

Other Confidential Matter**Council****Arden Vision 2018****26 June 2018****Presenter:** Eamonn Fennessy, Manager Placemaking and Engagement**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Victorian Government's Arden Vision 2018 (the Vision) (Attachment 2).
2. The Victorian Government have approved the Vision and request Council's formal endorsement prior to a joint public release in July 2018.
3. Developed by the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA), the Vision outlines the Victorian Government's aspiration to see the Arden Urban renewal precinct become an international innovation and technology precinct over the next 30 years. It is a high level plan to guide future structure planning in the precinct, anchored by a vision and eight key directions.

Confidentiality

4. The information contained in this report has been designated as confidential information by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) because it contains information which if released, would prejudice the Council or any person. The Victorian Government has requested the matter be considered Cabinet in Confidence prior to public release.

Key issues

5. The Future Melbourne Committee endorsed Council's submission on the draft Vision and Framework at its meeting on 6 December 2016.
6. Management have since collaborated with the VPA to ensure the Vision establishes the right aspiration for such a significant inner city urban renewal opportunity. Improvements since the draft include an associated economic narrative and commitments to addressing important issues such as revitalising Moonee Ponds Creek, managing flooding and meeting the open space needs of the future community. The lack of a clear commitment from the Victorian Government on the implementation and governance arrangements to ensure high quality urban renewal was an outstanding concern.
7. On 8 March 2018 the CEO Ben Rimmer wrote to The Hon. Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning and The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Transport and Major Projects, seeking a commitment on behalf of the Victorian Government to work with the City of Melbourne to determine an implementation model that will ensure Arden's success as an exemplar of urban renewal (Attachment 3).
8. The Minister for Planning responded to the CEO on 28 May 2018 (Attachment 4) with a commitment on behalf of government to work with the City of Melbourne to deliver Arden's transformation. The VPA has committed to the next stage of structure planning being progressed by a joint, co-located project team. Officers will continue to advocate for diversity in land use, tenure and built form as part of this work.
9. The VPA have consulted extensively across the Victorian Government, with key stakeholders, and with the community in September and October 2016. Changes made from this consultation include clarity on Arden's economic narrative, a commitment to delivering two to four new schools, recognition of the important potential of the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor, additional proposed open space and the identification of potential drainage investigation areas to manage flood risk. A commitment has also been made to manage traffic impacts associated with the West Gate Tunnel project.
10. Council's approval of the Vision will provide important recognition of the partnership, governance and collaboration required between the Victorian Government, City of Melbourne and its community to achieve exemplary urban renewal in Arden over the coming years.

Recommendation from management

11. That Council:
 - 11.1. Notes commitments from the Victorian Government to:

- 11.1.1. work with the City of Melbourne to determine a governance, implementation and delivery model that will ensure Arden's success as an exemplar of urban renewal

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- 11.1.2. jointly develop a Structure Plan for the Arden precinct with the City of Melbourne.
- 11.2. Requests the CEO write to the Victorian Planning Authority requesting inclusion in the Arden Vision 2018 of additional text that outlines a higher aspiration for on-road bicycle connections, including upgrading existing routes on Arden, Laurens Streets and Macaulay Road, and ensuring safer connectivity is achieved on-road throughout the entire precinct.
- 11.3. Requests the CEO write to the Victorian Planning Authority requesting further resolution of the following outstanding matters of concern through the forthcoming Arden Structure Plan:
 - 11.3.1. A commitment to investigate a potential tram route along Spencer Street and beyond, as expressed in the West Melbourne Structure Plan.
 - 11.3.2. A commitment to determining practical mitigation measures to manage the impacts of the West Gate Tunnel project on the Arden precinct and the local road network.
- 11.4. Subject to sufficient progress on the resolution of 11.2 (to the satisfaction of the CEO), endorses the Arden Vision 2018 and its public release jointly with the Victorian Government.
- 11.5. Resolves to makes this report and recommendation open following the public release of Arden Vision.