OFFICERS' ADVICE

CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT 2018

Submitting Councillor: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Cr Fergeus be given approval to attend the Cities Power Partnership Summit, in Kiama, New South Wales, from 18 to 19 October 2018, both dates inclusive

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The costs of approximately $1,500-2,000 for attending the event include costs of registration, travel and accommodation appears to be inline with standard professional development costs.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The Cities Power Partnership is a free national program, which the Environmental Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended that Council join. As part of the program, members are required to public pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This provides a platform for Council to promote and share its commitments and achievements in the delivery of the actions under the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2026 (ESS).

Having a Councillor attending the conference may help in the delivery of our public pledge commitments, provides a network opportunity to learn from other council initiatives and help to better understand the requirements and opportunities of the Partnership.

In particular it aligns with the following action in the ESS:

Action 6.2.1 – Establish successful sustainability partnerships:

b) Strengthen partnerships that lead to –sustainability networking, capacity building , innovation, research and monitoring outcomes and opportunities.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Attendance at the conference would have minimal impact on internal resources.

Information gained through conference attendance could be shared with Environmental Advisory Committee and benefit Sustainable Monash staff.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Environmental Advisory Committee has recommended that Council become a membership to the Cities Power Partnership and make a public pledge to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2026.