

Melbourne City Council

**Meeting No 12
Tuesday 28 October 2025
5:30 pm**

**Council Chamber
Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building**

Confirmed Minutes



Present

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Rafael Camillo
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Owen Guest
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Gladys Liu
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Andrew Rowse
Councillor Mark Scott

1 Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land governed by the City of Melbourne, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin, and advised that the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website.

2 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

3 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Cr Liu

That the minutes of meeting No 11 held on Tuesday 30 September 2025 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

4 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5 Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee.

6 Reports from management

There were nine reports from Management.

6.1 Quarterly performance reporting Finances and Capital Program Q4 2025

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. This report provides an overall view of Council performance and delivery against the Council Works Program and the Budget 2024–25 as at 30 June 2025.
2. City of Melbourne's Council Works Program has delivered \$172.7 million against an approved budget of \$254.4 million.
3. Council's year to date underlying surplus is \$589,000 (\$488,000 favourable). Key factors contributing to the underlying surplus position are recognition of the Citywide dividend (\$17.5 million) and higher parking meter revenue (\$5.1 million). These are partially offset by materials and services expense (\$13.6 million) being higher than expected and (\$5 million) lower parking infringement notice revenue.

4. Councils cash position is \$47.7 million due to the good rates and other debtor's collections received during the year, plus the settlement of the property at 30-64 Little Collins Street, with some of the funds being transferred to term deposits. Capital expenditure was also below budget for the year which meant borrowings remained at prior year levels.
5. The net effect of supplementary valuations for the April to June 2025 period is a decrease of \$130,000 in general rates and waste service charges.

Item of correspondence was received from:

- Aaron Moon

Moved: Cr Dr Guest

1. That Council resolves to:
 - 1.1. Note the 2024–25 Council Works Program quarter four summary report (Attachments 1 of the report from management).
 - 1.2. Approve program adjustments in the Council Works Program, within the overall adopted budget funding envelope (Attachment 2 of the report from management).
 - 1.3. Approve the carry forward of \$24,751,643 in capital funds into the 2025–26 financial year (Attachment 3 of the report from management).
 - 1.4. Note the 2024–25 fourth quarter Financial Performance Report (Attachments 4 to 7 of the report from management).

Seconded: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

6.2 City of Melbourne Annual Report 2024–25

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Annual Report 2024–25 is a legislated document supporting City of Melbourne's focus on transparency and accountability to the public.
2. Once adopted a full version of the Annual Report will be published on Council's website.
3. A limited number of hard copies of the Annual Report will be available on request. These will be allocated to satisfy legal obligations and accessibility requirements, with digital access via the website being the primary public distribution channel.

Item of correspondence was received from:

- Aaron Moon

Moved: Cr Dr Guest

1. That Council resolve to:
 - 1.1. Endorse the Annual Report for the 2024-25 financial year (Attachment 1) in accordance with section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

- 1.2. Authorise the Chief Operating Officer to make any further minor editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design prior to publication.

Seconded: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

6.3 Council Strategic Planning Program (Vision and Council Plan)

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the M2050 Vision (refer Attachment 1), Council Plan 2025-2029 (refer Attachment 2), Financial Plan 2025-2035 (refer Attachment 3) and Asset Plan 2025-2035 (refer Attachment 4) for adoption.
2. On 19 August 2025, the Future Melbourne Committee endorsed the draft M2050 Vision, draft Council Plan 2025-2029 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan), draft Financial Plan 2025-2035 and draft Asset Plan 2025-2035 for community engagement.
3. Community engagement was conducted, with over 1,000 people providing feedback, between 20 August 2025 and 21 September 2025. On 21 October 2025, the Future Melbourne Committee resolved:
 - 3.1. That the Future Melbourne Committee, having considered all community engagement feedback in response to the draft M2050 Vision, draft Council Plan 2025–2029 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan), draft Financial Plan 2025–35 and draft Asset Plan 2025–35 and having heard from anyone wishing to be heard. refers the Vision and Plans to the 28 October 2025 Council meeting for consideration.
4. Changes to the draft documents as a result of the community engagement process and management amendments have been incorporated into the final drafts as appended at Attachment 1, 2, 3 and 4; recommended amendments have been compiled in the log of changes at Attachment 5 for transparency.
5. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020*, these plans are due for adoption by 31 October 2025.

Items of correspondence were received from:

- Prof Libby Porter, RMIT
- Chris Thrum
- Aaron Moon
- Roberto Gerrad-Martinez, Homeless Persons Union.

Moved: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Adopts the M2050 Vision (Attachment 1), incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
 - 1.2. Adopts the Council Plan 2025–2029 (Attachment 2), including the incorporated Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
 - 1.3. Adopts the Financial Plan 2025–2035 (Attachment 3), incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.

- 1.4. Adopts the Asset Plan 2025–2035 (Attachment 4), incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
- 1.5. Notes the report to the Future Melbourne Committee as appended at Attachment 6 of the report.
- 1.6. Requests management to advise members of the public of the Council's decision in relation to these matters and the reasons for the decision via publication of an Engagement Summary to the City of Melbourne's community engagement platform, <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>, noting:
 - 1.6.1. All community members who provided feedback will receive an email referring to the Engagement Summary
 - 1.6.2. Management will work with stakeholders and community members who provided written submissions to the Phase 2 engagement to share where their feedback has been addressed.
- 1.7. Authorises the General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design to the documents prior to publication.
- 1.8. Notes that, in accordance with the Council's Public Transparency Policy, the final documents will be made available on the Council website, at the Council Offices or on request of Council.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

Amendment 1:

Moved: Cr Griffiths

That at the end of 1.2 of the motion, the following words be added: "subject to the following amendments:"

That the following be added under 1.2 of the motion:

- 1.2.1. Add a new indicator to the Council Plan 2025-29 on pages 36 and 42: "Number of Indigenous plant species planted in garden beds across the municipality," with the current baseline being 133 species (out of a possible 709).
- 1.2.2. Replace the key activity on page 37:

"Green our city through the accelerated delivery of parks, gardens and open spaces and by protecting our natural environment, habitat and threatened and endangered native species"

with:

"Green our city through the accelerated delivery of parks, gardens and open spaces. Protect and enhance our natural environment and habitat, supporting the recovery of threatened and locally extinct native species"
- 1.2.3. Add two proposed deliverables to the list on page 50:

1.2.3.1. "Increase the number of Indigenous plant species planted in garden beds across the municipality"

1.2.3.2. "Publish and maintain a list of national- and state-listed threatened species that occur in the municipality, and Indigenous species that have become locally extinct since 1970."

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The amendment was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

The amendment was incorporated into the substantive motion.

Amendment 2:

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the following be added under 1.2 of the motion:

1.2.4. add to the Council Plan 2025-29 the City of Melbourne's express commitment to respecting, protecting and promoting all human rights in all its decisions and actions.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The amendment was withdrawn by Cr Dr Ball.

Amendment 3:

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the following be added under 1.2 of the motion:

1.2.4. add to the Council Plan 2025-29 the following:

1.2.4.1. City of Melbourne is committed to respecting, protecting and promoting human rights in all decisions and actions in line with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006. This commitment applies across all policies, programs, and services, ensuring that Council acts consistently with the principles of fairness, equality, and dignity for all members of the community.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The amendment was put and LOST

Voted for Cr Dr Ball and Cr Griffiths

Voted against Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Camillo, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Amendment 4:

Moved: Cr Camillo

That the following be added under 1.2 of the motion:

1.2.4.

the second last Key Activity referenced on page 180 being amended to include advocacy on bail and sentencing reform and to read as follows:

'Improve safety in the public realm by expanding visible safety presence, advocating for increased police resourcing, monitoring and continuing to progress bail and sentencing reform and investing in safety infrastructure and city cleaning.'

Seconded: Cr Liu

The amendment was put and CARRIED

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Camillo, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Voted against Cr Dr Ball and Cr Griffiths

The amendment was incorporated into the substantive motion.

Amendment 5:

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the following be added under 1.2 of the motion:

- 1.2.5. delete all references to security guards or community safety officers from the Council Plan 2025-29 with the effect of ending the program; and
- 1.2.6. request management advise Council or FMC how to reinvest the \$2 million in the 2025-26 budget in evidence-based approaches to improving community safety in Melbourne, designed in conjunction with people experiencing poverty, homelessness, mental illness and using drugs, and their representative organisations.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.17pm and returned at 7.19pm.

The amendment was put and LOST

Voted for Cr Dr Ball and Cr Griffiths

Voted against Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Camillo, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Amendment 6:

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the following be added under 1.2 of the motion:

- 1.2.5. delete the deliverable concerning protests (page 46).

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The amendment was put and LOST

Voted for Cr Dr Ball and Cr Griffiths

Voted against Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Camillo, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

The substantive motion in its entirety reads as follows:

1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Adopts the M2050 Vision (Attachment 1), incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
 - 1.2. Adopts the Council Plan 2025–2029 (Attachment 2), including the incorporated Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
 - 1.2.1. Add a new indicator to the Council Plan 2025-29 on pages 36 and 42:

“Number of Indigenous plant species planted in garden beds across the municipality,” with the current baseline being 133 species (out of a possible 709).
 - 1.2.2. Replace the key activity on page 37:

“Green our city through the accelerated delivery of parks, gardens and open spaces and by protecting our natural environment, habitat and threatened and endangered native species”

with:

“Green our city through the accelerated delivery of parks, gardens and open spaces. Protect and enhance our natural environment and habitat, supporting the recovery of threatened and locally extinct native species”
 - 1.2.3. Add two proposed deliverables to the list on page 50:
 - 1.2.3.1. “Increase the number of Indigenous plant species planted in garden beds across the municipality”
 - 1.2.3.2. “Publish and maintain a list of national- and state-listed threatened species that occur in the municipality, and Indigenous species that have become locally extinct since 1970.”
 - 1.2.4. the second last Key Activity referenced on page 180 being amended to include advocacy on bail and sentencing reform and to read as follows:

‘Improve safety in the public realm by expanding visible safety presence, advocating for increased police resourcing, advocating for monitoring and continuing to progress bail and sentencing reform and investing in safety infrastructure and city cleaning.’
 - 1.3. Adopts the Financial Plan 2025–2035 (Attachment 3), incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
 - 1.4. Adopts the Asset Plan 2025–2035 (Attachment 4), incorporating the recommended changes from Management as set out in Attachment 5.
 - 1.5. Notes the report to the Future Melbourne Committee as appended at Attachment 6 of the report.
 - 1.6. Requests management to advise members of the public of the Council’s decision in relation to these matters and the reasons for the decision via publication of an Engagement Summary to the City of Melbourne’s community engagement platform, <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>, noting:
 - 1.6.1. All community members who provided feedback will receive an email referring to the Engagement Summary

- 1.6.2. Management will work with stakeholders and community members who provided written submissions to the Phase 2 engagement to share where their feedback has been addressed.
- 1.7. Authorises the General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design to the documents prior to publication.
- 1.8. Notes that, in accordance with the Council's Public Transparency Policy, the final documents will be made available on the Council website, at the Council Offices or on request of Council.

The substantive motion was put and CARRIED

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Camillo, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Voted against Cr Dr Ball and Cr Griffiths

6.4 Revised - Delegations Policy and Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. In the spirit of continuous improvement, Management has conducted a further review of the Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer and the Delegations Policy, since they were last adopted by Council on 30 June 2025.
2. This report outlines recommended changes and presents both documents to Council for adoption.

Moved: Cr Dr Guest

1. In the exercise of the power conferred by section 11(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020, Melbourne City Council (Council) resolves that:
 - 1.1. There be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the attached Instrument of Delegation to Chief Executive Officer (Instrument) (Attachment 2 of the report from management), subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
 - 1.2. The Instrument:
 - 1.2.1. comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument; and
 - 1.2.2. remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
 - 1.3. On the coming into force of this Instrument, the Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer authorised by Council on 30 June 2025 is revoked.
 - 1.4. The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
 - 1.5. The Instrument be sealed.
2. That Council adopts the Delegations Policy (Attachment 4 of the report from management) with the following amendments to section 2.1:

Where the Chief Executive Officer ~~has exercised their financial delegation under this section:~~

- is intending to exercise their financial delegation under this section, before making the decision a briefing paper must be circulated by the Chief Executive Officer to all councillors as soon as practicable ~~to notify them of the decision.~~
- has exercised their financial delegation under this section, the Chief Executive Officer must then present a report to the next available Council meeting outlining the decision for noting.
- ~~where the Chief Executive Officer~~ has awarded a contract for services in accordance with this section which is valued greater than \$1 million annually, details of the contract must be published on the corporate website as soon as practicable.

Seconded: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

6.5 Road Discontinuance - Haymarket Walk

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The University of Melbourne (the Applicant) has formally requested the discontinuance and sale of Haymarket Walk to enable the consolidation of land for the development of the Australian Institute for Infectious Disease (AIID), a state-of-the-art facility currently under construction at 766 Elizabeth Street (Proposal).
2. The AIID project is being delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government, which has committed up to \$400 million toward the total project cost of \$650 million, with co-funding provided by the University, the Doherty Institute, the Burnet Institute, and philanthropic contributions.
3. Haymarket Walk is a public road located adjacent to 766 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne as shown on the attached title plan (Road). The Road is approximately 418m² in total area and is used as a walkway between Elizabeth Street and Berkley Street, Melbourne.
4. Council is both the road authority and landowner of the Road which is currently listed on Councils Register of Public Roads as Asset Number 1012848. The University owns the land abutting Haymarket Walk, which is in the planning phase for future development.
5. It is considered that the Road may no longer be reasonably required for general public use as there is no strategic, historic or community significance to retain the Road.
6. Internal consultation has confirmed general support for the Proposal, subject to the inclusion of a Section 173 Agreement under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (PEA) on title of 766 Elizabeth Street to ensure 24-hour pedestrian access is maintained through the AIID site in perpetuity.
7. As such, the discontinuance of the Road is not considered to impact on the safe and efficient functioning of the surrounding area.
8. Following external consultation, the Applicant is required to relocate several infrastructure assets—including a telecommunications cable, drainage pit, and an APA gas main, if the assets are not relocated easements will be created and registered on title to protect the assets.

9. The Applicant has agreed to pay Council's costs and disbursements associated with the discontinuance of the Road, together with the market value of the land, which has been assessed as \$3,700,000 plus GST.
10. Under delegation, management have completed the statutory road discontinuance process, including public notification and consideration of any submissions received, in accordance with section 206, clause 3 of Schedule 10 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and carried out community engagement in accordance with section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 in relation to the proposal to sell the land.
11. One submission in favour of the application was received from the Applicant which was later withdrawn.
12. Council is now in a position to consider whether to discontinue and sell the Road to the Applicant.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. The Lord Mayor received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election. The Lord Mayor left the meeting at 8.02pm prior to discussion taking place.

Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. The Deputy Lord Mayor received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election. The Deputy Lord Mayor left the meeting at 8.02pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Louey declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. Cr Louey received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election. Cr Louey left the meeting at 8.02pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Scott declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. Cr Scott received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election. Cr Scott left the meeting at 8.02pm prior to discussion taking place.

Procedural Motion – Temporary Chair:

Moved: Cr Camillo

That Cr Dr Guest be elected Temporary Chair.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu and Cr Rowse

Motion

Moved: Cr Dr Guest

1. That Council, having considered that there were no submissions in response to the public notice regarding Council's proposal to discontinue the road known as Haymarket Walk, shown as Lot 1 on proposed title plan TP973643N attached as Attachment 1 to this report (Road):
 - 1.1. Discontinue the Road as it considers that the Road is not reasonably required for public use.
 - 1.2. Sell the discontinued Road for a market value of \$3,700,000 plus GST to the then current adjoining owner(s) of the properties at 766 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, University of Melbourne.

- 1.3. Directs that a notice pursuant to clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic) is published in the Victorian Government Gazette.
- 1.4. Authorises the Director, City Property or their delegate to negotiate, approve, and enter into such documentation required to complete the discontinuance, sale, and transfer of the road as contemplated or described to the University of Melbourne as the then current adjoining owner(s) of 766 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.
- 1.5. Directs that any easements, rights or interests required to be created or saved over the Road by any public authority be done so and not be affected by the discontinuance and sale of The Road.
- 1.6. Directs that University of Melbourne, the then current adjoining owner(s) of 766 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, be required to consolidate the title to the discontinued Road with the title to adjoining owner's land (or such part of it approved by Council) within 12 months of the date of the transfer of the discontinued Road, at that owner's own cost and expense.

Seconded: Cr Camillo

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu and Cr Rowse

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell and Cr Louey returned to the meeting at 8.07pm.

The Lord Mayor resumed the role of Chair at 8.07pm.

6.6 Proposed Road discontinuance - Eight Small Parks

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. Eight established small parks and reserves in the municipality have been identified as Government Roads and a summary of each road is included as Attachment 1.
2. In many instances, these parcels of open space have been in existence for a significant period of time. Despite their legal status, these reserves and parks play a valuable role in the City's public open space network.
3. To protect these established parks and reserves, and to regularise the land status, management is considering a proposal to discontinue the associated sections of road reserve.
4. Council is the road authority for the eight roads.
5. Management commenced the statutory procedures under delegation to consider the road discontinuance proposals in accordance with section 206, clause 3 Schedule 10 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.
6. Management gave public notice on 16 June 2025 in the Age and on the website and approximately 300 letters were also sent to abutting owners of the eight small parks, inviting submissions.
7. No submissions were received.
8. Management seeks a decision from Council whether the sections of road are reasonably required for public use and the suitability of their discontinuance as Government Roads.

Moved: Cr Griffiths

1. That Council resolves to:
 - 1.1. discontinue part of:
 - 1.1.1. Exhibition Street, Melbourne as shown on the plan at Attachment 2 of the report from management;
 - 1.1.2. McCracken Street, Kensington as shown on the plan at Attachment 3 of the report from management;
 - 1.1.3. Barkly Street, Carlton as shown on the plan at Attachment 4 of the report from management;
 - 1.1.4. Road within Royal Park, Second Fairway, Parkville as shown on the plan at Attachment 5 of the report from management;
 - 1.1.5. Barry and Leicester streets, Carlton as shown on the plan at Attachment 6 of the report from management;
 - 1.1.6. Bowen Crescent, Carlton North as shown on the plan at Attachment 7 of the report from management;
 - 1.1.7. St Andrews Place, East Melbourne as shown on the plan at Attachment 8 of the report from management; and
 - 1.1.8. Pitt Street, Carlton, as shown on the plan at Attachment 9 of the report from management.

(collectively known as the Roads).
 - 1.2. authorise the Director, City Property, to take all necessary actions required to:
 - 1.2.1. Implement the discontinuances referred to above, allowing for the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action to reserve the Land as public park and recreation; and
 - 1.2.2. Request Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action appoint Council as Committee of Management of the Roads to formalise their use as small parks or extensions to existing larger parks.

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey and Cr Rowse

6.7 Cancellation of the Future Melbourne Committee Meeting - 18 November 2025

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. This report seeks a Council decision to amend the 2025 Council and Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meeting schedule by cancelling the FMC meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2025 at 5.30pm.

2. Due to the public holiday on 4 November 2025, the first FMC meeting for November is scheduled to take place on 11 November 2025. This has resulted in an FMC or Council meeting scheduled each week for five weeks in a row, over November and December 2025.
3. Management is of the view that the meeting scheduled for 18 November 2025 is unnecessary, given that there is an FMC or Council meeting scheduled the week prior and the week after. Therefore, the 18 November 2025 meeting is recommended for cancellation as upcoming business can be conveniently and safely transacted by Council at its other scheduled Council and FMC meetings in November and December 2025.

Moved: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That Council resolves to amend the 2025 Council and Future Melbourne Committee meeting schedule (as per Attachment 1 of the report from management), by cancelling the Future Melbourne Committee meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2025 at 5.30pm.

Seconded: Cr Dr Guest

Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 8.13pm.

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

6.8 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Activity Report for 2024/25

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) is an advisory committee of Council established in accordance with section 53 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).
2. Section 54(5) of the Act requires a biannual audit and risk report that describes the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee be presented to the Council.
3. The Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires the Committee to formally report to Council twice per year on its activities. These reports include a summary of the Committee's activities over the previous six months and any significant findings arising from its work. The second of the reports provide an overview of the full year of Committee activities and is published on Council's website. The second report (called the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Activity Report) is being presented to the Council.
4. The previous Biannual Activity Report was presented to Council on 29 April 2025.
5. The Biannual Activity Report 2024-25 (Attachment 1) covers the activities of the Committee from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

Moved: Cr Dr Guest

1. That Council resolve to:

1.1 Note the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Activity Report for 2024/25.

1.2 Note the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Activity Report for 2024/25 will be published on Council's website.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

6.9 Affordable Housing on Council Land - outcomes of selection process

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. On 27 August 2024, Council resolved to lease council-owned land at 325–341 Victoria Street, West Melbourne for the purpose of affordable housing. As part of this decision, Council also resolved to commence a competitive process to select a Community Housing Provider (CHP) and to establish a Project Reference Group (PRG) to inform the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
2. Since that time, management has appointed and worked closely with a 13-person PRG. They have directly informed and contributed to the Request for Proposals process to select a CHP to lease, develop and manage the site. The PRG and Council's evaluation panel have reviewed the proposals, and the highest-scoring proponent is now being recommended to Council to progress to the third and final stage of the process (lease negotiations).
3. The recommended proposal is for 100% key worker housing. This aligns strongly with Council's objectives for the site and provides an opportunity to put Council's definition of key worker housing into practice on council-owned land.
4. The proposal, which is subject to further design review, is for a four-storey development comprising 32 dwellings. It is a mix of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom homes. The proponent has demonstrated a strong interest in engaging with Council's design excellence program and has included measures to retain two existing trees.
5. This project directly aligns with goals in the Council's Affordable Housing Strategy 2020–2030, especially by leasing Council land for affordable housing and broadening options for key workers. It also supports the direction set in the M2050 Vision for 'Liveable Melbourne, growing stronger together', by promoting equity, fairness, and making Melbourne an inclusive place that values its essential workforce.
6. Council's contribution to this project would be limited to leasing the site at a peppercorn rent. The selected CHP would be responsible for securing all capital and operational funding for the development.
7. The project has attracted interest and support beyond Council. The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (LMCF) has made an in-principle commitment to provide a \$1 million grant to the proponent selected by Council, through its Affordable Housing Challenge program. This funding is subject to the proponent meeting the Foundation's eligibility criteria and approval by the LMCF trustees, and is independent of Council's own assessment process.
8. This project reinforces Council's leadership in affordable housing. It will provide a valuable pilot and testing ground for a tailored housing model that supports Melbourne's essential workforce, establishing a replicable approach that can be adopted by other housing providers, agencies and landowners in future.

Moved: Cr Liu

1. That Council resolves to:
 - 1.1. Thank the Project Reference Group for their input and request the Lord Mayor to formally acknowledge their contributions in writing.

- 1.2. Approve the outcome of the Request for Proposal process for the lease, management and development of 325–341 Victoria Street, West Melbourne for affordable housing, including selecting Proponent A to proceed to lease negotiations.
- 1.3. Authorise the CEO, or their delegate, to oversee negotiations and finalisation of the Agreement for Lease including Operating Plan and allocations process and subsequent Lease of 325–341 Victoria Street, West Melbourne for affordable housing and ancillary uses, based on the following key terms:
 - 1.3.1. A proposed lease term that would be no longer than 50 years.
 - 1.3.2. A nominated rental of \$1 per annum.
 - 1.3.3. All ongoing maintenance and renewal to be undertaken by the tenant in line with an approved asset management plan.
- 1.4. Requests that the lease terms, Operating Plan, and allocations process come back to Councillors prior to execution or implementation.
- 1.5. Once key terms are finalised, authorise the CEO or their delegate to:
 - 1.5.1. Publish a notice of its intention to grant a Lease to Proponent A in accordance with Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, including notices on Council website and in the paper.
- 1.6. Following the public notification period, grant the lease on the advertised terms or terms otherwise consistent.
- 1.7. Note that the name of the recommended proponent and further information about the proposal will be released following the completion of lease negotiations.
- 1.8. Acknowledge and thank the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation for their support of the project and in principle agreement to provide \$1 million to the successful proponent, subject to approval by LMCF trustees.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

7 General Business

There were no items of general business.

8 Urgent Business

There was one item of urgent business.

Procedural Motion – Urgent Business

Moved: Cr Liu

That the matter of cohealth Community Health Centres meets the criteria for consideration as an item of Urgent Business under Rule 15.8 of Council's Governance Rules as it has arisen since the distribution of the agenda, and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council or Future Melbourne Committee meeting.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

8.1 cohealth Community Health Centres

Moved: Cr Liu

1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Oppose the ending of GP, pharmacy, and general counselling services at the three cohealth community health centres in Kensington, Fitzroy, and Collingwood.
 - 1.2. Calls on cohealth to reconsider its decision and continue working constructively with both the Federal and Victorian Governments to identify sustainable funding and governance arrangements that keep these essential community health services operating.
 - 1.3. Requests Federal and State governments engage proactively with cohealth and affected communities to prevent the closure of the Community Health Centres.
 - 1.4. Reaffirms Council's commitment to protecting and strengthening community health services that play a vital role in keeping neighbourhoods safe, healthy and connected.
 - 1.5. Supports continued community advocacy and Council engagement with affected stakeholders to maintain pressure on cohealth and other decision-makers to reverse the closures.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Cr Dr Guest, being present but having abstained from voting, was taken to have voted against the motion.

9 Closure of Meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

1. That pursuant to section 66(1) and section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act), the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the agenda items titled:
 - 14.1 Personal Information

- 14.2 Council Business Information
 - 14.3 Council Business Information
 - 14.4 Private Commercial Information
 - 14.5 Council Business Information
2. These agenda items are confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 because:
- a. Agenda item 14.1 contains personal information, being information which if released would result in unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)).
 - b. Agenda items 14.2, 14.3 and 14.5 contain council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)).
 - c. Agenda item 14.4 contains private commercial information being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)).

Seconded: Cr Dr Guest

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 8:57 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 25 November 2025.



Chair
Council