

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



(Open to the public)

**Monday 9 October 2023**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 7.01pm

**Attendance**

- Councillor Felicity Sinfield (Mayor)
- Councillor Jim Parke
- Councillor Victor Franco
- Councillor Wes Gault
- Councillor Di Gillies
- Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
- Councillor Jane Addis
- Councillor Susan Biggar
- Councillor Garry Thompson
- Councillor Nick Stavrou

**Apologies** Councillor Cynthia Watson

<b><u>Officers</u></b>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
	Kate McCaughey	Director Community Support
	Scott Walker	Director Urban Living
	Mans Bassi	Director Customer and Transformation
	Amy Montalti	Chief Financial Officer
	Kirstin Ritchie	Coordinator Governance
	Elizabeth Manou	Senior Governance and Integrity Officer

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

Nil

**3. Presentation of officer reports****3.1 Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee - Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023**Purpose

To present to Council the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 3 October 2023 pertaining to the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Background

The Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement were reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee and have been endorsed for consideration by Council.

Key Issues

The year-end Audit draft Closing Report and draft Final Management Letter were presented to Audit and Risk Committee. The Auditors advised the Committee the Auditor-General has given preliminary approval subject to Council's endorsement.

The final audit opinion will be issued by the Auditor-General and final audit clearance in the form of an "unqualified" audit opinion is expected.

Next Steps

Following adoption of the recommendations below, the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 will be forwarded to the Auditor-General's office. Final sign-off from the Auditor-General is expected by mid October in time to meet the statutory deadline of 31 October 2023 for submission of Council's Annual Report to the Minister.

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Parke**

**Seconded Councillor Stavrou**

**That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Record its approval in principle of the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement to the Auditor-General.**
- 3. Authorise the Mayor, Councillor Felicity Sinfield and Councillor Jim Parke (representing the Audit and Risk Committee) to certify the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement in their final form.**

4. Authorise the Chief Financial Officer to implement any non-material changes to the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement as recommended by the Auditor-General. A summary of these changes, if any, will be presented at the next Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
5. Note that any material changes requested by Victorian Auditor-General's Office will be completed by the Chief Financial Officer after consultation with the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and reported to Council.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 7.08pm

Confirmed

Chairperson      Felicity Sinfield

Signature



Date

14-NOV-2023