



LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014**

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Launceston City Council will be held at the Council Chambers -

Date: 10 February 2014

Time: 1.00 pm

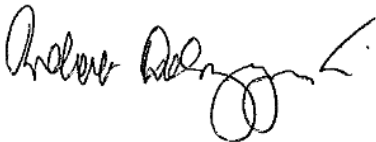
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the minutes items for this meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

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Present: **Alderman** **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**
 J D Ball (Deputy Mayor)
 A L Waddle
 A C Peck
 R L McKendrick
 R L Armitage
 R J Sands
 R I Soward
 D H McKenzie
 J G Cox
 D C Gibson

In Attendance: **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**
 Mr J Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)
 Mr D Gray (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)

Apologies: **Alderman** **I S Norton**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1pm and noted apology from Alderman Norton.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 28 January 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That Resolution 1 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 28 January 2014 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman J D Ball, seconded Alderman R I Soward.

That Resolution 2 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

4 DEPUTATION

Nil

5 ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME

Meeting Date and Item No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
28 January 2014	<p>Mr Robin Smith asked:</p> <p>What has been the procedure in the past, and is the current procedure regarding the issuing of permits for Charity collectors within Brisbane Street Mall?</p>	<p>The current (and past procedure) for issuing permits for Charity collectors within the Brisbane Street mall is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a charity requests a permit, the Customer Service Centre (CSC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Checks that the activity falls within the guidelines (if it doesn't, the request is referred to the nominated Parks & Recreation Department Officer for approval) ○ Checks the prohibited list (list of customers who have failed to comply with guidelines in the past and have therefore been prohibited from being granted permits for activities in the mall - the list is compiled by the Parks & Recreation and Environmental Services Departments as a result of public concerns) ○ Checks that the organisation meets the definition of a charity ○ If it is a permitted charity, CSC checks availability in the Brisbane Street Mall calendar taking into consideration other charity bookings already in place. If there were already two charities booked, CSC would recommend alternate dates ○ If a designated charity spot is available, the booking date is confirmed, a Customer Service Request created and the permit issued ○ CSC also advises the charity of the restrictions that apply to their activity (not permitted to move around the Mall, block the entrances to shops or to make forceful approaches whilst selling or collecting for the charity). 	Michael Tidey

Meeting Date and Item No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
28 January 2014	<p>Ald J D Ball asked:</p> <p>Where are we looking at installing solar lighting and if there haven't been uptakes through private enterprise, can we approach aurora for trials in the city?</p>	<p>This question was taken on notice.</p> <p>Infrastructure Services have advised that recently solar edge definition lights were installed along the bike track within Kings Park to delineate the track at night. Previously the track was almost impossible to see given the tree canopy.</p> <p>In respect of solar street lighting, coupling solar panels to particular lights is viable in isolated situations where mains (reticulated) electricity supply is not available or is costly to install. Solar edge definition lights were installed along the bike track within Kings Park to delineate the track at night. Previously the track was almost impossible to see given the tree canopy. Parks some years ago trialled solar lighting at remote public shelters but these were very expensive (particularly battery storage) and failed due to theft of batteries even dug into the ground.</p> <p>Where mains electricity is available, which is most of Launceston, there is no environmental or economic benefit in coupling solar panels to particular lights. Instead, it is more cost efficient to locate solar panels as a cluster in areas where north light is unimpeded, typically roof tops. Further, where mains electricity is available, solar panels can feed directly into the electricity grid, removing the need for battery storage, which is both costly and environmentally problematic. Environmental benefit is can then be measured by weighing up the amount of energy used for street lighting with the amount of energy generated by solar panels, irrespective of where the solar panels are located.</p> <p>In assessing the environmental impact of lighting, the use of energy efficient lights is just as important. Infrastructure Services are in discussions with Aurora Energy about the use of LED lighting</p>	Harry Galea

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

7.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Wednesday 29 January

Attended Newstead College Presentation and Awards Evening

Thursday 30 January

Attended Ricky Ponting Charity event

Officiated at Ricky Ponting Tribute Game Official Function for presentation of Key to the City

Saturday 1 February

Attended Launceston Hazara Community Commemoration Ceremony in Civic Square

Sunday 2 February

Officiated at Theatre North Opening of an Artspace Odyssey (1993-2013)

Thursday 6 February

Attended Official Opening of Festivale 2014

Friday 7 February

Attended Indonesian Buyers Delegation function

Saturday 8 February

~~Attended Netball Tasmania Breakfast event~~

Attended Commemoration Service for 50 year anniversary for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Monday 10 February

Officiated at Breast Screen Tasmania's 21st Birthday Celebrations

The Mayor further added:

- **Thursday 30 January Attended Ricky Ponting Charity event, passed on thanks to Council staff**
 - **Sunday 2 February Officiated at Theatre North Opening of an Artspace Odyssey (1993-2013)**
 - **Saturday 8 February *did not* attend Netball breakfast event**
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8 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS

8.1 Alderman McKenzie - Ricky Ponting Tribute Game

Alderman D H McKenzie reported:

- **Reported on the success of the tribute game**
 - **Noted the Launch of Josef Chromy's new chairlift development at the Gorge**
 - **Noted the recent Indonesian delegation visits**
 - **Reported on meeting with Cityprom and business owners regarding bus stop locations on St John Street.**
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8.2 Alderman Ball - MoU signing

Alderman J D Ball reported:

- Friday 3 February attended Memorandum of Understanding signing between UTAS and the state government regarding the Asian Institute. Working to increase social, economic and the cultural relationship with Asia.
 - Noted initiatives coming from the C8 Meeting.
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8.3 Alderman Peck - Cityprom

Alderman A C Peck reported:

Noted:

- Launceston cup draw, anniversary of the Launceston Cup - Friday 21 February
- Strategic planning session - Thursday 6 March
- Cityprom membership cards being finalised
- Formalising Cityprom budget
- Service Awards

Attended Launceston international tennis

8.4 Alderman McKendrick - Franklin House

Alderman R L McKendrick reported:

- **Noted Franklin House Committee fundraising events**

8.5 Alderman Armitage - Festivale

Alderman R L Armitage reported:

- Reported on the success of Festivale.

8.6 Ald Soward - Launceston College

Alderman R I Soward reported:

- Launceston College Presentation and Awards Evening

9 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Nil

10 COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Report 5 December 2013

FILE NO: SF2965

AUTHOR: Fiona Ranson (Urban Designer and Heritage Planner)

DIRECTOR: Michael Stretton (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee's meeting held on 5 December 2013.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That in respect to the meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on Thursday, 5 December 2013, the Council receives the minutes and resolves that expressions of interest for membership of the Committee as a Community Representative be advertised in the first week of February 2014, with submissions closing three weeks later, for consideration by the Committee at the 27 February 2014 meeting.

Mr M Stretton (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J D Ball, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

11 PETITIONS

Nil

DIRECTORATE MINUTES ITEMS**15 FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES****15.1 Amendment of Rules of Launceston Flood Authority****FILE NO:** SF0030 / SF4493**AUTHOR:** Darryl Wright (Legal Adviser)**DIRECTOR:** Rod Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine to make certain amendments of a technical nature and in respect of substantive amendments to the rules, to commence the procedure required under the Local Government Act 1993, to amend the rules.

The decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The rules of Launceston Flood Authority are amended as follows:
 - a) The introductory sentence to rule 36.2 read:
"36.2 Accounts shall be established to enable appropriate reporting of the following expenditure."
 - b) In rule 37 the words *"The amount of money reasonably required by it for each of the following two financial years"* be marked as paragraph d), and that the following two paragraphs be marked as sub-paragraphs i) and ii).
 - c) In existing rule 41.1 on the second line, replace the word "of" where secondly appearing, with the word "or".
 - d) Rules 41 and 42 be removed from Part 6 of the rules, and included within Part 7 as rules 42 and 43, and consequent upon that amendment, the existing rule 43 be re-numbered as rule 41.
 - e) Rule 8.4 a) read *"The Minister responsible for Crown Lands"* in lieu of *"The Minister for Crown Lands"* and Rule 8.4 b) read *"The Minister responsible for water"* in lieu of *"The Minister for Water"*.
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15.1 Amendment of Rules of Launceston Flood Authority...(Cont'd)

2. Council give public notice as required under the provisions of Division 4 of Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, of its intention to amend the rules of Launceston Flood Authority as follows:
- a. Delete existing sub-rules 6.6, 6.7, 6.9, and 6.10;
 - b. Include new sub-rule 6.6: *"To provide to Council at all appropriate times, and when requested by Council, technical information and other relevant advice and information, to assist Council to develop and maintain appropriate emergency management procedures"*.
 - c. Make resultant amendments to numbering of sub-rules to rule 6;
 - d. Delete existing rule 44;
 - e. Make resultant amendments to numbering of existing rules 45 to 51;
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Mr R Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

17.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate - Appointments as Authorised Officers

FILE NO: SF0113

AUTHOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To appoint officers in the Infrastructure Services Directorate as 'Authorised Officers' for the purposes of various Legislation and Council By-Laws.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council Item 16.1 - 12 September 2011

Changes to the previous Approval of 'Authorised Officers' in the Infrastructure Services Directorate.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council, pursuant to the provision of the section and Act of Parliament or By-Law as specified in column 3 in the schedule below, resolves to appoint or grant power as indicated in column 4 to persons holding the positions identified in column 5 of the function described in column 6 but subject to the conditions identified in column 7.
 2. That the Instrument of Delegation, if required by the Act, be the schedule within the Minutes of the meeting certified as a true and correct record by the Council to the Officer(s) given Functions and/or Power but subject to the Conditions as specified in columns 5, 6 and 7 respectively.
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17.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate - Appointments as Authorised Officers...(Cont'd)

The Schedule

1 #	2 Short Title	3 Enabling Legislation		4 Authority Bestowed	5 Officer(s)	6 Description of Function and/or Power		7 Conditions
		Section	Act			Section	Description	
1	Authorised Officer	41(1)	<i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIA • MIO • RAM • RHM • RAE 	41	... as an Authorised Officer to administer the provisions where traffic is likely to cause damage to a highway.	Nil
2	Authorised Officer	46(2)	<i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIA • MIO • RAM • RHM • EO-D • RSS • RAE 	46(1)	... as an Authorised Officer enabled to grant permission for a person to do various works within a highway.	Nil
3	Authorised Person	43(1)	<i>Traffic Act 1925</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIA • MIO • RAM • RHM • WCSM • CSS • RSS • RAE 	43	... as an Authorised Person enabling the removal of things obstructing public streets.	Nil
4	Corporation's Engineer		<i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i>	Appointment	DIS	All	... to the position of the Corporation's Engineer or 'engineer' for purposes under the Act	Nil
5	Authorised Officer	4	<i>Private Works on Roads By-Law No 2 of 2000</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIA • MIO • RAM • EO-R • RAE 	All	... as an Authorised Officer for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the By-Law.	Nil
5	Authorised Officer	20 A	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIA • MIO • RHM • EO-R • RSS • CSS 	20 A	...a person authorised to enter land.	for the purposes of the <i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i>
6	Authorised Officer	4	<i>Kerbside Refuse Collection By-Law No 8 of 2003</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIO • <u>SWMO</u> 	All	... as an Authorised Officer for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the By-Law.	Nil
7	Authorised Officer	3	<i>Refuse Disposal Area By-Law No 21 of 2004</i>	Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS • MIO 	All	... as an Authorised Officer for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the By-Law.	Nil

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17.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate - Appointments as Authorised Officers...(Cont'd)

LEGEND:

CSS	City Services Supervisor	MIO	Manager Infrastructure Operations
DIS	Director Infrastructure Services	RHM	Road and Hydraulics Manager
EO-D	Engineering Officer - Development	RAE	Road Assets Engineer
EO-R	Engineering Officer - Roads	RSS	Road Services Supervisor
MIA	Manager Infrastructure Assets	SWMO	Senior Waste Management Officer

Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J G Cox, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

18 CORPORATE SERVICES

18.1 Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City of Launceston Policy (05-PI-004)

FILE NO: SF0981

AUTHOR: Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To conduct a review of the Council's Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City of Launceston Policy (05-PI-004).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

The Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City of Launceston Policy (05-PI-004) be adopted as follows.

Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City of Launceston Policy (05-PI-004)

PURPOSE:

To determine the principles for the conferring Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City.

SCOPE:

This Policy applies to Council's decision making in relation to conferring Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City.

POLICY:

1. Recipients should either be Launceston born or more importantly have lived in the Launceston area for significant part of their life.
 2. The title "Freeman of the City" is an historic one and may be conferred on women and men.
 3. Honorary Freedom of the City should not be conferred more than once every five years, except in exceptional circumstances.
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18.1 Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City of Launceston Policy (05-PI-004)...(Cont'd)

4. The recipient must have given outstanding service to the City of Launceston in at least two of the following areas:

Government Bodies

Federal Government
State Government
Local Government
Semi-Government Authorities

Community Service

Charitable
Business
Sporting
Cultural
Other

The only exception to this would be in the case of those who have held high political office in the State or Commonwealth.

5. Recipients should have played a significant role in Australia wide or Tasmania wide organisations.
6. The normal military protocol applies for the conferring of the Freedom of the City to a military unit.
7. The Key to the City is a symbolic gesture to recognise outstanding achievement in
- a) Defence or peace keeping services;
 - b) Sporting or cultural excellence;
 - c) Community service, humanitarian work including charitable activities; or
 - d) Commercial activity or economic benefit to the region.

PRINCIPLES:

Council's Organisational Values apply to all activities.

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

Guidelines for the Holding of Civic Events (05-HLPr-006)
Honorary Citizens of Launceston Policy (05-PI-005)

RELATED LEGISLATION:

N/A

REFERENCES:

N/A

18.1 Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City and Key to the City of Launceston Policy (05-PI-004)...(Cont'd)

DEFINITIONS:

N/A

REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed no more than 5 years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 18.1 – 18.3 inclusive.

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman J D Ball.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

18.2 Community Member Recognition and Civic Functions Policy (05-PI-006)

FILE NO: SF0207

AUTHOR: Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a policy, that provides the framework for the Council to recognise significant contributions by community members.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Item 4.6 - SPPC 4 February 2013 - *Investigate appropriate honour and recognition for Francis Bassett Emms (SF0207)*

Item 4.7 - SPPC 3 February 2014 - *It was resolved that the policy go to the Council for a decision*

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Member Recognition and Civic Functions Policy (05-PI-006) be adopted as follows.

Community Member Recognition and Civic Functions Policy (05-PI-006)

PURPOSE:

To establish the framework for the recognition by the Council for significant contributions to the municipality and the region by community members (including former residents).

SCOPE:

The policy applies to requests to hold a civic event in recognition of a significant contribution or achievement by a community member.

The policy applies to the Mayor and or Council approving the holding of Civic events.

POLICY:

This policy seeks to complement the existing conferring of Honorary Freedom of the City, Honorary Citizens and the Volunteers Recognition Policies by providing a framework for the recognition of significant achievement by members of the community.

18.2 Community Member Recognition and Civic Functions Policy (05-PI-006)...(Cont'd)

Recognition provided:

On the decision of the Mayor

1. Informal Mayoral function and gift
2. Formal Civic Reception.

On the decision of the Council

3. Public plaque, sculpture or art work.
4. Other.

Areas of significant service or achievement:

1. Defence or peace keeping services
2. Sporting or cultural excellence.
3. Community service including charitable activities.
4. Commercial activity or economic benefit to the region.

Pre-requisites for recognition:

1. Significantly contributed to the City in one of the areas of significant service or achievement.
2. Viewed as promoting or identified with the City.
3. Support from relevant reference organisations (e.g. RSL Club, sporting bodies etc).

In determining the recognition provided the Council will consider the significance of the service in the context of the activity. Possible factors would include the period of service (e.g. 20 years), the standard reached (national or international) or the funds raised.

The Council will consider any other recognition from other levels of government and consider whether further recognition would complement or duplicate this.

PRINCIPLES:

The policy objective is to recognise significant or outstanding achievement through public acknowledgement. The application of the policy must ensure that the thresholds for the different types or levels of recognition appropriately acknowledge the achievements.

If applied inappropriately or inconsistently then the importance of the recognition may be diminished.

Recognition activities may only be approved by the Mayor if the date of the reception or function falls within the Mayor's current term or three months after the end of his/her current term of office. All other requests are to be decided upon by the Council.

The Council's organisational values apply to all activities.

18.2 Community Member Recognition and Civic Functions Policy (05-PI-006)...(Cont'd)

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

Conferring the Honour of Honorary Freedom of the City Policy 05-PI-013
Honorary Citizen of Launceston Policy 05-PI-005
Volunteers Recognition Policy 04-PI-003
Guidelines for the holding of Civic Receptions 05-HLPr-006
Mayoral Communication Flowchart 17-HLPr-002
Authorised Speech Sign Offs Procedure 05-Pr-009
Community Grants (Non Individuals) Policy 05-PI-010
Conference, conventions and Championships Incentive Policy 05-PI-013
Events Sponsorship Policy 05-PI-012

RELATED LEGISLATION:

N/A

REFERENCES:

N/A

DEFINITIONS:

Civic Events - activities organised in the name of the Council and presided over by the Mayor or Council delegate.

Community Member - Includes current and former residents of the municipality and may include the region.

REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed no more than 5 years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

18.3 Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy (23-PI-006)

FILE NO: SF0523

AUTHOR: Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To conduct the scheduled review of the Council's Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy (23-PI-006).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Item 17.1 - Council 24 November 2008 - *It was resolved that the policy be reaffirmed with no changes*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council adopt changes (underlined> to the existing Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy as set out below.

Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy

PURPOSE:

To define the circumstances under which Council will remit small penalty and interest charges raised in respect to property debts for rates and charges.

SCOPE:

Applies to property debts.

Does not apply to the correction of calculation or processing errors.

POLICY:

Objectives

To provide policy parameters under which Council authorises the Director Corporate Services to remit small penalty and interest charges.

18.3 Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy (23-PI-006)...(Cont'd)

General

Council imposes a penalty on unpaid instalments of rates and interest on outstanding debtor balances. These charges are raised at the start of each month after allowing posting and payment agency transfer times.

On occasions, raising these charges can overlap with discussions with a ratepayer or a particular payment arrangement.

Parameters

Where after considering all the circumstances, the Director Corporate Services believes the remission of a small penalty or interest charge is appropriate and will assist in the eventual payment of the debt, he may authorise the remission of monthly amounts of less than \$75, with a maximum \$150 per property per annum.

Any adjustments made under this policy will be presented, at least annually, to Council for ratification.

PRINCIPLES:

The Director Corporate Services is not permitted to use this authorisation just for the reason that a ratepayer is unhappy that penalty or interest has been imposed because of a late payment.

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

N/A

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993, Section 129 (Remission of Rates)

REFERENCES:

N/A.

DEFINITIONS:

Small Balance Write-Off

Part of the annual maintenance of the rates debtors ledger has involved the writing-off in June or July of each year of rates balances of less than \$10.00. This process has been treated as a reversal of minor charges rather than a remission of debts and so not subject to Council decision.

18.3 Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy (23-PI-006)...(Cont'd)

REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed no more than 5 years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J D Ball.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

19 GENERAL MANAGER**19.1 QVMAG and MGAB Recommendations****FILE NO:** SF2244**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski

DECISION STATEMENT:

1. That the Council confirms strong advocacy in the lead up to the 2014 State Elections aimed at achieving a more equitable funding model for QVMAG.
2. That the Council determines its support for recommendations from the QVMAG Governance Advisory Group.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council endorsed the QVMAG MGAB formation and Charter at the Council meeting 14 June 2011

Council adopted the recommendation to receive the MMC-Link report at the Council meeting on 9 December 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Council notes the Mayor and General Manager have formally written to the major political parties seeking a commitment to increased annual funding for QVMAG in the lead up to the 2014 State elections.
 2. That the Council notes the General Manager has commissioned an economic assessment of the value of QVMAG to northern Tasmania which will provide evidence to support the negotiations for an increase in State Government funding for QVMAG operating costs.
 3. That Council supports the following three recommendations of the MGAB as part of the process to re-position QVMAG as a contemporary museum which will involve consultation with a range of stakeholders:
 - Explore options and opportunities open to the QVMAG as a 21st century institution with Tasmanian, national and international standing;
 - Identify an appropriate governance model that delivers on the scope and purpose of QVMAG as a Regional Community Cultural Enterprise;
 - Identify weaknesses and threats inherent in various future funding models.
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19.1 QVMAG and MGAB Recommendations...(Cont'd)

4. That the Mayor and General Manager continue advocacy and representations aimed at achieving a more equitable level of financial support from the State Government for QVMAG relative to State Government funding provided to TMAG annually.
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Mr R Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item

DECISION: 10/02/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J D Ball.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

20 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

21 WORKSHOP REPORT(S)

Nil

22 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION**22.1 Information / matters requiring further action****FILE NO:** SF3168**AUTHOR:** Leisa Hilkmann (Committee Clerk / Administration Officer)

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Noted.

23 ADVICE OF FUTURE NOTICES OF MOTION

- Alderman McKenzie - Review of Parking

24 REPORTS BY THE MAYOR

Nil

25 REPORTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

26 CLOSED COUNCIL ITEM(S)

Nil

27 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the meeting at 1:44pm.
