

Item 6.

External Memberships

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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, forums and conferences for professional 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. The City's current 67 memberships are outlined in Attachment A.

The total cost of these memberships is \$549,621.73 per annum which was provided for in the 2018/19 budget and has been provided for within the draft budgets for 2019/20.

The top three memberships account for \$257,994.88 and include the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).

The other smaller memberships make up the remaining \$291,626.85.

In 2007, Council resolved that new, minor memberships up to the value of \$10,000 be approved by the relevant Director or 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 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 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 and policy development and accreditation.
2. Memberships cover a wide range of associations to reflect the breadth of City activities.
3. The City contributes to and works with these groups to achieve our goals.
4. The total cost of these memberships is \$549,621.73 per annum.
5. These memberships were included in the budget for 2018/19 and have been included in the draft budget for 2019/20.
6. The top three memberships account for \$257,994.88 and include the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).
7. The other smaller memberships make up the remaining \$2291,626.85. The City's memberships will continue to be reviewed and any significant changes reported to Council.

Budget Implications

8. The existing cost of these memberships is \$549,621.73 per annum which was provided for in the 2018/19 operating budget and has again been provided for in 2019/20.

Relevant Legislation

9. Nil.

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