

13. PETITIONS

Petition – Rescind Council Decision to Grant 50 Year Lease to Melville Bowling Club

A petition signed by 159 residents of the City of Melville and 7 non-residents was been received on 13 August 2020 and reads as follows:

“We the undersigned, all being electors of the City of Melville respectfully request that the Council:

Rescind the Council decision on 21 July 2020 to grant a 50 year lease to the Melville Bowling Club (MBC) and replace it with a new term & conditions, in accordance with points 1 to 4 below:

- 1. The term of the lease to be determined by the professionally qualified staff of the City, but be no longer than 10 years in duration.*
- 2. All other lease conditions to be determined by the City’s staff, within a reasonable time frame as stipulated by the staff, to ensure the conditions provide benefit consistent with other similar clubs & sporting organisations.*
- 3. Noting support provided to Mayor Gear by the MBC during the October 2019 Local Government Election & his ongoing membership with the club, the Mayor acknowledges his interest, leaves the Chamber during the debate & refrains from voting on this item.*
- 4. All other elected members duly re-consider their own interests and, where appropriate, leave the Chamber during the debate & refrain from voting on this item.”*

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the petition in requesting that the Council rescind the decision to grant a 50 year Lease to Melville Bowling Club, signed by 159 residents and 7 non-residents be acknowledged and a report be prepared.