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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an **Annual General Meeting** of the Devonport City Council will be held in the Aberdeen Room, Level 2, parade centre, 137 Rooke Street, Devonport on Monday 27 October 2025, commencing at 5:30 PM.

The meeting will be open to the public at 5:30 PM.

QUALIFIED PERSONS

In accordance with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, I confirm that the reports in this agenda contain advice, information and recommendations given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.

Matthew Atkins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**Agenda for an Annual General Meeting of Devonport City Council
held on Monday 27 October 2025, in the Aberdeen Room, Level 2, paranapple centre,
137 Rooke Street, Devonport at 5:30 PM**

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Devonport City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the palawa-pakana people as the traditional and original owners of lutrawita and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather.

We also acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal elders past and present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and introductions by Mayor Alison Jarman.

IN ATTENDANCE

All persons in attendance are advised that it is Council policy to record Council Meetings, in accordance with Council's Digital Recording Policy. The digital recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website for a minimum period of six months.

All persons in attendance are to be respectful of and considerate towards other persons attending and participating in the meeting. Any language or conduct that is considered offensive, defamatory or threatening to any person attending or participating in the meeting, or listening to the recording, will not be accepted.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES

		Apology
Chair	Cr A Jarman (Mayor)	
	Cr S Sheehan (Deputy Mayor)	
	Cr G Enniss	
	Cr P Hollister	
	Cr S Martin OAM	✓
	Cr A Moore	✓
	Cr L Murphy	
	Cr D Viney	
	Cr J Wilczynski	

LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

At the Devonport City Council, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas). For the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer means General Manager for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GUIDELINES

1. The Annual General Meeting will be conducted as far as practicable in a manner similar to an ordinary Council meeting and generally align with processes in the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
2. The Mayor will Chair the meeting or in their absence the Deputy Mayor.
3. All discussion is to be addressed through the Chair.
4. Submissions and questions relating to the Annual Report should where possible be submitted in writing for inclusion in the agenda, however an opportunity is to be provided at the meeting for questions from the floor.
5. Motions
 - a. Motions must be submitted by the advertised cut-off date for inclusion in the agenda.
 - b. Motions (other than those related to an existing agenda item) will not be accepted from the floor.
 - c. The Motion must be moved and seconded before debate is permitted.
 - d. Only one motion may be before the Chair at a time.
 - e. Only electors in the Devonport Local Government Area are entitled to vote.
 - f. A resolution is passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands.
 - g. In speaking to a motion, each person may speak only once and for a maximum of three minutes.
 - h. The mover of the motion has a final right of reply.
 - i. A motion passed at the Annual General Meeting will be considered at the next available meeting of Council.
6. The process for questions without notice will generally be in accordance with Council's Public Question Time Policy.
7. Those wishing to speak at the meeting are to come to the lectern and identify themselves by providing their name and address and to limit any comments/questions to no more than 3 minutes on an item.
8. No person may:
 - a. Make any personal reflection on any councillor, council employee or any member of the public;
 - b. Disrupt the meeting; or
 - c. In the opinion of the Chair, use any offensive expression.

Endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 December 2020 – min 20/168 refers.

2 APOLOGIES

The following apologies were received for the meeting.

Name	Apology or Leave of Absence
Cr Steve Martin OAM	Leave of Absence
Cr A Moore	Leave of Absence

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 28 OCTOBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 October 2024 as previously circulated be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unconfirmed Minutes – 2024 Annual General Meeting [4.1.1 – 6 pages]

5 TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

5.1 TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer will provide an overview of the 2024/2025 Annual Report. A copy of the Annual Report is provided as an attachment to this report and is also available on Council's website – [Annual Report | Devonport City Council](#)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Annual- Report-2025 [5.1.1 - 137 pages]

6 SUBMISSIONS/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

6.1 SUBMISSIONS/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the Annual Report, outlining the achievements and performance of the Devonport City Council over the 2024/25 financial year be received; and
2. it be noted that no submissions or questions on the Annual Report were received during the statutory advertising period.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

7 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR VELLACOTT - DISPOSAL BY AUCTION OF PROVIDORE PLACE

MOTION

That the electors here present at this the Devonport City Council 2025 Annual General Meeting ; given that the current council debt as @ 30 June 2025 was \$43.55M and the rental income for Market Square Pavilion in Council's current year budget is approximately \$265,000 being only approx. 66% of the guaranteed \$400,000 per year that ratepayers were told would be available, we therefore request the Mayor and Councillors to take such action necessary for the early sale, of the real estate now known as Market Square Pavilion so as to enable it to be listed for sale by auction at a reserve price to be decided by the council ,and if the property is sold the proceeds of sale be paid off the council debt incurred to build it.

SUPPORT

This property has haemorrhaged ratepayer funds from day one and continues to do so when the operational costs and loan payments are taken into account. It is not a community asset in the sense of the Forbes Street sporting complex or numerous other community facilities.

There is no reason that what Providore Place has morphed into, out of necessity, due to it failing to achieve any of the original deliverables; i.e. 7day farmers market and high quality restaurants, as promoted by council cannot be managed by a private owner.

The main point is, the Market square Pavilion, in its present form, is an example of an Enterprise that a council should not be involved with .Indeed it can be argued its use, in the main, is now contrary to council's own charter.

Clearly, Council should not have, in the first place, been in the space of ratepayer subsidised premises for private entities competing with other enterprises and family businesses offering similar services, and therefore Council should cut ratepayer losses and get out at the best price while, according to some reports, Market Square Pavilion has turned the corner but I suspect is far from financially breaking even.

NB In no way can it be construed that I make the aspersion that the current lease holders or tenants are not paying a fair rent for their tenancies.

"When councils get involved in businesses there is always unintended consequences."
Council have done their bit of producing a tourist centre; now is the time to move on.

In regard to the Council's long term debt of some \$43.55 million, I subscribe to the analogy that " government and council debt is likened to intergenerational theft in as much you're asking the next generation to pay off the debt incurred by the current generation"

Further, I understand, there is now no impediment to dispose of this property.

I request that I be given the opportunity to speak to the motion and given the right of reply to close the debate before the vote is taken.

I urge all electors to support this motion for Council to consider a sale of the property and with it the ratepayer's liabilities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. AGM 2025 RBV Notices of Motion Sell MSP [7.1.1 – 2 pages]

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

9 CLOSURE