

Report to the Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 6.6

Opportunity for international engagement - Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit, London

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Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for Councillor Dr Olivia Ball to represent City of Melbourne (CoM) at the Partnership for Healthy Cities (PHC) Summit in London between 14 and 16 March 2023.
2. PHC is a global network of more than 70 cities including Melbourne. The inaugural PHC Summit is co-hosted by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the World Health Organization (WHO), Vital Strategies, and the Mayor of London. It aims to equip mayors and technical staff from participating cities with leading strategies to combat the global burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and injuries.
3. Following the Lord Mayor's inability to attend the Summit, an invitation was extended to Councillor Dr Ball to represent CoM in her capacity as lead of the Health, Wellbeing and Belonging portfolio.

Key issues

4. Delegates from each partnership city are invited to join the Summit for technical sessions on key topics. Areas of particular relevance to CoM include creating a smoke free city, healthy food environments and setting nutrition standards in public settings.
5. Since 2017, CoM has received significant funding from PHC to support the following initiatives:
 - 5.1. Delivery of the *Healthy Cities Get Moving Project* that encouraged office workers to be more active.
 - 5.2. Development of the *Smoke-free Melbourne Policy* which provides a strategic framework for the delivery of actions to protect our community from the harms of smoking.
 - 5.3. Translation of the *COVID-19 Community Support Directory* into various languages to increase awareness of support available to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - 5.4. Development and installation of hand sanitiser units in key locations across the city to encourage behaviours to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
 - 5.5. Review and refresh of the City of Melbourne food policy, *Food City*, which is due to be presented to the Future Melbourne Committee in June.
6. In January 2023, CoM submitted an application for the 2023 PHC Awards. Bloomberg Philanthropies will award three cities with up to \$250,000 USD each for outstanding work and achievements. The awards will be presented to winning cities at the inaugural Summit.
7. PHC will cover airfare, accommodation and some incidental costs. It is proposed that CoM cover up to \$400 of incidental costs.

Recommendation from management

8. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 8.1. Approves participation by Councillor Dr Olivia Ball at the Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit in London between 14 and 16 March 2023 at a cost to Council of \$400.
 - 8.2. Notes that Councillor Dr Ball will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.

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Supporting Attachment

Finance

1. The bulk of costs associated with this travel proposal will be met by PHC which will fund airfare, accommodation and some incidental costs. It is proposed that CoM provide funding of \$400 towards incidental costs.
2. Costs to CoM will be met from the existing budget allocation.

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 general or material conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

4. In developing this proposal, no occupational health and safety issues or opportunities have been identified.
5. In undertaking international travel, Councillor Dr Ball will adhere to and be guided by international health, safety and security measures including those identified by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Relation to Council policy

6. The Director Governance has confirmed that the travel proposal accords with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Council Expenses Policy.
7. The objectives associated with this proposal align with key policy positions adopted by Council namely those aligned to Council Plan 2021-25 strategic objectives 'access and affordability and 'safety and wellbeing'.

Environmental sustainability

8. The carbon emissions resulting from air travel will be offset with the purchase of credits.