

# **Attachment A**

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Travel Report: Councillor Jess Miller



Councillor Jess Miller and Collectively CEO Bethan Harris at the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol

### 1. Executive Summary

On 17 September 2018, Council endorsed the international travel of Councillor Jess Miller to Bristol, the United Kingdom and Paris, France.

Councillor Miller travelled to Paris on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 and returned to Sydney on Saturday, 27 October.

Councillor Miller was invited to attend the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol, United Kingdom, at the invitation of the Mayor of Bristol, Mr Marvin Rees. The Global Parliament of Mayors Summit took place in Bristol, United Kingdom, from 21 to 23 October 2018.

The Global Parliament of Mayors Summit 2018, under the theme

'Empowering Cities as Drivers of Change', brought together over 80 mayor and city network leaders, international organisations, and UN agencies to focus on issues including migration, inclusion, urban security and health. The summit articulated the increasingly important role that cities are playing, particularly in relation to climate change, and demonstrated how cities can act as national and international leaders to take more responsibility to address common urban issues.

Councillor Miller was also 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. The Global Conference on Energy Efficiency took place in Paris, France, from the 25 to 26 October 2018.

This two-day event, held by the International Energy Agency, focused 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.

Whilst in Bristol, United Kingdom, and Paris, France, Councillor Miller also took the opportunity to meet with a number of city leaders, non-government organisations and representatives of international organisations which will be detailed in the below report.

The total cost for the 11 days travel including accommodation, meals and transfers was less than \$3,600. Final total to be confirmed pending conversion rates.

## 2. Paris, France 18 – 21 October

On Friday 19 October, Councillor Miller took a meeting and site visit with the think-tank City Lab to discuss Paris' approach to green walls and green spaces and the evolution of the car ban on the Seine.

On Friday 19 October, Councillor Miller met with Hervé Marro, Director of Communication and Events, Head of the Office of Paris, C40 Cities. Councillor Miller and Mr Marro discussed the ongoing work of the C40 Cities network and Councillor Miller provided an update on the City of Sydney's waste and energy programs.

On Saturday 20 October, Councillor Miller took a guided tour with City Lab to look at Lime, Velib and Bird modes of transportation within the City and the linkages between cycleways. Councillor Miller also visited the new light rail project and the grassed surfaces. During this guided tour, City Lab explained some of the challenges and opportunities Paris has encountered to overcome congestion, and increase permeable pavements and green walls.

On Sunday 20 October, Councillor Miller departed Paris, France, for the Global Parliament of Mayors in Bristol, United Kingdom.

## 3. Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol, United Kingdom 21 – 23 October



Councillor Jess Miller Pictured with City Leaders at the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit in Bristol

On Sunday 20 October, Councillor Miller arrived in Bristol, United Kingdom, in time to attend the Global Parliament of Mayors Welcome Reception. The Welcome Reception acknowledged the contribution of Dr Benjamin Barber who first convened the Global Parliament of Mayors in 2016. Councillor Miller also met a range of people from the British Council who are working on cultural infrastructure with linkages to Sydney.

On Monday 21 October, Councillor Miller attended the full day's program of the GPM Summit. Highlights included the keynote speech from Christine Musisi, Director of External Relations, UN Habitat, and a speech by Mayor Ricardo Rio of Braga, Portugal, on how city leadership can drive strong social and creative economies around the world. Councillor Miller also participated in sessions titled 'Harnessing the Power of Migration for an Inclusive City', 'Driving Good Population Health to Strengthen City Resilience' and a breakout session on cities' approaches to waste.

On Tuesday 22 October, Councillor Miller participated in a number of sessions at the Summit, including the additional breakout session on Women in Leadership. Councillor Miller was invited to participate in this 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 examined 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. It was a highly valuable opportunity for Councillor Miller to meet with other female city leaders and discuss how to encourage more women to be urban leaders.

Another highlight of Tuesday 22 October, was a session titled 'Global Governance and City Networks'. Councillor Miller also attended the Bristol Housing Festival which explored a range of solutions to affordable and sustainable housing. Additionally, she met with the CEO of Collectively, Bethan Harris, who led The Loneliness Lab, an innovative program designed to deal with social dislocation through a public private partnership model with Lendlease. She also attended a tour of a creative space called The Watershed which combines creative and digital innovation in a shared co-working space. She attended a dinner hosted by the Loneliness Lab with local change-makers, environmentalists and creatives at the Lido in Bristol.



Key connections made included those with the Mayor of Bristol Martin Reeves, Mayor Bryan Barnett of Rochester Hills, Deputy Mayor Craig Cheney from Bristol, Mayor Horta Basilo Mayor of Portugal, Isabel Deding, Global Transport Leader at Arup, Michele Acto from

Councillor Jess Miller featured in the Global Parliament of Mayors Summit 2018 – Official Video which can be found here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqEK1EYkVVc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3wWiphw-W5\\_RBBX\\_ORmx3Se4tP2OZa-DzcFFtkZt5nGVVxVGdG17wXJN](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqEK1EYkVVc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3wWiphw-W5_RBBX_ORmx3Se4tP2OZa-DzcFFtkZt5nGVVxVGdG17wXJN)

Melbourne University (who worked on the City of Sydney Open Strategy), Juma Assiago from UN Habitat, Peter Holbrook from Social Enterprise UK, Kathy McArdle from the British Council, Mayor Denise Yvonne Ak-Sawyer, Mayor of Free Town, Sierra Leone, Anna Piccini from OECD, Councillor Kye Dud, from Bristol City Council, Laura Healy from UNICEF, and Kate Roisin from Open Cities Foundation.

On Wednesday 23 October, Councillor Miller departed Bristol to return to Paris for the International Energy Agency's Global Conference on Energy Efficiency.

#### 4. International Energy Agency's Global Conference on Energy Efficiency, Paris France – 24-26 October

On Wednesday 24 October, Councillor Miller returned to Paris where she met with Romain Lacombe, the founder and CEO of Plume Labs, about developments in new air pollution monitoring technology and how this might influence better outcomes for City planning.

On Wednesday 24 October Councillor Miller also attended the Women in Energy and Climate networking event at the British Embassy.

On Thursday 25 October, Councillor Miller attended and presented at the IEA Energy Efficiency conference in the Third Panel on *Cities Leading the Way*, which was attended by a broad range of experts working in the international energy efficiency sector.

In addition to Councillor Miller, the Cities Leading the Way panel featured: Jennifer Layke from WRI Energy a private cities consulting firm based out of Washington, Zoe Springings the Programme Director for Energy Efficiency with the C40 Cities Climate Leadership group based in London, Harry Verhaar Head of Global and Public Affairs at Signify (formerly Phillips), and Frank Bruel, Executive Vice President from Engie based in Paris. Each



speaker gave a 25-minute presentation and then participated in an hour-long discussion. Much of the focus and questions surrounding the City of Sydney's work was to do with models for collaboration, and Councillor Miller spoke about the City's success with the Better Building Partnership and Sustainable Destination Partnership.

Also of note was a panel which Councillor Miller attended on Energy Efficiency in A

Left to right: Jennifer Layke (Global Director – Energy Program, WRI Energy), Melanie Slade (Senior Program Manager - Energy Efficiency in Emerging Economies, International Energy Agency), Zoe Springings (Program Director - Energy and Buildings, C40 Cities) and Councillor Jess Miller

Changing World. This session examined global perspectives

on energy efficiency from behaviour change programs with young people in the United Arab Emirates to new smart city technology being trialled to manage peak demand times in San Francisco and LA.

Some of Councillor Miller's key learnings from the conference were that there is a real need to make energy efficiency more visible. Reducing how much energy is used is an incredibly effective way of addressing climate change, but in order to capture the imagination of business and consumers, more work needs to be done to make it more visible.

It was a surprise to many of the international participants that urban heat was a real driver for energy efficiency in Australian cities, whereas in European cities, most energy efficiency gains are being made through the capture of heating.

There were many Australian energy efficiency experts working as part of the IEA collective, many of who became based in Paris and London having discovered there was less appetite for this work in Australia. There is a lot of interest from C40 in the work that the City of Sydney is doing and especially in how some of these city projects might be scaled globally.

While there is a lot of focus on renewable energy production, in order to get the gains as rapidly and in line with the Paris Agreements, more focus has to be on energy efficiency measures.

IEA Director Fatih Birol proposed a new Clean Energy Forum among International Financial Institutions to help turn energy efficiency investments into a big asset class.

On Thursday 25 October, following the conference, Councillor Miller attended a dinner with Jeremy Sung and Michelle Williams from IEA, and Zoe Springings from C40 Cities.

On Friday 26 October, Councillor Miller departed Paris to return to Sydney on 27 October, in time for the October Council Meeting on Monday, 29 October.