

**Minutes**

**Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 5pm

Council Chamber,

25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

# 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

# Order of Business

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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:*

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| **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** | |
| ***Moved:*** | *Cr Stow* |
| ***Seconded:*** | *Cr Cowell* |

**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.**

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| **COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION** |
| *Nil* |

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| **VOTING** | | |
| **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAINED**  **(vote against the motion)** |
| *Cr Colwell*  *Cr Kozmevski*  *Cr Lappin*  *Cr Stow* | *Nil* | *Nil* |

**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.