

for the Special meeting

Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 5.30pm

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall



Members - The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor [Sandy Verschoor] (Presiding);

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abiad);

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Donovan, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll,

Martin, Moran and Simms.

### Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council Meeting, the Lord Mayor will state:

'Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

#### 2. Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

Upon completion of the Kaurna Acknowledgment, the Lord Mayor will state:

'The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia's planning heritage.'

#### 3. Prayer

Upon completion of the Acknowledgment of Colonel William Light by the Lord Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer will ask all present to pray -

'Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon the works of the City of Adelaide; direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of this City. Amen'

#### 4. Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies - Councillor Donovan

5. Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

#### Strategic Alignment - Corporate Activities

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## Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

ITEM 5.1 18/06/2019 Council

**Program Contact:** 

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**Approving Officer:** 

Clare Mockler, A/Chief Executive

Officer

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a collaboration among Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Bloomberg Philanthropies. Its mission is to inspire and strengthen city leaders, as well as equip them with the tools to lead high-performing, innovative cities.

Each year, the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative offers leadership and management training to up to 40 Mayors from around the world, and to two senior officials from each Mayor's city. The yearlong program commences with a four-day intensive session for Mayors in New York City (USA) from 14 to 17 July 2019.

The Lord Mayor has been selected to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative and would be the first Australian Mayor to do so.

Participation in the program for Mayors and senior officials is fully funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, including tuition, airfares, accommodation, transfers and meals.

In accordance with Standing Order 120 all international travel by the Lord Mayor must be approved by Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

### **That Council:**

Approves the Lord Mayor's travel to New York City (USA) in July 2019 to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

# **IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS:**

City of Adelaide 2016-2020 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment - Corporate Activities
Policy	Not as a result of this report.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report.
	Participation in the program for Mayors and senior officials is fully funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, including tuition, airfares, accommodation, transfers and meals.
Resource	Depending on flight schedules and booking arrangements with the administrators of the program, as well as the scheduling of any non-program activities such as meetings, some minor costs may be incurred by Council for upgrades, additional accommodation and associated expenses.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	In accordance with Standing Order 120, all international travel by the Lord Mayor must be approved by Council.
	In addition to providing a direct leadership development opportunity for the Lord Mayor, participation in the program will also enable capacity building for the City of Adelaide, in areas such as collaboration, use of data and innovation.
Opportunities	The practical application of global perspectives and best practice methodologies would enhance the creation of opportunities for the community and support the development of a more effective and efficient organisation, providing greater value for money for our ratepayers.
18/19 Budget Allocation	Any additional costs to support the participation of the Lord Mayor or senior officials will be funded from existing Training and Development budget provisions.
Proposed 19/20 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a yearlong program.
18/19 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report.
Other Funding Sources	Bloomberg Philanthropies will cover the cost of tuition, airfares, accommodation, transfers and meals.

### DISCUSSION

- 1. The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a collaboration among Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Bloomberg Philanthropies.
- 2. Its mission is to inspire and strengthen city leaders, as well as equip them with the tools to lead high-performing, innovative cities.
- 3. Established in 2017, the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative offers leadership and management training for up to 40 Mayors and two senior leaders, from around the world each year.
- 4. In addition to an intensive classroom experience, the program works with each participating Mayor and senior leader over the course of a year to foster their professional growth and the advancement of key capabilities within their cities.
- 5. Harvard faculty, students, and staff will work with these cities' Mayors and senior leaders in the classroom, online, and in the field.
- 6. Key concepts include:
  - 6.1. Leading beyond formal authority
  - 6.2. Building high-performing teams and organisations
  - 6.3. Motivating change and mobilising others
  - 6.4. Negotiation
  - 6.5. Innovation and experimentation
  - 6.6. Collaboration
  - 6.7. Using data and evidence to improve decision-making
- 7. The City of Adelaide will also gain access to programming, support, resources and networks from Harvard and Bloomberg to improve key practices.
- 8. The 2019-20 program commences with a four-day intensive session for Mayors in New York City (USA) from 14 to 17 July 2019.
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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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