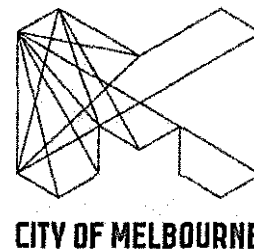


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Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 34
Tuesday 17 May 2022
6.00pm

The Hub @ Docklands

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

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On Tuesday 7 June 2022

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the *City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow*
- the agenda comprised of five reports from management
- no apologies had been received from Councillors

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 33, held on Tuesday 3 May 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Public questions

There were 13 public questions, seven of which were written and six of which were asked verbally.

A procedural motion was proposed to extend the period for public questions to 45 minutes, or until all questions have been asked, whichever is earlier.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the period for public questions be extended until all questions are asked, or 6.45pm, whichever is earlier.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Dog friendly precinct

Jenny Leyva de Loryn asked a question relating to Council's future plans to make the Docklands Precinct more dog friendly and the expected timeline to implementation.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, read out the following response that was provided by David Callow, Director Parks and City Greening:

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Council has undertaken a review of dog off leash areas across the municipality to identify where additional provision may be required to serve the growing population and their dogs. Two stages of community engagement on proposed new off leash areas and facilities to support dog exercising (such as drinking bowls, signage and bag dispensers) were undertaken in March–May and November–December 2021. This engagement involved contributions from over 2000 people across online and intercept surveys, pop ups in parks and focus groups.

A proposal for new dog off leash areas, including in Docklands, will be presented to Council in June, with implementation of approved areas to follow within approximately three months.

Safety in Docklands

Phil Kan submitted a written question in relation to the deterioration of safety in Docklands. He believes that maintaining a safe neighbourhood is the foundation of prosperity. He asked what plan the Council has to addressing concerns of the deterioration of safety in Docklands and the timeline to do something about it. Phil also referred to a specific incident that he witnessed which occurred near his residence.

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead, read out the following response that was provided by Dean Robertson, Director City Safety, Security and Amenity.

Our City Safety and Amenity team and Victoria Police work closely together in relation to safety within the City of Melbourne, and we have shared your question with the Local Area Commander for Melbourne West. Victoria Police are actively patrolling the Docklands area and are engaged with local residents via the Docklands Security Committee. The incident on the Moomba long weekend was terrible and I am sorry you witnessed this.

We will arrange for the Police member who chairs that committee to reach out to you to discuss your specific concerns. We will provide you with their details tomorrow.

Wayfinding in Docklands

Susanne Silver asked a question in relation to making it easier for people to find their way to Docklands. She asked the Committee what can be done to facilitate easier navigation for people coming the city centre or from other parts of the city to Docklands.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead, stated that they will take the question on notice and work with Officers to come back with suggestions. Lord Mayor Sally Capp mentioned that there is a Docklands Summit planned for late July/early August and wayfinding can be added as one important aspect of adding value to visitors and traders in Docklands. It was advised that officers will contact Susanne with a follow up response.

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure

Keaton Hulme-Jones submitted a written question in relation to the future of Melbourne's EV charging infrastructure with specific reference to EV chargers on parking spots, car share programs switching to EV's and updates to building development law mandates.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, provided a response explaining that Council is currently reviewing the EV policy and have an action in the current financial year's annual plan to review the entire approach to EV charging. In next financial year's annual plan, it shows that the work will continue which includes public consultations. One key issue in the City of Melbourne is that 82 percent of residents live in apartment buildings.

Council's primary challenge is not the same as other inner City Councils who are calling out for the new infrastructure on the street. People who have individual dwellings are making the change. It has been about how City of Melbourne (CoM) works with developers and existing owners' corporations to address provision for residents in apartment buildings. The City of Melbourne's approach to EV charging and our policy framework will be undergoing further development and consultation in this coming financial year

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Vision for Docklands

Linda Dugan asked a question in relation to echoing the success of Science Works near Williamstown and make Victoria Harbour, Harbour Esplanade, and Docklands a destination for marine, water and environment adventure; a destination where people of all ages and all abilities would want to come to Docklands as a family. Linda has been waiting for a revised Harbour Esplanade plan and asked Council if this could be considered.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp provided a response thanking Linda for her ideas. Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised the Committee that Councillors have been receiving many ideas about what could enhance Docklands and make it a destination, in particular since Central Pier has been closed. Council has run a number of initiatives like the Drones Show over summer. These have shown that when events are delivered, there is an increase in visitation.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp mentioned the Docklands Summit planned for late July/early August, involving Development Victoria, who are ultimately the owners of Central Pier, and other stakeholders from Docklands including residents, to come together to generate some of those ideas and make some commitments. There is a question about there being an agreed vision for Docklands and ways Council can resolve that. The City of Melbourne is actively engaged in this work and investing in Docklands. Council is particularly focused on getting state government committed to long-term solutions.

Short Stay Register

Anthony DeLuca submitted a written question in relation to Docklands being negatively impacted by Short Stay apartments with some respite during COVID19. Anthony explained that many short stay operators have resumed their operations to the detriment of many apartment complexes and their residents. Many councils in Australia and around the world have introduced regulations aimed at ensuring residents and genuine visitors can share accommodation without noisy parties and other activities.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, City Planning Portfolio Lead, read out the following response that was provided by Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change:

In 2019 the Victorian Government introduced changes to the Owners Corporations Act 2006 that allow an Owners Corporation and residents to take VCAT action against property owners where unreasonable impacts are caused by way of damage, hazards, noise and behaviours. This legislation applies directly to properties where an owner's corporation exists, which makes up a high proportion of residential development within the city, unlike the needs of other Council's where the same circumstances may not apply.

Further information is available via the Consumer Affairs Victoria website and our officers are available to provide further guidance.

Comprehensive Traffic Management Strategy for Southbank

Jannine Pattison, resident group Southbank3006 asked a question in relation to the need for a Comprehensive Traffic Management Strategy covering the entire area of Southbank before proceeding with the 2016 City Road Master plan given the significant changes in the past six years across Southbank since the plan was envisaged. Jannine asked whether Council will give a commitment to fund a Comprehensive Traffic Management Strategy for all of Southbank in the FY23 budget and Plan similar to the Traffic Management Strategy it completed for the CBD.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead, read the following response provided by Roger Teale, General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design:

CoM doesn't have a specific plan to do a traffic management strategy for Southbank at this stage, however we are undertaking area wide studies across the municipality to improve pedestrian safety, amenity and access. The following studies are planned to be undertaken in the Southbank local area in 2024/25:

- *Local area speed limit reduction to 40km/h*
- *Local area Pedestrian and Road Safety Improvements*

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The City of Melbourne's Transport Strategy 2030 aims to create a safe, liveable, efficient and productive city. The strategy prioritises sustainable transport modes especially walking, public transport and riding bikes. It prioritises private vehicle use for efficient deliveries, for servicing the city and for those who need to use a car.

The City Road Masterplan was based on projections that development in Southbank would intensify. It aims to provide, amongst other things, better walking conditions along and across one of the main traffic arteries of Southbank. Any traffic management strategy or plan for Southbank would build on the work of the City Road Masterplan and align with the strategic intent of the Transport Strategy 2030

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Any traffic management strategy or plan for Southbank would build on the work of the City Road Masterplan and align with the strategic intent of the Transport Strategy 2030.

Open Spaces for Southbank

Jannine Pattison, on behalf of resident group Southbank3006 submitted a written question in relation to the Open Space contribution expenditure and funds for Southbank.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, read out the following response provided by David Callow, Director Parks and City Greening:

The public open space contribution register available on the City of Melbourne website identifies that \$31,885,258 of public open space contributions have been made for subdivisions in Southbank since January 2000.

The draft budget 2022-23 identifies \$25M to acquire and develop new public open space in Southbank over the next four years and nearly \$5M for Dodds Street linear park from the Public Open Space Reserve. The acquisition of new open space in Southbank is a Very High priority action in the 2012 Open Space Strategy.

Past Southbank open space works that have utilised public open space contributions include the creation of new local open spaces along Southbank Boulevard and the neighbourhood open space at the former Boyd School. Both of these initiatives were identified as Very High priority actions in the 2012 Open Space Strategy.

Public open space contributions across the municipality are paid into a reserve, they are not separated according to the source suburb. The creation of open space along Southbank Boulevard and Boyd Park account for a large proportion of Public Open Space Contributions collected in Southbank. Expenditure from the reserve is spent across the municipality according to the priorities of the Open Space Strategy.

Council's commitment to sustainability for Southbank3006

Jannine Pattison, on behalf of resident group Southbank3006 submitted a written question in relation to Council's commitment to sustainability. She asked what strategies the Council proposes to enhance liveability across Southbank in order to manage the projected doubling of population in the area.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, read out the following response provided by Linda Weatherson, General Manager Community and City Services:

All Council's policies and operational efforts go toward enhancing sustainability for the benefit of existing communities and future generations.

Some specific projects include:

- o Pursuit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the recent adoption of Voluntary Local Review*
- o Delivery of the Transport Strategy which seeks to improve amenity and lower emissions. Work on Southbank Promenade to improve pedestrian amenity and enhanced bike lanes in and around Southbank to improve road safety are two localised examples of supporting low emission travel options.*

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- *We are also actively pursuing the provision of additional green open space in Southbank to serve new and existing residents which will provide for canopy planting.*

Council has adopted sustainable building design provisions for inclusion in the planning scheme, which will have a significant effect on the environmental performance of new buildings. We are continuing our negotiations with the State Government to progress this draft planning scheme amendment.

Tram bridge across Yarra River from Collins Street

Petra Harmer-Shrowder asked a question in relation to a tram bridge going across the Yarra River from Collins Street extending to Lorimer Street. She asked Council to share the exact entry and exit point and the date of commencement and completion.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead, read out the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

City of Melbourne supports a tram and active transport connection from the central city to Fishermans Bend via Docklands to improve transport connections and boost economic activity to support the delivery of Australia's largest urban renewal precinct.

The project is supported in our Transport Strategy 2030 and is fundamental to delivering the target of 80,000 residents and 80,000 jobs in Fishermans Bend.

The bridge options are currently under consideration by the Department of Transport as part of the ongoing business case development. The final designs and construction dates are still to be confirmed by the Victorian Government.

Dog friendly tram service

Brian Arbuckle, Doggies of Docklands submitted a written question in relation to share his idea of setting up a dog friendly tram service around Melbourne CBD stopping at dog friendly places.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead, read out the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

This is a very interesting idea. We are well aware of the benefits of companion animals and know there are many CoM residents with much-loved doggy pets.

The Department of Transport controls tram operation and undoubtedly there are many complications and challenges in scheduling tram movements throughout the network.

Never the less we will raise this at our next meeting with the Department of Transport.

An officer will contact Mr Arbuckle to seek further information and provide assistance if possible.

Planning and approval stages of Docklands development and redevelopment projects

Jason Butcher submitted a written question in relation to the planning and approval stages of Docklands development and redevelopment projects. He asked what measures City of Melbourne are taking to ensure that Docklands' resident voices are adequately canvassed and acted upon during the planning and approval stages of Docklands development and redevelopment projects.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, City Planning Portfolio Lead, read out the following response provided by Julian Edwards, Director Planning and Building:

City of Melbourne aims to engage the community on as many projects, at all stages, as possible. We engage formally on over 50 projects each year with many more in the planning stages. Residents, businesses, workers, students, visitors are included as well as people of all ages and backgrounds. More recently, we've completed two months' consultation on neighbourhood planning in Docklands with a high percentage of residents

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represented and we're currently analysing the feedback and will have a second round of consultation on the priorities for Docklands later in the year.

The Design Excellence Advisory Committee (DEAC) also met recently at Docklands, which includes 5 community members on the committee with the focus of the meeting being on opportunities for Docklands. The outcomes are intended to be tabled at a future Docklands summit.

The majority of private development and redevelopment projects in Docklands are led by either developers directly or in conjunction with the Victorian Government through Development Victoria (DV). City of Melbourne works closely with DV to ensure that opportunities are provided for genuine community engagement on projects throughout the developing and planning phases given that a majority of planning permit applications are exempt from formal notice and review (advertising). The City of Melbourne seeks to ensure that significant Dockland Shaping applications are presented to, and decided by, the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) in a public forum. These Applications are generally referred to City of Melbourne by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and comments are sought from Development Victoria to ensure any new development is consistent with the overarching planning framework that has been approved by the Minister of Planning to manage the anticipated growth of the Docklands.

Community infrastructure provision

Ariel Valent submitted a written question in relation to City of Melbourne's approach to community infrastructure provision to ensure that residents of all precincts in Docklands have the opportunity to thrive, given current and future population projections in Docklands.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead, read out the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

Council recognises that community infrastructure is vital to support an inclusive and thriving city. To this end we are taking a neighbourhood-led approach to ensure that we understand our communities' needs and strengths. Council is in the midst of consulting with all our neighbourhood communities and we thank those who have already contributed to that process either on-line or at one of our face to face sessions. We expect to report back to community on the outcomes later in the year.

The State Government, through Development Victoria take responsibility for all strategic planning and negotiations with developers to deliver development in Docklands. They also have carriage of the planning and provision of community infrastructure via individual property development agreements.

We are currently working with Development Victoria to investigate community needs to a high degree of detail to ensure we can provide for resident, school and business community members.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Docklands:**

Request to speak:

- Keith Sutherland, Sutherland Property.

Items of correspondence:

- Shane Wylie
- Keith Sutherland, Sutherland Property.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Docklands Firelight Festival 2022:**

Request to speak:

- Ben Ball, Chairperson Docklands Representatives Group.

Item of correspondence:

- Ben Ball, Chairperson Docklands Representatives Group.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **City of Melbourne Design and Construction Standards:**

Item of correspondence:

- Augustus Brown.

6.1 Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Docklands

The purpose of this report was to provide an overview of the Docklands neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Keith Sutherland, Sutherland Property.

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the Docklands neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 Draft Annual Plan 2022–2023

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of the draft Annual Plan 2022–23 for public exhibition and community engagement.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.16pm and returned at 7.18pm

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Approves the proposed changes to the Council Plan major initiatives in Attachment 2 of the report from management and notes these will be reflected in the Annual Plan and Budget 2022–2023.*
- 1.2. *Approves the draft Annual Plan 2022–2023 (Attachment 3 of the report from management) for release for community engagement from 17 May to 14 June 2022.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.3 Draft Budget 2022–23

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of the draft Budget 2022–23 for public exhibition and consultation in accordance with the requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the draft Budget 2022–23 for community feedback.*
 - 1.2. *Notes the income statement underlying deficit of \$11.3 million for the financial year ending 30 June 2023, as detailed in Appendix A of the draft budget, as the draft budget seeks to restore confidence and deliver what matters to residents, businesses and visitors at the same time preserving the financial stability of the Council.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that Council will invest a record \$254 million in infrastructure over the coming year, including \$130.7 million in new assets, \$51.4 million for renewing assets, \$53.3 million for upgrades and \$5 million for expansion works, as well as \$13.7 million allocated to the major maintenance of city assets.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that the anticipated borrowing of \$187.8 million in 2022–23 will rise to a peak of \$249.4 million in 2024–25 with the intention that this be paid down in the 10 Year Financial Plan.*
 - 1.5. *Notes the projects included in the Council works program detailed in Appendix E of the draft budget.*
 - 1.6. *Notes the proposed changes to discretionary fees and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2023, as detailed in Appendix F of the draft budget.*
 - 1.7. *Notes the intention to declare a differential rate for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 as detailed in Appendix B of the draft budget.*
 - 1.8. *Notes the proposal to increase general rates by 1.75 per cent in line with the rate cap which results in a net annual value increase to the residential rate in the dollar from 4.2187 cents to 3.6497 cents and the non-residential rate in the dollar from 4.7908 cents to 4.2145 cents.*
 - 1.9. *Notes the proposal to separate waste service costs from general rates on rates notices to make waste charges fairer and more transparent. This results in a waste charge (property collection) of \$150 for capital improved value (CIV) less than or equal to \$505,000 and \$378 for CIV greater than \$505,000 and waste charge (public realm) for non-residential properties in the dollar of 0.0337 cents.*
 - 1.10. *Notes that non-rateable exempt properties represent 12.4 per cent of the total net annual value of the City of Melbourne.*
 - 1.11. *Notes copies of the draft Budget 2022–23 will be made available for inspection at Town Hall Administration Building and to be viewed online at the Participate Melbourne website.*
 - 1.12. *Considers any community feedback which is received via the Participate Melbourne website from 6pm Tuesday 17 May to midnight Tuesday 14 June 2022.*
 - 1.13. *Notes the intention to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their feedback or a person acting on their behalf at a Special Future Melbourne Committee Meeting to be held on 23 June 2022.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.4 Docklands Firelight Festival 2022

The purpose of this report was to present the planning phase for Docklands Firelight Festival (DFF) 2022.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Ben Ball, Chairperson Docklands Representatives Group.

Cr Chang left the meeting at 8.04pm and returned at 8.07pm

Moved: Cr Campbell

That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses the event model for Docklands Firelight Festival 2022.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.5 City of Melbourne Design and Construction Standards

The purpose of this report was for the draft Design and Construction Standards to be endorsed to proceed to community engagement. The Standards set out design and construction standards for public infrastructure work across the municipality.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Notes the proposed Draft Design and Construction Standards to be applied to the entire municipality and endorses the draft Design and Construction Standards to proceed to community engagement.*
- 1.2. *Requests that members of the Design Excellence Advisory Committee and its members be specifically invited to provide feedback.*
- 1.3. *Notes that the outcomes of community engagement will be the subject of a further report to the Future Melbourne Committee.*
- 1.4. *Notes that the draft Design and Construction Standards will undergo formal publication, graphics and branding prior to being finalised and gazetted.*
- 1.5. *Requests that management consider the submission from Mr Brown specifically and, in doing so, provide advice to the Committee or Council when the Design and Construction Standards return for final approval on the merits of alternative treatments for vehicular crossings of footpaths to those proposed in the draft, and the opportunities for trialling alternatives at an appropriate location or locations in FY22-23 within existing budget.*
- 1.6. *Requests that management considers the inclusion of examples of heritage design standards for furniture, signs, public lighting and utilities provision when the Design and Construction Standards return for final approval by FMC.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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7. General business

There were no item of general business for consideration.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 7 June 2022.

 Chair
Future Melbourne Committee