

Report to Council

Agenda item 6.8

Post travel report by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle: London, July 2013

29 October 2013

Presenter: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

Purpose and background

1. To report to Council on the travel undertaken by the Lord Mayor to London (5-12 July 2013) associated with his keynote address to the inaugural *Policing in Global Cities Conference*.
2. On 11 June 2013, the Future Melbourne Committee approved the proposal for the Lord Mayor to travel to London for the period from 5-12 July to participate in the conference.
3. The Lord Mayor attended at the invitation of London Mayor Boris Johnson, and provided a keynote address titled *A City for Everyone*. The conference focused on three main themes – *Eyes of the World on You; New World, New Challenges; and Making Cities Safer*.
4. A meeting of the UK's Association of Chief Police Officers' Chief Constables Council was held in conjunction with the conference on 10 July chaired by the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, Sir Brendan Hogan-Howe.
5. Mayor Boris Johnson arranged a series of high level meetings for the Lord Mayor to attend with the City of London management for 11 July.
6. The Lord Mayor was accompanied to the conference by Superintendent Rod Wilson of Victoria Police and the conference was attended by senior representatives from cities across Europe, Canada, United States of America, India and Thailand.

Key issues

7. The conference presented a unique opportunity to hear international insights into city safety, including lessons from the 2012 London Olympics, counter-terrorism initiatives and how social media is impacting on policing and emergency management. International delegates also visited the Central Communications Command Centre of the Metropolitan Police Service which handles 6000 emergency phone calls a day and toured the Special Operations Room where major incidents across the city are managed.
8. The Lord Mayor and Superintendent Wilson's presentation focused on utilising partnerships to manage city safety. The keynote address highlighted a range of approaches undertaken in Melbourne:
 - 8.1 how high definition CCTV in the city is supporting the work of police and preventing crime
 - 8.2 early intervention success through the Youth Street Teams
 - 8.3 improving the capacity for people to get home safely with mega taxi ranks
 - 8.4 engaging with operators through a Licensee Forum
 - 8.5 the benefits of high quality urban design and lighting, as well as late night activation initiatives.
9. Feedback following the presentation indicated that attendees thought Melbourne demonstrated the most integrated approach to city safety, striking the right balance between informal and legislated approaches to partnerships. The Lord Mayor also participated in a panel discussion with Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey, Metropolitan Police Service, London; Chief William Blair, Toronto Police Department; Chief Detective Superintendent Harald Pickert, Head of the Crime Fighting Unit, Munich Police; and Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam, Eric van der Burg.
10. A highlight of this panel discussion was the consensus of all participants that the most important aspect basis for city safety was through effective partnerships. There was a high level of interest in the City of Melbourne's role in facilitating partnerships, particularly the Street Teams model and Licensees Forum.

Recommendation from management

11. That Council:
 - 11.1. Note this report and the incorporated summary of benefits and outcomes.
 - 11.2. Continue, through Superintendent Wilson and any future equivalent, the relationship with the police chiefs in comparable cities established through the conference.
 - 11.3. Request that the research of Martin Innes from the Police Science Institute at Cardiff University be reviewed by appropriate City of Melbourne staff and checked against Council's own established processes. This analysis can ascertain whether any improvements can be made for the use of social media during major emergencies or natural disasters.
 - 11.4. Continue to support full-spectrum policing and partnerships, from social and design policies and early intervention initiatives, through to CCTV, mega taxi ranks and traditional law enforcement measures.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment
2. Outcomes and Benefits of Travel

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENT

Finance

1. City of London covered the costs associated with the Lord Mayor's accommodation for the duration of the conference and provided GBP3000 (approximately AUD5500) towards the Lord Mayor's airfare. Costs to the Council of the Lord Mayor's travel totalled \$9467.82 and included a business class airfare at a cost of \$6,241.85, additional accommodation at a cost of \$1828.71 and incidental expenses of \$1397.26.

Conflict of interest

2. 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.

Relation to Council policy

3. The Chief Executive Officer has confirmed that the travel costs accord with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines.

Environmental sustainability

4. Carbon offsets are purchased as part of corporate travel.

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS OF TRAVEL

Outcomes

1. The following is the list of outcomes arising from the travel, including the means by which the matters raised are progressed within the Council, eg a report to the relevant committee(s).
 - 1.1. Stronger ties and mutually beneficial relationships with police chiefs from cities facing similar challenges to Melbourne, as set out in the report.

Benefits

2. The following is the list of benefits associated from the travel.
 - 2.1. Improved understanding of global experiences in city safety measures.
 - 2.2. Access to best practice approaches for application to CoM policy and policy development in the area of city safety initiatives.