



# Minutes

Community Council Meeting  
Monday 21 March 2022 at 7:30 pm

Community Hall at Whittlesea Community Activity Centre,  
57 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

# Administrators

Lydia Wilson	Chair of Council
Chris Eddy	Administrator
Peita Duncan	Administrator

On 19 June 2020 the Acting Minister for Local Government appointed the Panel of Administrators for the City of Whittlesea and appointed Ms Lydia Wilson as Chair of the Panel. The Panel of Administrators comprises of Ms Lydia Wilson, Ms Peita Duncan and Mr Chris Eddy who will undertake the duties of the Council of the City of Whittlesea until the October 2024 Local Government Election.

# Senior Officers

Craig Lloyd	Chief Executive Officer
Frank Joyce	Executive Manager Governance & Strategy
Marilyn Kearney	Interim Director Corporate & Shared Services
Kate McCaughey	Director Community Wellbeing
Janine Morgan	Executive Manager Public Affairs
Justin O'Meara	Director Planning & Development
Debbie Wood	Director Infrastructure & Environment

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## 1 Opening

### 1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

“Good evening everyone and welcome to the Council Meeting of 21 March, being held at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre in Laurel Street Whittlesea and it is also being live streamed. I am Lydia Wilson, Chair of Council, and I just wanted to say at the outset how lovely it is to be here in person without the requirement for masks and we haven’t had a public gallery for a very, very long time because we’ve been live streaming our Council Meeting so it’s really terrific to see you all here this evening.

I also wanted to acknowledge the fact that we’ve had community consultation this evening on some really important themes and again, thank you all for participating whether it is in relation to our potential Cat Curfew, the Green Wedge Management Plan, Waste Management, a number of really important, topical issues.

I am delighted to introduce my colleague Administrator Chris Eddy. And you will note that we are one Administrator short so we’ve unfortunately had an apology from Ms Peita Duncan this evening as she is unwell.

I would now like to introduce our Chief Executive Officer, Mr Craig Lloyd and ask that he in turn introduce Council Officers in attendance.”

“Thank you Chair. First of all I would like to introduce:  
Executive Manager of Governance & Strategy, Mr Frank Joyce;  
Interim Director of Corporate & Shared Services, Ms Marilyn Kearney; and  
Director of Infrastructure & Environment, Ms Debbie Wood.

*Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this council to make informed and good decisions to benefit the people of the City of Whittlesea.*

*Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

*Amen”*

### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson will read the following statement:

“On behalf of the City of Whittlesea I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the Traditional Owners of this place.

I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”

### 1.3 Harmony Day

The Chair of Council acknowledged that today, the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, is a special day on which we mark Harmony Day, a United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Celebrated annually, Harmony day began in 1999 and paved the way for Harmony Week and Cultural Diversity Week which runs from Saturday 19 – Sunday 27 March in 2022. This week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. This year's theme is '*everyone belongs*', and so in Whittlesea, we carry the spirit of Harmony Day and celebrate our diversity not just in Harmony Week but every week, through our commitment to Whittlesea as 'a place for ALL'.

Our municipality is a diverse place with 36% of residents born overseas compared to 28.3% across Victoria. 44% of us speak a language other than English at home - nearly 20% higher than the state average of 25%.

### 1.4 Community Council Drop in Session

The Chair of Council acknowledged the Whittlesea Rotary Club who put on the wonderful sausage sizzle and the vocal duo, the Gambin Brothers, Jacob and Samuel, who are also Whittlesea locals, and performed at our Community Carols. The Chair of Council also acknowledged the coffee provider and the wonderful fudge, by Katrina Bryant from For Fudge Sake, who is a new resident of Whittlesea.

### 1.5 Attendance

**Members:**

Ms Lydia Wilson Chair of Council

Mr Chris Eddy Administrator

**Apologies:**

Ms Peita Duncan Administrator

**Officers:**

Mr Craig Lloyd Chief Executive Officer

Mr Frank Joyce Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

Ms Marilyn Kearney Interim Director Corporate & Shared Services

Ms Debbie Wood Director Infrastructure & Environment

**Apologies**

Ms Janine Morgan Executive Manager Public Affairs

Ms Kate McCaughey Director Community Wellbeing

Mr Justin O'Meara Director Planning & Development

**2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Nil Declarations

**3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT the following Minutes of the preceding meeting as circulated, be confirmed:  
Scheduled Meeting of Council 21 February 2022.**

**CARRIED**

## **4 Public Questions, Petitions and Joint Letters**

### **4.1 Public Question Time**

#### **4.1.1 Whittlesea Agricultural Society**

##### **Ms Erica Hawke - Whittlesea Agricultural Society**

Can the City of Whittlesea please assist with the Whittlesea Agricultural Society?

The impact of no Show for the past 2 years has taken its toll in several areas including finance. We would like ongoing support to assist us moving forward to cover the ever increasing Government compliance costs that are impacting our finances in a negative way, e.g. Professionally prepared traffic management plan and implementation, hiring, Covid requirements, regulation updates, OH&S compliance, insurance regulations regarding amusements and a number of other compliance areas. We also seek support to take the pressure off of our wonderful volunteers, many of whom are ageing.

##### **Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd**

The Whittlesea Agricultural Society have been running the Whittlesea Show for 161 years and with thanks to the dedicated and committed efforts of the Agricultural Society and their network of amazing volunteers who together host the largest event in our municipality.

Council appreciates the financial impact the cancellation of the Show in 2020 and 2021 has had on the Society's finances. Council also acknowledges costs for event infrastructure and compliance have risen in the last few years – further impacting the finances of the Agricultural Society.

Council Officers are recommending a proposed funding allocation for the Whittlesea Show of \$20,000 in the Proposed Budget 2022-23 which is being considered by Council later tonight, to support the Society as they plan for the 2022 Show and navigate the post pandemic operating requirements.

The increase in funding will allow the Society to employ and pay for contractors to undertake some of the work previously delivered by volunteers.

There will be an opportunity for community to provide feedback on the draft budget before it is finalized.



#### **4.1.2 Coombs Road**

##### **Ms Jacqueline Marchant, Mr Jarrod Tilley and Mr Peter McKenna – Residents of Coombs Road, Kinglake West**

A number of issues were raised regarding the condition of the unsealed road, drainage, roadside vegetation, dust and grading of Coombs Road, especially in regard to the increasing usage as a result of the increased community requirements. The residents also raised concerns about the use of a Federal Government Grant that was previously obtained for road upgrades. Fire hazard issues were also raised.

##### **Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd**

The following is an interim response. The minutes will be updated with the formal response within 14 days of this Council Meeting:

The Chief Executive Officer committed to taking these matters on notice. In addition, he committed to personally visiting the area and inspecting the road, with the Director of Infrastructure and Environment; to determine the next steps.

#### **4.1.3 Whittlesea Sporting Grounds & Facilities**

##### **Winston Attard, Whittlesea Cricket Club – Whittlesea Resident**

Winston advised that the club has outgrown the facilities and requested a review of the facilities to determine if they meet the needs of the growing club. Winston advised that currently, there is a shared space area, which is partitioned for home team and away team and sometimes, the home team has to use the committee room. Winston also requested that the review consider the needs of the Whittlesea Cricket Club and the Junior Football Club as well.

##### **Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd**

The following is an interim response. The minutes will be updated with the formal response within 14 days of this Council Meeting:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is currently conducting a review of all the sporting facilities, and a review of the Whittlesea Cricket Club and sporting grounds and pavilion is imminent. The Chief Executive Officer made a commitment to come back to respond in writing formally. It was also noted that the review will take some time, as it is across the entire municipality and there are a large number of facilities and sports clubs to review; however, all clubs, including Whittlesea will be included in the review.

## 4.2 Petitions

### 4.2.1 Petition - Palm Street Tree Replacement Request

A petition has been received from 15 residents requesting Council to remove 5 mature Paperbark trees in Palm Street, Thomastown and for these to be replaced with an Ornamental Pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Aristocrat').

#### Recommendation

**THAT Council note the petition from 15 residents requesting Council to remove five street trees from Palm Street, Thomastown and replace these trees with Ornamental Pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Aristocrat') and write to the signatories to inform them that:**

- The five (5) existing trees will be reassessed by an independent arboricultural consultant, to validate the trees health and useful life expectancy.
- Once the assessment has been completed, a report will be presented to the scheduled Council Meeting being held on 11 April 2022

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**Seconded:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Petition - Palm Street Tree Replacement Request.**

**CARRIED**

#### 4.3 Joint Letters

### 5 Officers' Reports

#### 5.1 Connected Communities

#### 5.2 Livable Neighbourhoods

##### 5.2.1 Joint Letter Parking Management: English Street, Donnybrook

<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Director Infrastructure & Environment
<b>Author</b>	Michael Lamers, Unit Manager Traffic & Transport
<b>In Attendance</b>	Fiona Henningsen, Acting Manager Urban Design & Transport Michael Lamers, Unit Manager Traffic & Transport

#### Attachments

1. Locality Plan [5.2.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Parking Availability Plan [5.2.1.2 - 1 page]

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by residents of 82 to 100 English Street, Donnybrook, for Council to provide parking bays on the west side of English Street in front of their properties, and for pathways to be provided between the parking bays and each property.

#### Recommendation

In response to a joint letter from 11 residents of 82-100 English Street in Donnybrook, requesting additional parking bays and footpath links outside their properties, that Council:

1. Decline the request due to the area already having adequate car parking and footpaths that meet the required standards.
2. Advise the head petitioner and petitioners of the outcome of the resolution, to decline the request as outlined in the submitted joint letter.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy  
**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Joint Letter Parking Management: English Street, Donnybrook.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 Strong Local Economy

#### 5.3.1 Proposed Whittlesea Business Network

<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Director Planning & Development
<b>Author</b>	Business Engagement Officer
<b>In Attendance</b>	Craig Emmerson, Senior Business Engagement Officer Michelle Isherwood, Unit Manager Business Engagement and Support

#### Attachments

1. City of Whittlesea Business Network Terms and Conditions (003) (002) [5.3.1.1 - 2 pages]

#### Purpose

This report is being presented to Council to seek endorsement for the establishment of the City of Whittlesea Business Network and its associated Terms and Conditions (Attachment 1).

#### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the City of Whittlesea Business Network Terms and Conditions; and
2. Endorse the commencement of promoting Whittlesea Business Network membership applications via engagement with the local business community.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**Seconded:** Administrator Chris Eddy

That Council:

1. Endorse the City of Whittlesea Business Network Terms and Conditions; and
2. Endorse the commencement of promoting Whittlesea Business Network membership applications via engagement with the local business community.
3. Receive a further Council report 12 months from the establishment of the Whittlesea Business Network in relation to the outcomes of the network, its terms of reference and membership.

**CARRIED**

#### 5.4 Sustainable Environment

#### 5.5 High Performing Organisation

### 5.5.1 Construction of HR Uren Recreation Reserve Pavilion and Car Park Redevelopment Contract 2021-91 Tender Evaluation Report

<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Director Infrastructure & Environment
<b>Author</b>	Senior Project Manager
<b>In Attendance</b>	Nick Mazzarella, Manager Capital Delivery

#### Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - 2021 91 Contract Tender Evaluation Report Confidential attachment v1 [5.5.1.1 - 4 pages]
2. 2022 02 28 Concept Council Briefing Report Pavilion Car Par [5.5.1.2 - 1 page]

This attachment has been designated as confidential by the Director Infrastructure & Environment, under delegation from the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with Rule 53 of the Governance Rules 2021 and sections 66(5) and 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* on the grounds that it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. In particular, the attachment contains information regarding tender amounts submitted by tenderers and tender evaluation scoring prepared by Council officers. It also contains details of credit and reference checks about the tenderers provided to Council in confidence. The release of this information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the persons who supplied the information or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party.

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the award of Contract Number 2021-91 for the construction of the HR Uren Recreation Reserve Pavilion and Carpark Redevelopment.

### Recommendation

#### That Council:

1. **Accept the tender submitted by JR & BL Kendall Pty Ltd for the sum of \$2,288,092 (excluding GST) for the following contract:**  
**Contract Number: 2021-91**  
  
**Title: Construction of the HR Uren Recreation Reserve Pavilion and Carpark Redevelopment.**  
  
**Subject to the following conditions:**
  - a. **Tenderer to provide proof of currency of insurance cover as required in the tender documents.**

- b. Price variations to be in accordance with the provisions as set out in the tender documents.
  - c. Tenderer to provide contract security as required in the tender documents.
2. Approve the funding arrangements detailed in the confidential attachment.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Construction of HR Uren Recreation Reserve Pavilion and Car Park Redevelopment Contract 2021-91 Tender Evaluation Report.**

**CARRIED**

## 5.5.2 Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2022-2023

<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Executive Manager Governance & Strategy
<b>Author</b>	Unit Manager Corporate Planning & Improvement
<b>In Attendance</b>	Robert Kisgen, Unit Manager Corporate Planning & Improvement

### Attachments

1. Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2022-2023 [5.5.2.1 - 4 pages]

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider adopting the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2022-2023 (the 'Proposed Action Plan'), before publication for community consultation and engagement for a period of four weeks.

### Recommendation

#### That Council:

1. **Endorse the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2022-2023 (the 'Proposed Action Plan') to be released for public consultation for the period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to Tuesday 26 April 2022, 5pm.**
2. **Note that copies of the Proposed Action Plan will be made available for inspection via Whittlesea City Council's website — [www.engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au) during the period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to Tuesday 26 April 2022 with physical copies mailed out upon request.**
3. **Proactively seek written public submissions on the Proposed Action Plan during the consultation period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to 5pm Tuesday 26 April 2022.**
4. **Establish a Community Plan Action Plan Advisory Committee of Council comprising of Administrators Wilson, Duncan and Eddy to meet on 6 June 2022 at 5.30pm to consider public submissions on the Proposed Action Plan 2022-2023 and to hear from any person who requests to speak in support of their submission.**
5. **Note that the Community Plan Action Plan Advisory Committee will provide any recommendations to Council at the Council Meeting to be held at 6.30pm on Monday 27 June 2022.**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2022-2023.**

**CARRIED**



### 5.5.3 Appointment of Independent Member to the Audit & Risk Committee

**Responsible Officer** Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

**Author** Internal Assurance Coordinator

#### Purpose

Current Audit & Risk Committee independent member, Ms Theresa Glab has advised that she wishes to conclude her term on the Committee, as of 30 June 2022. The purpose of this report is to appoint an independent member to the Audit & Risk Committee from 1 July 2022.

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- 1. Appoint Dr Marco Bini as independent member to the City of Whittlesea's Audit & Risk Committee commencing 1 July 2022 for a three-year term ending 30 June 2025, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the Audit & Risk Committee Charter.**
- 2. Write to Ms Glab to thank her for her service to the Audit & Risk Committee and Council.**

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**Seconded:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Appointment of Independent Member to the Audit & Risk Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Chairperson Wilson outlined the contribution Ms Glab had made over the past four and a half years in the position of Independent Member and thanked her for her valuable contribution.

## 5.5.4 Unconfirmed Minutes of Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

**Responsible Officer** Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

**Author** Internal Assurance Coordinator

### Attachments

1. Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 24 February 2022 [5.5.4.1 - 25 pages]

### Purpose

To enable Council to have oversight and understanding of the Audit & Risk Committee operations and as required under Council's Audit & Risk Committee Charter, this report presents the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 24 February 2022.

### Recommendation

**That Council note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 24 February 2022.**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Unconfirmed Minutes of Audit & Risk Committee Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.5.5 Proposed Annual Budget 2022-23

**Responsible Officer** Interim Director Corporate & Shared Services

**Author** Acting Chief Financial Office

**In Attendance** Aaron Gerrard, Acting Chief Financial Officer

#### Attachments

1. City of Whittlesea Proposed Budget 2022-23 [5.5.5.1 - 110 pages]

#### Purpose

It is proposed that Council approve the release of the Proposed Budget 2022-23 for community feedback.

#### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the Proposed Budget 2022-2023 to be released for public consultation for the period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to 5pm Tuesday 26 April 2022.
2. Note that copies of the Proposed Budget 2022-2023 will be made available for inspection via Whittlesea City Council's website — [www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au) during the period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to 5pm Tuesday 26 April 2022 with physical copies mailed out on request.
3. Proactively seek written public submissions on the Proposed Budget 2022-2023 during the consultation period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to 5pm Tuesday 26 April 2022.
4. Establish a Budget Advisory Committee of Council comprising of Administrators \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to meet on 6 June 2022 at 6.30pm to consider public submissions on the Proposed Budget 2022-2023 and to hear from any person who requests to speak in support of their submission.
5. Note that the Budget Advisory Committee will provide any recommendations to Council at the Council Meeting to be held at 6.30pm on Monday 27 June 2022.
6. Resolve on establishment of a new reserve 'Regional Sports and Aquatic Fund' and make a proposed transfer to the reserve of \$15.19 million.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**Seconded:** Administrator Chris Eddy

### That Council:

1. Endorse the Proposed Budget 2022-2023 to be released for public consultation for the period of Wednesday 30 March 2022 to 5pm Tuesday 26 April 2022.
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6. Resolve on establishment of a new reserve 'Regional Sports and Aquatic Fund' and make a proposed transfer to the reserve of \$15.19 million.

CARRIED

## Recommendation

### **6 Notices of Motion**

### **7 Urgent Business**

### **8 Reports from Council Representatives and CEO Update**

#### **8.1 Administrator Chris Eddy Report**

Administrator Eddy's report was provided verbally at the 21 March 2022 Community Council Meeting. Since the last Council Meeting, Administrator Eddy attended:

- Council's Audit & Risk Committee Meeting;
- Meeting with the Nillumbik Shire Councillors to discuss matters of mutual interest;
- Business Breakfast with local Members of Parliament to brief them on Council's advocacy needs and priorities;
- The Whittlesea Public Gardens to publicly acknowledge \$2m that the State Government has granted us through the Growing Suburbs Fund.

#### **8.2 Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson Report**

Chairperson Wilson's report was provided verbally at the 21 March 2022 Community Council Meeting. Since the last council Meeting, Chairperson Wilson attended:

- Council's Audit & Risk Committee Meeting;
- The Yarra Plenty Regional Library board meeting;
- Alongside the CEO a meeting of the Interface Group of Councils to consider joint matters and joint advocacy;
- Attended the Northern Business Achievement Awards Breakfast;
- Official opening of the inaugural Whittlesea Garden Expo which was hosted by Whittlesea Rotary on 5 March 2022;
- The Whittlesea Monday Market on 14 March 2022;
- Alongside Administrator Eddy the dinner with Nillumbik Councillors;
- The Business Breakfast with local Members of Parliament;
- The South Morang Farmers and Makers Market at which there was consultation along the same themes as were present today at the Community Forum prior to the Council Meeting;
- With Minister D'Ambrosio and the CEO of the Yarra Plenty Regional Library Corporation for the official opening of the new infrastructure works including the forecourt and garden at Mill Park Library.

### 8.3 Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd Update 21 March 2022

The Chief Executive Officer's report was provided verbally at the 21 March 2022 Community Council Meeting. The Chief Executive Officer advised of the following:

- The Annual Community Festival is back this weekend at PRACC and the Civic Centre lawns. It is a two day event showcasing talented artists, food trucks and free art and crafts.
- Current capital program in progress includes:
  - The courts at the Mill Park basketball Stadium have reopened with Stage One of the redevelopment expected to be completed by April 2022;
  - The completion of the Thomastown streetscape upgrades and improvements to safety for pedestrians;
  - Commencement of construction for the redevelopment of the Whittlesea Public Gardens which will include a new learn to ride area, a new play space and bbq and picnic precinct. This is a \$4m project supported with State Government funding;
  - Continuing to progress work on the expansion of the skate park and bmx track in Whittlesea with work expected to be completed in the next three months;
  - Opening the inclusive outdoor learning and play space at the Carrington Children's Centre in Thomastown; and
  - Installation of an Electric Vehicle charging station on Church Street as part of the Charging the Regions Project, an initiative of the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance.
- Engagement opportunities include cat curfews and the mandatory desexing of newly registered cats and the proposed Council Budget.
- The City of Whittlesea received a commendation in the Partnership Awards at the National Growth Areas Alliance for our partnership project at Olivine Place.

## **9 Confidential Business**

### **9.1 Confidential Connected Communities**

Nil Reports

### **9.2 Confidential Liveable Neighbourhoods**

Nil Reports

### **9.3 Confidential Strong Local Economy**

Nil Reports

### **9.4 Confidential Sustainable Environment**

Nil Reports

### **9.5 Confidential High Performing Organisation**

Nil Reports

### **9.6 Confidential Notices of Motion**

Nil Confidential Notices of Motion

## **12 Closure**

There being no further business the Chair of Council closed the Scheduled Council Meeting 21 March 2022 at 9:09pm.

Confirmed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2022



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**Lydia Wilson**  
Chair of Council