



Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Held online on Wednesday 20 October 2021

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan, Mayor	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Mark Riley, Deputy Mayor	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Adam Pulford	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Helen Davidson	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	6pm	6.50pm
Cr James Conlan	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	6.02pm	6.50pm
Cr Milad El-Halabi	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6pm	6.50pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6pm	6.50pm

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow
Acting Director City Futures – Olivia Wright
Director Community Development – Eamonn Fennessy
Director Engagement and Partnerships – Joseph Tabacco
Chief Financial Officer – Amanda Burgess
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
Team Leader Governance – Naomi Ellis

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor, Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan declared a conflict of interest in an amendment proposed during report 4.1 Adoption of the Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031, Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 and Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022.

COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 ADOPTION OF THE MORELAND COMMUNITY VISION 2021-2031, MORELAND COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 AND MORELAND COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2021-2022

Executive Summary

The development of the Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031 (Attachment 1), Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 (Attachment 2) and Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022 (Attachment 4) have been informed by a number of key inputs, including working with Councillors to determine their priorities for the next four years and a rigorous community engagement process (Imagine Moreland engagement program) carried out from February to October 2021.

A draft Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031 and draft Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 were presented to Council at its meeting on the 26 August 2021 and subsequently went out to Public Exhibition for 22 days.

10 submissions were received for the draft Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031, 4 of which included positive feedback. Various issues were raised that do not require changes to the document, however they can be progressed separately (including road safety, litter and public bins, Sydney Road amenity and detail around implementation of the vision). Feedback was also provided regarding the order of the themes in the vision, the use of consultants in its development and the perceived unrealistic and generic nature of the vision statements. no Council officer changes are recommended for the final Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031 as a result of submissions received (submissions received, and Council Officer responses can be viewed at (Attachment 3).

24 submissions were received for the draft Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 (Attachment 2), 10 submissions included positive feedback. A few submissions have resulted in Council Officers recommending changes to the final Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 as summarised below:

- To strengthen the strategic indicators under *An Environmentally Proactive Moreland* including tonnes of kerbside waste and recycling collected, capacity of water harvesting systems for re-use/irrigation and area of catchment treated by water sensitive urban design (p16).
- To include the Transport Advocacy Plan in the list of related strategies and plans under *Moving and Living Safely in Moreland* (p18)
- To reference the LGBTIQ+ community in Strategy 3.5 under *A Healthy and Caring Moreland* so that it now reads: 'Enhance social cohesion by developing opportunities for cultural and social connection and addressing the physical, cultural, financial system barriers to access, inclusion and participation by all people including measures to address racism and LGBTIQ+ discrimination' (p19).

A few changes were also made to the final Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 based on either feedback from the Department of Health, Councillors or Council Officers following a final review after the public exhibition period.

Various other issues that were raised in relation to the draft Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 can be progressed separately by Council and other feedback received has also not

resulted in Council Officers recommending changes to the final Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 (as detailed in Attachment 3 to this report).

Additionally, officers have developed the Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022 (Attachment 4). It includes the specific actions to be taken during the first financial year in the implementation of the Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025. All actions documented in the Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022 are resourced for delivery, including through the 2021-22 annual budget (included in the adopted 2021-2025 Budget).

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031 (provided as Attachment 1) in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Adopts Moreland Council Plan 2021–2025 (provided as Attachment 2) in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, noting that it incorporates the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.
3. Adopts Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022 (provided as Attachment 4) as the first year of actions to deliver against the Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025.
4. Authorises the Director Business Transformation to finalise the Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031, Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 and Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022, including any minor administrative changes, professional design of the documents and online versions, distribution and implementation.
5. Acknowledges and thanks the Moreland community for its contribution to the development of the Moreland Community Vision 2021-2031 and Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 through the Imagine Moreland engagement program.
6. Notes that a summary of Imagine Moreland Stage 4 outcomes will be made available on Council’s website, noting that all submitters who provided feedback as part of the public exhibition process will receive an email advising of the outcomes of Council’s decision.
7. Thanks the members of the Community Panel for their contribution and advise them in writing of the outcome of Council’s decision.

Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

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Amendment

Cr Pavlidis moved -

That point 2 of the Motion be amended:

2. Adopts Moreland Council Plan 2021–2025 (provided as Attachment 2) in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, noting that it incorporates the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 **with the following amendment:**

- **Under Theme 2, amend:**

Strategy 2.6 to read 'Collaborate with the community to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure on a case by case basis.'

The Amendment was acceptable to the Mover and became part of the Substantive Motion.

Amendment

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That the amendment to point 2 of the Motion be removed.

Lost

Cr Pulford called for a division.

For

Cr Riley
Cr Pulford
Cr Panopoulos
Cr Conlan

Total For (4)

Against

Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Davidson
Cr Tapinos
Cr Yildiz
Cr Pavlidis
Cr El-Halabi

Total Against (6)

Abstained

Cr Bolton

Total Abstained (1)

Lost

Amendment

Cr Bolton moved –

That the following amendments be made to the Motion:

2. Adopts Moreland Council Plan 2021–2025 (provided as Attachment 2) in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, noting that it incorporates the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 **with the following amendments:**

- a) Under Theme 1, amend:

- i) Delete Strategic Indicator 'Percentage of tree canopy cover in the public realm' and replace with **'Juvenile tree retention on public land (1-3 year old trees) in the municipality with a target of 85% per year.'**

- ii) Amend Strategic Indicator to read ‘Number of trees planted **on public land** in the municipality’ and the target to read ‘**10,000 over the 4 year period plus replacement of trees removed in this period.**’
 - b) Under Theme 2, amend:
 - i) Strategy 2.3 to read ‘Advocate to improve public transport capacity and equitable access across Moreland, **including advocating for bus services to be scheduled to operate at night and on weekends.**’
 - ii) Strategy 2.5 to read ‘Strategy Facilitate **substantially increased** use of active transport in the community through targeted programs which include a focus on children, young people, families and older people.’
 - c) Under Theme 3, amend:
 - i) Strategy 3.5 to read ‘Enhance social cohesion **by strengthening relationships and** developing opportunities for cultural and social connection and addressing the physical, cultural, financial system barriers to access, inclusion and participation by all people, in particular culturally and linguistically diverse communities. This should also include measures to address racism and LGBTIQA+ discrimination.
 - ii) Strategy 3.3 to read ‘Ensure Moreland residents are more active more often at all stages of life by providing a diverse range of **accessible and affordable** recreation opportunities that reflect our diverse community and develop and maintain partnerships to enhance participation options.’
 - d) Under Theme 5 of the Council Plan, amend:
 - i) The target for Strategic Indicator ‘Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public (Know Your Council)’ to read ‘Decrease **from Moreland 2021 baseline measure of 4.62%.**’
 - ii) The target for Strategic Indicator ‘Community satisfaction with Council decisions (Know Your Council) to read ‘Increase to **meet or exceed metropolitan average.**’
 - iii) The target for Strategic Indicator ‘Asset renewal and asset upgrade as a percentage of depreciation (Know Your Council)’ to read ‘**Increase from Moreland 2021 baseline measure of 95.57%.**’
 - iv) Strategic Indicator ‘Victorian Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results’ to read ‘Victorian Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Results: Overall satisfaction, Customer Service, Consultation and Engagement, Informing the community (**published annually on Council’s website**); and adjust target for Overall satisfaction to read: ‘Increase **to meet or exceed metropolitan average.**’
3. Adopts Moreland Council Action Plan 2021-2022 (provided as Attachment 4) as the first year of actions to deliver against the Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 **with the following amendments:**
- a) Reword Action 20 to read: “Investigate car free days around schools throughout the **municipality, that includes seeking feedback from school communities, local residents and key stakeholders to inform next steps.**
 - b) Reword Action 21 to read: ‘Advocate for improved personal safety **and increased amenity at and around** Jacana Station’
 - c) Reword Action 22 to read: Investigate and implement measures to encourage reduced speed and improve pedestrian safety, **with a special attention to accessibility.**

- d) Reword Action 28 to read: Advocate for the creation of an East/West bus link and improved bus services in the North, **including advocating for bus services to be scheduled to operate at night and on weekends.**
- e) Reword Action 73 to read: ‘Review operational plans addressing **deterrence and** removal of graffiti, unsightly properties, dumped rubbish, public litter bins, drinking fountains, public toilets, car park opening hours and public lighting.’

The Amendments was acceptable to the Mover and Seconder and became part of the Substantive Motion.

Mayor, Cr Carli Hannan declared a conflict of interest in the proposed amendment 3f) and left the meeting at 6.31pm.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Riley assumed the Chair.

Amendment

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That the following amendment be added to point 3 of the Motion:

- 3f) Add a new Action under Theme 4: Vibrant spaces and places in Moreland: ‘Subject to the endorsement of Council, seek to retain in ownership the heritage listed bluestone cottage on Bell Street, Coburg and subject to the appropriate statutory process, enter into a new lease with the Coburg Historical Society; and also investigate opportunities to enhance storage, display and research areas with the society.’**

Carried on the casting vote of the Chair.

Meeting adjournment

Motion

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That the meeting be adjourned at 6.39pm for 5 minutes and resume at 6.44pm.

Carried

The Mayor resumed the Chair at 6.44pm and the meeting resumed at 6.44pm.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

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Carried unanimously

4.2 ADOPTION OF THE MORELAND CITY COUNCIL 10-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN 2021-2031

Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires each Council to prepare a Financial Plan covering a minimum period of 10-years following each Council election. The 10-year Financial Plan 2021-2031 (the Financial Plan) was developed through deliberative engagement and covers the periods 2021-22 to 2030-31.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of the Financial Plan (show at Attachment 1).

The Financial Plan is one of a number of integrated documents that have been developed to provide a robust and transparent system of financial management aligned to the longer-term aspirations for Moreland as expressed in the newly developed Community Vision and Council Plan – ‘Many Faces, One Moreland’.

The Financial Plan is also an important document as it sets out broadly how Council can fund essential services and projects in coming years. The Financial Plan is a decision-making tool to identify Council’s current and projected financial capacity to meet Council’s

future needs in providing services and facilities to the community based on the goals and aspirations of the Council Plan. The long-term outlook for Council displays prudent financial management.

The draft Financial Plan was presented to Council at its meeting on the 26 August 2021 and subsequently went out to Public Exhibition for 22 days. Two submissions were received, and they can be viewed at Attachment 2, which includes a Council Officer response to submissions received. The feedback received resulted in an administrative error in the correction to the dates relating to the Imagine Moreland engagement program, however Council Officers do not recommend any other changes to the final Financial Plan in response to submissions received.

Since public exhibition of the draft Financial Plan, Council Officers have updated the forecast actuals to reflect the actual 2020-21 numbers as well as the repayment of the \$8.0 million loan in 2021-22, endorsed by Council at the 23rd September 2021 Special Council meeting.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the 10-year Financial Plan 2021-2031 (provided as Attachment 1) in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Notes that a summary of Imagine Moreland Stage 4 outcomes will be made available on Council's website, noting that all submitters who provided feedback as part of the public exhibition process will receive an email advising of the outcomes of Council's decision.
3. Authorises the Director Business Transformation to finalise the 10-year Financial Plan 2021-2031, including any minor administrative changes, professional design of the document and online version, distribution and implementation.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Adopts the 10-year Financial Plan 2021-2031 (provided as Attachment 1) in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**
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3. **Authorises the Director Business Transformation to finalise the 10-year Financial Plan 2021-2031, including any minor administrative changes, professional design of the document and online version, distribution and implementation.**

Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Confirmed

Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan
MAYOR