Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.4 Council 15 December 2020

Councillor appointments to advisory committees and external organisations

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Purpose and background

- 1. The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to Council advisory committees and external organisations and to create the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee.
- 2. The Council has in place a number of advisory committees and bodies whose work supports the development and implementation of a range of programs and initiatives. Participation by Councillors also facilitates the process of communicating potential changes to policy or position through Future Melbourne Committee and Council.
- 3. Positions on external organisations enable Council to be represented in key sector organisations and allow Council to be better informed and influence outcomes on issues of interest to the City of Melbourne.
- 4. Membership of Council's advisory committees often includes a combination of Councillors, Council officers and community or sector representatives.

Key issues

- 5. The new Council has undertaken a review of these positions concurrently with a reassessment of the operation of the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) and establishment of Portfolio Lead and Deputy Lead roles for Councillors. These are further explained in separate reports on the agenda for the Council meeting on 15 December 2020.
- 6. A schedule of positions on advisory committees and external organisations is included as Attachment 3 and reflects discussion undertaken by Councillors. The schedule acknowledges that some positions on external organisations involve a selection process following nomination of a Council representative.
- 7. Melbourne's night time economy has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. The scale and mix of the night time economy is a key part of Melbourne's economic recovery and creating a welcoming and safe environment for everyone is a key priority. City of Melbourne's Night Time Economy was measured in 2018 to contribute \$3.5 billion to the local economy which showed city of Melbourne experienced a 9.6 per cent growth in 2018.
- 8. In recognition of the impact and need for priority action, it is proposed that a Night Time Economy Advisory Committee be established. The Advisory Committee will provide the administration and Council strategic advice on policy and issues associated with reviving Melbourne's diverse night time economy.

Recommendation from management

- 9. That Council:
 - 9.1. Endorses the schedule of Councillor appointments to advisory committees and external organisations as outlined in Attachment 2 to the report from management.
 - 9.2. Establishes the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee.
 - 9.3. Requests that management prepare a report for Council in February 2021 recommending terms of reference and proposed membership for the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee.

Attachments:

- 1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 3)
- 2. Schedule of Councillor positions on Advisory Committees and External Organisations (Page 3 of 3)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications for Council in the recommendation of this report.

Finance

2. No significant financial implications arise from the recommendation contained in this report.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a general or material conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

4. No health and safety matters were identified in the preparation of this report.

Relation to Council policy

5. The Council's *Diversity Policy – Appointments to Key Melbourne City Council Advisory Committees, Bodies and Boards of Subsidiary Companies* aims to ensure that opportunities for new or replacement appointments are made known to the broadest cross section of the community. For the purposes of the Policy, diversity includes gender, age, ethnicity and cultural background.

Stakeholder consultation

6. External organisations will be notified of the changes associated with the review of positions. Some positions will require a transition process overseen by the relevant organisation.

Environmental sustainability

7. The objectives of a number of advisory committees and external organisations have strong linkage to a range of sustainability and environmental initiatives and programs of Council.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCILLOR POSITIONS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Positions on Council Advisory Committees

Title	Council Representative	Alternate
Audit and Risk Committee	Cr Jamal Hakim Cr Philip Le Liu	
Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Advisory Committee	Lord Mayor Sally Capp Cr Roshena Campbell Cr Philip Le Liu Cr Davydd Griffiths	
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Jamal Hakim (Chair)	Cr Olivia Ball
Family and Children's Advisory Committee	Cr Olivia Ball (Chair)	Cr Jamal Hakim
Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee	Cr Rohan Leppert (Chair)	Cr Elizabeth Doidge

External Organisations

Title	Council Representative
Business Partner City Network	Cr Kevin Louey
C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	Cr Rohan Leppert
Committee for Melbourne	Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Enterprise Melbourne Pty Ltd	Cr Kevin Louey
International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI)	Cr Rohan Leppert
Melbourne Art Trust	Lord Mayor Sally Capp Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece Cr Roshena Campbell Cr Philip Le Liu
Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute Advisory Board	Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Metropolitan Local Governments' Waste Forum	Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Metropolitan Transport Forum	Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Rohan Leppert
Victorian Local Governance Association	Cr Philip Le Liu

External Organisations – Separate Appointment Process

Title	Council Representative
Verma Bank Advisory Committee	Cr Rohan Leppert
Yarra Park Advisory Committee	(nomination and subject to selection process)

Delegated Committee of Council (other than Future Melbourne Committee)

Title	Council Representative
Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation (IMAP) Committee	Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece