



PUBLIC MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Wednesday 7 August 2024

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Present and Apologies

Councillors	Mayor F E M Argyle (online)	
	Councillor B G Hodsdon (Online)	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor M Pollard (Online)	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor B Brackenridge (Online)	Melvista Ward
	Councillor R A Coghlan (online)	Melvista Ward
	Councillor H Amiry (Online)	Coastal Ward
	Councillor K A Smyth (Presiding Member)	Coastal Ward
	Councillor F J O Bennett (online)	Dalkeith Ward
	Councillor N R Youngman (online)	Dalkeith Ward

Staff	Ms K Shannon	Chief Executive Officer
	Ms S Mettam	Manager Human Resources
	Ms N Robson	Executive Officer
	Ms L J Kania	Coordinator Governance & Risk

Public There were 0 members of the public present and 6 online.

Press 0

1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and drew attention to the disclaimer on page 2 and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

2. Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)	Mayor Argyle	
	Councillor B Hodsdon	Hollywood Ward

Apologies None as at distribution of this agenda.

3. Public Question Time

Public questions submitted to be read at this point.



4. Address by Members of the Public

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Registration Forms to be made at this point.

5. Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Presiding Member to remind Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

6. Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality

The Presiding Member to remind Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

6.1 Councillor Youngman – CEO34.08.24

Councillor Youngman disclosed an impartiality interest in Item CEO34.08.24. Councillor Youngman disclosed that he is a financial member of the same Local Government Elected Members Association as the individual mentioned, and as a consequence, there may be a perception that his impartiality on the matter may be affected. Councillor Youngman declared that he would consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

6.2 CEO Shannon – CEO33.08.24

CEO Shannon disclosed an impartiality interest in Item CEO33.08.24. CEO Shannon disclosed that she participated in the recruitment process, and as a consequence, there may be a perception that her impartiality on the matter may be affected.

6.3 CEO Shannon - CEO34.08.24

CEO Shannon disclosed an impartiality interest in Item CEO33.08.24. CEO Shannon disclosed that the individual is known to her, and as a consequence, there may be a perception that her impartiality on the matter may be affected.

7. Declaration by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers

Members who have not read the business papers to make declarations at this point.



Closure of Meeting to the Public

Moved – Councillor Mayor Argyle

Seconded - Councillor Coghlan

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow confidential discussion on the following Items.

CARRIED 8/1

**(For: Crs. Youngman, Amiry, Smyth, Mayor Argyle, Coghlan, Brackenridge, Pollard, Hodsdon)
(Against: Cr Bennett)**

The meeting was closed to the public at 6.06 pm.

8. Confidential Reports

8.1. CEO33.08.24 Appointment of Director of Corporate Services

Moved – Mayor Argyle

Seconded – Councillor Hodsdon

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/-

(For: Crs. Youngman, Amiry, Smyth, Mayor Argyle, Coghlan, Brackenridge, Pollard, Bennett, Hodsdon)

Recommendation

That Council accepts the Recommendation in the report.

8.2. CEO34.08.24 Engagement of Independent Consultant – Confidential

Moved – Councillor Coghlan

Seconded – Councillor Amiry



That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/2

(For: Crs. Amiry, Smyth, Mayor Argyle, Coghlan, Brackenridge, Pollard, Hodsdon)
(Against: Crs. Youngman, Bennett)

Recommendation

That Council approves the recommendation in the Confidential report.

Reopening of meeting

Moved - Councillor Coghlan

Seconded - Councillor Hodsdon

That the meeting be reopened to members of the public and the press.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/-

(For: Crs. Youngman, Amiry, Smyth, Mayor Argyle, Coghlan, Brackenridge, Pollard,
Bennett, Hodsdon)

The meeting was reopened to members of the public and the press at 6.16 pm.

9. Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.16pm.