GLENORCHY POOL AS A LOCAL HERITAGE PLACE

File Reference: Glenorchy Pool

Reporting Brief:

To brief Council and the community about the consideration of a heritage listing for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool and the subsequent decision not to pursue that listing. It also reaffirms Council's commitment to the pool's future and its importance to the community.

Resolution:

YAXLEY/KENDALL

That Council:

1. ACKNOWLEDGES and undertakes to recognise through site-based interpretation, the historical and community significance of the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool.
2. RECOGNISES the findings of the heritage listing assessment and accepts the legal advice received.
3. COMMITS to ensuring the site remains a recreational facility which supports active, healthy and connected lifestyles and as a memorial marking our community's contribution borne out of respect for the nation's wartime efforts and individual sacrifices.
4. REAFFIRMS its commitment to the future of the pool, exploring options for redevelopment and long-term sustainability.
5. CONTINUES transparent communication and community engagement to ensure the pool remains a valued asset for Glenorchy residents.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

17. QUARTERLY COMMITTEES UPDATES

File Reference: Committees

Reporting Brief:

To provide a quarterly update on the status of Council's Committees and recommend that Council note the minutes for each Committee.

Resolution:

KING/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. RECEIVE an update on the activities of Council Committees for Quarter 2 2024/25
2. NOTE the minutes of the Emergency Management Committee meeting at **Attachment 1**, the Jobs Hub Steering Committee at **Attachment 2**, and the Safe and Clean City Working Group meeting at **Attachment 3** to this report.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

18. COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY REFORM PROGRAM 2024-2026

File Reference: Local Government Reform

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council endorse a submission to the State Government on the Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-26 and associated legislative reform proposals.

Resolution:

MARKS/KENDALL

That Council:

1. MAKE a submission to the Office of the Minister for Local Government in response to an invitation to comment on the proposed legislative changes designed to support the implementation of priorities 1, 2, and 3 of the State Government's Priority Reform Program in the terms set out in **Attachment 1**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

19. POLICY UPDATE - INVESTMENT OF SHORT TERM FUNDS

File Reference: Council Policies

Reporting Brief:

To present the updated Investment of Short Term Funds Policy for adoption.

Resolution:

SLADE/KING

That Council:

1. ADOPT the revised Investment of Short Term Funds Policy in **Attachment 2**

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

20. PROCUREMENT REPORT

File Reference: Governance

Reporting Brief:

To inform Council of procurement exemptions from Council's legislated procurement requirements.

Resolution:

SLADE/YAXLEY

That Council:

- (a) NOTE the abridged quotation process for the EAP & Organisation Wellbeing Services Agreement. The expenditure totals are in the order of \$20,000.00.
- (b) NOTE the abridged quotation process for Hosting and Maintenance of Asset Management Dashboards Services Agreement. The expenditure total is in the order of \$212,400.00

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

21. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

Question without notice - Alderman Yaxley

Q1: When will Tolosa Park be open to the public?

A1: [Deputy CEO] The park is now open to the public, the gates will remain closed for wildlife management for some months to come until the maintenance period for the plantings is completed. We will visit Tolosa Park on 3 March when we do our site tour.

Question without notice - Alderman Alderton

Q1: I have had members of the public asked me why comments on the e-petition against gambling have been invited on the GCC Facebook page and then the comments have been turned off or removed. Why?

A1: [Manager Stakeholder and Executive] Our social media is highly monitored to ensure that people commenting on Facebook items adhere to strict guidelines. Where comments do not meet the guidelines, then they may be removed or switched off depending on the volume of traffic. This is to protect the safety of staff, community and elected members.

Q2: Is council considering putting other e-petitions, such as greyhound racing on our social media?

A2: There are no current proposals being considered. We would consider each such approach on a case-by-case basis on its individual merits. It was an operational decision which we sought elected member input into in a council workshop. We have a clear statement of commitment on gambling around harm minimisation and therefore the e-petition was considered appropriate to share.

Question without notice - Alderman Marks

Q1: Can we put a sign up to say that Tolosa Park is open to the public?

A1: [Mayor] Yes, we will make this happen. We will install some additional signage to make it clear that this section of the park is open.

Resolution:

KING/SLADE

That the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 5:35pm.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:36pm for a 5 minute break.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Emilio Reale left the meeting.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 5:41pm.

22. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

That the minutes of the Council Meeting (Closed Meeting) held on 28 January 2025 be confirmed.

Resolution:

KING/MARKS

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

23. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Chief Executive Officer, Tony McMullen, left the meeting at 5.44pm in accordance with his previous Declaration of Pecuniary Interest in item 24.

24. APPOINTMENT OF RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT FOR CEO RECRUITMENT

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(a) (Personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the Council and industrial relations matters) and (2)(b) (Information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business) and (2)(d) (Contracts and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal).

Alderman King left the meeting at 5.51pm.

Chief Executive Officer, Tony McMullen returned to the meeting at 5.51pm.

25. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE (CLOSED)

Resolution:

SLADE/RIDLER

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer, Yaxley and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.55pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR