

# AGENDA

Greater Shepparton City Council

## COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00PM, Tuesday 19 April 2022**

Riverlinks Studio, Studio 1

### COUNCILLORS

Cr Kim O'Keeffe (Mayor)

Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Rob Priestly

Cr Shane Sali

Cr Sam Spinks

Cr Fern Summer

## VISION

### GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

# Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

## **Respect first, always**

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

## **Take ownership**

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

## **Courageously lead**

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

## **Working together**

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

## **Continually innovate**

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

## **Start the celebration**

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**A G E N D A  
FOR THE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2022 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR  
CR KIM O'KEEFFE  
MAYOR**

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## Risk Level Matrix Legend

**Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.**

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
<b>Almost Certain (5)</b> Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
<b>Likely (4)</b> Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
<b>Possible (3)</b> Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
<b>Unlikely (2)</b> It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Rare (1)</b> May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

**Extreme** Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

**High** Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

**Medium** Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

**Low** Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

## 1 Welcome to Country

To be presented by Cr James on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family groups.

## 2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

## 3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however, as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

## 4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

## 5 Apologies

Nil Received.

## 6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

**Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.**

Nil received.

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the minutes of the 15 March 2022 Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.**

## 8 Public Question Time

**The following public question was submitted to Council in accordance with our Governance Rules**

### **Question 1 Roslyn Knaggs**

Why is it taking Council staff so long to collate responses from the public with regard to the sale of the land of the Maude, Nixon and Edward Street’s carpark when the Council staff could prepare a proposal to council for the sale of the land in just over 2 months?

## 9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

## 10 Community Directorate

### 10.1 Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Policy and Amendment to Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Guidelines

Author                      Team Leader - Healthy Communities  
 Approved by              Director Community  
 Purpose                     For Decision by Council

#### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

1. adopt the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Nominations Policy 76.POL2 as attached to this report; and
2. adopt the addition of the following eligibility criterion to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame nomination criteria,

***“Due to the uniqueness of Australian Football (AFL), and having no international equivalency, consideration for inclusion in the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame as a player will be limited to selection in the announcement annual AFL “All Australian” team or winning the Brownlow Medal”***

#### Executive Summary

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee has created a Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Nominations Policy.

The purpose of the policy is to support the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee members, Council staff and Councillors in the following:

- The nomination and induction process
- Sets the criteria for each of the three levels of the Sports Hall of Fame – Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll
- Provides overarching guidance to the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee on the process for recommending nominees to Council for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame



- The process for endorsing nominees for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame
- Guidance in relation to celebrating the achievements of inductees
- Guidance to revoke an inductee's membership from the Sports Hall of Fame.

When creating the policy, the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee propose to add the following criterion to the Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Criteria as detailed in the Sports Hall of Fame Policy (attached).

#### Criteria 4.1 Greater Shepparton City Council Sports Hall of Fame

4.1.1.6 Due to the uniqueness of Australian Football (AFL), and having no international equivalency, consideration for inclusion in the Greater Shepparton City Council Sports Hall of Fame as a player will be limited to selection in the announced annual AFL "All Australian" team or winning the Brownlow Medal.

### Report Detail

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame is to preserve, celebrate and showcase the history and heritage of sports excellence and achievement of Greater Shepparton residents.

These achievements include participation and success in sport at an Australian representative, national or international level. Participation and success in sport includes players and athletes, coaches and officials, administrators and others who have made a significant contribution to their sport.

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee was formed in 2016 to establish, then oversee the Sports Hall of Fame for the Greater Shepparton region, recommend inductees to Council and celebrate their achievements through an official induction ceremony.

Members of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee include Cr Geoff Dobson (chair), Cr Anthony Brophy, Darryl Butcher, Don Kilgour, Margo Koskelainen, David Quinn, Peter Holland, David Booth and Belinda Conna.

Since its inception, the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee have worked to establish the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame that consists of three levels – Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll each with set eligibility criteria and delivered the following induction ceremony events:

- Friday 4 August 2017 – Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Inaugural Induction Ceremony captured sporting history and inducted 27 sports people who made a significant contribution to their sport at the Australian representative level.
- Friday 31 August 2018 – Visual Display Event. The Sports Hall of Fame inaugural inductees' photos and career highlights are displayed on the wall in Eastbank.
- Friday 16 August 2019 – Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll induction ceremony held. Honour Roll inductees (19) being those who made a contribution to their sport at the National or State representative level. Junior Honour Roll inductees (4) being those who competed successfully in junior competition at the Australian representative level.
- Friday 4 February 2022 – Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony inducted 26 sports people who made a significant or notable contribution to their sport in the Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll categories.

All Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame inductees are celebrated online via Council's website including a photo and career highlights of each inductee

<https://greatershepparton.com.au/community/neighbourhoods/awards/sports-hall-of-fame/sports-hall-of-fame-online>

Now that each of the three levels of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame are established, subsequent induction ceremonies will be held every four years, inducting sports people into all three levels of the Sports Hall of Fame. An induction ceremony held every four year's is based on aligning with an Olympiad year, the World anti-Doping Agency Code (WADA) and ensuring there are a sufficient number of inductees to warrant an official induction ceremony.

The Advisory Committee have put a lot of work into the creation of guidelines for each of the three categories of the Sports Hall of Fame and delivered three induction ceremonies. The Sports Hall of Fame Nominations Policy is a new document created by the committee to provide overarching guidance in relation to the Sports Hall of Fame including:

- The nomination and induction process
- Sets the criteria for each of the three levels of the Sports Hall of Fame – Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll
- Provides overarching guidance to the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee on the process for recommending nominees to Council for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame
- The process for endorsing nominees for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame
- Guidance in relation to celebrating the achievements of inductees
- Guidance to revoke an inductee's membership from the Sports Hall of Fame

When creating the Sports Hall of Fame Policy, the Advisory Committee have proposed an addition to the Sports Hall of Fame criteria.

Currently, to be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Sports Hall of Fame" category:

1. The Nominee must have:
  - a. resided in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years
  - b. participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years. Consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis where a nominated sport was not/is not played within the municipality.
  - c. competed in open age competition
  - d. at least made a significant contribution to their sport at the Australian representative level
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
4. All nominations will be called for and considered every two (2) years.
5. The selection committee reserves the right to apply practical flexibility when considering each nomination.

The Advisory Committee wish to add a criterion to the above that states:

“Due to the uniqueness of Australian Football (AFL), and having no international equivalency, consideration for inclusion in the Greater Shepparton City Council Sports Hall of Fame as a player will be limited to selection in the announced annual AFL “All Australian” team or winning the Brownlow Medal”.

## Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

### **SOCIAL**

Develop resilient, inclusive, healthy communities that make Greater Shepparton a safe and harmonious place to live, work, learn, and play.

2.2 Our community is supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and spiritual health and wellbeing.

### **Risk Management**

Low to insignificant risks associated with this policy and addition to the nomination criteria. It is now ready for council consideration.

### **Policy Considerations**

There are no conflicts with existing Council policy.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications that have been identified with this project.

### **Legal/Statutory Implications**

There are no legal/statutory implications that have been identified with this project.

### **Environmental/Sustainability Impacts**

There are no conflicts with environmental/sustainability impacts.

### **Social Implications**

The concept of a Sports Hall of Fame has a range of positive social implications including:

Sense of Community – Connecting with others through the social medium of sport is a great way to acknowledge sporting achievements and inspire community members to participate in sport and recreation, overcome obstacles and provide a sense of motivation to achieve a high standard.

### **Economic Impacts**

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame has potential to become a tourist attraction for the region should a physical location for the Hall of Fame be researched and discussed further.

### **Consultation**

The Sports Hall of Fame Policy was created by the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee.

The proposed changes to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame nomination guidelines have been proposed by the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration

### **Strategic Links**

#### a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Community Life: focusing upon enhancing the health of the community both through services and facilities.

b) Other strategic links

- Active Victoria – A strategic framework for sport and recreation in Victoria Strategic Framework 2017 – 2021
- Victorians gain greater health and wellbeing, and Victoria’s prosperity and liveability is enhanced, through participation in sport and active recreation.

**Conclusion**

It is recommended that Executive and Council consider and adopt the Sports Hall of Fame Policy and proposed addition to the Sports Hall of Fame nomination criteria in relation to AFL.

**Attachments**

1. Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Information and Nomination Form – [10.1.1 - 9 pages]
2. Sports Hall of Fame Nominations Policy 76.POL2 [10.1.2 - 9 pages]

## 10.2 Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee - Appointment of Committee Members and Updated Terms of Reference

Author                      Team Leader - Healthy Communities  
 Approved by              Director Community  
 Purpose                     For Decision by Council

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

1. **adopt the revised Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as attached to this report; and**
2. **appoint the following community member representatives to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee for a two-year term commencing on 19 April 2022 and concluding on 19 April 2024:**
  - **Don Kilgour**
  - **Margo Koskelainen**
  - **Darryl Butcher**
  - **Peter Holland**
  - **Jacqui Hudgson**
  - **Tyler Maher**
  - **Craig Potter**
  - **Dennis Myers**

### Executive Summary

Greater Shepparton City Council hosted the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in 2022, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll induction ceremony in August 2019, and the inaugural Hall of Fame induction ceremony in August 2017.

These ceremonies were the culmination of almost five years' work undertaken by the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee which was appointed by Council in 2016 to recognise and celebrate significant sporting achievements of Greater Shepparton residents. Both induction ceremonies have been an outstanding success and generated continued interest in the initiative.

Greater Shepparton City Council periodically call for nominations from local residents for the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee as positions on the committee become vacant or term has expired.

Most recently, nominations for the community representative positions were advertised from Friday 5 November 2021 and closed at 5.00pm Friday 25 February 2022. A total of eight nominations were received from the following individuals who are all recommended to join the committee:

- Don Kilgour
- Margo Koskelainen
- Darryl Butcher
- Peter Holland
- Jacqui Hudgson
- Tyler Maher
- Craig Potter
- Dennis Myers
- David Quinn (ValleySport representative)

To enable each individual to serve on the committee, an amendment to the Terms of Reference to increase the number of community members from 'up to 5' to 'up to 8' has been proposed.

The proposed membership for the committee will comprise of up to 11 members for a two-year term that includes:

- Greater Shepparton City Council
  - Up to two Councillors
- ValleySport
  - One Representative
- Community Members
  - Up to eight representatives

Council Officers attend meeting to provide advice and administrative support, however are not voting members of the Committee

- One Senior Staff member
- One Project Officer

Other notable changes to the Terms of Reference include:

- A revision to the role of the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee has been made in relation to reviewing the sports hall of fame policy that outlines the nomination process, eligibility criteria and revocation of awards.
- Voting rights for committee members has also been included in the Terms of Reference.

## Report Detail

The Sports Hall of Fame seeks to recognise and celebrate significant sporting achievement of Greater Shepparton residents; and has the potential to recognise sporting achievers from the Goulburn Valley and become a Regional Sports Hall of Fame. Achievements recognised in the first induction include participation and success in sport at a national, international, state or local level and included players and athletes, coaches and officials, administrators and others involved in sport at an elite level.

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee was first established in February 2016 according to the Terms of Reference adopted by Resolution of Council on 17 November 2015.

Members of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee serve on the committee for a two-year period.

Current members included councillor representatives Cr. Geoff Dobson and Cr. Anthony Brophy, Manager Active Living, Team Leader Healthy Communities, Don Kilgour, Margo Koskelainen, Darryl Butcher, Peter Holland and David Quinn (ValleySport representative).

Council called for nominations from local residents for the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee. Nominations for appointments to the committee were received from Friday 5 November 2021 until 5.00pm Friday 25 February 2022.

Don Kilgour, Margo Koskelainen, Darryl Butcher and Peter Holland have all reapplied to be on the committee. New nominations were received from Jacqui Hudgson, Tyler Maher, Craig Potter and Dennis Myers. David Quinn as the ValleySport representative wishes to continue on the committee.

Over the past two years, members of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee revised the nomination criteria, created a policy document, called for public nominations to induct the sports people into the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame. The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Friday 4 February 2022 which saw 26 individuals inducted into the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame.

Council has established a Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame website containing stories published and photos of each of the inductees. A longer term, more permanent commemoration of recipients is yet to be confirmed by the advisory committee. Work on this continues.

Current membership of the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee is detailed in the Terms of Reference which includes:

- Greater Shepparton City Council – Up to two Councillors,
- ValleySport – one Representative
- Community Members – up to five Representatives

At the conclusion of each term, members are eligible for re-nomination.

The proposed change to the Terms of Reference includes the following:

1. Section 2 Role of the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee
  - Change
    - 'Development of a nomination process, eligibility criteria and revocation of award guidelines'
    - to
    - 'review the Sports Hall of Fame policy that outlines the nomination process, eligibility criteria and revocation of awards'.
2. Section 3 Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Membership
  - Changed membership of community representatives from 'up to 5 representatives' to 'up to 8 representatives'.
3. Section 4.4 Voting Rights
  - Committee members are entitled to one vote each.
  - If equal votes arise, the Chair has a second vote.
  - Council staff provide advice to the Committee only and not have voting rights.

## Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY and WELLBEING**

We will support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of all in our community, ensuring universal access to information, services, housing, healthcare and learning opportunities.

2.9 Community members are supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and creative wellbeing.

## Risk Management

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame is a low-risk activity with reputational risk to both Council, the advisory committee and the initiative itself being managed through the eligibility criteria which forms part of the terms of reference.

## Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications identified at this stage. Potential for a physical location and/or web-based location which will include associated capital and operational costs will be investigated at a later stage.

## Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal/statutory implications identified within this project.

## Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts associated with this report.

## Social Implications

The concept of a Sports Hall of Fame has a range of positive social implications including:

- The appointment of community members to a committee helps to build a sense of community by increasing participation, involvement and pride in this project.
- Connecting with others through the social medium of sport is a great way to acknowledge sporting achievements and inspire community members to participate in sport and recreation, overcome obstacles and provide a sense of motivation to achieve a high standard. The Sports Hall of Fame aims to preserve, celebrate and showcases history and heritage of sports excellence and achievement in Greater Shepparton.

## Economic Impacts

It remains an ambition that the Sports Hall of Fame initiative including future induction ceremonies has the ability to attract financial support from corporate sponsorship, philanthropic trust support and government grants which, when added to event ticket pricing will minimise any subsidy by Greater Shepparton City Council.

Should a physical commemorative feature be decided upon for the hall of fame, it is expected that this will act as a tourist attraction for the region.

## Consultation

Nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee were advertised in the Shepparton News, on the Greater Shepparton City Council website and Facebook page and the Get Moving Greater Shepparton Facebook page. Nominations closed at 5.00pm on Friday 25 February 2022. Eight nominations were received and evaluated based on qualifications, skills and experience and all deemed suitable for appointment to this committee.



## Strategic Links

### a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Community Life: focusing upon enhancing the health of the community both through services and facilities.

### b) Other strategic links

- Greater Shepparton Community Development Framework
- The Community Development Framework was adopted by Council in 2010. This framework outlines Council's commitment to implement a community development approach to empower and strengthen communities, encourage cooperative practices and celebrate and embrace diversity of our community.

## Conclusion

Based on the success of the inaugural Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, it is recommended that the Sports Hall of Fame concept to continue.

In support of this, it is recommended the following individuals be appointed to the committee for a two-year term; Don Kilgour, Margo Koskelainen, Darryl Butcher, Peter Holland, Jacqui Hudgson, Tyler Maher, Craig Potter, Dennis Myers and David Quinn (ValleySport representative); and that the Terms of Reference be updated to increase membership of community members from up to five, to up to eight.

## Attachments

1. Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Terms of Reference [10.2.1 - 3 pages]

## 11 Corporate Services Directorate

### 11.1 March 2022 Monthly Financial Report

Author	Management Accountant
Approved by	Director Corporate Services
Purpose	For Noting

#### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council receive and note the March 2022 Monthly Financial Report.**

#### Executive Summary

The report presents the Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the nine months ended 31 March 2022.

#### Report Detail

The 2021/2022 Budget was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 June 2021.

The 2021/2022 Budget provided for an operating surplus of \$18.17 million with revenue of \$161.98 million and expenditure of \$143.80 million. The 2021/2022 Budget also provided for capital works of \$71.58 million.

On 21 September 2021, Council adopted the 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast with an accounting surplus of \$21.43 million which is \$3.26 million more than the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget mainly due to additional capital grants. The capital works program of \$72.65 million is forecast to be expended during the 2021/2022 financial year which is an increase of \$1.07 million from the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget mainly due to re-budgeted items from 2020/2021.

The 2021/2022 Q2 Adopted Forecast was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 February 2022. The 2021/2022 Q2 Adopted Forecast provided an accounting surplus of \$13.52 million which is \$7.92 million less than 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast. The capital works program of \$70.61 million is forecast to be expended during the 2021/2022 financial year which is a decrease of \$974,000 from the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget.

Council actual financial performance compared to the budget is presented to Council on a monthly basis.

The March 2022 Monthly Financial Report incorporates the following sections which are presented for Council's consideration:

- Operating Performance
- Capital Works Performance
- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statement
- Capital Works Statement

### **Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity**

#### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.4 Communities have resources and abilities to self-advocate.

1.9 Provide a high profile collaborative advocacy role.

### **Risk Management**

There are no risks identified in providing this financial report.

### **Policy Considerations**

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal.

### **Legal/Statutory Implications**

Section 101 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides that Council maintain a budgeting and reporting framework that is consistent with the principles of sound financial management. In addition, Section 97 requires that at least every 3 months a statement comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure for the financial year with the actual revenue and expenditure to date is presented to Council at a Council meeting which is open to the public. This report satisfies that requirement.

### **Environmental/Sustainability Impacts**

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

### **Social Implications**

There are no social implications associated with this report.

### **Economic Impacts**

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

### **Strategic Links**

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

## Conclusion

The report presents Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the nine months ended 31 March 2022.

## Attachments

1. March 2022 - GSCC Council Report - Monthly Financial Statements [11.1.1 - 11 pages]

## 11.2 Quarter 3 Forecast Review 2021/2022

Author	Management Accountant
Approved by	Director Corporate Services
Purpose	For Noting

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council receive and note the revised forecasts identified by the attached 2021/2022 Quarter 3 Forecast Review.**

### Executive Summary

This report presents the draft forecast financial performance for the 2021/2022 financial year compared to the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget.

### Report Detail

Under section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2020* the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that a quarterly budget report is prepared and presented to the Council at a Council meeting.

Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget is presented to Council on a monthly basis.

The 2021/2022 Budget was adopted at the Council meeting held 15 June 2021. The 2021/2022 Budget provided for an operating surplus of \$18.17 million with revenue of \$162.98 million and expenses of \$143.8 million. The 2021/2022 Budget also allocated \$71.58 million for capital works.

The 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast was adopted at the Scheduled Council Meeting held 21 September 2021. The 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast provided an operating surplus of \$13.52 million, an increase on the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget surplus of \$3.26 million largely due to an increase in Capital Grant income. The 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast also provided for capital works of \$72.65 million, an increase of \$1.07 million on the adopted budget due to capital works re-budgeted from the 2020/2021 financial year.

At the Scheduled Council Meeting on the 15 February 2022 the Q2 Adopted Forecast was adopted providing an operating surplus of \$13.52 million, a decrease of \$7.92 million on the 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast. The 2021/2022 Q2 Adopted Forecast also provided for capital works of \$70.61 million, a decrease of \$2.04 million on the 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast.

The budget review process involved Managers reviewing the adopted budget for their departmental areas compared to actual income and expenditure. Managers are to update forecasts to reflect the expected year end result. The Executive then undertake a detailed review to understand and confirm forecast variations. The review is then submitted to Council for consideration.

Capital forecast variances have been impacted by projects that were budgeted for in 2021/2022 but will now be delivered in future financial years. Any re-budgets to be delivered next financial year will be included in the 2022/2023 Draft Budget.

### **Environmental Upgrade Agreements – Quarterly Statement**

No new environmental upgrade agreements have been entered into to date this quarter. There are currently seven upgrade charges in operation with a total value of \$3,779,197.23. Charges due this year total \$479,530.10, plus arrears \$36,850.96 and interest \$1,797.00. Total payments of \$119,885.85 fall due this quarter, of which \$116,684.25 was paid. Charges not yet due this financial year are \$119,855.95.

## **Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity**

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

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1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

## **Risk Management**

Monitoring of performance against the 2021/2022 adopted budget as well as the forecast year end position provides for prudent financial management and ensures that Council is made aware of any known or potential financial risks.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Inability to achieve current budget due to income not reaching budgeted levels or costs exceeding budget exposing Council to a cash deficit	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Review detailed monthly financial reports and take necessary corrective action where forecast varies against budget.

## **Policy Considerations**

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

## **Financial Implications**

Forecast variances to the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget are detailed throughout the attached report.

## **Legal/Statutory Implications**

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires that at least every 3 months the Chief Executive Officer ensures a statement comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure for the financial year with the actual revenue and expenditure to date are presented to the Council. A detailed financial report is presented to the Council each month.

### **Environmental/Sustainability Impacts**

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

### **Social Implications**

There are no social implications associated with this report.

### **Economic Impacts**

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

External consultation has not occurred regarding the contents of this report. Consultation, however, has and will take place on certain specific items within the budget as and when appropriate.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

### **Strategic Links**

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

### **Conclusion**

The 2021/2022 Quarter 3 Forecast Review presents the draft forecast financial performance for the 2021/2022 financial year compared to the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget.

### **Attachments**

1. 2021 2022 Quarter 3 Forecast Review pack [11.2.1 - 19 pages]

## 11.3 Greater Shepparton City Council 2022/2023 Draft Budget

Author Acting Manager Finance & Rates  
 Approved by Director Corporate Services  
 Purpose For Decision by Council

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

1. endorse the 2022/2023 Draft Budget as presented for the purposes of section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice on the preparation of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget and stipulate that persons may make a written submission that must be received by no later than 5.00pm, Thursday 26 May 2022; and
3. note that a hearing of submissions will be held on Tuesday 31 May 2022.

### Executive Summary

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* is presented for Council to endorse for public submissions.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget proposes a 1.0 per cent rate rise, lower than the 1.75 per cent rate cap increase, and proposes to generate \$86.9 million in rates and charges revenue. This is subject to change until the final budget adoption scheduled in June 2022.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget proposes a \$34.64 million accounting surplus and allows for a capital works budget of \$49.77 million.

Public submissions will be sought on the 2022/2023 Draft Budget from 22 April 2022 to 26 May 2022.

### Report Detail

#### Background

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Greater Shepparton City Council (Council) utilises the Local



Government Model Budget published by Local Government Victoria to assist councils in preparing annual budgets in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget reflects year two of the Adopted Financial Plan 2021-2031 and takes into account the activities and initiatives which contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget has been developed under the key financial management principles which aim to a) deliver a financially sustainable budget, b) responsibly fund the maintenance of existing assets and c) consider the use of borrowings as a legitimate and responsible financial management tool.

### **Impact of COVID-19**

The 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 financial years have been impacted by COVID-19. The biggest impact on Council finances has been a significant reduction in User Fee income, an important revenue source outside of rates revenue and operating grants. The 2022/2023 Draft Budget sees a marked improvement in User Fee income, but remains susceptible to any future COVID related restrictions and closures should they occur.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget has been prepared on the assumption that the current situation in Victoria relating to COVID (as at March 2022) will continue through the financial year and have minimal impact on Council operations and finances.

As per previous financial years, should the situation change, it is possible that changes to the draft budget version made available for submission will be required prior to adoption. Furthermore, it is possible that changes due to COVID-19 will be required at future Quarterly Forecast Reviews during 2022/2023.

Council will once again continue to be transparent in disclosing any changes and will ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 2020 in regards to Adopted and Revised Budgets.

### **2021/2022 Forecast/Actual**

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget provides comparisons with the 2021/2022 financial year forecast. The Q3 Forecast Review has been used for the 2022/2023 Draft Budget document.

### **2022/2023 Draft Budget – Rates and Charges Revenue**

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget proposes a 1 per cent increase in total rates revenue and a 1.52 per cent increase in kerbside collection charges, both excluding supplementary valuations, which will generate \$86.9 million.

Section 4.1.2(l) of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget document confirms Council's compliance with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (Rate Cap).

A further \$754,000 in supplementary rates and \$150,000 in penalty interest is budgeted for 2022/2023 taking the total rates and charges figure to \$86.9 million. Note these items, along with the kerbside collection charges, do not form part of the rate cap.

### **2022/2023 Rating Differentials**

The proposed rating structure for the 2022/2023 year has been informed by the Greater Shepparton City Council Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025.

Importantly, the elements of the plan determine only the share of revenue contributed by each property, not the total amount of rates collected by Council. No changes are proposed in the 2022/2023 Draft Budget on the following Rating Differentials:

Rating Differential Category	Rating Differential %
General	100%
Farm	90%
Commercial/Industrial	205%
Derelict	360%

### **Rates and Charges - 2022 Centralised Annual Valuations**

Since 2019, the Valuer-General Victoria (VGV) is the sole valuation authority to conduct annual valuations for rating purposes.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget includes preliminary valuation data for 2022/2023 with valuations as at 1 January 2022. All rating information contained within the budget, including rates in the dollars, are based on these updated valuations. However, the preliminary valuations are yet to be certified by the Victorian Valuer-General and are therefore subject to change prior to the budget adoption.

Current draft valuation data suggests an average increase across the municipality of 22%. This does not mean Greater Shepparton City Council will generate 22% additional rates revenue, rather it will influence how much of the total rates revenue, which is capped at 1.75%, is contributed by each individual property.

Movements in individual property valuations (Capital Improved Value or CIV) will have an impact on individual rate notices and are difficult to communicate through the 2022/2023 Draft Budget document.

Section 4.1.2(f) of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget provides an indication of the valuation movements for each rating differential group, however, individual property valuation movements will not be advised until the 2022/2023 annual rates notices for each property are distributed.

### **2022/2023 Draft Budget – Key Points**

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget provides for an Operating Surplus of \$34.6 million. Refer to Section 4.1 of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget document.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget Schedule of Fees and Charges is included as Appendix A. It is budgeted that the proposed fees and charges will raise \$22.25 million during the 2022/2023 financial year.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget provides for a \$49.77 million capital works program. Incorporated in the capital works program is \$20.44 million for renewal works and \$24.06 million for upgrade works. Refer to Section 4.5 of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget document for further information.

Funding sources for the capital works program include \$35.64 million from external grants and cash contributions and \$14.12 million from Council operations, cash reserves and investments.

Any grants or contributions received by Council prior to 30 June 2022 will be considered as Council Cash for the purposes of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget as Council was in possession of the funds at the commencement of the budget year.

## **Borrowings**

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget proposes zero borrowings. \$12 million in borrowings was in the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget, however, due to favourable movements in Council's projected ending liquidity, mainly due to increased operating grants and identified forecast reductions in operating materials & services and capital works, these borrowings may not be drawn down and reallocated to future years.

## **2022/2023 Draft Budget Financial Performance Indicators**

Section 5 of the 2022/2023 Draft Budget document highlights Council's current and projected performance across a range of key financial indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's financial position and performance and should be used in the context of the organisation's objectives.

## **Other Internal and External Budget Influences**

In preparing the 2022/2023 Draft Budget, a number of internal and external influences in have been taken into consideration, as they impact significantly on the services delivered by the Council in the budget period.

For example, in addition to the net cost to Council of COVID-19 (approximately \$7.5 million over three financial years) the zero per cent rate rise in 2021/2022 saw Council lose approximately \$13 million in rates revenue over the next 10 years (due to the effects of compounding). Any rate rise lower than the 1.75% rate cap adds to this lost revenue placing further pressure on Council's ability to achieve an underlying operating surplus both now and into the future.

Ongoing challenges with User Fees, whether COVID related closures and ongoing capacity restrictions or decisions to provide subsidised or complementary services (such as any time periods of 'free' parking) place additional pressure on Council achieving an underlying operating surplus.

The State Government's additional increase in the Landfill Waste Levy on 1 July 2022 (Regional – Municipal increasing \$10.00 per tonne or 19% and Regional – Industrial increasing \$17.60 per tonne or 19%) will see significant increases passed on to commercial customers at the Cosgrove Landfill.

Other budgetary pressures extending into future years include increases to Council insurance premiums, current averaging increases of approximately \$200,000 or 20 per cent per annum, rising inflation with CPI at 3.5% above the rate cap of 1.75% and well above the 1% increasing being proposed, increases in employee costs through the Enterprise Bargaining agreement and planned increases to the Superannuation Guarantee through to 2025/2026, and the introduction of a fourth bin or service for recycling of glass.

## **Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity**

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.3 Council services will be realistic and delivered in an efficient and effective manner with the aim of continuously looking for delivery that matches our ever-changing environment.

1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

## **Risk Management**

Council's financial plan models various scenarios over the longer term. The 2022/2023 Draft Budget is year two of the adopted financial plan 2021-2031 and can be reconciled

back to understand the risks and impacts of any of the budgeted income and expenditure forecasts.

### Policy Considerations

There are no policy considerations associated with this report.

### Financial Implications

	2021/2022 Forecast/Actual (‘000s) \$	2022/2023 Draft Budget (‘000s) \$	Variance (‘000s) \$	Comments
Revenue	157,384	183,329	(25,946)	Increased Capital Grants and User Fee income as the COVID recovery continues
Expense	142,073	148,687	6,614	Increase in Employee Costs and Non-recurrent Materials and Services
Net Surplus	15,311	34,643	(19,332)	

### Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* covers the requirements surrounding the annual budget.

### Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget includes budget allocations to items relating to Council’s 2030 Zero Emissions Target action plan.

### Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

### Economic Impacts

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget includes a capital works program of \$49.77 million that will encourage economic activity within the municipality.

### Consultation

Community engagement was undertaken in November and December 2021 to gain an understanding of the Community’s priorities for the upcoming 2022/2023 Budget in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Policy.

Engagement was undertaken via the Shaping Greater Shepp webpage, social media advertising and flyers circulated to community groups. The Shaping Greater Shepp webpage included information on the budget process, links to documents that influence the budget, a survey and the opportunity to meet with the Manager Finance and Rates.

92 contributions were received as a result, 89 contributions via a survey on the Shaping Greater Shepp webpage and 3 via Council’s email. 3 groups requested a meeting with the Manager Finance and Rates.

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget will be made available for public submission from 22 April 2022 to 26 May 2022. The Shaping Greater Shepparton community engagement tool will also be utilised for community engagement.

### Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

### Conclusion

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget is presented for Council to endorse for public submission from 22 April 2022 to 26 May 2022.

### Attachments

1. 2022/2023 Draft Budget Document [11.3.1 - 122 pages]

## 11.4 Investment and Cash Management Policy Update

Author                      Team Leader - Financial Analysis  
 Approved by              Director Corporate Services  
 Purpose                     For Decision by Council

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council adopt the revised Investment and Cash Management Policy 34.POL1 Version 3 as attached to this report.**

### Executive Summary

The Investment and Cash Management Policy guides how Council manages its cash on hand. The Policy balances exposure to risk and liquidity requirements whilst optimising return on investments with a focus on sustainable investments.

A review of the Policy has been undertaken by officers to enable greater utilisation of sustainable investments. This allows for:

- more direct investment in assets that support a low carbon economy;
- investment in products that take into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations; and
- to divest funds away from investment products that support fossil fuel industries.

The new Policy incorporates a preference list for sustainable investments in the following order:

1. Green Term Deposits (GTD) that align with the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Green Bond Principles (e.g. Climate Bonds Standard Certified).
2. Environmental, Social and Governance Term Deposits (ESGTD) certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA).
3. Investment products from institutions that do not fund fossil fuel projects.
4. Other investment products that do not meet any of the above criteria.

Other minor changes include removing Pine Lodge Cemetery and Kialla West Cemetery from the scope, and wording changes that do not alter the functionality of the Policy.

## Report Detail

The Investment and Cash Management Policy guides how Council manages its cash on hand. The Policy balances exposure to risk and liquidity requirements, whilst optimising return on investments with a focus on sustainable investments.

A review of the Policy has been undertaken by officers to enable greater utilisation of sustainable investments. The scope of sustainable investments includes 'Green Term Deposits' (GTD), 'Environmental, Social and Governance Term Deposits' (ESGTD), and other term deposits with institutions that do not fund fossil fuel projects (i.e. non-fossil fuel aligned institutions).

Increased investment in sustainable investment products:

- demonstrates strong leadership;
- enhances Council's current climate response by maximising opportunities to directly invest in assets that support a low carbon economy;
- allows for investment in products that take into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations; and
- divests funds away from investment products that support fossil fuel industries.

The current Policy permits a \$2 million investment in GTD's that align with the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Green Bond Principles.

Standard term deposits typically allow an investor to withdraw the deposit before the maturity date with 31 days' notice. Therefore, if Council had an unexpected cash requirement, term deposits could be reviewed and a request to withdraw early could be made. GTD's typically do not allow for early withdrawal; this is why a \$2 million amount was stated in the current Policy.

Officers have reviewed this amount and determined that it is appropriate to remove the \$2 million condition to enable greater utilisation of sustainable investments. The investment objectives in the Policy (i.e. maintenance of liquidity) appropriately prevent Council from ever needing to withdraw a term deposit before the maturity date. Additionally, the Policy states that if the deposit cannot be redeemed early (i.e. with 31 days' notice), then the length of the deposit cannot exceed 6 months.

The new Policy incorporates a preference list for sustainable investments in the following order:

1. Green Term Deposits (GTD) that align with the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Green Bond Principles (e.g. Climate Bonds Standard Certified).
2. Environmental, Social and Governance Term Deposits (ESGTD) certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA).
3. Investment products from institutions that do not fund fossil fuel projects.
4. Other investment products that do not meet any of the above criteria.

The preference listing will be applied where:

- the investment is compliant with the credit risk and institutional parameters specified in the Policy;
- the rate of investment is greater than, equal to or within 10 basis points of other investments available at the time; and
- the investment period does not exceed six months should the investment not be convertible to cash at any time with a maximum of 31 days' notice.

GTD's are given the highest priority as these funds mobilise capital toward assets that facilitate and support the transition to a low carbon economy (such a solar/wind power, electric vehicles, etc.).

ESGTD's are sustainable investments with a broader scope than a GTD's. The RIAA certification signifies that an investment product takes into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations (such as mental health and wellbeing training, cultural awareness, reduced water consumption and indigenous employment).

Pine Lodge Cemetery and Kialla West Cemetery have been removed from the scope of the Policy as they are no longer under the control of Council.

Other minor changes have been made to the wording in the Policy, however, these changes do not alter the functionality of the Policy.

### Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

### Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Liquidity risk caused by over-committing to term deposits and being unable to convert these to cash at any time.	Rare	Moderate	Low	Term to maturity of investments is limited from cash at-call to one year. Investments that cannot be withdrawn before the maturity date cannot exceed 6 months' duration.
Loss of capital caused by obligors' inability to meet its financial commitments.	Rare	Major	Medium	Investment parameters in place to ensure Council only invests in term deposits that have high short-term investment ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's Short Term Issue Credit Ratings
Reputational risk caused by continued exposure to fossil fuel aligned institutions.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Policy has reduced this risk to allow for greater investment in sustainable investments, including allowing sustainable investments with a return of 10 basis points less than other investments available at the time.



### **Policy Considerations**

The revised Policy updates the Investment and Cash Management Policy Version 3.

### **Financial Implications**

The revised Policy allows for sustainable investments that have a return on investment up to 10 basis points less than other investment returns available at that point in time.

When this provision was incorporated in the August 2020 Policy review, a 0.1% variation was applied to the 2019/2020 actual returns on investment to assess the possible financial implications of this feature of the Policy. The modelled result was \$25,951 less than what was received in 2019/2020, which is 3.3% of the total 2019/2020 return.

This is still considered an acceptable compromise to enable increased opportunities for sustainable investments.

### **Legal/Statutory Implications**

The Policy complies with the Local Government Act 2020 in particular sections 101, 102 and 103.

### **Environmental/Sustainability Impacts**

The revised Policy allows Council to increase dealings with sustainable investments, which will have a positive external sustainability impact.

### **Social Implications**

The revised Policy allows Council to increase investment with products that take into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations which will have a positive external social impact.

### **Economic Impacts**

No economic impacts have been identified.

### **Consultation**

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

### **Strategic Links**

Council policies provide the guidance to achieve the priorities and actions within the Council Plan and strategic activities.

The Policy supports sustainable investments which links to the Council Climate Emergency Action Plan.

### **Conclusion**

The revised Investment and Cash Management Policy enables greater utilisation of sustainable investments through the new preference listing.

This allows for:

- more direct investment in assets that support a low carbon economy;
- investment in products that take into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations; and
- to divest funds away from investment products that support fossil fuel industries.

## Attachments

1. Investment and Cash Management Policy 34.POL1 Version 3 [11.4.1 - 7 pages]

## 11.5 Contracts Awarded under Delegation - March 2022

Author Team Leader – Contracts and Procurement  
 Approved by Director Corporate Services  
 Purpose For Noting

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

- 1. note the contracts awarded under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period;**
- 2. note the contracts awarded under delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer, Director or Manager pursuant to a detailed quotation process for the reporting period; and**
- 3. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.**

### Report

To inform the Council of the status of request for tenders that have been awarded under delegation during the period 1 February 2022 to 31 March 2022, and those that have been publicly advertised but are yet to be awarded as at 1 April 2022. The report does not include all purchasing activities, only procurement which requires a detailed quotation or formal tender process.

#### Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the Chief Executive Officer

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2210	Construction of the Murchison Men's Shed	Construction of the Murchison Men's Shed – Lump Sum Contract	\$330,000	Gradian Projects Pty Ltd

**Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the Chief Executive Officer**

Contract No.	Project Name	Details	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2234	Southdown Precinct Yakka Basin Landscaping Works	Landscaping works at Southdown Precinct, Yakka Basin – Lump Sum Contract	\$400,425.16	Prestons Turf & Garden

**Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the Chief Executive Officer, Director or Manager**

Contract No.	Project Name	Details	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2237	Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID) Food to Market Investment Prospectus	GMID Food to Market Investment Prospectus	\$165,000	RMCG Pty Ltd
2230	Construction of a Wombat Crossing on Corio Street, Shepparton	Construction of a Wombat Crossing on Corio Street, Shepparton	\$131,527.00	Cleaves Earthmoving & Drainage Pty Ltd
2255	CCTV Inspection & Reporting Condition of Underground Stormwater Drains and Pits	CCTV Inspection & Reporting Condition of Underground Stormwater Drains and Pits	\$63,670.32	Gavlex Pty. Ltd.
2215	Supply and Installation of Shade Sails at Various Locations	Supply and Installation of Shade Sails at Various Locations in Tatura and Katandra	\$71,500.00	C & C Wilson Builders
2205	Katandra West Stormwater Drainage Upgrade	Construction of Katandra West Stormwater Drainage Upgrade	\$91,080.00	Cleaves Earthmoving & Drainage Pty Ltd

### Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
1987	Provision of landfill waste, recycling and organics transfer and disposal services – Schedule of Rates Contract	Panel of Suppliers for the provision of Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics Transfer and Disposal Services	Tender currently under evaluation
2174	On-site crushing of recycled concrete / bricks and shredding of green waste – Schedule of Rates Contract	Panel of Suppliers for the provision of On-site crushing of recycled concrete / bricks and shredding of green waste	Tender currently under evaluation
2007	Repair of Katandra Hall	Lump Sum Contract for the Repair of the Katandra Hall	Tender currently under evaluation
2229	Provision of Facilities Maintenance – Panel of Suppliers	Schedule of Rates Contract for the Provision of Facilities Maintenance	Tender currently under evaluation
2232	Supply and Installation of Pedestrian Lighting at Victoria Park Lake	Lump Sum Contract for the Supply and Installation of Pedestrian Lighting at Victoria Park Lake	Tender currently under evaluation
2190	Supply and Installation of Events Power Upgrade at Victoria Park Lake	Lump Sum Contract for the Supply and Installation of Events Power Upgrade at Victoria Park Lake	Tender currently under evaluation
2172	Provision of Cleaning Services for SAM Building	Schedule of Rates Contract for the Provision of Cleaning Services for SAM Building	Tender currently under evaluation
2241	Intersection Upgrade – Lancaster-Mooroopna / Davies Road, Lancaster	Lump Sum Contract for the Intersection upgrade at Lancaster-Mooroopna / Davies Road, Lancaster	Tender currently under evaluation

Through the *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* the Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract up to the value of \$500,000.

The Council through the *Exercise of Delegations Policy* has delegated authority to the Directors to approve a contract up to the value of \$150,000 for goods and services and \$200,000 for works.

### Legal/Statutory Implications

Previously, Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) established the requirements for tendering and entering into contracts.

Section 186(1) of the Act required that before Council enters into a contract for the purchase of goods or services to the value of \$150,000 or more, or for the carrying out of works to the value of \$200,000 or more, it must give public notice of the purpose of the contract and invite tenders or expressions of interest from any person wishing to undertake the contract.

In accordance with Section 108 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council has adopted its new Procurement Policy establishing the value at which Council must invite a tender or seek an expression of interest. As a result of the overlapping time period, the above contracts awarded and tenders yet to be evaluated must comply with Council's previous Procurement Policy and Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

### Conclusion

It is important that decisions and actions taken under delegation be properly documented and transparent in nature. The report details the publicly advertised contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority of the Council during the period 1 February 2022 to 31 March 2022.

### Attachments

Nil

## 11.6 Audit & Risk Management Committee Chair Biannual Activities Report

Author                      Team Leader Risk & Assurance  
 Approved by              Director Corporate Services  
 Purpose                     For Noting

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council note the Audit & Risk Management Committee Chair Biannual Activities report up to 30 October 2021.**

### Executive Summary

As detailed in the Committee Charter, the Committee is an independent Advisory Committee to Council formed pursuant to Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).

The Charter requires the Chair to report biannually to Council describing the activities of the Committee during the period, including the Committee's findings, recommendations, and agreed actions.

### Report Detail

The Greater Shepparton City Council (Council) established the Audit & Risk Management Committee (The Committee) pursuant to Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).

The Committee's role is to support Council in its oversight of financial and performance reporting, fraud prevention and risk management, through sound internal controls and assurance activities such as compliance reviews, internal and external audits. Council's review and audit programs are to be established to ensure compliance with its policies and legislative requirements.

The period of this report is 9 June 2021 to 15 October 2021. During the period the Committee met on three occasions; 9 June, 11 August and 8 September and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Committee met virtually using Zoom.

Composition of the Committee remained consistent and comprised two Councillors and four external independent persons appointed by Council. Membership was as follows:

- Mr Goran Mitrevski (Chair)

- Mr David Kortum
- Mr Vivek Chopra
- Mr Stephen Coates
- Cr Kim O’Keeffe (Mayor)
- Cr Rob Priestly (Deputy Mayor)

In addition to the listed Committee members, several Council employees attended the meetings, including the CEO, Director Corporate Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Finance and Rates, Manager Projects, Manager People and Development, Team Leader OHS, Team Leader Risk and Assurance and other Council employees as required. Also, in attendance at meetings, were representatives of the Internal and External Auditors.

The Committee acts in this capacity through monitoring and oversight of compliance against Council policies and procedures with regards to:

- the overarching governance principles
- the Act and the regulations
- Ministerial directions, and
- any other relevant laws and regulations.

As detailed in the Committee Charter, the Committee is an independent Advisory Committee to Council formed pursuant to Section 139 of the Local Government Act 1989. The Charter requires the Chair to report biannually to Council describing the activities of the Committee during the period, including the Committee’s findings, recommendations, and agreed actions.

The Committee reviews the following functions:

- Financial and Performance Governance
- External Audit
- Internal Audit
- Compliance
- Risk Management
- Internal Control Environment
- Legislative Compliance
- Related Third Parties
- Ethics and Conduct
- Other Matters deemed necessary

At these meetings the Committee undertook a number of reviews and activities, including:

- Action Register
- Review of Council’s policies, procedures and registers
- Review of Council’s risk management, OH&S, fraud, business continuity and internal controls
- Review of Council’s internal audit activity
- Review of Council’s external audit activity
- Review of Council’s external reporting
- Review of the Committee’s functions
- Review of Council’s financial and performance statements for the year ended 30 June 2021



In particular:

1. Management presented several reports highlighting the number of actions and initiatives undertaken by Management. These reports included the following areas:
  - Legislative compliance
  - CEO report
  - OHS and WorkCover
  - OHS Risks
  - Major projects risks
  - Strategic, Operational and Fraud risks
  - Insurance Claims
  - Disaster recovery
  - Draft financial and performance statements

There were six items on the action register in June and there were three overdue actions in August demonstrating Council's commitment to resolving issues on a timely basis. The action items overdue mainly relate to the provision of further information to support the areas being reviewed.

2. Internal Audit reviews finalised during the period by HLB Mann Judd were:
  - Fraud and Corruption Control Framework – February 2021
  - Follow Up Review – May 2021
  - Overdue audit actions – April to June 2021
  - Status update of internal audits – July 2021
  - Strategic internal audit plan

There were no Extreme or High rated findings identified by Internal Audit, highlighting sound controls in place by Council for the areas reviewed. Management, however, needs to continue to improve the timely implementation of audit recommendations.

3. External Audit reports included:
  - Audit approach
  - Interim management letter
  - Final management letter
  - Closing report

The audit process identified four low rated findings in the final management letter and there were no significant weaknesses identified during the audit. There were no unadjusted material differences noted in the financial and performance statements, demonstrating Council's continued improved performance in the efficient and effective preparation of the statements.

I would like to thank Council for the opportunity to contribute to the community through participation in the Committee. I would also sincerely like to thank my fellow Committee members for their expertise and diligence in addressing their responsibilities.

I would also like to thank Management and Staff of Council for their efforts which are most appreciated.

## Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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## Risk Management

There is a risk to Council if the activities in the biannual report are not documented and presented to Council in a timely manner, however, this risk is managed well and is not deemed to be rated higher than a low risk to the organisation.

Council has a stringent process for ensuring the minutes of the Audit & Risk Management Committee are presented soon after each meeting.

## Policy Considerations

There are no policy considerations associated with this report, however, the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter states that a biannual report is presented to Council biannually.

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal or statutory implications associated with this report.

## Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

## Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

## Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

## Consultation

The Audit and Risk Management Committee Chair Biannual Activities report was presented to the members of the ARMC on 10 November 2021.

The Committee members were satisfied with the information presented in the report to the Committee.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

## Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

## Conclusion

The report was presented to Councillors at a briefing by the Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee. The biannual activities report is provided to Councillors for noting at a Council Meeting..

## Attachments

Nil

## 11.7 Reappointment of Independent Members to the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Author                      Team Leader Risk & Assurance  
 Approved by              Director Corporate Services  
 Purpose                     For Decision by Council

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

- 1. approve the reappointment of David Kortum and Goran Mitrevski as independent members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for a second 3 year term, concluding on 1 May 2025; and**
- 2. approve the reappointment of Goran Mitrevski to the position of Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the next 12 months, concluding on 1 May 2023.**

### Executive Summary

The terms for two of the positions as an independent member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee are due to expire in May 2022. These include the Chair and one other independent member.

Goran Mitrevski and David Kortum have been valuable Committee members since February and May 2019 respectively with Goran accepting the role of the Chair in February 2021.

The appointment of independent members to the Committee as outlined in the Charter enables the Committee to provide advice to Council on matters relating to its responsibilities based on broader skills and experience than might otherwise be the case and in so doing bring additional benefits to Council. The Committee comprises of six members (two Councillors and four independent), appointed by Council.

In recognition of their service and contributions to the ARMC, Council is requested to reappoint Goran for another three-year term and also to reappoint Goran to the position of Chair for the next 12 months, and David as an independent member for another three-year term.

## Report Detail

Two members terms of the Audit and Risk Management Committee are due to expire in May 2022. One position is for the Chair, the other for an independent member.

In accordance with Council's Audit and Risk Management Charter, the Committee is to comprise of six members, including four independent members and two Councillors.

Section 3.3.2 'Membership' and section 12.2.3 'Appointment of Independent Members' of the Charter acknowledge the formation of the Committee requirements.

Section 3.3.2 states the following from the Charter:

*3.3.2 Council will appoint the Chairperson of the Committee for a 12-month period.*

Section 12, Appointment of Independent Members, of Councils Audit and Risk Management Charter states the following:

*12.2.3 Independent members may be directly reappointed for a second three-year term, through Council resolution, following a review of the performance of the independent member as set out in 10.2 of the Charter.*

It is proposed that Goran Mitrevski is reappointed for a further 3-year term with the inclusion of reappointment to the role of the Chair for the next 12 months of the Committee and David Kortum is reappointed as an independent member for a further 3-year period.

Goran Mitrevski, who is currently the Chair has been a valued member of the Committee since 22 May 2019, commencing the Chair's role in February 2021.

Goran brings the following qualifications and experience to the Committee:

### **Qualifications**

- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)
- Fellow member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (FCPA)
- Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Australia (MIIA)
- Bachelor of Business; and
- Member of the Risk Management Institute of Australasia Ltd (RMIA)

### **Experience**

- Group Head of Risk and Insurance – John Swire and Sons Pty Ltd
- Group Head of Internal Audit – John Swire and Sons Pty Ltd
- Manager – Risk Services – Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA)
- Director, Internal Audit – Deloitte and Pitcher Partners
- Senior Manager – Internal and External Audit – WHK Day Neilson
- Graduate to Manager – External and Performance Audit (VAGO)

David has been a valued independent member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee since February 2019 and brings the following qualifications and experience to the Committee.

**Qualifications**

- Certified Fraud Examiner – Association of Fraud Examiners
- Masters in Counter Terrorism – Monash University
- Masters in Defence Studies – University of NSW @ Australian Defence Force Academy
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – University of Melbourne

**Experience**

- Director – Security Risk, Crisis Management, Business Continuity, Geopolitical Risk and Ethical Behaviour
- Crisis Management and Resilience Manager – Deloitte Risk Advisory
- Manager Intelligence Analysis – Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Intelligence Analyst
- Corporate Security & Investigations/Chief Risk Office – Fraud/Security Advisor/Security Risk Specialist.

**Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity**

**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

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**Risk Management**

Reappointing Committee members with the qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience provides Council with continuity and balance.

Reappointment of new independent members may lead to a lack of independent, expert advice in risk, audit and financial control.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
There may be a lack of independent, expert advice available to Council on audit, risk management and financial issues.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Appoint independent and appropriately experienced and qualified members to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

**Policy Considerations**

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**Legal/Statutory Implications**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, section 53, Council must establish an Audit and Risk Management Committee.

**Environmental/Sustainability Impacts**

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

### **Social Implications**

There are no social implications associated with this report.

### **Economic Impacts**

There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

Management consulted with Committee members Goran Mitrevski and David Kortum requesting their interest in remaining on the Committee for the next 3 years.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

### **Strategic Links**

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

### **Conclusion**

It is recommended that Council reappoint David Kortum and Goran Mitrevski as an independent member to the ARMC for a further three-year term and to also reappoint Goran to Chair the ARMC for the next 12 months.

### **Attachments**

Nil

## 11.8 Councillor Allowances 2022

Author                      Manager – Corporate Governance  
 Approved by            Director Corporate Services  
 Purpose                   For Decision by Council

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

1. **note the allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (Victoria) Determination No. 01/2022 of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal;**
2. **note that the determination takes effect from 18 December 2021; and**
3. **approve the allowances payable to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors of Greater Shepparton City Council in accordance with this determination, this being the amount per annum of:**

a. Mayor	<b>\$96,470</b>
b. Deputy Mayor	<b>\$48,235</b>
c. Councillors	<b>\$30,024</b>

### Executive Summary

Under section 39 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors are entitled to a base allowance.

Allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors and provided in accordance with a Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal under the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019.

On 7 March 2022, in accordance with section 23A of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 (Vic) (VIRTIPS Act), the Tribunal made the Allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (Victoria) Determination No. 01/2022.

The Determination applies to all Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (Council members) in all Victorian Councils. Greater Shepparton City Council has been assigned as a Category 2 Council; therefore, the value of allowances is in accordance with this category and are as follows:



<b>Position</b>	<b>Annual allowance</b>
Mayor	\$96,470
Deputy Mayor	\$48,235
Councillors	\$30,024

The Determination takes effect from 18 December 2021 and provides for further scheduled annual increases to allowance values until 18 December 2025.

### Report Detail

The Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) has transferred responsibility for determining Victorian Mayoral, Deputy Mayoral and Councillor allowances to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal.

In June 2021, the Minister for Local Government wrote to the Chair of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal requesting that the Tribunal make its first determination for Mayoral, Deputy Mayoral and Councillor allowances. This request was made under section 23A(4) of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019.

On 7 March 2022, in accordance with section 23A of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 (Vic) (VIRTIPS Act), the Tribunal made the Allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (Victoria) Determination No. 01/2022.

The Determination applies to all Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (Council members) in all Victorian Councils and takes effect from 18 December 2021.

The Determination sets a base allowance for each Council member. The value of the base allowance payable to a Council member varies depending on the role (Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor) and the Council allowance category assigned to the Council as specified in the Determination.

Greater Shepparton City Council is in Category 2.

The Determination applies to all Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (Council members) in all Victorian Councils. Greater Shepparton City Council has been assigned as a Category 2 Council; therefore, the value of allowances is in accordance with this category and are as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Annual allowance</b>
Mayor	\$96,470
Deputy Mayor	\$48,235
Councillors	\$30,024

In accordance with S39(5) of the Act, a Mayor, Deputy Mayor or and individual Councillor may elect:

- (a) to receive the entire allowance to which they are entitled; or
- (b) to receive a specified part of the allowance to which they are entitled; or
- (c) to receive no allowance.

## Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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## Risk Management

There are no risks associated with this report.

## Policy Considerations

There are no policy considerations arising from the payment of a Councillor Allowance.

In addition to the allowance, Councillors are able to claim expenses incurred in the course of performing their Councillor duties in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Entitlements Policy.

## Financial Implications

Council's Budget contains provision for the payment of Councillor and Mayoral allowances.

## Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal implications arising from the payment of a Councillor Allowance.

## Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental implications arising from the payment of a Councillor Allowance.

## Social Implications

There are no social implications arising from the payment of a Councillor Allowance.

## Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts arising from the payment of a Councillor Allowance.

## Consultation

Consultation is not required within Greater Shepparton City Council resulting for the determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and the payment of a Councillor Allowance.

## Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

## Conclusion

The Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal that applies to the Greater Shepparton City Council Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors be actioned, including the annual payment of allowances in accordance with the determination.

## Attachments

1. Allowance payable to Mayors Deputy Mayors and Councillors ( Victoria) Determination No. 01-2022 (1) [11.8.1 - 153 pages]

## 12 Sustainable Development Directorate

### 12.1 Minor and Major Events Grant Round 2 2021-22

Author Sports and Major Events Officer  
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development  
 Purpose For Noting

#### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for Round Two of the 2021/2022 Minor and Major Event Grants Program as follows:**

Organisation	Grant Amount Awarded (No GST)
Shepparton Triathlon Club	\$2,500
Shepparton Cycling Club	\$2,000
Field and Game Shepparton	\$1,940
Goulburn Valley Orchid Club	\$1,500
GV Gamers Guild Incorporated	\$1,000
Goulburn Valley Hockey Association	\$1,000
Emerald Bank Market	\$500
Soroptimist International of Shepparton	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,940</b>

#### Executive Summary

Each financial year Council provides two rounds of the Minor and Major Event Grants Program. This grant program aims to support and enable events that contribute economically, socially and culturally to our community and improve the liveability of Greater Shepparton. There are two streams of funding available under this program for Minor Events to receive funding up to \$2,000, and Major Events to receive funding up to \$5,000. The total amount of funding allocated for the 2021/2022 financial year to this program was \$45,000 (GST Free), which has been split across two rounds.

Round Two of this program opened on 10 January 2022 and closed on 28 February 2022. The Grant Assessment Panel received a total of nine applications for this round and the results of the assessments are contained in the attached Assessment Report Summary. One application was deemed ineligible based on the Program Guidelines and the Grant Distribution Policy. The remaining eight applications were assessed by the Grant Assessment Panel and have been awarded funding under delegated authority.

### Report Detail

The Minor and Major Events Grant Program accepts applications from not-for-profit community groups to support and facilitate events that contribute positively to the wellbeing of the community and the stimulation of the local economy. This program provides two rounds per financial year under two funding streams being Minor and Major as outlined above. Applications are assessed by a panel of Council officers and moderated by the Grants Coordinator. Consideration is given to the following factors in the assessment process:

- That the event aligns with Council's plans and strategies.
- That the event meets the Program Funding Guidelines and objectives.
- Number of visitors and locals likely to be attracted to the event.
- How many overnight stays the event will generate.
- When the event will be held and how this aligns with Council's events calendar.
- There is evidence of community support for the event and that the event is accessible and inclusive for the community.
- The event provides value for money and is feasible.

Round Two of the 2021/2022 program received a total of nine applications, with one application deemed ineligible against the funding criteria. Details of the eight applicants who have been successfully awarded funding under delegated authority are contained in the attached Assessment Report Summary.

The Minor and Major Event Grants Program has an acquittal process which must be completed by successful applicants at the finalisation of the project. The acquittal requires the applicants to provide a report on the outcome of the event, lessons learned and supporting documents including invoices and photographs of the events. Applicants that fail to complete the acquittal to a satisfactory standard are unable to apply for Council's future grant programs.

### Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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- 1.1 Council to take an active leadership role for access and inclusion in our community.
- 1.2 Council to work with stakeholders to support leadership within our multicultural communities.
- 1.6 Council provides customer service that meets the needs of the community.
- 1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY and WELLBEING

We will support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of all in our community, ensuring universal access to information, services, housing, healthcare and learning opportunities.

- 2.1 Council will promote the use of the Universal Design Principles across the region to ensure fair and reasonable access for all members of our community.
- 2.4 Leave no one behind.
- 2.6 Welcome and embrace multicultural communities and their cultures.

2.9 Community members are supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and creative wellbeing.

**VIBRANT and DIVERSE ECONOMY**

We will drive the visitor economy by growing visitor experiences and major events that provide employment and other opportunities to the community. Our economic development will focus on establishing a strong, adaptive, sustainable and thriving region supported by agriculture and a diverse range of industries.

3.1 Council will promote the use of the Universal Design Principles across the regions to make Greater Shepparton an accessible tourism hub.

3.6 Attract people to live, work, study and remain in our region.

3.9 Expand Greater Shepparton’s visitor economy.

**ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

We will prioritise our environment and take urgent action to reduce emissions and waste in order to protect public health and create a region that mitigates and adapts to climate change.

5.1 Council endeavours to make the natural environment accessible to all, regardless of age and abilities.

5.5 Council commits to working with our community to deliver climate safe future.

5.8 Support a circular economy and reduce waste to landfill.

**Risk Management**

Consideration has been given to risk management issues during the assessment of all applications for funding support.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Event cancelled/postponed due to COVID-19 outbreak	Possible	Minor	Low	Funds to either be returned to Council or event to be held on a mutually agreed alternative date.
Negative feedback from applicants who were not successful or did not receive the funds requested.	Possible	Minor	Low	Ensure all Program Guidelines are equitable and assessments are consistent. Provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

**Policy Considerations**

Applications under the Minor and Major Event Grants Program have been assessed and awarded funding under delegated authority in accordance with Council’s Grant Distribution Policy adopted on 16 March 2021.

## Financial Implications

The Minor and Major Event Grants Program for 2021/2022 has budget allocation of \$45,000, which is split across two rounds in the financial year. Round One allocated \$17,000 with \$28,000 remaining for Round Two.

	Approved Budget Estimate for this proposal <sup>1</sup>	This Proposal GST Free	Variance to Approved Budget Estimate	This Proposal GST Free
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	\$0	\$0		\$0
Expense	\$28,000	\$10,940		\$10,940
Net Total	\$28,000	\$10,940		\$10,940

<sup>1</sup> Budgets are GST exclusive

<sup>2</sup> For Contract Award reports the GST inclusive expense shall match the amount reported in the recommendation

## Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal/statutory implications arising from this report. All successful applicants must adhere to Victorian Government requirements to ensure the event is COVIDSafe.

Council's Tourism and Major Events team will provide assistance and advice to successful applicants in this regard. Council officers will also assist applicants in the process of gaining permits or approvals, where required.

## Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability implications arising from this report. Successful applicants must ensure that their event adheres to sustainable event management practices as contained in the Grant Program Guidelines.

## Social Implications

Event grants provided by Council are aimed at increasing opportunities for the community to come together as a whole, celebrate and foster community pride and esteem.

## Economic Impacts

Events funded by Council have in the past resulted in increased visitation and an increase in overnight stays with participants of the events, organisers and families spending more time in the Greater Shepparton region over the course of events. Retail stores, local speciality stores, accommodation as well as cafes and restaurants have also reported a positive economic impact during these events.

## Consultation

Council officers have promoted this grant program online through social media, Council's website, the local print media and radio advertising. Council officers have also hosted two information sessions online for potential applicants to seek advice and support in relation to the grant application process.

Council's Events Team and Grants Coordinator have also liaised with potential applicants to discuss future applications and events. Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for approval.

## Strategic Links

### Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- 2.3.2 Community Life
- 2.4.4 The Need to Grow
- 3.2 Supporting Principles
- 4.3.4 The Municipality is More Attractive
- 4.3.9 The Municipality is Culturally Active

## Conclusion

Round two of the 2021/2022 Minor and Major Event Grants Program received a total of nine applications, with one application deemed ineligible against the assessment criteria. The remaining eight applications as contained in the attached Assessment Report Summary have been awarded funding under delegated authority in accordance with Council's Grant Distribution Policy.

## Attachments

1. Assessment Report Summary - Minor and Major Event Grants Program Round 2 2021-2022 [12.1.1 - 1 page]

## 12.2 Development Hearings Panel

Author                      Manager – Building, Planning and Compliance  
 Approved by              Director Sustainable Development  
 Purpose                     For Decision by Council

### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council:**

1. **appoint Councillor (insert name) to the Development Hearings Panel (DHP) effective from 19 April 2022; and**
2. **appoint Councillor (insert name) to the position of Chair of the Development Hearings Panel effective from 19 April 2022.**

### Executive Summary

As part of the Council's community consultation, communication and advocacy role, the Mayor, Councillors and officers are represented on various community organisations and government agency groups, Council committees required by legislation and advisory committees of Council.

The Development Hearings Panel (DHP) is a delegated committee established by Council in accordance with section 63 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act). Its purpose is to consider various matters under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and other relevant regulations.

Specifically, this includes:

- planning permit and permit amendment applications where up to (and including) 5 objections are received, applications with 6 or more objections must proceed to Council for consideration
- any permit application or permit amendment application, secondary consent, request for extension of time or other determination of an Officer (under a delegated authority) which is recommended for refusal by an Officer
- any relevant matter referred to the DHP by an Officer, and
- any relevant matter referred to the DHP by the Council

As a delegated committee established by a Council, the DHP must include at least 2 Councillors.



As a Development Hearings Panel is a delegated committee, the Mayor has the power to appoint the Chair of this committee, with Council appointing an additional Councillor as a member.

At the 21 December 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, Cr Priestly was appointed as the Chair of the DHP and Cr Shane Sali was appointed the Deputy Chair.

Cr Priestly has since taken a leave of absence from the Council and therefore it is necessary to appoint a Councillor to take the place of Cr Priestly on the panel and to appoint a Councillor to the position of Chair of the DHP.

All other arrangements and appointments remain the same.

## Report Detail

As part of the Council's community consultation, communication and advocacy role, the Mayor, Councillors and officers are represented on various community organisations and government agency groups, as well as purpose groups appointed by the Council. Councillor Representation on committees will be reviewed annually.

The Development Hearings Panel (DHP) is a delegated committee established by Council in accordance with section 63 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

The DHP is a decision-making body for certain planning permit applications. Primarily, this is the determination of applications where up to 5 objections have been received or if there is a recommendation to refuse an application. The DHP provides a forum for the mediation of planning disputes that assists in reducing the number of appeals being made to the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.

A delegated committee exercises the powers, duties or functions of Council. Therefore, these committees are subject to the Council's Governance Rules. A resolution of a delegated committee holds the same weight as a resolution of Council (provided it falls within the committee's delegated powers).

Delegated committees operate under delegation of the Council (albeit for limited purposes), therefore the members are subject to many of the same requirements as councillors, such as conflicts of interest, personal interest returns and standards of conduct.

The Terms of Reference for this committee were adopted by Council on 4 September 2020.

As a delegated committee established by a Council, it must include at least 2 Councillors; and may include any other persons appointed to the delegated committee by the Council who are entitled to vote. Under section 19 of the Act, the Mayor has specific power to appoint a Councillor to be the Chair of a delegated committee.

## Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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1.1 Council to take an active leadership role for access and inclusion in our community.

1.2 Council to work with stakeholders to support leadership within our multicultural communities.

1.3 Council services will be realistic and delivered in an efficient and effective manner with the aim of continuously looking for delivery that matches our ever changing environment.

1.4 Communities have resources and abilities to self-advocate.

### **Risk Management**

Ensuring the DHP continues to operate will ensure planning permit applications can continue to be assessed in a timely manner.

### **Policy Considerations**

There are no conflicts with existing council policies.

### **Financial Implications**

Ensuring the DHP continues to operate will ensure any financial impacts on planning permit applicants as a result of delayed decision making are minimised.

### **Legal/Statutory Implications**

This proposal conforms to all relevant legislation.

### **Environmental/Sustainability Impacts**

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts arising from this proposal.

### **Social Implications**

There are no social implications arising from this proposal.

### **Economic Impacts**

The addition of a Councillor to replace Cr Priestly will ensure that matters currently delegated to the DHP are not unduly delayed. Delays in the planning system can impact financially on developers and have flow on economic impacts within the community.

### **Consultation**

Consultation was not required as this is an administrative change and the matter is now ready for consideration.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

### **Strategic Links**

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

### **Conclusion**

It is recommended that a Councillor be appointed to the DHP and an appointment of Councillor as Chair be determined as per the recommendation.

### **Attachments**

Nil

## 13 Infrastructure Directorate

### 13.1 Adoption of Lease and Licence Policy

Author                      Coordinator Property  
 Approved by              Director Infrastructure  
 Purpose                     For Decision by Council

#### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council adopt Version 1 of the Lease and Licence Policy 19.POL1 as attached to this report.**

#### Executive Summary

The adoption of a Lease and Licence Policy will provide the basis for Council to ensure that leasing or licencing its properties is appropriately managed for the benefit of the community, is undertaken in a consistent and equitable manner and complies with all legal requirements.

The creation of this Policy was recommended as part of an internal audit which was conducted by the Victorian Auditor General's Office. The audit highlighted the risks associated without such a policy and the benefits of Council establishing a policy covering this activity by providing direction over the Lease and Licencing of Council properties.

This policy was laid on the table at the 15 February 2022 Council Meeting.

#### Report Detail

This policy applies to leases and licences of Council owned buildings and property across the municipality, Crown Land where Council is the designated Committee of Management and land or property leased or licensed by Council from another party for the purpose of performing Council's functions and objectives.

Council has approximately 120 buildings and property that is leased to various community members and groups.

The Lease and Licence Policy establishes terms and conditions that are to be uniformly applied and applicable for all Council leases and licences.

The Lease and Licence Policy establishes a new formula for calculating lease rents based on the value of the land and property being leased.

Conditions for offering community and commercial leases is clearly defined, and provides detail regarding how discounts and subsidies should be applied to community leases.

Terms and conditions of the lease that detail how leased council assets are to be used and managed have been added.

This policy now clearly demonstrates how it aligns with other Council policies regarding equity, community benefit, and the proper custodianship of Council assets.

At a Councillor Briefing in July 2021, it was requested that Council officers undertake consultation with community leaseholders on the proposed policy. The 70 community groups who hold a lease agreement were invited to attend a briefing session on the new Lease and Licence Policy and the impact the policy would have on each of their clubs. A total of 30 groups accepted the invitation to attend the meeting and each of these groups were invited to provide feedback. The feedback received was centred around the new rental amounts, and no issues were raised with all other aspects of the policy. Of the 30 groups that attended the meeting, 13 indicated they were not supportive of increased rents. Most of that negative feedback came from sporting groups who were concerned regarding the impact that increase rental would have on their clubs.

Officers have taken feedback on board and recommend reducing the group subsidy further to reduce the amount payable across all lease agreements. New rent agreements will be offered at the commencement of new 15-year lease agreement, not at 5-year renewal options. This means that most clubs will not have their new rent introduced for periods up to 10 years.

## Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE and TECHNOLOGY**

We will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

4.11 Develop and improve Community and recreation facilities.

## Risk Management

There are no risks associated with the adoption of this policy.

## Policy Considerations

The adoption of this policy does not conflict with any other Council policies. The creation of this Policy was recommended as part of an internal audit that highlighted the risks associated without such a policy and the benefits to Council of establishing such a Policy.

## Financial Implications

The financial implications as a result of this Policy are minimal. Council averages a spend of more than \$25,000 per habitable building on maintenance and renewals each year. This policy would assist council to recover some of these costs across its properties in an equitable and consistent manner.

## Legal/Statutory Implications

This Policy has been reviewed and drafted in accordance with:

- The *Local Government Act 1989 and 2020*. The Crown Land (Reserves Act) 1978 – governs Council’s responsibilities when appointed as Committee of Management of Crown Land, section 17B outlines requirements relating to Crown Land Licences and section 17D outlines requirements relating to Leases.
- The *Retail Leases Act 2003* – outlines requirements for leases which are used wholly or predominantly for retail provision of goods or services.
- The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* – provides for permitted use of land through Council’s planning scheme.

## Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

No environmental/sustainability impacts are associated with the adoption of this Policy.

## Social Implications

The adoption of this Policy will lead to a more efficient and consistent implementation of Council leases and licences, resulting in fair and reasonable agreements with all community groups.

## Economic Impacts

The economic impacts associated with this Policy are moderate. Overall lease rent income will increase by a small margin, while some individual lease rents will increase, decrease, or remain constant.

## Consultation

Council officers have consulted with the internal audit officers regarding the adoption of this policy and with risk management officers regarding the implementation of this policy. Council officers have consulted with the Parks, Sport & Recreation, Finance, and Community teams regarding the impact this will have on various stakeholders. Council officers have also conducted public consultation with the tenants of our community leased facilities, and invited written feedback for consideration.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

## Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

## Conclusion

This report recommends the adoption of this Lease and Licence Policy to enable Council to ensure that its properties are appropriately managed for the benefit of the community in a consistent and equal manner that complies with all legal requirements.

## Attachments

1. Lease and Licence Policy 19.POL1 [13.1.1 - 18 pages]

## **14 Confidential Management Reports**

Nil Received.

## **15 Documents for Signing and Sealing**

Nil Received.

## 16 Councillor Reports

### 16.1 Councillor Activities

#### 16.1.1 Councillor Activities - March 2022

Author	Senior Governance Officer and Executive Assistant to Mayor
Approved by	Chief Executive Officer
Purpose	For Noting

#### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillor's Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.**

#### Councillor's Community Interaction and Briefing Program

From 1 March 2022 to 31 March 2022, some or all of the Councillors have been involved in the following activities:

- Community Leadership Program | Launch
- Australia My Home - An Albanian Migration | Film Night
- 7 Eleven | Opening of Shepparton Store
- Symposium on Pandemic Response and Multicultural Communities for Greater Shepparton
- Victorian Local Government Association | 'Stories for Success' Working Group
- Greater Shepparton Secondary College | Guest Speaker - School Captain Investiture Assembly
- Goulburn Valley Local Government Waste Forum Meeting
- Development Hearing Panel
- Greater Shepparton | Twilight Stroll 2022
- International Women's Day 2022 | La Trobe University
- Sir Murray Bouchier - Event Planning Meeting
- Shepparton Albanian Moslem Society | Opening of the newly renovated Mosque
- Indian Talent Show by SHEMA
- Dookie Rail Trail Stage 2 | Official Opening
- Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
- Proposed Sale of Land - Edward, Maude & Nixon Streets, Shepparton | Hearing of Submissions
- Official Presentation | Australia's Best Hot Cross Bun winner - North End Bakehouse
- Launch | 2022 Fairley Leadership Program

- Greater Shepparton City Council | Visitor Economy - Industry Luncheon
- Murray Darling Association Meeting
- Goulburn Valley Highway Shepparton Bypass Action Group Meeting
- Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting
- Challenge Triathlon
- Nepalese Shepparton Community | Holi Event
- Senator Richard Colbeck visit | Sports Precinct & Shepparton Stadium
- Official Opening by Minister for Early Childhood | Mooroopna Children & Family Centre
- Municipal Association of Victoria - Rural North East Regional Meeting
- Victorian Local Government Association | FastTrack 2022 - Leadership Program
- Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board meeting
- Shepparton Festival | Festival Opening Celebration
- Sir Murray Bouchier - Committee Meeting
- Murray Darling Association Board Meeting
- Celebrate Diversity at Converge on the Goulburn
- Shepparton Albanian Moslem Society | Harvest Festival
- Global Victoria Trade Alliance and AACCI Round Table event
- Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton - Advisory Committee Meeting
- Committee for Greater Shepparton | AGM & Member's and Stakeholders' Dinner
- Shepparton Lions Club | 60 Years of Service Celebration - Lloyd Mawson
- Cultural Diversity Week | Morning Tea
- Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre | 'Shine Bright Breakfast'
- Mooroopna | Community Plan Members and Councillors - Bus Trip
- Flagship School | National Ride2School Day 2022
- Illuminate Festival
- Country Fire Authority (CFA) Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria - State Firefighter Championships | Welcome Event and Celebration Official Opening Ceremony
- The Door Bells - Migrant Women's Network Event - Launch
- Tatura Park Advisory Committee Meeting
- Shepparton Justice Service Centre | Official Opening by Minister the Hon Natalie Hutchins
- Greater Shepparton Empowering Communities Forum

In accordance with section 106 of Council's Governance Rules a summary of the matters discussed at the Informal Meetings of Councillors, are attached.

### Attachments

1. Councillor Briefing Session 1 March 2022 [**16.1.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. CEO and Councillors Catch Up 1 March 2022 [**16.1.1.2** - 1 page]
3. CEO and Councillors Catch Up 8 March 2022 [**16.1.1.3** - 2 pages]
4. Councillor Briefing Session 15 March 2022 [**16.1.1.4** - 2 pages]
5. Councillor Briefing Session 22 March 2022 [**16.1.1.5** - 2 pages]
6. Acting CEO and Councillors Catch Up 22 March 2022 [**16.1.1.6** - 1 page]
7. Councillor Briefing Session 29 March 2022 [**16.1.1.7** - 1 page]
8. CEO and Councillors Catch Up 29 March 2022 [**16.1.1.8** - 1 page]



## 16.2 Council Committee Reports

Nil Received.

## 16.3 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

### 16.3.1 Notice of Motion 5/2022 - Audit of Public Transport Network

Author	Cr Spinks
Approved by	Chief Executive Officer
Purpose	For Decision by Council

Cr Spinks has given notice that she will move:

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Prepare an audit of our Public Transport network, to be used as a supporting document when advocating for expansion of the public transport network within Shepparton, across Greater Shepparton, and connecting regional vic.
2. Include the need for further reaching and more efficient public transport when advocating to State Government.

## **16.3.2 Notice of Motion 6/2022 - 5 Years Local Government Funding - Shepparton Central Business District**

Author Cr Spinks  
Approved by Chief Executive Officer  
Purpose For Decision by Council

Cr Spinks has given notice that she will move:

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Council conduct a report on Shepparton Central Business District of all Local Government funding over the past five fiscal years. The report to include all departments across local government, all programs, projects and in-kind allocations. The report will provide a clearer understanding of what has been funded and allocated and be used to holistically collate and inform any future budget considerations and allocations.**

## **17 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda**

Nil Received.

## **18 Close of Meeting**