



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS**

CROWTHER REINTERPRETED - REPORT

**Meeting: Community, Culture and Events
Committee**

Meeting date: 4 August 2022

Raised by: Councillor Dutta

Question:

Can the Director advise if a report was already written by staff to be despatched to the elected members before 29 June 2022?

If there was a report as claimed by Alderman Briscoe who was the author of the report?

Why was it that Alderman Briscoe was denied a copy of the report into the future of the Crowther statue?

When was the final report written into the future of the Crowther statue and despatched to the elected members, was it before the 29 June 2022 or after?

Response:

The response to the Crowther Reinterpreted project had been in development for at least 6 weeks prior to the release date as engagement information was gathered, independent advice obtained and all submissions from external parties received and collated.

The Council report was not finalised until the day of publication (Friday 29th July). Once the report was finalised it was approved by the CEO for publication on the agenda for consideration at the Community, Culture and Events Committee meeting on the 4 August 2022.

Alderman Briscoe could not be sent the report as it was not a report at the time of his request. It was a draft document, pending feedback from a range of Council officers, waiting to being sent to the Executive Leadership team for review.

The document also required key inputs from the workshop held with Elected Members on the 27 July 2022 as well as finalisation of all references and recommendations.

The authors - the relevant Council officers - have remained the same throughout the report writing process.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katy Cooper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Katy Cooper
DIRECTOR CITY FUTURES

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