

Report to Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 7.1

Proposed travel by Councillor Rohan Leppert, Auckland, New Zealand, August 2019

6 August 2019

Presenter: Councillor Rohan Leppert

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Councillor Rohan Leppert to participate in meetings with City of Auckland representatives on issues relating to public art and creative matters whilst on private travel in New Zealand in August 2019.

Key issues

2. In recent years the City of Auckland's waterfront has undergone a transformation with the installation of public art along the Waitemata Harbour foreshore. The public art route along the Harbour invites visitors to view nine installations in a recommended order as each work represents the range of forms, themes and styles of work which have characterised New Zealand's art scene in past decades.
3. The work undertaken by the City of Auckland with public art in a waterfront area is of particular interest to the City of Melbourne. One of the initiatives included in the 2019-2020 Annual Plan and Budget provides for the development of new public art in the Southbank area.
4. Whilst on private travel in August, Councillor Leppert proposes to meet with City of Auckland representatives with expertise in the creative sector to gain an insight into the approach and community engagement undertaken with the waterfront installations.
5. The Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines require Councillor Leppert to seek Council approval for the proposed meeting.
6. There is no cost to Council associated with travel by Councillor Leppert as it will be privately funded.

Recommendation

7. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 7.1. Approves the proposal by Councillor Rohan Leppert to participate in meetings with City of Auckland representatives on creative and public art matters whilst on private travel in New Zealand in August 2019.
 - 7.2. Notes that Councillor Leppert will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.

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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. Councillor Leppert will be personally funding his 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 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade offers the following advisory statement in relation to travel to New Zealand

"Exercise normal safety precautions: Exercise common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia".
5. Councillor Leppert has noted the advice.

Relation to Council policy

6. 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.

Environmental sustainability

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