

Report to Council

Agenda item 7.1

Proposed travel by Lord Mayor Sally Capp, New York and Boston, United States of America, October 2019

24 September 2019

Presenter: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the Lord Mayor to represent Council during meetings held with various representatives from a range of sectors whilst on private travel to New York and Boston in the United States of America in October 2019.

Key issues

2. The Lord Mayor has been presented with an opportunity to meet with Bloomberg Philanthropies in New York to discuss ongoing collaboration through Bloomberg Philanthropies' Partnership for Healthy Cities initiative.
3. In April 2017 Council endorsed the City of Melbourne (CoM) to participate in Bloomberg Philanthropies Partnership for Healthy Cities. Through this partnership, CoM received a grant of \$100,000 USD to promote walking and cycling in Melbourne's urban environment.
4. CoM has continued to work with Bloomberg Philanthropies through the Partnership for Healthy Cities. A second phase of funding has been offered to support CoM's delivery of a public health promotion campaign to reduce the harm from cigarette smoking across the municipality.
5. Whilst in the United States of America it is anticipated that the Lord Mayor will be invited to meet with various stakeholders, including the Mayor of Boston and representatives from Australian government delegations.
6. There is no cost to Council associated with the travel by the Lord Mayor as it will be privately funded.

Recommendation

7. That Council:
 - 7.1. Approves the Lord Mayor Sally Capp's proposal to represent the City of Melbourne during meetings held with various stakeholders in New York and Boston, United States of America whilst on private travel in October 2019.
 - 7.2. Notes that the Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.

Attachments:

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Supporting Attachment

Legal

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

Finance

2. There is no cost to Council associated with this travel proposal as the Lord Mayor Sally Capp will be personally funding her travel.

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

Health and Safety

4. The travel advice of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will be noted and appropriate safety and awareness precautionary steps shall be undertaken by the Lord Mayor Sally Capp.

Relation to Council policy

5. 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.
6. The objectives of the proposed travel align with the Council Plan 2017-21, Goal: A Prosperous City where partnerships between Melbourne and global cities contribute to the city's business prosperity and attracts investment.

Environmental sustainability

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