



Minutes

Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting

Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 5pm

Council Chamber,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang



**City of
Whittlesea**

Attendance

Councillors

Cr Martin Taylor, Mayor
Cr Blair Colwell
Cr Stevan Kozmevski
Cr Jarrod Lappin
Cr Christine Stow

Officers

Craig Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer
Agata Chmielewski, Director Community Wellbeing
Sarah Renner, Director Customer & Corporate Services
Emma Appleton, Director Planning & Development
Amanda Dodd, Acting Director Infrastructure & Environment
Janine Morgan, Executive Manager Public Affairs
Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Chair read the following statement:

"On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

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

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair asked those in attendance the following question: *"Does any Councillor or Officer have a conflict of interest in any matter on the agenda today?"*

Nil

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1 Reports from Officers

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Director/Executive Manager: Director Customer & Corporate Services

Report Author: Acting Chief Financial Officer

In Attendance: Unit Manager Financial Development & Accountability
Unit Manager Corporate Planning
Senior Finance Services Accountant
Unit Manager Financial Strategy & Performance
Acting Unit Manager Financial Development & Accountability

This attachment has been designated as confidential in accordance with sections 66(5) and 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* on the grounds that it contains confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a).

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for the Hearing of Submissions Committee (the Committee) to hear all the submitters who wish to speak and elaborate on their written submission received by Council regarding the Proposed Budget 2025-26 (the 'Proposed Budget'), Proposed Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2034-35 (the 'Proposed Financial Plan'), and Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-26 to 2028-29 (the 'Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan').

The Committee also have the opportunity to ask questions to the submitter, seeking clarification if required.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Hearing of Submissions Committee hear from submitter/s wanting to provide a verbal submission relating to the Proposed Budget, Proposed Financial Plan and Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan.

Cr Stow moved the Officers' Recommendation as the motion:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Cr Stow</i>
Seconded:	<i>Cr Cowell</i>

THAT the Hearing of Submissions Committee hear from submitter/s wanting to provide a verbal submission relating to the Proposed Budget, Proposed Financial Plan and Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan.

COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Nil

VOTING

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED (vote against the motion)
<i>Cr Colwell</i> <i>Cr Kozmevski</i> <i>Cr Lappin</i> <i>Cr Stow</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

2 Close Meeting

There being no further business the Chair formally closed the Hearing of Submissions meeting at 5:23pm.

Confirmed this 20th day of May 2025.