

## Management Report to Council

Agenda item 6.5

### Participation in Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, Canberra, 17 to 20 June 2018

Council

**Presenter:** Keith Williamson, Manager Governance and Legal

**27 March 2018**

#### Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to provide for City of Melbourne participation in the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held in Canberra between 17 and 20 June 2018.
2. The ALGA NGA provides a forum for local government to discuss and advance issues of national significance to local government.

#### Key issues

3. The 2018 NGA theme is *Australia's future: Make it local* and reflects not just the wide scope and importance of local government, but its ability to influence and affect fundamental change and improvement at the community level. Within the main theme, the NGA program offers a number of panel sessions under the following banners.
  - 3.1. Changing political culture.
  - 3.2. Balancing innovation and the public interest.
  - 3.3. Population and the policy imperative.
  - 3.4. Building tomorrow's communities: Liveability.
  - 3.5. How to create resilient local communities.
4. Councillors have given consideration to the appropriate level of participation in the NGA and nominated Councillors Beverley Pinder and Rohan Leppert to represent City of Melbourne.
5. The cost associated with participation in the NGA is estimated at \$3415 per Councillor. This includes airfare, accommodation for three nights, registration and incidental costs.

#### Recommendation from management

6. That Council approves participation by Councillors Beverley Pinder and Rohan Leppert in the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra between 17 and 20 June 2018 at an estimated cost of \$3415 per Councillor.

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**Legal**

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

**Finance**

2. The cost associated with representation at the ALGA NGA in Canberra is estimated at \$3415 per Councillor. This includes conference registration fees (\$1100), accommodation for three nights (\$975), airfare (\$800) and incidental costs (\$540).

**Conflict of interest**

3. 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**

4. The ALGA NGA will provide Council with the opportunity of demonstrating local government leadership by advancing key issues and contributing to discussion on matters connected to the goals contained in the Council Plan.

**Environmental sustainability**

5. The carbon emission resulting from air travel to attend the ALGA NGA will be offset with the purchase of credits.