

ITEM 5. EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIPS – 2017 - 2018

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SUMMARY

The City of Sydney is a member of a wide range of associations and organisations which provide staff and Councillors with access to up-to-date information and information-sharing opportunities, accreditation, forums or conferences for professional development and policy development.

The memberships held by the City of Sydney are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain relevant to the work of the City and are provided to Council for their information. This review was undertaken last year, saving over \$150,000. The City's current 63 memberships are outlined in Attachment A.

The total cost of these memberships is \$417,686.63, which will be provided for within the draft budgets for 2018/19.

The top four memberships account for over \$250,580 and include the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), Local Government NSW, and the Tourism and Transport Taskforce.

The other smaller memberships make up the remaining \$167,106.

In 2007, Council resolved that new, minor memberships up to the value of \$10,000 be approved by the relevant Director or the Chief Executive Officer. New memberships worth over \$10,000 are brought to Council for consideration.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the existing memberships, as outlined in Attachment A. The City's memberships will continue to be reviewed annually and any significant changes reported to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that Council receive and note the City's membership of the Associations outlined in Attachment A to the subject report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: List of Existing Association Memberships

BACKGROUND

1. The City of Sydney is a member of a range of associations which provide access to professional support, updated industry information and information sharing, forums and conferences for professional development and accreditation.
2. A review has been undertaken by staff to ensure the City's membership of these 63 organisations is both appropriate and worthwhile.
3. These range from membership of the Youth Action and Policy Association, to the NSW Meals on Wheels Association, C40 and the Environment and Planning and Law Association.
4. The City of Sydney is also a member of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors and Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils. The City contributes to and works with these groups to achieve our goals.
5. The total cost of these memberships is \$417,686.63 per annum.
6. These memberships were included in the budget for 2017/18 and will be included in the draft budgets for 2018/19.
7. The top four memberships account for over \$250,580 and include the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), Local Government NSW, and the Tourism and Transport Taskforce.
8. The other smaller memberships make up the remaining \$167,106.
9. The City's memberships will continue to be reviewed annually and any significant changes reported to Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

10. The existing cost of these memberships is \$417,686.63, which was provided for in the 2017/18 operating budgets and will again be provided for in 2018/19.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

11. Nil.

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