

**Management report to Council**

**Agenda item 6.3**

**Abolition of the Docklands Coordination Committee**

**Council**

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

**15 December 2015**

**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to request Council formally abolish the Docklands Coordination Committee (DCC) in light of the part commencement of the *Local Government Amendment (Improved Governance) Act 2015*.

**Key issues**

2. The DCC was established by the Council on 26 June 2007 in accordance with the requirements of part 4A of the *City of Melbourne Act 2001* (the Act) and the *City of Melbourne (Docklands Coordination Committee) Regulations 2007* (Regulations).
3. The primary purpose of the DCC was to give VicUrban (now Places Victoria) a statutory right to be involved in issues affecting the Docklands Coordination Area. The Regulations required the Council delegate to the DCC specific functions.
4. On 11 October 2012 Places Victoria wrote to the Council indicating the DCC was no longer required and supporting legislative amendments to enable its abolition.
5. At its meeting on 5 March 2013, the Future Melbourne Committee resolved to request the State amend the Act by repealing part 4A of the Act and revoking the Regulations.
6. Section 91 of the *Local Government Amendment (Improved Governance) Act 2015* repealed part 4A of the Act and commenced on 18 November 2015. On the same date, the Regulations were revoked. The Council is now able to abolish the DCC and revoke the delegation to the DCC.

**Recommendation from management**

7. That Council:
  - 7.1. abolishes the Docklands Coordination Committee (DCC)
  - 7.2. revokes the instrument of delegation by Council to the DCC under the *City of Melbourne Act 2001* dated 2 July 2007 made by resolution of Council on 26 June 2007
  - 7.3. requests the Chief Executive Officer write to Places Victoria thanking its representatives on the DCC past and present for their participation.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment

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**Legal**

1. The report accurately identifies the relevant legal issues.

**Finance**

2. The abolition of the DCC will remove the required secretarial support and associated costs although these were minimal given that the DCC only met on an annual basis.

**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.

**Stakeholder consultation**

4. The intention to seek legislation to enable the abolition of the DCC was made known to the Docklands Community through the Docklands Community Forum.

**Environmental sustainability**

5. Environmental sustainability issues or opportunities are not relevant to recommendation in this report.