

Item No: 15.4

Subject: **GLENELG FOOTBALL CLUB WORKING GROUP**

Date: 26 April 2023

Written By: Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer: Mr R Bria

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## **SUMMARY**

In May 2019 Council endorsed the formation of a working group (Motion C28052019/1487) to work with the Glenelg Football Club on its continued financial support and liaise with the club in relation to the Glenelg Oval Masterplan.

It is recommended that a Working Group be formed with the primary purpose to review the financial support arrangements for the Glenelg Football Club and that two Elected Members be appointed to the Group.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **That Council:**

- 1. establishes a Glenelg Football Club Working Group with the primary purpose of reviewing the financial support arrangements provided to the Glenelg Football Club and that its objectives will only be advisory and consultative and report back to Council with any recommendations for Council consideration.**
  - 2. appoints Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as the Elected Member representatives on the Glenelg Football Club Working Group until November 2023.**
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## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Wellbeing: Establish community hubs that integrate community support, recreational, and commercial services in multi-purpose spaces.

## **COUNCIL POLICY**

Not applicable

## **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

Not applicable

## BACKGROUND

In May 2019 Council endorsed the formation of a working group (Motion C28052019/1487) whose primary purpose was to work with the Glenelg Football Club to:

- optimise its financial relationship with Council;
- work with all stakeholders to consider Council's vision for Glenelg Oval and Glenelg Football Club's place in that vision; and
- investigate opportunities for the benefit of the community, Council and Club.

The Working Group's objectives were only advisory and consultative and reported back to Council with any recommendations for Council to consider.

The Working Group was comprised of up to eight members with equal numbers from the Club and Council. Members from City of Holdfast Bay included both Council and Administration.

The Elected Members that were appointed to the Working Group were Councillor Rebecca Abley and Councillor John Smedley and the late Mikki Bouchee.

## REPORT

Council resolved on the 14 December 2021 the following motion C141221/2502:

1. *That Council notes the report and affirms its commitment to the long-term sustainability of the Glenelg Football Club.*
2. *That the Glenelg Football Club continue to not be charged interest on existing borrowings up to 31 October 2023.*
3. *That the Glenelg Football Club annual lease be maintained at \$40,000 pa (including GST) up to 31 October 2023.*
4. *That a review of these arrangements be undertaken at least six months prior to the 31 October 2023.*

Administration is proposing to commence the review of the items in the motion above with the Glenelg Football Club and it is recommended that that a Working Group similar to the one formed in the last Council term be formed for the primary purpose of reviewing the financial support arrangements that have been provided to the Glenelg Football Club. This would incorporate the new lease arrangements that need to be put in place by 31 October 2023.

As before, the Working Group's objectives will only be advisory and consultative and will report back to Council with any recommendations for Council to consider. As the primary purpose is to review the financial support arrangements it is recommended that two Councillors be appointed to the Working Group with Administration representation until the review of the financial arrangements is complete (November 2023). The CEO will appoint administrative officers to the Working Group based on skills required.

In discussions with the Club they are envisaging having financial expertise from the Board as well as Administrative representation.

**BUDGET**

There are no sitting fees applicable to this Working Group.

**LIFE CYCLE COSTS**

Not applicable