



City of **HOBART**

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

## **LORD MAYOR'S BUDGET**

**Meeting:** Finance and Governance Committee

**Meeting date:** 14 September  
2021

**Raised by:** Councillor Coats

### **Question:**

Can the Director please provide a comparison of the Lord Mayor's budget in comparison to councils of a similar size and scale to Hobart, as opposed to capital cities?

### **Response:**

After identifying several Councils of a similar population and scale to Hobart, various attempts were made to gather Mayoral Office budget information.

Only publicly available information was offered to be shared and unfortunately none of the identified Councils provide this level of detail in their publicly available annual operating plans or budget papers.

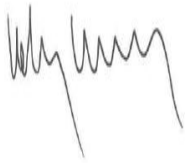
The City of Hobart has a distinct leadership role as the capital city of Tasmania in representing the broader Hobart area and the State on a national and international level. It should also be acknowledged that by virtue of its capital city status, it has a unique social, economic, cultural, environmental and civic role.

Whilst it is recognised that Hobart is not of the same scale of some other Australian capital cities, it is important to note that Hobart does have capital city status and with that, comes additional responsibilities.

The annual budget figure of \$447,000 for the City of Hobart Lord Mayor Office is largely made up of staff costs. As the principal member of the Council, the Lord Mayor of the day receives comprehensive support services to assist in their civic leadership responsibilities and to ensure consistency with the City of Hobart Community Vision and Strategic Plan.

It should also be noted that the quantum of staff supporting the Lord Mayor has decreased in recent years.

*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.*



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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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