

Committee report to Council

Agenda item 5.2

Council

Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor: Increased Transparency

26 June 2018

Committee Future Melbourne Committee

Presenter Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council adopt measures to increase transparency.
2. For many years organisations making grant applications or applications for discretionary funding support from Council have had their applications considered in confidential closed sessions of Council or Future Melbourne Committee meetings.
3. There is support for making these reports public and this will lead to greater transparency of Council. Whilst there are some instances where it would not be appropriate for the application to be considered in open session there would be benefit in the default being an open report if practicable.
4. As part of Council's desire to improve participation and customer experiences in relation to Council meetings it is suggested that Council commence the necessary processes to provide for livestreaming of Future Melbourne Committee meetings.
5. At the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 5 June 2018 the Committee considered the Notice of Motion noted in Attachment 1 and made the below recommendation for presentation to Council.

Recommendation

6. That Council:
 - 6.1. Requests management submit reports dealing with organisations making grant applications or applications or discretionary funding in the open sessions of Future Melbourne Committee and Council meetings to provide an increased level of transparency, unless doing so is deemed not appropriate.
 - 6.2. Requests officers to commence the process of sourcing and installing live streaming capability for Future Melbourne Committee Meetings in the Council Meeting Room and agrees to provide funding in current and future budgets to cover the cost of operating the cameras.

Attachment:

1. Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor, Increased Transparency, Agenda item 7.1, 5 June 2018 (page 2 of 2)

Future Melbourne Committee

Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor

Increased transparency

Motion

That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:

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Background

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Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

Seconded: Councillor Oke