

**Report to the Future Melbourne (Finance and Governance)
Committee**

Agenda item 3.2

**Consideration of submissions and matters arising on the proposed
amendments to the 2017–2021 Council Plan**

13 June 2019

Presenter: Brendan Flynn, Acting Director Customer and Business Transformation

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to consider submissions in response to proposed amendments to the 2017–2021 Council Plan (Council Plan) as part of this year’s annual review.
2. The proposed amendments to the Council Plan (Attachment 3) were presented to Council for approval on 9 May 2019. At that meeting, Council approved the draft amendments for public consultation and appointed the Future Melbourne Committee to consider any submissions received by the Council at a meeting to be held on 13 June 2019.
3. Public notice of the proposed Council Plan amendments was given in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) in The Age newspaper.
4. This process conforms to the public consultation requirements of the Act which provides for submissions to be made over a minimum 28 day period and then to be considered by the Council.

Key issues

5. The proposed amendments to Council Plan that were presented for public consultation (Attachment 3) relate to a number of progress indicators to be amended, replaced or removed to improve the basis for future annual reporting.
6. At the conclusion of the statutory public submission period on 7 June 2019, one submission was received on a matter regarding the Council Plan with no requests to address the Future Melbourne Committee.
7. A submission was received from Mark Collins (copy of original in Attachment 2) querying whether there would be any consideration of Melbourne’s relationship with Devonport, Tasmania, in the plan noting the reference under the Connected City goal of Council Plan to the Future Melbourne priority 6.6 ‘Connect regionally and globally.’
8. Management considers that this matter is outside the scope of the proposed Council Plan amendments put forward for public consultation and may be more appropriate for consideration as part of a future review of Council Plan and/or Future Melbourne Community Plan.

Recommendation from management

9. That the Future Melbourne Committee, after considering all written submissions in response to the proposed amendments to the 2017–2021 Council Plan (Council Plan), recommends that Council:
 - 9.1. adopts the proposed amendments outlined in Attachment 3 of this report
 - 9.2. notes that the Minister will be advised of any final amendments within 30 days of the decision and copies of the updated Council Plan made available to the public in accordance with section 125(11) of the *Local Government Act 1989*
 - 9.3. notes the updated Council Plan will also include new Mayoral and CEO messages, a new Councillor group photo, updated photos and details for two individual Councillors, new Portfolio details, revised list of strategies, and reformatted set of indicators against Council Plan outcomes.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 6)
2. Submission (Page 3 of 6)
3. Proposed amendments to the 2017-2021 Council Plan (Page 4 of 6)

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, sections 125 and 223 of the Act provide:
 - 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 Council must consider any submission received before it makes a decision on the proposed adjustment
 - 2.3 the Minister must be advised of any final adjustment within 30 days of the decision
 - 2.4 the Council must write to each submitter, advising the decision of the Council and the reason for 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. In accordance with legislative requirements the proposed amendments to the Council Plan were made available to the public for comment and this report outlines the feedback from the community.

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.'

Name: * Mark Collins

Email address: *

Please indicate which item you would like to make a submission on by selecting the appropriate button: * Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2019–20

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by Friday 7 June 2019. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Is there going to be any consideration of Melbourne's relationship with Devonport (Tas) in the plan?

It is at the other end of the Spirit of Tasmania Ferry. Yet we seem to ignore this obvious and special kinship. Part of our connectedness to other communities.

And the many shared concerns and interests as Gateway Cities. (P39 – 6.6 Connect regionally and globally)

Please indicate whether you would like to address the special Future Melbourne Committee in support of your submission.

No

The special meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 13 June 2019 commencing at 5.30pm. *

Privacy acknowledgement: *

I have read and acknowledge how Council will use and disclose my personal information.

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.)

Amendment No.	Reference	Existing indicator	Proposed amendment
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.

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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.)