

**ITEM 5. GRANT – C40 PRIVATE BUILDINGS EFFICIENCY NETWORK WORKSHOP****FILE NO: S122027****SUMMARY**

On 12 May 2014, Council resolved to accept an offer to co-lead, with the Tokyo metropolitan government, the C40 Private Sector Buildings Energy Efficiency network – now known as the C40 Private Buildings Efficiency network. As co-leader, the City will be hosting a workshop in Sydney from 14 to 16 September 2015.

The Sydney workshop will include senior managers, responsible for energy efficiency policy and program development, from up to 14 C40 cities. The workshop is an opportunity for managers to learn about the various approaches to policy, programs and services being implemented in each city; to discuss what approaches are working and what are not; and to agree how the network can further assist city agendas through applied research and development and pilot projects.

Specifically, the Sydney workshop will be reviewing the progress and interim outputs arising from the three work streams that the network has focussed on this year. These work streams are:

- identifying the key components of successful energy efficiency policy from C40 cities, such that all cities can learn from what is working well and not so well in their city counterparts. An example of the value of this work stream has been the input received from C40 and partners in the development of the draft Energy Efficiency Master Plan;
- collecting data and gaining insight on the performance of buildings from across C40 cities. This will ultimately allow cities to compare the performance of buildings against global leading practice in addition to our current view of best practice at a national level; and
- engaging multi-national companies to take ambitious action on energy efficiency.

While the C40 city managers are in Sydney, the City will facilitate a number of opportunities to engage with relevant industry and government stakeholders, including with members of the Better Buildings Partnership and other capital cities, in order to:

- demonstrate Sydney's leading environmental performance on the world stage;
- inspire Sydney building owners and occupants to strive for the best energy performance; and
- provide a connection for our City stakeholders to global networks.

The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group will contribute approximately US\$15,000 in cash and substantial in-kind support to ensure the success of the Sydney workshop. The City has been requested to make a contribution of \$10,000 in cash to C40 and host the workshop in Sydney. In addition to the \$10,000 grant, the City's responsibility will include the provision of venues, meals, translation services and travel between the Sydney venues, which the City has estimated will cost up to \$40,000. These amounts were envisaged and reported to Council in May 2014, when it was resolved to take up the co-leadership role.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a grant of up to \$10,000 in cash to C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc for the C40 network workshop to be held in Sydney from 14 to 16 September 2015; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer a grant agreement with C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc. for the co-funding and hosting of the workshop on terms acceptable to the City.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**BACKGROUND**

1. The City of Sydney is a founding member of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40), which was established in 2005 as a network of large cities to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while addressing climate risks and impacts.
2. The City is currently involved in eight C40 networks and has benefited significantly from the opportunities for leadership, knowledge provision and exchange and support associated with membership of these networks and the C40 group.
3. On 12 May 2014, Council resolved to accept an offer to co-lead, with the Tokyo metropolitan government, of the C40 Private Sector Buildings Energy Efficiency network – now known as the C40 Private Buildings Efficiency network.
4. The Private Buildings Efficiency network is the largest and most established within C40 and has enjoyed recent growth with new members joining from China and other East Asian cities. The network consists of 20 cities from Europe, North America, Latin America, Oceania and East Asia actively participating.
5. The City was asked to co-lead the network as recognition of the leadership the City has shown in building energy efficiency, demonstrated through programs such as Better Buildings Partnership, CitySwitch Green Office, Smart Green Apartments; strategy and policy as demonstrated through the draft Energy Efficiency Master Plan; and our active participation within the network.
6. The Tokyo metropolitan government hosted the 2014 network workshop, where 11 C40 cities were represented, including Sydney. A condition of being co-leader means that the City will host the next network workshop.
7. The City will host the next network workshop from 14 to 16 September 2015. The first two days will be C40 delegate sessions. The third day will connect C40 international delegates with local industry and government stakeholders.
8. C40 network workshops are working meetings of the participants of a C40 network. The meetings are designed to further the priorities and objectives of individual network participants, and to set a longer-term work plan for the cities collaborating in the network.
9. For the Sydney workshop, the C40 will have overall responsibility for the event, including agreeing the workshop agenda, workshop facilitation, managing invitations and the provision of travel and accommodation subsidies to delegates attending the two-day workshop. The C40 will contribute approximately US\$15,000 in cash and substantial in-kind support to ensure the success of the event.
10. The City has been requested to make a contribution of \$10,000 in cash to the C40; be responsible for event hosting and logistics arrangements for the two-day delegate sessions; and for managing the third day of events, which will connect the delegates with local industry and government stakeholders. The City's responsibilities will include the provision of venues, meals, translation services, travel between the Sydney venues and third day event management, which the City has estimated will cost up to \$40,000.

## KEY IMPLICATIONS

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030

11. *Sustainable Sydney 2030* is a vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This event is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
  - (a) Direction 1 - A Globally Competitive and Innovative City – the C40 network workshop will connect Sydney to international best practices and provide a unique opportunity to showcase the work the City is doing to an international audience.
  - (b) Direction 2 provides a road map for the City to become A Leading Environmental Performer – the network workshop will provide Sydney with the opportunity to discuss best practice policy and engagement methods with the world's leading City authorities in energy efficiency policy and program design.
  - (c) Direction 9 - Sustainable Development, Renewal and Design – energy used by buildings in Sydney is the primary contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Opportunities to implement sustainability strategies such as energy efficiency measures, major refurbishments and renewal areas are critical for achieving the City's energy and emissions targets.
  - (d) Direction 10 - Implementation through Effective Governance and Partnerships – the City cannot meet the ambitious targets of *Sustainable Sydney 2030* alone. Hosting the C40 delegates affords Sydney the opportunity to connect our local industry and government stakeholders with City officials who represent world's best practice in energy efficiency policy, programs and action.

### Organisational Impact

12. The network workshop and events affords a unique opportunity to build connections between City staff and our international city colleagues and to help enhance organisational capability through learning and development.

### Environmental

13. The C40 network workshop discussions will focus on how cities can improve the energy efficiency of buildings and hence improve environmental performance within the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

### Economic

14. Improving energy efficiency and productivity has positive economic outcomes. In addition, the programs and initiatives assessed at the workshop will provide opportunities to investigate and implement clean technology solutions and increase investment in this fast growing industry.

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

15. Provision for the \$10,000 grant to the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc has been included in the draft 2015/16 budget.

16. The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc is an international organisation and the GST requirements for the City's contribution are currently unresolved. If GST is payable, it will amount to 10 per cent of the total cash and value-in-kind contributions. The City would be able to reclaim the amount back from the Tax Office as an input credit on business undertakings.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

17. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES**

18. The C40 Network workshop has been scheduled from 14 to 16 September 2015. C40 require the City as the host city to make a commitment to funding and hosting responsibilities by 30 April 2015 at the latest.

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