

Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.2

Annual Report 2014–15

Council

Presenter: Ben Rimmer, Chief Executive Officer

27 October 2015

Purpose and background

1. This purpose of this report is to have the Council consider the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2014–15 (Annual Report) in accordance with its obligations under section 134 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, which provides:
 - (1) *A Council must consider the annual report at a meeting of the Council.*
 - (2) *The meeting –*
 - (a) *must be held as soon as practicable but within the time required by the regulations, after the Council has sent the annual report to the Minister;*
 - (b) *must be advertised at least 14 days before the meeting is held in a public notice that states –*
 - (i) *that the annual report will be discussed at the meeting; and*
 - (ii) *the place from which copies of the annual report can be obtained before the meeting.*
 - (c) *must be kept open to the public while the annual report is discussed.*
2. The Annual Report was delivered to the Minister for Local Government on 30 September 2015. Regulation 22(1) of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* requires the Council to hold a meeting to consider the Annual Report within one month after submitting it to the Minister.
3. Public notice of the Council meeting to consider the Annual Report was given on Monday 12 October 2015 and included a list of locations where it could be obtained or viewed prior to the Council meeting. These locations, and the document itself, can be viewed at:
<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/ABOUTCOUNCIL/PLANSANDPUBLICATIONS/ANNUALREPORT/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx>
4. The Annual Report is the final step in the statutory annual reporting process.

Key issues

5. The Annual Report documents Council's performance and signifies the second year progress of Council's work against the eight goals of the 2013–2017 Council Plan, as set out in the 2014–15 Annual Plan and Budget.
6. This year's report includes a number of improvements to the previous report, including a message from the Chief Financial Officer, a new sustainability overview, additional data on gender diversity and an infographic summary of key projects delivered.

Recommendation from management

7. That Council notes that it has considered the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2014–15 in accordance with section 134(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Attachment:

1. Supporting Attachment

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Legal

1. The report accurately identifies the statutory requirements of in respect to the Annual Report.

Finance

2. The Annual Report provided to the Minister included the financial statements for 2014–15 and the Auditor General's audit opinion, which was unqualified.
3. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

Conflict of interest

4. 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

5. Public notice regarding the Council meeting to consider the Annual Report was given on Monday 12 October 2015.

Relation to Council policy

6. This recommendation is consistent with the 2013–2017 Council Plan and the 2014–15 Annual Plan and Budget.

Environmental sustainability

7. The City of Melbourne has again published its Annual Report online as a full version. Only minimal copies of the Annual Report have been produced in hard copy to satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.