## RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL DATE 1 JULY 2020

## Item 14.5 - Governance Rules (Incorporating the Election Period Policy) - Adoption of Drafts for Consultation

## **Question from Cr Pearl**

Under chapter 5 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest, Sub section 3.2, The information that's provided to the CEO relating to the specifics of a conflict of interest, not only the nature of the Conflict of interest and detailing where gifts come from and the name of the person etc. Will this information be made publicly available? and if so how would members of the public access that information so they can find details of the conflict of interest that's been declared?

## Response

The Public Transparency Policy, required under section 57 of the Local Government Act 2020 was adopted in draft by Council on 1 July 2020.

The draft policy includes that the **Registers of Conflicts of Interest disclosed by Councillors or Council Staff** will be made publicly available on Council's website.

In addition, the following Council records will also, at a minimum, be available on Council's website:

- o Registers of gifts, benefits and hospitality offered to Councillors or Council Staff;
- o Registers of travel undertaken by Councillors or Council Staff;
- Register of Election campaign donations.
- Summary of Personal Interests

This Policy is publicly available for feedback via <a href="https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/local-government-act-2020">https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/local-government-act-2020</a>, and will be brought back to Council for formal adoption at the meeting of 19 August 2020.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.