

6.4 GLEN WAVERLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

Submitting Councillors: Geoff Lake & Nicky Luo

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

1. establish a committee consisting of the Mayor and Glen Waverley Ward councillors, and supported by the CEO, Director City Development, Director Community Services and other staff as required, to provide:

a. high level advice, direction and input into major projects and development in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre including the Montclair Multideck Car Park project, implications for Council and the activity centre arising from the State Government's Suburban Rail Loop project, the redevelopment and reinvigoration of Kingsway (with an increased focus on pedestrians and outdoor dining), a new library and community meeting spaces for Glen Waverley, the establishment of a town square in Kingsway, future options for the Central Car Park site, replacement car parking and any other issues relating to the Glen Waverley Activity Centre; and

b. a conduit for consultation and engagement between Council and the Glen Waverley Traders Association, local residents and other traders and key stakeholders in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre; and

2. appoints Cr Lake as chair of the Committee.

INTRODUCTION

This report seeks to re-establish a committee to provide high level advice, direction and input into the range of significant Council and State Government driven major projects in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre (GWAC), and to assist with engaging and consulting with key stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The GWAC is Monash's largest activity centre and one of the major activity centres in Melbourne.

Since the adoption of the Glen Waverley Structure Plan the GWAC has seen considerable growth and investment through the expansion of The Glen Shopping Centre and the construction of several residential apartment towers. Whilst this growth is significant, there remains enormous future

potential in the GWAC in light of the announcement of the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) and the direction of Plan Melbourne to consolidate growth in existing urban areas.

DISCUSSION

The construction of the SRL and the location of a station at Glen Waverley is a once in a generation opportunity that will reshape the way the GWAC looks and functions.

As the local planning authority and a major landowner, it is important that Council takes a co-ordinated approach to the range of developments and ensure that they are brought together to create a clear future direction for the GWAC. It is desirable that a committee be reestablished to provide high level advice, direction and input into the range of diverse developments that will build the future of the GWAC and to provide advice and recommendations back to Council as appropriate.

It is proposed that the Committee should consist of the Mayor and Glen Waverley Ward councillors and be supported by the Chief Executive Officer, Director City Development, Director Community Services and other staff as required.

The activities and operation of the Committee will be in accordance with the GWAC Committee Terms of Reference. Included at Attachment 1.

CONCLUSION

A committee of Council focusing on the GWAC will assist Council to plan and prioritise for the enormous opportunities for the future development and evolution of the activity centre and to engage effectively with key stakeholders.