

26 June 2018

**Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor**

**Change to Councillor Gift Register**

**Motion**

That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:

1. Removes the requirement for Councillors receiving sponsored travel valued at \$500 or more to declare the sponsored travel on the Councillor Gift Register as the receipt of such gifts is declared in proposed travel reports, often in post travel reports as well as being required to be declared in the Ordinary Returns of Councillors.
2. Removes from the Councillor Gift Register declarations of sponsored travel valued at \$500 or more.

**Background**

At its meeting in August 2016 Council resolved to 'establish an online gift register commencing on 1 November 2016, capturing all council-related gifts, benefits or hospitality valued at more than \$150 received and kept by Councillors after 1 November 2016'.

Councillors must declare all gifts (including hospitality and in-kind benefits) received and kept by them as a result of them being a Councillor valued at greater than \$150, within five business days of receipt (or where received interstate or overseas, within five business days from return to work). Declarations made are recorded in the Councillor Online Gift Register which is updated online each quarter.

Where Councillor travel is sponsored by conference organisers and others (and thereby reducing the cost to Council of the travel) there is duplication in the recording of the sponsored travel (gift) as it is declared in proposed travel reports, often in post travel reports as well as being required to be declared in the Ordinary Returns of Councillors.

**Moved:** Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

**Seconded:** Councillor Oke