

## 7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Responsible Committee: Environmental Advisory Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council approves the updated Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the revised Terms of Reference for the new 2018-2020 Environmental Advisory Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the April 2018 council meeting, Councils approved the nominations for the community members of the 2018-2020 Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

The role of the EAC is to act in an advisory capacity to Council on issues relating to environmental sustainability, improving the Monash environment and on the implementation of Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016 – 2026.

Established on the 28th August 2007, the committee comprises of up to sixteen (16) members appointed by Council including up to three (3) Councillors and up to thirteen (13) community members.

The committee has a Terms of Reference to help guide the work of the committee and is required to be revised every two years and endorsed by council.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the June 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, the members provided feedback on the Terms of Reference and unanimously accepted the attached document in its current format. (See Attachment 1).

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The EAC Terms of Reference guides the processes of the committee, and provide EAC with an agreed format on how it operates in meetings, recruitment of new members, and how it can best represent the community in relation to supporting the delivery of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-26.

The Committee supports the delivery of the sustainability actions under the Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016 – 2026, Council Plan and Monash 2021: A Thriving Community.

### **SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The valuable contribution that community members make through their participation on the EAC enhances Council's work in the area of environmental sustainability and ultimately facilitates opportunities for good advocacy, policy

development and service provision for sustainability benefits and the community at large.

***HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS***

This report is in line with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 and in particular with the following rights: freedom of expression; and taking part in public life.

***FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

There are no cost implications for Council regarding this appointment.

***CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION***

To enable the EAC to effectively support Monash City Council in delivering the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, this report recommends the approval of the new 2018-2020 Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee.