6.2 REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS FOR DRAFT BUDGET 2017/18 AND COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021
(FIN96:JC:DW)

Responsibility Committee: Section 223 Committee of Council

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. receives the report from the S223 Committee of Council (the Committee) on the submissions received for the proposed Budget 2017/18 and Council Plan 2017-21 (the Committee Report); and

2. having considered the Committee Report, endorses the recommendations of the Committee, that:
   a. the 2017-21 Council Plan be modified to include the words “gender identity” in the second paragraph of Page 14 in relation to the reference to “diversity of our community...”;
   b. no other changes be made to the proposed 2017-18 Annual Budget and 2017-21 Council Plan; and
   c. each submitter to the proposed 2017-18 Budget and 2017-21 Council Plan, be thanked for their submission to the Budget and Council Plan development process and be advised of the outcome of the reports to adopt the Budget and the Council Plan, in writing.

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Part 6 Planning and Accountability Reports of the *Local Government Act* 1989 (the Act) Council has a statutory requirement to prepare and give public notice of the proposed Budget and Council Plan.

Section 223 of the Act allows written submissions on any proposal contained in the Draft Budget 2017/18 and 2017-21 Council Plan. Council’s public notice outlined the requirement that written submissions had to reach the Council by close of business on 31 May 2017.

**DISCUSSION**

At the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017 Council appointed a Committee of Council, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, comprising all Councillors to consider submissions received on the proposed Budget 2017/18 and Council Plan 2017-21 (the Committee). Council received eighteen (18) written submissions in response to the proposed Budget and Council Plan.

The S223 submission hearing was held on Tuesday 13 June. Cr Klisaris was an apology for the meeting; all other appointed Committee members were in attendance.
Three (3) submitters made verbal presentations to the Committee in support of their written submissions. The Committee heard and gave consideration to the matters raised by each submitter.

The Committee received copies of each written submission. In addition, it also received an officer report containing proposed responses to each of the written submissions, prior to the conduct of the Committee meeting.

The Committee Chair, Councillor Paterson thanked the presenters for their submissions and attendance at the meeting. As required by the Act, the Committee received and considered all submissions.

The Committee had further discussions on the submissions to which submitters spoke at the Committee meeting as well as the other written submissions. The submission from the Monash Young Persons Reference Group (MYPRG) was noted for its well thought out, thorough and positive input. Further, it was noted that the matters raised by the three speakers would also be referred for consideration to the 2018/19 Budget process.

The S223 Committee report is attached to this report.

CONSULTATION

Council undertook a 4 week public consultation process to inform the Council Plan and Budget during November 2016. Feedback from this consultation, as well as a review of other consultations, was incorporated into the development of the Council Plan and Budget.

As required, the proposed 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017/18 Budget were available for public inspection between 28 April and 31 May 2017 at various locations and were also advertised in the Council Bulletin and made available on-line.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council receives the S223 Committee report, noting the receipt and consideration of the written and verbal submissions regarding the proposed Budget 2017/18 and 2017-21 Council Plan, and endorses the recommendations of the Committee.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 SECTION 223 COMMITTEE REPORT

Report on receipt and consideration of submissions on:
PROPOSED 2017/18 BUDGET AND 2017-21 COUNCIL PLAN

Meeting held 7:30pm, Tuesday 13 June, 2017 Council Chamber, Civic Centre

At the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017, Council appointed a Committee of Council, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, comprising all Councillors to consider submissions received on the proposed 2017/18 Budget and 2017-21 Council Plan.

1. CHAIRPERSON
   Councillor Paterson was elected Chairperson

2. APOLOGIES
   Councillor Klisaris

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 (THE ACT) SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS

   The following people made a verbal presentation to the Committee:

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3.1 Summary of Verbal Submissions

Mount Waverley Tennis Club Lighting – Ms Judy Tuckett.
Ms Judy Tuckett, President of the Mt Waverley Tennis Club (the Club), advised the Committee that the Club currently has 2 flood-lit courts and is requesting assistance with the completion of stage 2, which is to make all 4 courts flood-lit. In addition, the Club would also like to extend its facilities to allow wheelchair tennis games. She requested that Council reconsider the Club’s application for a grant in the 2017/18 Budget. Ms Tuckett further highlighted a number of issues in support of the Club’s submission, including the potential for further development of the Club’s junior program and increasing Club membership.

Scotchmans Creek Trail – Mr Peter Kalenderian.
Mr Kalenderian advised the Committee of his (and other users) request to Council to rebuild the Scotchmans Creek trail bitumen sections between Huntingdale Road and Stanley Avenue. His submission provided a marked-up map of the subject section of the trail. He understood that the City of Monash Engineering Department advised they are reticent to rebuild the trail because of a potential redevelopment of the Melbourne Water retaining basin that the trail runs beside. He also advised of a letter from Melbourne Water that addresses this issue (also distributed as part of his submission).
Facilitating greater cycling & active transport – Mr Ali Majokah and Ms Holly Gurling.
Mr Majokah and Ms Gurling talked to their submission regarding the state of transport in Monash and requesting Council allocate funding for feasibility studies that could make even more informed decisions about where to spend money on cycling infrastructure in the coming years. They requested funding to complete a ‘missing link’ on Clayton Rd that would allow cyclists (from North Rd and Monash University) to be able to access Monash Medical Centre, Clayton Station and shops. Further, that Council conduct bicycle route feasibility studies into overpasses/underpasses feasibility studies for: Huntingdale station - Monash University; Monash University - Clayton Station (via Browns Rd); and Clayton Rd bike path.

Meeting Adjournment: Following hearing of the verbal submissions the Chair, Cr Paterson thanked the submitters and adjourned the meeting to allow the submitters to leave the meeting.

Meeting resumed “In Camera”

4. COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS
The Committee discussed the 18 written submissions and sought advice on several matters from Council officers. The submission from the Monash Young Persons Reference Group (MYPRG) was noted for its well thought out, thorough and positive input. Further, it was noted that the matters raised by the three speakers would also be referred for consideration to the 2018/19 Budget process.

The Committee agreed to accept the recommendation from a submitter regarding the Council Plan 2017-21 to include a reference to “gender identity” in paragraph 2 on Page 14 of the Plan related to “diversity of our community...”.

5. RECOMMENDATION
The Committee, having heard the verbal submissions and considered all 18 written submissions on the proposed 2017/18 Budget and 2017-21 Council Plan, as required under Section 223 of the Act, recommends to Council that:
1. the 2017-21 Council Plan be modified to include the words “gender identity” in the second paragraph of Page 14 in relation to the reference to “diversity of our community...”;
2. no other changes be made to the proposed 2017-18 Annual Budget and 2017-21 Council Plan; and
3. each submitter to the proposed 2017-18 Budget and 2017-21 Council Plan, be thanked for their submission to the Budget and Council Plan development process and be advised of the outcome of the reports to adopt the Budget and the Council Plan, in writing.

6. MEETING CLOSED at 8:20pm