Future Nillumbik Committee

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough on Tuesday 12 November 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.

Agenda

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Visitors in the gallery at Committee meetings are:

- Welcome to copies of the various reports which will be considered by this Committee at the meeting. These are on the table in the foyer.
- Welcome to tea, coffee and water. These are on the table in the foyer near the Council Chamber entry.
- Requested to observe deliberations quietly in order for Committee meetings to run smoothly.
- Advised that the meeting will be recorded and an audio recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on Council's website.

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Agenda of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting to be held Tuesday 12 November 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.

1. Welcome by the Chair

Members of the public are advised the meeting will be recorded and an audio recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on Council's website.

2. Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement to be read by the Chairperson

Nillumbik Shire Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians present.

3. Apologies

Recommendation

That the apologies be noted.

4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 be confirmed.

5. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Committee members should note that any conflicts of interest should also be disclosed immediately before the relevant item.

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6. Officers' reports

FN.026/19 Council's submission on the Draft Melbourne Open Space Strategy

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Summary

A draft *Melbourne Open Space Strategy* (MOSS) has been prepared by the State Government to give direction on how Melbourne's open spaces will be protected, optimised and grown to meet community needs now and in the future. The Minister for Environment is now seeking feedback from key stakeholders and public land agencies, on its proposal for better planning, design and use of open space. The draft MOSS includes a broad strategic framework and a suite of enabling actions and investment priorities to support the delivery of the strategy.

Council officers have prepared a submission (**Attachment 1**) that gives in-principle support to the draft MOSS and some recommendations to strengthen and give further clarity to the document.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) endorses and instructs officers to submit the submission (**Attachment 1**) to the State Government's draft *Melbourne Open Space Strategy* by 22 November 2019.

Attachments

1. Submission to the Draft Melbourne Open Space Strategy

Background

- 1. Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 recognises the value of open space as critical green infrastructure. Direction 6.4.2 identifies the need to strengthen the integrated metropolitan open space network to make Melbourne cooler and green, and to ensure the city's growing population has access to diverse, quality open space.
- 2. To help meet this direction, a draft Melbourne Open Space Strategy (MOSS) has been prepared which outlines a strategic framework for improved planning, design and use of open space to support a cooler, greener city and create more equitable access.
- 3. Nillumbik Shire Council has now been invited to review and submit comments on the draft MOSS.

Policy context

- 4. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2017-2021 strategy:
 - Provide a range of infrastructure that encourages people of all ages to participate in a variety of active and passive opportunities.

Budget implications

5. There are no budget implications.

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Consultation/communication

6. Targeted consultation is being undertaken by the State Government with key stakeholders and public land agencies.

Issues/options

- 7. Council officers have prepared a submission to the draft MOSS.
- 8. The draft MOSS sets out four goals:
 - Goal 1: Improved Health & Wellbeing
 - Goal 2: Healthy Biodiversity
 - Goal 3: Enhanced Resilience to Climate Change
 - Goal 4: Maximised Economic and Social Benefit
- 9. These goals are underpinned by three directions: 'Protect, Optimise and Grow'. To realise these directions a suite of short-term and mid/long term actions are proposed.
- 10. Nillumbik has already benefitted from the commitment of more than \$154 million for the short term investment priorities (2020-2023), particularly the Northern Trails network. This includes further funding for the extension of the Diamond Creek Trail from Diamond Creek to Hurstbridge.
- 11. Council's submission gives strong support to the strategic framework and key actions. However it raises several issues that should be considered by the Minister for Environment before endorsing a final MOSS. These include:
 - The need for further consideration of funding models and mechanisms to support Council's long term investment and maintenance costs of additional open space assets.
 - The ability for more State Government surplus land to be retained as public open space.
 - Greater ability to unlock and maximise opportunities for new linear urban parklands as part of the State's major transport project delivery.
 - Further promote the importance of having a multi-disciplinary approach to open space planning.

Conclusion

- 12. The closing date for Council's submission is 22 November 2019.
- 13. The engagement feedback will inform a revised draft MOSS. This will then be submitted to the Minister for Environment's approval and formal release.

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- 7. Supplementary and urgent business
- 8. Confidential reports