

Management Report to the Future Melbourne (Environment) Committee

Agenda item 6.4

Proposed travel by Councillor Nicholas Reece, C40 World Mayors Summit, Copenhagen, October 2019

17 September 2019

Presenter: Kim Le Cerf, Acting Manager Urban Sustainability

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for Councillor Nicholas Reece to travel to Copenhagen to attend the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) World Mayors Summit 2019 for the period 9 to 12 October 2019. The official invitation, outlining the summit is provided in Attachment 2.
2. The City of Melbourne is one of 94 member cities in the C40 network. Created and led by cities, C40 is focused on tackling climate change and driving urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks. C40 supports cities to advance their climate goals, primarily through thematic Networks.
3. Councillor Reece is proposed to attend on behalf of the Lord Mayor and in his capacity as Planning Portfolio Chair. This aligns with the proposed endorsement of the C40 Net Zero Emissions Buildings Declaration, which pledges to enact regulations and/or planning policy to ensure new buildings operate at net zero carbon by 2030 and all buildings by 2050.

Key issues

4. The theme of the 2019 C40 World Mayors Summit is 'the future we want'. Plenary sessions will focus on key challenges faced by many global cities, including Melbourne, such as building a sustainable skyline, a future without waste and how cities are adapting to a changing world.
5. The City of Melbourne is nominated for a C40 award and there will be opportunities to showcase our leading work in renewable energy, urban greening and climate resilience. Councillor Reece is invited to participate in the City-Business Forum as a panel speaker on zero carbon districts with business and city representatives from London, Sydney and Toronto.
6. Participation in the Mayors Summit is a mandatory participation standard that is expected to be met by all C40 member cities and contributes to the C40 participation rating, a Council Plan indicator.
7. Councillor Reece's participation will be jointly funded with C40 which is covering partial airfare and majority of accommodation costs. The cost to Council will be approximately \$AU11,550 and includes a portion of airfare costs, accommodation for five nights and incidentals for ten days.
8. Councillor Reece will be accompanied by the Director City Strategy and Place on this trip.

Recommendation from management

9. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 9.1. Approves the proposal by Councillor Nicholas Reece to undertake travel to Copenhagen to participate in the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group World Mayors Summit 2019 for the period 9 to 12 October 2019.
 - 9.2. Approves an amount of \$AU11,550 to partially cover airfare, accommodation and incidental costs.
 - 9.3. Notes that Councillor Reece will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of the finalisation of travel costs.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 3)
2. Invitation to the C40 World Mayors Summit (Page 3 of 3)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation made in this report.

Finance

2. The costs associated with Councillor Reece's travel will be jointly funded by C40 and the City of Melbourne.
3. C40 is contributing \$US1600 (\$AU2357) towards an airfare plus accommodation for three nights. The cost to Council will be approximately \$AU11,550 which includes the variation between an economy and business airfare (\$6350), accommodation for an additional five nights (\$3000) and incidentals for ten days (\$400 per day).
4. The cost of the proposed travel will be met from the existing budget allocation.

Conflict of interest

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

Occupational Health and Safety

6. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade offers the following advisory statement in relation to travel to Denmark

"Exercise normal safety precautions. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour. Monitor the media and other sources for changes to local travel conditions."

7. Councillor Reece has noted this advice.

Relation to Council policy

8. The Manager Governance and Legal has confirmed that the travel proposal accords with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines.
9. Participation will contribute to achieving Council Plan Goal: 'A city that cares for its environment', specifically delivering on the outcome of 'Melbourne's reputation as a global city leader of sustainability is maintained'. The Council Plan indicator for this outcome is 'Melbourne's C40 participation rating'.

Environmental sustainability

10. The carbon emission resulting from air travel will be offset with the purchase of credits.

Tuesday 14th May 2019

Invitation to the C40 World Mayors Summit, 9th - 12th October, Copenhagen

Dear Mayor Capp,

On behalf of the City of Copenhagen and C40 Cities, we are delighted to invite you to the seventh **C40 World Mayors Summit**, taking place in Copenhagen from 9th - 12th October 2019.

The Summit will be the most important climate related event of 2019, gathering mayors from the world's greatest cities to showcase the vital work of C40 member cities in creating a climate-safe future for all. It will bring together global influencers, business leaders, philanthropists, campaigners, scientists and citizens to share and accelerate the most effective climate solutions being delivered in cities worldwide, and build a global coalition that rallies around the radical and ambitious climate action our planet needs.

Previous Summits have made headlines around the world by launching ground-breaking research, showcasing innovation from cities and debuting new partnerships to promote creative urban solutions to climate change. Through C40's Deadline 2020 Programme launched at the C40 Mayors Summit in Mexico City in 2016, mayors around the world are already committed to delivering the emissions reductions needed to stay within the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement — and we know your action doesn't stop there. In Copenhagen, mayors will take stock of progress made over the past decade and show how they are accelerating delivery on commitments to achieve the future we want.

As the host city, Copenhagen will make visible the wide range of successful and ambitious climate solutions that the city has to offer. We hope to show you a society characterized by being creative, open and equal, where businesses and citizens participate and engage in creating the experimental climate actions of tomorrow.

The main Summit programme will take place on the 10th and 11th of October in the Tivoli Congress Centre. It will be supported by side events, media opportunities, citizen engagement activities and site visits that will take place throughout the city from the 9th-12th of October. The appendix to this letter contains further details on mayoral-level activities.

We have reached a defining moment for humanity. To achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and avoid catastrophic climate change we need to act faster and with more urgency than ever before. **As a world-leading mayor who is delivering bold and impactful policies, we do hope you can join us at this momentous Summit. Together, we can and will build a more sustainable, equitable and healthy future for all.**

If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact the C40 Summit Team at C40summit@C40.org or your Regional Director to discuss opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

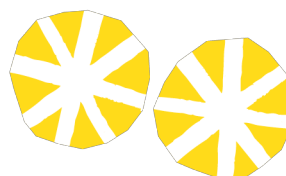
Yours sincerely,



Anne Hidalgo
Mayor of Paris
C40 Chair



Frank Jensen
Lord Mayor of Copenhagen
C40 Vice Chair



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