

OFFICERS REPORT**THE GLEN WAVERLEY LIBRARY & CIVIC PRECINCT**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Saloumi

MOTION

That Council Officers table a report to Council at the 11 December 2018 Council Meeting on the progress made on considering options and if appropriate, possible timeframe for:

- 1. An expanded library and civic space on the existing Glen Waverley Library site*
- 2. Relocation of Council officers currently accommodated at leased premises at The Ibis Building, 295 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications if this Notice of Motion is passed. Officers have been undertaking preliminary work associated with and expanded library and office accommodation.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

There are is no additional impact on internal resources as preliminary work is currently being undertaken.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The principles contained in the motion are consistent with Council's Healthy and Resilient Monash Integrated Plan and also represents an important feature of the Monash Public Library Service Strategy 2015-2018. The potential to redevelop the Civic Precinct would help to give effect to the Glen Waverley structure plan and improve the quality and provision of public space in the activity centre.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

The adopted Glen Waverley Structure plan identified the need to increase and improve public space in the activity centre. Redevelopment of the current library and the surrounding civic spaces is specifically flagged as an action in the Structure Plan. A key objective of the Structure Plan is to: "To provide community, civic and cultural facilities and services that cater to the needs of existing and future populations." To assist in achieving this objective the Structure Plan contains a strategy to: "Support the re-use of the existing library for Council administrative services and meeting rooms when a new civic facility is developed."

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Following the Council decision to not proceed with the possible part sale and redevelopment of the central car park site in Glen Waverley, it remained that the current library is in need of rejuvenation and is no longer fit for purpose given its visitation, the service that it provides and its enormous popularity with the community.

Officers were also mindful of the continuing expense associated with leasing office space for staff in a nearby building, and the limited capacity for the current Civic Centre along with its Heritage controls, to provide a solution to this issue.

Soon after Council's decision, officers began consideration of what options may be available to Council, to enable discussions to occur with Councillors. Since then, officers have been progressing preliminary work on a possible option to identify what a redevelopment of the current library site may provide for, including a fit for purpose library, suitable office accommodation and a civic plaza. As an officer-instigated project, this work is being undertaken within existing resources, and is being balanced within the existing day to day demands that officers have to fulfil.

The preferred timeline on this work is for a discussion with Councillors on a possible option, early in the new year. If passed and given the limited time between the November and December Council meetings and the associated report deadlines, it is unlikely officers would be in a position to provide the relevant information and report for the December Council meeting.