

**Management report to Council**

**Agenda item 3.2**

**Proposed amendments to the 2017–2021 Council Plan**

**Special Council**

**Presenter:** Brendan Flynn, Acting Director Customer and Business Transformation

**9 May 2019**

**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of proposed amendments to the 2017-2021 Council Plan (Council Plan) for public consultation as part of this year's annual review.
2. Section 125(7) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires the Council, at least once each financial year, to 'consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect of the remaining period of the Council Plan.'
3. The Council may make adjustments it considers appropriate to the Council Plan outcomes, priorities or indicators following an opportunity for the public to make submissions through a 28-day statutory consultation process, in accordance with the Act.

**Key issues**

4. No substantive changes are proposed to the four-year outcomes and priorities of Council Plan. However, following one cycle of annual reporting on the Council Plan, it is timely to address the issues relating to a minority of progress indicators in the Council Plan to improve the basis for future annual reports.
5. The indicators proposed to be amended (refer Attachment 2) include those that cannot be accurately reported as currently worded due to data limitations or problems with their framing. Indicators are proposed to either be replaced, where a better alternative exists, or removed. In instances where indicators are proposed to be removed, this does not affect Council's ability to report progress towards the Council Plan outcomes in the Annual Report as these will be supported by remaining indicators.
6. Proposed Council Plan amendments not subject to statutory consultation include plans to update the Lord Mayor and CEO messages, the Group Councillor photo, two individual Councillor photos and their contact details, Portfolio details and the list of strategies. We also propose to reposition the indicators (currently at the back of the Council Plan) against the outcomes for each Goal.
7. Subject to Council approval on 9 May, the proposed amendments to Council Plan will be advertised on 10 May. After considering any public submissions at a special meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on 13 June, the final amendments will be presented to Council on 25 June 2019.
8. Any amendments to Council Plan indicators will come into force after Council's endorsement of a revised Council Plan in June. This will not affect the 2018–19 Annual Report but will affect subsequent annual reports for the remaining two years of Council's term.

**Recommendation from management**

9. That Council:
  - 9.1. approves the proposed amendments to the 2017-2021 Council Plan in Attachment 2 for consultation
  - 9.2. notes that public notice of the proposed Council Plan amendments will be given in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) in The Age newspaper
  - 9.3. in accordance with section 223 of the Act, appoints the Future Melbourne Committee to:
    - 9.3.1. consider any written submission which is received by the Council within 28 days after the publication of the public notice
    - 9.3.2. hear any person wishing to be heard in support of his or her submission or a person acting on his or her behalf at a special meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee to be held at 5.30pm on 13 June 2019
  - 9.4. notes that it will be requested to consider adoption of the proposed Council Plan amendments at its meeting on 25 June 2019.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 5)
2. Proposed amendments to Council Plan (Page 3 of 5)

**Supporting Attachment**

---

**Legal**

1. Section 125(7) of the Act requires that the Council consider at least once every financial year whether the Council Plan requires any adjustment.
2. Where an adjustment is proposed to the strategic objectives of the Council (four-year outcomes), strategies for achieving its objectives (four-year priorities) or strategic indicators for monitoring their achievement:
  - 2.1 a person may make a submission on the proposed adjustment within a period not less than 28 days after public notice of the same
  - 2.2 the Minister must be advised of any final adjustment within 30 days of the decision.

**Finance**

3. There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation 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.

**Health and Safety**

5. In developing this proposal, no Occupational Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

**Stakeholder consultation**

6. Subject to Council approval, the proposed Council Plan amendments will go out for public consideration and submission as outlined in the recommendation.

**Environmental sustainability**

7. The proposed amendments to Council Plan, if adopted, will enable the City of Melbourne to better report progress towards the Council's four-year outcomes, including those relating to the goal, 'A city that cares for the environment.'

## Proposed amendments to the 2017–2021 Council Plan

Amendment No.	Reference	Existing indicator	Proposed amendment
1	Page 52: A city that cares for its environment	The percentage of total permeable (public and private) surfaces within the municipality.	Replace with:  New permeable surfaces created in the municipality.
2	Page 52: A city that cares for its environment	The percentage of permeable (public) surfaces within the municipality.	Replace with:  New permeable surfaces created in the municipality.
3	Page 52: A city that cares for its environment	A decrease in residential and street litter-bin collections.	Delete.  (Not able to be reported as currently worded. Outcome supported by alternative waste-related indicator.)
4	Page 53: A city for people	The percentage of international students surveyed who value the impacts of City of Melbourne programs in improving integration and quality of life while in Melbourne.	Delete.  (Not able to be reported due to data limitations. Outcome supported by alternative quality of life and community connection indicator.)
5	Page 53: A city for people	A decrease in personal and property related crimes.	Replace with:  The rate of crimes against people.
6	Page 53: A city for people	The proportion of people who feel safe.	Separate into two indicators and replace with:  a) The proportion of people who feel safe (by day).  b) The proportion of people who feel safe (by night).
7	Page 53: A city for people	The rate of ambulance attendance for alcohol and drug misuse in the municipality.	Separate into two indicators and replace with:  a) The rate of ambulance attendance for alcohol related intoxication in the municipality.  b) The rate of ambulance attendance for illicit drug misuse in the municipality.
8	Page 53: A city for people	The proportion of people who sleep rough who are assisted through housing related or other support services.	Delete.  (Not able to be reported due to data limitations. Outcome supported by alternative rough sleeping indicator.)

<b>Amendment No.</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Existing indicator</b>	<b>Proposed amendment</b>
9	Page 54: A prosperous city	The change in trade connections made per year.	Replace with:  The number of trade connections made per year.
10	Page 55: A connected city	The level of footpath congestion.	Delete.  (Not able to be reported due to data limitations. Outcome supported by alternative walking indicator.)
11	Page 55: A connected city	An increase in the share of all trips to, from and within the municipality that are made by bike.	Replace with:  The percentage of trips made to the city by bicycle.
12	Page 55: A connected city	The kilometres of bicycle paths in the municipality to population.	Replace with:  The kilometres of new bicycle routes in the municipality.
13	Page 55: A connected city	The percentage of all commuter trips to the central city made by public transport, cycling or walking.	Replace with:  The number of public transport trips per daily population.
14	Page 55: A deliberative city	The proportion of people in the municipality satisfied with Council engagement activities.	Replace with:  The level of community satisfaction with Council's community consultation and engagement.
15	Page 56: A city planning for growth	The percentage of residents that can access the community facilities and services they need within a 15-20 minute walk of their home.	Delete.  (Not able to be reported due to data limitations. Outcome supported by alternative growth indicator.)
16	Page 56: A city planning for growth	An increase in the diversity of the residential, commercial and office spaces across the municipality.	Replace with:  Commercial and industrial floor space use as a proportion of the total floor area in the municipality.
17	Page 56: A city planning for growth	An increase in the diversity of public open space by typology.	Replace with:  The net increase in public open spaces.
18	Page 56: A city with an Aboriginal focus	The percentage of City of Melbourne staff that have completed the Aboriginal induction program.	Replace with:  The percentage of staff who have participated in Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training.

Amendment No.	Reference	Existing indicator	Proposed amendment
19	Page 56: A city with an Aboriginal focus	The value of contracts awarded to Aboriginal individuals and enterprises by the City of Melbourne.	Replace with:  The City of Melbourne's total spend with Aboriginal suppliers.
20	Page 56: A city with an Aboriginal focus	The number of non-Aboriginal enterprises contracted by the City of Melbourne that contribute to employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	Delete  (Not able to be reported due to data limitations. Outcome supported by alternative Aboriginal procurement indicator.)