

Notice of Motion: Councillor Jamal Hakim, Funding request to support pop-up Docklands Neighbourhood House

Motion

1. That Council :
 - 1.1. Acknowledges the commitment of the local community in Docklands to build community connections and support through facilities such as the pop-up Docklands Neighbourhood House (DNH).
 - 1.2. Notes that the current operation of the DNH is at risk due to lack of funding support and approves allocation of \$20,000 from the 2022/23 discretionary budget towards its continued operation.
 - 1.3. Requests that management advise the DNH that any future needs will be considered as part of the next phase of the City of Melbourne's Neighbourhood Model and work being undertaken to better understand and support community priorities.
 - 1.4. Notes that the DNH is also seeking funding support through the Victorian Government.

Background

2. CoM currently partners with neighbourhood houses across the municipality through the Council's Community Grants Partnership Framework, ensuring that supported projects, empower diverse people and communities to become engaged, to connect and to take local action.
3. Consultation over the last 12 months on CoM's Neighbourhood Model has shown that programs, services and spaces to support community connection and inclusion are priorities in multiple neighbourhoods.
4. Work is currently being undertaken by the administration to better understand what this means for each neighbourhood and how best to deliver on this important community priority. In the interim, neighbourhood grants have been launched providing community members and organisations access to \$2000 grants to activate community priorities relating to connection and inclusion.
5. A request for interim funding for continued operation for the DNH has been received with advice that funding support from the Victorian Government will also be sought.

Moved: Councillor Jamal Hakim

Seconded: Councillor Dr Olivia Ball