

Minutes of Ordinary Council
Meeting
Held at the Function Centre,
Bunjil Place, Narre Warren
Tuesday, 16 June 2026
Commenced 6:00 PM

The Long-Term Community Vision 2035 defines the community aspirations for the future of the municipality, which is

“Casey will be a connected, innovative and resilient community.”

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ATTENDANCE

Councillors Present

Mayor Cr Stefan Koomen	Waratah Ward
Deputy Mayor Cr Michelle Crowther	Cranbourne Gardens Ward
Cr Scott Dowling	Akoonah Ward
Cr Kim Ross	Casaurina Ward
Cr Gary Rowe	Correa Ward
Cr Anthony Walter	Dillwynia Ward
Cr Dave Perry	Grevillia Ward
Cr Melinda Ambros	Kalora Ward
Cr Shane Taylor	Kowan Ward
Cr Carolyn Eaves	Quarters Ward
Cr Lynette Pereira	River Gum Ward
Cr Jennifer Dizon	Tooradin Ward

In Attendance

Glenn Patterson	Chief Executive Officer
Jen Bednar	Director Customer and Corporate Services
Callum Pattie	Director Community Life
Kathryn Seirlis	Director Planning and Infrastructure
Chloe Casey	Manager Communications and Corporate Governance
Tom Conroy	AV Technician
Luke Dimsey	AV Technician
Nicole Rode	Minute Taker
Jess Orr	Minute Taker

1. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1.1. READING OF THE STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor read the Statement of Acknowledgement.

1.2. READING OF THE DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The Mayor read the Diversity Statement.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mover/ Seconder: Cr Anthony Walter/ Cr Gary Rowe

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 May 2026 be confirmed.

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At 6:04 pm Question Time commenced.

Note: Questions are reproduced as prepared by the Questioner and no guarantee is given that any subject matter or statement contained in the question is factually correct.

Question 1 No response to email sent to Mayor CEO and Councillors

Submitter: Lisa O'Sullivan

Could I please have a response re my questions to Council regarding the planning permit for the carpark in Kramer Drive for my VCAT application

The response was prepared by Chief Executive Officer and answered by Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your question. Your most recent email was responded to by Council on Friday 12 June 2026.

Question 2 Regarding the Draft Affordable Housing Policy 2026

Submitter: Farhan Imtiaz

Regarding the Draft Affordable Housing Policy 2026, will Council commit to evaluating 'Edge Land' LDRZ1 precincts—specifically Churchill Park Drive—for 2,000 sqm subdivision potential in the upcoming 2027 Strategic Review? Given the successful 2,000 sqm precedent directly across the road in Lysterfield South and the availability of cleared, unconstrained land, modernizing this schedule would provide critical housing diversity for local residents wishing to downsize within the Kalora Ward

The response was prepared by Manager Planning and Building and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

The draft Affordable Housing Policy 2026 does not include a review of current land zoning in this area. The Low Density Residential Zone Schedule 1 was applied to this area as a result of the Casey Housing Strategy 2019. This change was to address demand for 'larger lifestyle land' and considered other factors such as the availability of infrastructure and services, and environmental matters.

Question 3 Manuka road development plan

Submitter: Ethan Crawford

How does Council plan to communicate the outcomes of Manuka Road Development Plan to residents who participated in the consultation

The response was prepared by Manager Planning and Building and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

All residents who made a submission to the Manuka Road Development Plan have been notified of the Council Meeting decision either by email or mail, where contact details were provided.

Residents can also find a summary of the decision and the final endorsed plan on Casey Conversations and the Council's project webpage.

Question 4 Urgent Need for a 1,000+ Capacity Community Hall in Clyde

Submitter: Preechish Neeliath

Clyde is one of Casey's fastest-growing suburbs, yet residents have no nearby large-capacity community facility. Cultural, civic and community events are being held in inadequate spaces or not at all. Does Council have any plans to build a community hall in the Clyde area capable of accommodating over 1,000 people with a large stage? If not, will Council commit to prioritising this as an urgent infrastructure need given the rapid and ongoing population growth?

The response was prepared by Manager City and Asset Planning and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

At this time, Council does not have plans to deliver a 1,000-plus capacity community hall in Clyde. Across the municipality, we already provide a variety of venues that support medium-scale indoor events, as well as major outdoor spaces for large gatherings. Facilities such as Bunjil Place, The Old Cheese Factory, Wilson Botanic Park, and Casey Fields serve these purposes, alongside other private or non for profit entities. It is important to note that facilities of this scale come with significant construction and ongoing lifecycle costs. Any consideration for new infrastructure will require careful assessment to ensure it delivers real community benefit, will be well utilised, and represents value for money.

Question 5 Cranbourne Public Hall

Submitter: Ian Wood

The Cranbourne Public Hall is in a bad state in that the upgrade works are only half completed with little or no work being undertaken at the moment. So my question is could the council consider purchasing this community facility from the state government? The council could then consider, due the state of the building, whether or not it is worthwhile to continue with the upgrade or just redevelop the whole site as it is a great site for a community centre

The response was prepared by Manager City and Asset Planning and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

The Cranbourne Public Hall is not owned or managed by Council, and Council is not considering purchasing this facility.

Council takes a strategic approach to planning community infrastructure and is currently prioritising significant investment in the future Cranbourne Hub, which will deliver a major, integrated community facility for the area. The Hub will be ideally located to maximise accessibility to public transport and other uses which will promote multi trips to central Cranbourne.

Question 6 Safety and traffic flow

Submitter: Matthew McDonald

If traffic signals are meant for future growth why can't they keep up with traffic now, what plan does Casey have to help deal with traffic in the future whether it's upgrading the intersection?

The response was prepared by Manager City and Asset Planning and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

Traffic signals are designed to manage current demand and future growth. While delays can occur due to rapid development, signal timing can be adjusted and coordinated along corridors to improve

flow. Council will continue to monitor conditions and work with and advocate to the State Government on upgrades and long-term improvements.

Question 7 Safety and traffic flow

Submitter: Matthew McDonald

With a rigid traffic signal layout replacing roundabouts, what specific modeling has been done to ensure CFA and ambulance vehicles from the nearby stations won't be trapped in the resulting gridlock during peak hours?

The response was prepared by Manager City and Asset Planning and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

Traffic modelling is undertaken to assess how a signalised intersection performs during peak periods, ensuring it accommodates all road users, including the safe and efficient movement of emergency services.

Question 8 FOGO exemption

Submitter: Michelle Duiker

Can dwellings rural and semi rural have exemption on FOGO service and charges to rates as dwelling have established recycling of organic waste?

The response was prepared by Manager Sustainability and Waste and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

Council's residential waste charge covers the full suite of kerbside services, including garbage, recycling, FOGO, glass and hard waste. As these services are provided as a standard package, exemptions aren't available. However, households that opt for a smaller 80-litre garbage bin will receive a discounted rate.

We understand that rural properties often already manage some waste onsite. The FOGO bin has been effectively introduced in many rural councils, where it works alongside existing practices by providing an additional option for managing food and garden waste.

Question 9 Australian Christian College planning permit application (PA2604388)

Submitter: Anthony Tassone

The proposed expansion of Australian Christian College Casey in Cranbourne South from 125 to 1,500 students has significant implications for traffic, infrastructure, the environment and long-term planning objectives. Will Council review the application and lodge a formal submission to the Minister for Planning and, if so, will it make that submission public and clearly state whether it considers the proposal consistent with Casey's Green Wedge policies and strategic vision?

The response was prepared by Manager Planning and Building and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

Council officers have reviewed the application and will make a submission to the Department of Transport and Planning. The submission has not yet been finalised. Key submission points will be made public through our regular media channels.

Question 10 Budget 2026/27 - Performance targets

Submitter: Anthony Tassone

The corporate suite documents listed for adoption at this meeting target community satisfaction with consultation and engagement at 45 out of 100 for 2026/27 — below the 51 Council forecasts to achieve this year. Given the same documents list 'Governance and transparency' as a strategic priority, and were materially changed after public exhibition closed, why is Council proposing to adopt a target that plans for community engagement satisfaction to decline?

The response was prepared by Manager of Strategy Innovation and Transformation and answered by Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your question regarding the projected target for community consultation and engagement satisfaction. Community satisfaction targets are reviewed annually and are informed by a range of inputs, including recent media sentiment, benchmarking data from comparable councils, and the published results of the annual Community Satisfaction Survey. This ensures that targets remain evidence-based and reflect both internal performance trends and the broader operating environment. The target set for 2026/27 reflects a transparent and realistic estimate of expected outcomes at a point in time, taking into account current results, external conditions and the maturity of process improvements underway. Council's approach is to set targets that demonstrate achievable and incremental improvement over time, rather than overstating expected gains. A number of initiatives aimed at improving consultation practices, accessibility and the quality of engagement are being implemented and will continue to be rolled out across 2026/27 and 2027/28.

Question 11 Hallam Rd Landfill site - future

Submitter: Scott Watson

Following the successful community opposition to the proposed Hallam Road Waste Transfer Station, will Council confirm whether it intends to endorse or revisit the original plans for the Hallam Road landfill precinct? Specifically, will Council commit to retaining and protecting as much open green space as possible in this area, consistent with previous commitments and communications provided to residents regarding the future use and rehabilitation of the site?

The response was prepared by Manager Planning and Building and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

Thank you for your interest in the Hampton Park Hill precinct.

Council will consider the 2026-2029 Land Use Strategy Work Plan this evening (Agenda item 5.3). The Work Plan identifies the Hampton Park Hill precinct as a key priority, with strategic planning work proposed to commence in 2026/2027. This work will help Council better understand the future of the precinct and inform what the next steps may look like. We will keep the community informed as this work progresses.

Question 12 Browns Road Roadworks (Devon Meadows)

Submitter: Lorraine Gillies

Can Council provide an update on the roadworks on Browns Road, Devon Meadows, between Craig Road and the South Gippsland Highway?

Signage near the roadworks previously indicated that these works would be completed by the end of April, then revised to the end of May. We are now in mid June and there is no clear indication of a

completion date. What is the current expected completion time frame, and what has caused the delays?

The response was prepared by Acting Manager City Design and Construction and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

This is a Melbourne Water project, and it has experienced some delays. These matters were outside Council's control and have resulted in extra works being necessary. The current Traffic Management Plan will remain in place in the short term while these works are completed, and the project is now expected to be finished by the end of July, subject to weather conditions. Council appreciates the community's patience and understanding as the project is finalised.

Question 13 River Gum Ward is neglected once again

Submitter: Jillian Nambu

Why is River Gum Ward being neglected in the budget again? It feels like Hampton Park, Lynbrook, and Cranbourne North are usually left out.

The response was prepared by Manager City and Asset Planning and answered by Director City Planning and Infrastructure

Decisions about capital works aren't made based on ward boundaries. Instead, projects are prioritised based on things like asset condition, safety risk, community demand and when infrastructure is due for renewal. This helps us make sure facilities across the whole municipality - including established areas - continue to meet the expected level of service.

There are also several projects planned for 2026/27, including:

- redevelopment of the netball courts at Robert Booth Reserve*
- renewal works at Arthur Wren Hall*
- a new playspace at Parnum Place*
- renewal of the synthetic pitch at Cairns Road*
- improvements at River Gum Wetlands Reserve*

Question 14 Terminations

Submitter: Jillian Nambu

When was the last time council staff received training on policy on staff warnings and termination?

The response was prepared by Acting Manager People and Culture and answered by Director Customer and Corporate Services

Our People and Culture team provide development coaching to strengthen leadership skills, knowledge and capability. All leaders undertake mandatory training to ensure they understand and meet our workplace and employee conduct policies, and work closely with the People and Culture team to ensure appropriate processes are followed.

At 6:17 pm Question Time concluded.

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Adoption of the suite of corporate planning documents

ITEM: 5.1.

Chief Executive Office

Strategy Innovation and Transformation

Marion Greig

Purpose of Report: To adopt the suite of corporate planning documents

Mover / Seconder: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Stefan Koomen

1. That Council, having undertaken community engagement and public exhibition of the draft suite of corporate planning documents, adopts the:
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2. That in accordance with Sections 158, 160, 162 and 221 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and every other power thereunto enabling, the Council:
 - (a) Declares that the amount it intends to raise by general rates and service charges is \$357,360,282
 - (b) Declares that no municipal charge be set.
 - (c) Declares a general rate of \$0.0021537786 of the Capital Improved Value for a period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, and the rates here specified are to be separately levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which the Council has a separate valuation. This represents an increase in general rates of 2.75 per cent.
 - (d) Declares a service charge for the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for the collection and disposal of rubbish in respect of properties to which the service is provided as follows, noting Green Waste is mandatory from 1 January 2027:
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 - Garbage Charge 120ltr Excluding Green Waste (pro rata until 31st Dec 2026) \$385
 - Garbage Charge 80ltr Including Green Waste \$423
 - Garbage Charge 80ltr Excluding Green Waste (pro rata until 31st Dec 2026) \$340
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3. That Council sets the overall interest rate for its Special Rates & Charges Schemes for 2026/27 at 5.355 per cent incorporating a 1.0 per cent administrative charge in accordance with Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989.
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 6. That Council resolves that the current interest rate as set under Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rate Act 1983 will apply on the rates and charges, which have not been paid by the dates specified, in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989.
 7. That Council authorises the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Revenue and Rating, to collect all rates and charges and the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund.

The amendment was put and carried

Mover / Seconder: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Stefan Koomen

Cr Perry spoke to the amendment

Cr Ross raised a point of order in relation to not relevant to the item under consideration by Cr Perry. The Mayor ruled the point of order valid.

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The amendment was put and carried

Mover / Seconder: Cr Dave Perry / Cr Lynette Pereira

Cr Perry, Cr Dowling, Cr Walter, Cr Ross, Cr Pereira spoke to the proposed amendment

Cr Perry raised a point of order in relation to not relevant to the item under consideration by Cr Dowling. The Mayor ruled the point of order valid.

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The amendment was put and carried and on becoming the Substantive Motion was again put and lost.

Mover/Seconder: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Stefan Koomen

Cr Pereira, Cr Ross, Cr Dowling spoke to the motion

Cr Crowther, Cr Ambros, Cr Dizon, Cr Perry, Cr Taylor, Cr Koomen spoke against the motion

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4. That Council sets the overall interest rate for its Special Rates & Charges Schemes for 2026/27 at 5.355 per cent incorporating a 1.0 per cent administrative charge in accordance with Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989.
5. That Council charges the rates for the lands having considered the criteria under Section 4(1) of the Cultural & Recreational Lands Act 1963. The total amount to be raised from Cultural and Recreational lands is \$91,623.
6. That Council resolves that the rates and charges must be paid either:
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 - iii. 28 February 2027
 - iv. 31 May 2027; or
 - (c) By any other arrangement, including periodic or scheduled payment arrangements, that is agreed to between Council and the ratepayer.

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7. That Council resolves that the current interest rate as set under Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rate Act 1983 will apply on the rates and charges, which have not been paid by the dates specified, in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989.
 8. That Council authorises the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Revenue and Rating, to collect all rates and charges and the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund.

Lost (6/6)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira and Cr Scott Dowling

Against: Cr Dave Perry, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

The motion was put and the vote was tied. The Mayor exercised a casting vote against the motion. The motion was therefore lost.

Alternate Motion

Mover / Seconder: Cr Michelle Crowther / Cr Jennifer Dizon

That Council:

1. That Council, having undertaken community engagement and public exhibition of the draft suite of corporate planning documents, adopts the:
 - (a) Annual Action Plan 2026/27
 - (b) Budget Report (Budget 2026/27, Capital Works Program 2026/27) including the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 with the following changes to the Service Charge for the collection and disposal of rubbish in respect of properties to which the service is provided and Waste Reserve:
 - i. Revise the Service Charge (exclusive of the Berwick Village Commercial Charges) with no increase as compared to the 2025/26 annual declared charges
 - ii. Fund the loss of income by a draw down on the Waste Reserve to a total of \$7,441,154
 - (c) Financial Plan 2026/27 – 2035/36 with the following changes to the Waste Charge and Waste Reserve in 2026/27:
 - i. Revise the Service Charge (exclusive of the Berwick Village Commercial Charges) with no increase as compared to the 2025/26 annual declared charges
 - ii. Fund the loss of income by a draw down on the Waste Reserve to a total of \$7,441,154
2. That in accordance with Sections 158, 160, 162 and 221 of the Local Government Act 1989, and every other power thereunto enabling, the Council:
 - (a) Declares that the amount it intends to raise by general rates and service charges is \$355,919,128
 - (b) Declares that no municipal charge be set.
 - (c) Declares a general rate of \$0.0021537786 of the Capital Improved Value for a period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, and the rates here specified are to be separately levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which the Council has a separate valuation. This represents an increase in general rates of 2.75 per cent.
 - (d) Declares a service charge for the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for the collection and disposal of rubbish in respect of properties to which the service is provided as follows, noting Green Waste is mandatory from 1 January 2027:
 - Garbage Charge 120ltr Including Green Waste \$ 468
 - Garbage Charge 120ltr Excluding Green Waste (pro rata until 31st Dec 2026) \$385
 - Garbage Charge 80ltr Including Green Waste \$423
 - Garbage Charge 80ltr Excluding Green Waste (pro rata until 31st Dec 2026) \$340

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- Garbage Charge 2nd 120 litre bin \$304
 - Commercial (Excl GST) \$336
 - Commercial Recycling Only (excl GST) \$198
 - Green Waste 2nd bin (Excl GST) \$115
 - Residential 2nd Recycle \$50
 - Berwick Village H1 (Excl GST) \$6,448
 - Berwick Village H2 (Excl GST) \$7,108
 - Berwick Village H3 (Excl GST) \$8,144
 - Berwick Village H4 (Excl GST) \$10,321
 - Berwick Village M1 (Excl GST) \$1,328
 - Berwick Village M2 (Excl GST) \$1,580
 - Berwick Village M3 (Excl GST) \$1,885
 - Berwick Village M4 (Excl GST) \$3,006
 - Berwick Village L1 (Excl GST) \$560
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3. That Council sets the overall interest rate for its Special Rates & Charges Schemes for 2026/27 at 5.355 per cent incorporating a 1.0 per cent administrative charge in accordance with Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989.
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The amendment was put and carried and on becoming the Substantive Motion was again put and carried.

Mover / Seconder: Cr Michelle Crowther / Cr Jennifer Dizon

Cr Crowther, Cr Dizon, Cr Perry, Cr Ambros, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

Cr Walter, Cr Pereira, Cr Eaves, Cr Ross, Cr Dowling spoke against the motion

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 - ii. **the following changes to the Capital Works Program 2026/27:**
 1. **Reduce the project cost for the Parnham Place New Playspace Development from \$500,000 to \$300,000**
 2. **Remove the Jasper Court Reserve Half-Court Decommission and Open Space Redevelopment with a project cost of \$50,000.**
 3. **Reduce the project cost for the Hinrichsen Drive Reserve Dog Friendly Space to \$325,000**
 4. **Insert a new project for Banjo Patterson Reserve Improvements with a project cost of \$100,000 to deliver a BBQ shelter, picnic table, path upgrades to and a shelter at the dog friendly space.**
 5. **Insert a new project for a dog park at or near Kilberry Drive Reserve with a project cost of \$325,000 (subject to relevant agency approvals and community consultation).**
 6. **Subject to cancelling the following projects, with no further planning, design, procurement or delivery actions to occur for these projects at Wilson Botanic Park until Council consideration of the strategic direction of the Wilson Botanic Park Masterplan and the update of the Masterplan itself. Funds for these projects are to be relinquished and be held as a design and construct - general contingency within the 2026/27 Capital Works Program:**
 7. **Visitor centre pathway upgrade of \$105,000**
 8. **Renewal of the fountain, retaining wall and canal at the Wilson Botanic Park entrance of \$200,000**
 9. **Bulk material storage and site modification works associated with the Wilson Botanic Park depot upgrades project of \$310,000.**
 10. **Continue other critical asset renewal projects at Wilson Botanic Park to ensure community and staff safety and maintain asset functionality until the completion and Council endorsement of the updated Wilson Botanic Park Masterplan in 2026/27.**
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 7. That Council authorises the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Revenue and Rating, to collect all rates and charges and the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund.

Carried (7/6)

For: Cr Dave Perry, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Kim Ross, and Cr Scott Dowling

Quarterly Community Report - January to March 2026**ITEM: 5.2.****Chief Executive Office****Strategy Innovation and Transformation****Marion Greig**

Purpose of Report: To present the Quarterly Community Report for the January to March 2026 period (Quarter 3)

Mover / Seconder: Cr Kim Ross / Cr Jennifer Dizon

Cr Ross, Cr Dizon spoke to the motion

That Council endorse the Quarterly Community Report prior to it being published on the City of Casey website

Carried Unanimously(12/0)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Nil

Purpose of Report: **To recommend the endorsement of the Land Use Strategy 2026-2029 Work Plan.**

At 7:49 pm Cr Dave Perry left the Council Chamber.

Mover / Seconder: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Kim Ross

That Council endorse the Land Use Strategy 2026-2029 Work Plan at Attachment 1 to this report.

At 7:52 pm Cr Dave Perry returned to the Council Chamber.

The amendment was put and carried and on becoming the Substantive Motion was again put and carried.

Mover / Seconder: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Kim Ross

Cr Pereira, Cr Ross, Cr Perry, Cr Ambros, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

That Council:

- 1. That Council endorse the Land Use Strategy 2026-2029 Work Plan at Attachment 1 to this report.**
- 2. That Council in progressing the Project Work Priority to ‘Progress Strategic Planning Work for the Hampton Park Hill Precinct’ from 1 July 2026:**
 - a. Establish the Hampton Park Hill Project with appropriate Governance (including staff and Councillor representatives) to establish the outcomes sought, scope of work, ensure transparency and accountability and to monitor progress.**
 - b. Focus the Hampton Park Hill Project in the first instance on the following matters:**
 - I. Review and audit of the Hampton Park Hill Development Plan, Planning Scheme Amendment C294, Section 173 Agreements and Planning Permits within the Precinct to determine if the current planning setting is still appropriate.**
 - II. Consider options to re-set and establish a new vision for the Precinct.**
 - c. Report back to Council by the end of 2026 with updates and recommendations on the above**

Carried Unanimously (12/0)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Nil

**Recommendation to Adopt the Hampton Park Central
Development Plan, June 2026**
City Planning and Infrastructure
Growth and Investment
Michael Ford

ITEM: 5.4.

Purpose of Report: To consider submissions received on the *Draft Updated Hampton Park Central Development Plan, February 2026*, proposed changes and adoption of the *Hampton Park Central Development Plan, June 2026*.

At 8:03 pm Cr Kim Ross left the Council Chamber.

Mover / Second: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Stefan Koomen

That Council:

1. Notes the community engagement outcomes and submissions received on the *Draft Updated Hampton Park Central Development Plan, February 2026* summarised in the Community Engagement Summary Report at Attachment 1;
2. Resolves to adopt the *Hampton Park Central Development Plan, June 2026* at Attachment 2 and endorse the development plan in accordance with Clause 43.04 of the *Casey Planning Scheme*; and
3. Advises all submitters of Council's decision.

At 8:06 pm Cr Kim Ross returned to the Council Chamber.

The amendment was put and carried and on becoming the Substantive Motion was again put and carried.

Mover / Second: Cr Lynette Pereira / Cr Stefan Koomen

Cr Pereira, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

That Council:

1. Notes the community engagement outcomes and submissions received on the *Draft Updated Hampton Park Central Development Plan, February 2026* summarised in the Community Engagement Summary Report at Attachment 1;
2. Notes community concern about rubbish dumping and unsightly private land in the Hampton Park centre, and calls on landowners in the centre to maintain their properties in accordance with the *Casey Community Local Law 2025*;
3. Notes community concern about pedestrian accessibility and safety in the centre, and calls on landowners in the centre to work with Council to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety on their properties, in addition to any works funded by Council's Business Victoria Multicultural Business Precinct Revitalisation Program grant;

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- 4. Resolves to adopt the Hampton Park Central Development Plan, June 2026 at Attachment 2 and endorse the development plan in accordance with Clause 43.04 of the Casey Planning Scheme; and**
 - 5. Advises all submitters of Council's decision.**

Carried Unanimously (12/0)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Nil

**Proposed Acquisition of Part of 191-195 Belgrave-Hallam
Road, Narre Warren North**
City Planning and Infrastructure
Growth and Investment
Michael Ford

ITEM: 5.5.

Purpose of Report: To seek Council approval to commence community consultation for the proposed acquisition of land at 191-195 Belgrave-Hallam Road, Narre Warren North, to enable a future shared use trail along Eumemmerring Creek.

Mover / Seconder: Cr Melinda Ambros / Cr Dave Perry

Cr Ambros, Cr Perry, Cr Pereira, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to commence community consultation in accordance with Section 112 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) for the proposed acquisition of the parcels of land shown as Lots '1', '2' and '3' on Plan of Survey 26-197R in Attachment 1, totalling approximately 7.53ha, being part of the property located at 191-195 Belgrave-Hallam Road, Narre Warren North, described as Lot 1 LP138156, Lot 1 TP11611 and Lot 1 TP512636 (Subject Land).**
- 2. Receives a further report and considers any submissions received in response to community consultation under Section 112 of the Act at a future Council meeting.**

Carried Unanimously(12/0)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Nil

Affordable Housing Policy**ITEM: 5.6.****Community Life
Connected Communities
Courtney Harrison**

Purpose of Report: To endorse the Affordable Housing Policy

Mover / Seconder: Cr Dave Perry / Cr Lynette Pereira**That Council endorse the Affordable Housing Policy**

The amendment was put and carried and on becoming the Substantive Motion was again put and carried.

Mover / Seconder: Cr Dave Perry / Cr Lynette Pereira

Cr Koomen spoke for the amendment

Cr Ross spoke against the amendment

Cr Perry, Cr Pereira, Cr Dizon, Cr Ambros, Cr Ross, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Affordable Housing Policy**
- 2. Requests that an Affordable Housing Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan) be developed for Council consideration by 30 November 2026, including:**
 - **priority advocate, facilitate and partner actions to increase affordable housing supply, including opportunities to secure affordable housing outcomes through the planning system;**
 - **consideration of social and crisis housing needs as part of the overall housing response; and**
 - **clear annual targets, performance measures and reporting arrangements to track progress in increasing affordable housing supply within Casey.**
- 3. Requests that officers brief Council by 30 November 2026 on Council-owned land that may be suitable for affordable housing or partnership opportunities.**
- 4. Receive six-monthly updates at briefing, provided to Councillors throughout the life of the Policy, including:**
 - **progress in implementing the Policy and Implementation Plan;**
 - **affordable housing outcomes achieved through planning, partnerships and Council-led initiatives; and**
 - **key opportunities, constraints and risks affecting delivery.**
- 5. Notes that consideration of affordable housing contributions under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 requires the release of subordinate regulations and further strategic justification, and that the Policy will be reviewed following the release of those subordinate regulations, prior to Council making any commitments.**

Carried Unanimously (12/0)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Nil

Contract No. CT001050 - Bells Road Recreational Reserve**ITEM: 5.7.****Civil Works****City Planning and Infrastructure****City Design and Construction****Asieh Motazedian**

Purpose of Report: To report on the tenders received for Contract No. CT001050 – Bells Road Recreational Reserve and recommend the acceptance of a preferred tenderer.

Mover / Seconder: Cr Anthony Walter / Cr Jennifer Dizon

Cr Walter, Cr Dizon, Cr Eaves, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

Cr Ambros, Cr Pereira against the motion

That Council:

- 1. Having considered all tender submissions, award Contract No. CT001050 – Bells Road Recreational Reserve to Tenderer No. 4 for the Final Tender Price as detailed in the Tender Evaluation Report (Attachment 1) (Confidential) to this report.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to:**
 - a) sign the contract documents.**
- 3. Notes that the confidential attachments to this report remain confidential indefinitely as they relate to matters specified under section 3(1)(g)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2020.**

Carried(11/1)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Cr Melinda Ambros

Extension of Environmental Health Contractor Kernow**ITEM: 5.8.**

Customer and Corporate Services
Communications and Corporate Governance
Chloe Casey

Purpose of Report:	To advise on the extension option for Contract No. CT000692 Kernow Environmental Health and recommend acceptance of a 2-year extension of the service.
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Mover / Seconder: Cr Michelle Crowther / Cr Gary Rowe

Cr Crowther, Cr Rowe, Cr Koomen spoke to the motion

That Council:

- 1. Having considered all available options, exercise the extension option for Contract No. CT000692 Kernow Environmental Health awarded to Kernow Environmental Health for the Price as detailed in the Confidential Attachment to this report.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to:**
 - a) issue instructions to exercise the extension option, sign the contract documents, and vary the contract sum within the terms and conditions of the Contract.**
 - b) execute further 2-year optional contract extensions.**
- 3. Notes that the confidential attachments to this report remain confidential indefinitely as they relate to matters specified under section 3(1)(g)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2020.**

Carried Unanimously(12/0)

For: Cr Anthony Walter, Cr Carolyn Eaves, Cr Dave Perry, Cr Gary Rowe, Cr Jennifer Dizon, Cr Kim Ross, Cr Lynette Pereira, Cr Melinda Ambros, Cr Michelle Crowther, Cr Scott Dowling, Cr Shane Taylor and Cr Stefan Koomen

Against: Nil

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. DECISIONS MADE OVER \$1 MILLION UNDER THE S5 INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION

CONTRACTS OVER \$1 MILLION

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 MAY 2026 TO 18 MAY 2026 INCLUSIVE

Noted

CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN EXPENDITURE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 MAY 2026 TO 31 MAY 2026 INCLUSIVE

Nil

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENDITURE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 MAY 2026 TO 31 MAY 2026 INCLUSIVE

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Item 8.1 Street lighting at George Chudleigh Drive Hallam

Cr Stefan Koomen tabled a Petition submitted by Tyronne Vannitamby and signed by eight signatories.

Recommendation: That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer to respond to the head petitioner and provide a response to the matters raised in the petition.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10. LATE REPORTS

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 8:58 pm.

Confirmed this 21 day of July 2026

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Mayor Cr Stefan Koomen
City of Casey

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