

**FUTURE MELBOURNE (PLANNING)
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Agenda Item 5.1

CITY NORTH STRUCTURE PLAN 2011

7 February 2012

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Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the public consultation on the draft City North Structure Plan 2011 and to seek approval of the final City North Structure Plan 2011 (the Structure Plan). The draft Structure Plan was endorsed by the Future Melbourne Committee in May 2011 for public consultation. Consultation was conducted from May to 30 June 2011.

Key issues

2. The Structure Plan (Attachment 2) provides Council with a strategy and action framework to guide the urban renewal of the City North area. It envisions City North developing as a new extension of the Central City building on the strengths of the precinct to create a great place to live, work and conduct business. Statutory implementation of the Structure Plan will be achieved through subsequent amendments to the Melbourne Planning Scheme.
3. Community consultation on the draft Structure Plan engaged comprehensively with residents, business, developers and sectors of government through the internet, community meetings and workshops. Attachment 3 describes the consultation process and Attachment 4 sets out the issues raised in the submissions.
4. The Plan has been amended in response to submissions from the consultation. Key changes include:
 - 4.1. A restructured format to clarify links between community visioning, consultation and final outcomes;
 - 4.2. Proposed building heights have been reduced to soften the transition to adjacent established areas; and
 - 4.3. A review of potential heritage sites has been included.

Recommendation from management

5. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolve to:
 - 5.1. approve the City North Structure Plan 2011 (Attachment 2); and
 - 5.2. request officers draft a planning scheme amendment to implement the recommendations of the City North Structure Plan 2011 for consideration by Committee in February 2012.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment
2. City North Structure Plan
3. City North– Report on Community Consultation
4. City North –Summary of Submissions
5. City North – List of Submitters
6. City North – Response to Issues

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENT

Legal

1. Divison 1 of Part 3 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 sets out the procedure for planning scheme amendments including exhibition and notification of proposed planning scheme amendments, the process for public submissions and the consideration of those submissions by the planning authority or appointed panel.

Finance

2. The Structure Plan is a 30 year vision and its recommendations will be incorporated into Council planning processes over the next 10 years and beyond.
3. Annual capital and operating expenditures will be subject to the annual budget approval process.
4. In 2012 Council will be asked to consider the introduction of subdivision levies and developer contribution plans through statutory amendments to the Melbourne Planning Scheme to assist the financing of infrastructure improvements in the Structure Plan area.

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.

Stakeholder Consultation

6. Consultation on the draft Structure Plan was widely promoted and comprehensive. There were forums for residents, businesses, the planning and development industry and key government departments. See attachment 3 - City North Structure Plan – Report on Community Consultation.

Relation to Council policy

7. The City North Structure Plan 2011 has been developed with strategic policy framework set by the Future Melbourne Community Plan and the Municipal Strategic Statement.

Environmental sustainability

8. The City North Structure Plan includes encourages urban consolidation and provides strategies to make the area as a whole more efficient in its use of energy, water and transport.