

6.4 COUNCIL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Submitting Councillor: Stuart James

MOTION

That:

1. *The Terms of Reference of all of Council's Advisory Committees, with the exception of the following:
 - Monash War Memorials Advisory Committee
 - Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee
 - Monash Awards Committee
 - Community Grants Program Evaluation Panelbe amended to provide that they each submit a report to Council, annually, on their activities*
2. *This requirement be introduced to take effect from January 1, 2020.*

INTRODUCTION

Council's Advisory Committees are indispensable in providing the Council with advice across a range of issues that are important to the community.

They generally comprise a combination of Councillors and members of the community, who give of their time and knowledge freely, for the betterment of the Monash community.

DISCUSSION

Advisory Committees report to Council as and when required via formal reports that make recommendations on matters within their Terms of Reference.

As valuable and necessary to Council's decision making as these ad hoc reports are, I believe that the Council would benefit from annual reports from the Committees, setting out a record of their activities for the preceding 12 months and pointing to the direction they propose to go, in the subsequent 12 months.

However, there are four committees where I consider there would be no benefit in applying this requirement to, because of either the nature of their responsibilities or the frequency with which they operate.

The Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee, the Community Grants Program Evaluation Panel and the Monash Awards Committee have very particular responsibilities and meet a small number of times to produce a specific set of recommendations which are then submitted to Council for approval.

Similarly, the Monash War Memorials Advisory Committee has a very defined role and meets on an 'as needed' basis.

FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications to this motion and, should it be approved, I anticipate that there will be a minor amount of work involved in amending the terms of reference of the advisory committees.

I seek the Council's support for this motion.