



BOROONDARA  
*City of Harmony*

# SPECIAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES

(Open to the public)

**Monday 23 March 2020**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 9.18pm

**Attendance**

Councillor Cynthia Watson (Mayor)  
Councillor Jane Addis  
Councillor Phillip Healey  
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth  
Councillor Steve Hurd  
Councillor Jim Parke  
Councillor Felicity Sinfield  
Councillor Garry Thompson  
Councillor Jack Wegman

**Apologies**

Councillor Coral Ross (Leave of Absence)

**Officers**

Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Freer	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Eren Cakmakkaya	Media and Advocacy Specialist
David Thompson	Manager Governance
Helen Pavlidis	Governance Projects Officer

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## **2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer**

Nil

### **Presentation of officer reports**

#### **3.1 Proposed Approach to Develop a Climate Action Plan**

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed approach to develop a new Climate Action Plan (CAP) to replace Council's Our Low Carbon Future Strategy which will end in 2020 in response to recommendations contained in the Notice of Motion Number 49, adopted by Council on 16 December 2019.

To date, community response to the Notice of Motion has been positive with both individuals and community groups writing to commend Council for endorsing the motion and to offer their support in developing the CAP.

Common themes from the feedback received to date has included:

- a strong desire for community involvement in the process
- calls for Council to take the necessary time to facilitate strong community engagement needed to develop a robust and meaningful document
- the need for urgent action and calls to bring forward spending to deliver tangible actions to drive real change.

While formal consultation on the plan has not yet begun, there is clearly a desire and expectation for Council to engage with the broader community in developing the Climate Action Plan.

This expectation is consistent with the adopted motion and has been reflected in the proposed approach and consultation and engagement process (refer Sections 4 and 5).

Key objectives of the consultation process include:

- To inform the Boroondara community about the development of Boroondara's Climate Action Plan and promote community engagement.
- To gain a stronger understanding of what the community wants to see Council address in the Climate Action Plan.
- To inform the community about what Council has delivered as part of the implementation of existing strategies and plans.
- Identify any gaps and / or emerging issues.
- Test community appetite to fund new actions identified for delivery in 2020/2021.
- Encourage community interest and participation in consultation activities.
- Reinforce Council's commitment to sustainability.

**MOTION****Moved Councillor Healey****Seconded Councillor Hurd****That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Continue development of the draft Climate Action Plan in accordance with the Notice of Motion No 49, and the proposed approach and consultation and engagement plan outlined in this paper.**
- 2. Authorise officers to amend the proposed approach and consultation and engagement plan outlined in this paper in accordance with the latest Federal and Victorian Government and Council advice, as it evolves in relation to COVID-19 and to note the timing for delivery of the Climate Action Plan will be subject to these amendments.**
- 3. Refer the capital budget bid for the additional \$985,000 to fund a range of new energy saving projects and initiatives that could be delivered in the 2020/2021 financial year to the 2020/2021 budget process.**

**CARRIED****The meeting concluded at 9.57pm****Confirmed****Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_**Date** \_\_\_\_\_