

Item 3.**International Travel - Global Parliament of Mayors Summit, Bristol and Global Conference on Energy Efficiency, Paris**

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Summary

Councillor Jess Miller has been invited to attend and speak at the Global Conference on Energy Efficiency in Paris, France, at the invitation of the Head of Energy Efficiency at the International Energy Agency, Dr Brian Motherway.

Councillor Miller has also been invited to attend the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol, United Kingdom, at the invitation of the Mayor of Bristol, Mr Marvin Rees.

Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol, United Kingdom, 21 to 23 October 2018

The Global Parliament of Mayors Summit 2018, under the theme 'Empowering Cities as Drivers of Change', will bring together up to 100 global city leaders and experts to focus on issues including migration, inclusion, urban security and health. The summit will articulate the increasingly important role that cities are playing, particularly in relation to climate change, and demonstrate how cities can act as national and international leaders to take more responsibility to address common urban issues.

Councillor Miller has also been invited to participate in an event organised by the Global Parliament of Mayors in partnership with the Bristol Women's Commission entitled 'How can cities and national and international networks of Mayors work together to facilitate women as city leaders?' This will examine the role and impact of women in city leadership, and actions that cities and networks of cities can take to drive forward women in leadership.

Global Conference on Energy Efficiency in Paris, France, 25 to 26 October 2018

This two-day event, held by the International Energy Agency, will focus on the urgent need to implement and scale successful energy efficiency policies and programmes with real impacts, in terms of decarbonisation, economic growth, energy access and sustainable development.

The Global Conference on Energy Efficiency has been supported by a wide range of governments and energy efficiency companies worldwide, and the 2017 conference was opened by the President of the United Nations General Assembly and addressed by a number of Ministers and Chief Executive Officers.

Councillor Miller is the Deputy Chair of Council's Environment Committee. Her attendance at both events will provide a good opportunity for the City to share experiences with influential leaders and decision makers, and to play a powerful role in shaping the next steps in tackling common urban issues facing international cities. It will also enable the City to learn from other countries and cities. This is particularly pertinent, as the City will soon begin consultation for Sustainable Sydney 2050.

At the Tokyo Forum for Clean City and Clear Sky held in May 2018, Councillor Miller and Councillor Robert Kok met with the Deputy Mayor of Paris, Mr Patrick Klugman. The City of Paris has extended its welcome to Councillor Miller and would like to arrange a meeting between Councillor Miller and the Mayor or Deputy Mayor of Paris during the Global Conference on Energy Efficiency.

The International Energy Agency will cover the return economy international airfares between Sydney and Paris, and two days accommodation and expenses in Paris for Councillor Miller.

The Global Parliament of Mayors will cover her return economy fares or rail journey between Paris and Bristol, and two days accommodation in Bristol.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse international travel to Bristol and Paris for Councillor Jess Miller; and
- (B) note that Councillor Miller will provide a report to Council after the travel.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Invitation to the Global Conference on Energy Efficiency
- Attachment B.** Invitation to the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit
- Attachment C.** Invitation Letter from the Mayor of Bristol
- Attachment D.** Global Parliament of Mayors Summit Program

Background

1. Councillor Jess Miller has been invited to attend and speak at the Global Conference on Energy Efficiency in Paris, France, at the invitation of the Head of Energy Efficiency at the International Energy Agency, Dr Brian Motherway.
2. Councillor Miller has also been invited to attend the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol, United Kingdom, at the invitation of the Mayor of Bristol, Mr Marvin Rees.

Global Parliament of Mayors Summit, Bristol, United Kingdom

3. Like the City of Sydney, Bristol City Council is a 100 Resilient Cities member.
4. The Global Parliament of Mayors builds on the experience, expertise and leadership of mayors in tackling local challenges resulting from global problems. At the same time, it brings local knowledge to the table and thus participates actively in global strategy debates whilst underscoring the need for practical, action-oriented solutions.
5. The Global Parliament of Mayors aims to be involved in debates about critical issues in cities, actively participate in decision-making and intervene in discussions at the United Nations, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and other assemblies.

Global Conference on Energy Efficiency in Paris, France

6. The International Energy Agency is an influential organisation conducting research and studies into energy issues including oil, gas and coal supply and demand, renewable energy technologies, electricity markets, energy efficiency, access to energy, demand side management, and so on. It was founded in 1974 and has 30 member countries across the world.
7. Australia joined the International Energy Agency in 1979.
8. The primary goal of the third Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency is to put energy efficiency at the top of the global energy agenda. The International Energy Agency uses its convening power and access to global energy stakeholders to ensure that efficiency is considered a priority, alongside renewable energy and other decarbonisation efforts, as part of countries' work to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
9. The four main areas of International Energy Agency focus are:
 - (a) Energy Security: promoting diversity, efficiency, flexibility and reliability for all fuels and energy sources;
 - (b) Economic Development: supporting free markets to foster economic growth and eliminate energy poverty;
 - (c) Environmental Awareness: analysing policy options to offset the impact of energy production and use on the environment, especially for tackling climate change and air pollution; and
 - (d) Engagement Worldwide: working closely with partner countries, especially major emerging economies, to find solutions to shared energy and environmental concerns.

10. Like Sydney, Paris is a world-leading city in addressing common urban issues, especially climate change. Paris is a member of the 100 Resilient Cities, having released its Resilience Strategy on 4 October 2017.
11. Paris is currently working on crosscutting strategies to mitigate climate change, improve Smart Cities and increase social cohesion.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision

12. 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 report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 1 - A Globally Competitive and Innovative City - the objectives of the Global Conference on Energy Efficiency align closely with the Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan to become a sustainable global city, and one of the world's leading green cities. Participation in the conference will enable the City to demonstrate environmental leadership, and learn from the experiences of other cities.
 - (b) Direction 2 provides a road map for the City to become A Leading Environmental Performer - the City's commitment to be a Green, Global, and Connected city requires the City to proactively and actively participate in global conversations to showcase its leading role and strengths in sustainable development and energy efficiency.
 - (c) Direction 10 - Implementation through Effective Governance and Partnerships - the City is committed to being part of global networks and an active participant in global knowledge exchange, because Sydney's global connections are an essential component of our past, present and future.
13. Participation in the conference, summit and meetings with the City of Paris will reinforce and enhance the benefits already flowing from the City's membership of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and leadership on climate change initiatives, locally and internationally.
14. The visit will help the City with reviewing its Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan, and setting up the new Sustainable Sydney 2050.
15. Participation in the conference and summit also align with the City's Economic Development Strategy and Resilient Sydney - A Strategy for City Resilience 2018.

Budget Implications

16. The International Energy Agency will cover the return economy international airfares between Sydney and Paris, and two days accommodation and expenses in Paris for Councillor Miller.
17. The Global Parliament of Mayors will cover the return economy air or rail journey between Paris and Bristol, and two days accommodation in Bristol for Councillor Miller.

18. It is proposed that the costs of additional travel, accommodation, meals and incidentals be met by the City at an estimated maximum cost of \$4,000.
19. Funds are available within existing operational budgets.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

20. The summit of the Global Parliament of Mayors is being held from 21 to 23 October 2018, and the Global Conference on Energy Efficiency is being held from 25 to 26 October 2018.
21. Councillor Miller's international travel dates will be from approximately 20 to 27 October 2018, subject to the availability of flights and availability of city leaders in Paris and Bristol for relevant meetings.

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