

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



(Open to the public)

Monday 14 November 2022

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

Commencement 7:18pm

Attendance
Councillor Jane Addis (Mayor)
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Felicity Sinfield
Councillor Victor Franco
Councillor Wes Gault
Councillor Di Gillies
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Garry Thompson

Apologies
Councillor Cynthia Watson
Councillor Susan Biggar
Councillor Nick Stavrou

<u>Officers</u>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
	Carolyn McClean	Director Community Support
	Mans Bassi	Director Customer and Transformation
	Amy Montalti	Chief Financial Officer
	Mary-Anne Palatsides	Executive Manager PCD
	Nick Lund	Manager Strategy and Performance
	Paul Mitchelmore	Manager Civic Services
	Sapphire Allan	Coordinator Management Accounting
	Mirella Manfre	Coordinator Permits Appeals and Protection of Assets
	Kirstin Ritchie	Coordinator Governance
	Liam Merrifield	Senior Governance Officer



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1. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

2. Presentation of officer reports

7.1 2022-23 Amended Budget

Purpose

This report recommends Council adopt the 2022-23 Amended Budget, including the final list of forward commitments in priority projects and capital works to form an Amended Budget for management reporting purposes.

Background

The proposed amendments to the 2022-23 Budget are based on sound principles which seek to enhance transparency and accountability of the financial operations of Council. The Amended Budget is for internal management reporting purposes and there are no specific *Local Government Act 2020* requirements within this internal budget process.

The primary aim of the Amended Budget is to identify forward commitments from the prior financial year not stated in the Adopted Budget. The 2022-23 Amended Budget provides opportunity to review the external impacts on the Budget and make amendments where required.

Key Issues

The 2022-23 Adopted Budget was largely based on a post COVID-19 recovery return to normal activity levels and that Council would largely see a return to 'business as normal' in 2022-23, with the impacts of the pandemic lessening.

The 2022-23 Amended Budget includes estimated financial impacts on Council's financial performance due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as well as impacts to the 2022-23 Capital Works program regarding unprecedented building cost escalations.

On Thursday 20 October 2022, a section of the roof structure at the Kew Recreation Centre construction site collapsed. Investigations are currently underway to determine the cause. Construction works are expected to be limited in the 2022-23 year with funding required to be carried forward to the 2023-24 financial year. This has been reflected in the 2022-23 Amended Budget.

Once the full financial implications are known these will be incorporated into the development of the 2022-23 Full Year Forecast and the 2023-24 Annual Budget.

The overall budgeted surplus has decreased by \$4.33 million to a surplus of \$2.28 million.

The major movements in operating income are a net decrease in recurrent income of \$5.56 million primarily due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 at Boroondara Leisure and Aquatic Facilities of \$4.22 million and \$3.10 million due to transition of Commonwealth Home Support Services to an external provider at the end of July 2022.

This is partially offset by an increase in statutory fees of \$1.27 million primarily due to an increase in parking infringement income and from the introduction of new Building Services statutory fees as well as an increase in managed interest on investments income of \$1.15 million based on forecast investment rates as a result of current market conditions.

Recurrent operating expenditure is expected to increase by a net amount of \$149,000, primarily due to an increase in borrowing costs of \$1.17 million, which is offset by a reduction in employee costs of \$1.48 million due to the transition of Commonwealth Home Support Services to an external provider at the end of July 2022.

Full explanations of the changes to the Income Statement are provided in **Attachment 1**.

Income and expenditure adjustments required for both the Priority Projects and Capital Works Programs have been incorporated into the Amended Budget. Refer **Attachment 2** and **3** respectively.

Amendments to the adopted fees and charges are provided in **Attachment 4** and a change to one of Council's adopted major initiatives, is proposed in **Attachment 5**.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Hollingsworth

That Council resolve to

- 1. Adopt the 2022-23 Amended Budget as identified in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 (as annexed to the minutes) which will be used for management reporting purposes.**
- 2. Note the Forward Capital Works program to be included as part of the review of Council's Long Term Financial Plan for allocation in 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 included in Attachment 3 (as annexed to the minutes).**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to the fees and charges included in Attachment 4 (as annexed to the minutes).**
- 4. Adopt the amendment to the 2022-23 Major initiative included in Attachment 5 (as annexed to the minutes).**

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer left the Chamber at 7:27pm prior to discussion of and vote on Item 3.1.

3. Confidential business

3.1 Personnel Matters

Procedural Motion - Closure of meeting to the public

Moved Councillor Gillies

Seconded Councillor Gault

- 1. That, in accordance with sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting be closed to members of the public for the consideration of confidential items, being personal information.**
- 2. This is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:**
 - a) because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about a person's personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)); and**
 - b) this ground applies because the agenda item concerns the personal affairs of an identifiable person and the premature disclosure of the information could be prejudicial to the interests of Council and this person.**

CARRIED

The Council meeting was closed to the public at 7:29pm.

Procedural Motion - Re-opening of meeting to the public

Moved Councillor Gillies

Seconded Councillor Gault

That the Council meeting be re-opening of the Council meeting to the public.

CARRIED


The Council meeting was reopened at 7:41pm with all councillor's present except Councillor Biggar, Councillor Watson and Councillor Stavrou.

The meeting concluded at 7:42pm

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date



19/06/23
