

**Proposed travel report by Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2015 CEO Summit**

**27 October 2015**

**Presenter:** Lord Mayor Robert Doyle

**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the Lord Mayor to travel to Manila, Philippines for the period 16-18 November 2015 for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2015 CEO Summit.
2. The APEC 2015 CEO Chairman wrote to the Lord Mayor inviting him to be a keynote speaker at the Summit at the panel discussion on the topic "*What will the Future of the City Look Like?*"
3. The APEC 2015 CEO Summit will cover the costs associated with the Lord Mayor's airfare and in-country expenses.

**Key issues**

4. The Lord Mayor received an official invitation from the APEC 2015 CEO Chairman via the Australian Embassy in the Philippines and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to:
  - 4.1. Attend the APEC 2015 CEO Summit Opening Session on Monday, 16 November 2015, with the President of the Philippines and the APEC 2015 CEO Summit Chairman.
  - 4.2. Speak on "*What will the Future of the City Look Like?*" on Tuesday, 17 November 2015.
  - 4.3. Attend an APEC Leader's Dinner on the evening of Tuesday, 17 November 2015.
  - 4.4. Attend the Philippine Government's Welcome Session for APEC Leaders on the evening of Wednesday, 18 November 2015.
5. More than 10 APEC leaders are expected to speak at the Summit including the Presidents of the USA and China. Other heads of state confirmed to attend the Summit include the Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, the Presidents of China, Indonesia and Russia and the Prime Minister of New Zealand.
6. During his address, the Lord Mayor has been asked to provide commentary on the challenges in the areas of urban design, infrastructure and governance.
7. Media partners are Bloomberg, CNN, Time Fortune and the *Wall Street Journal*.
8. The Summit will be attended by Government heads of APEC member economies, thought leaders and 800 business leaders and CEOs from the Asia Pacific Region to discuss how we can achieve dynamic and inclusive growth.
9. APEC is the premier Asia Pacific Economic Forum. Its goal is to support economic growth and prosperity in the Asia Pacific Region.

**Recommendation**

10. That Council:
  - 10.1. Approves the Lord Mayor's travel to Manilla, Philippines for the APEC 2015 CEO Summit for the period 16-18 November 2015.
  - 10.2. Notes that the Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.

**Attachment:**

1. Supporting Attachment

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### Finance

1. The flight and in country expenses associated with the Lord Mayor's travel will be covered by the APEC 2015 CEO Summit. The Lord Mayor will be accompanied by his senior adviser.

### Conflict of interest

2. 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.

### Relation to Council policy

3. The Chief Executive Officer has confirmed that the travel costs accord with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines.
4. The Summit aligns with Council Plan 2013-17, Goal 3: a prosperous city and the four year plan outcomes of a sustainable and resilient municipal economy that is globally connected.