8.5 SOUTH MELBOURNE MARKET - EXTENSION OF TERM FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF SMM COMMITTEE

WARD: GATEWAY

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE
To seek Council approval to extend the tenure of the independent community members of the South Melbourne Market Section 86 Committee up to 30 June 2018. Council can resolve to change the committee members' tenure at a future meeting.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1.1 Approves the extension of the tenure of the South Melbourne Market Section 86 Committee independent community members, Violetta Hartley and Andrew Brough up to 30 June 2018.

1.2 Notifies the independent committee members that their tenure will be extended up to 30 June 2018 unless Council resolves otherwise at a future Council meeting.

1.3 Notes that South Melbourne Market's Section 86 Committee Charter is being reviewed and the tenure of Committee members may be reviewed at a future Council meeting.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Under its current charter the SMM Section 86 Committee may comprise a maximum of seven and a minimum of six members, of which two to three should be Councillors and three to four are independent. The current SMM Section 86 Committee membership includes three Councillors, the General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity (Council employee) and two independent Committee members.

2.2 At a Council meeting on 24 May 2016, Council approved the immediate commencement of the process to appoint an independent Chair of the South Melbourne Market (SMM) Section 86 Committee, for appointment by August 2016 and the terms of community members Violetta Hartley and Andrew Brough to extend until November 2017.
2.3 A new independent Chair, Deb Beale, was appointed in 23 August 2016. Two new Councillor Members were appointed to the Committee in December 2016 after the Council election (as two sitting Council members of the Committee did not seek re-election). The independent chair resigned in late December 2016 and the Mayor has been chairing the meetings since that time.

2.4 A review of the SMM Section 86 Committee’s Charter is being conducted and is scheduled to be presented to Council at a future meeting. The Community members’ tenure may be further reviewed once the Charter is decided by Council.

3. KEY INFORMATION

3.1 The terms of the current community members sitting on the SMM Section 86 Committee expire in November 2017. To ensure that the Section 86 Committee can continue to function while the Charter is being reviewed, it is necessary to extend their terms beyond November 2017.
4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY
   4.1 Direction 5 We Thrive by Harnessing Creativity
   4.2 Direction 6 Our Commitment to You
      4.2.1 Promote a culture of good governance and build on Council's reputation for good and transparent practice.
      4.2.2 The SMM Section 86 Committee members are responsible for ensuring good governance and operations of the South Melbourne Market.

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS
   5.1 The two independent SMM Section 86 Committee members have advised Council that they would be pleased to continue in their roles.

6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS
   6.1 Extension of term is required to ensure the Committee is able to function as per its obligations under the Charter.
   6.2 The SMM Section 86 Committee must operate in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line
   7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS
      7.1.1 There will be no material impact on environmental conditions as a result of this recommendation.
   7.2 SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS
      7.2.1 There will be no material social and cultural implications as a result of this recommendation.
   7.3 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS
      7.3.1 Appointment of the members is required so that a full committee can continue to oversee market operations until a review of the Charter is completed.
   7.4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
      7.4.1 There will be no financial impact as a result of this recommendation.

8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
   8.1 TIMELINE
      8.1.1 Council Officers will advise the community members of their tenure as soon as practicable after the resolution of Council at its meeting of 15 November.
8.2 COMMUNICATION

8.2.1 The Independent SMM Section 86 Committee members have been advised that Council will review their tenure at this Council meeting.

8.2.2 Council Officers will advise stallholders of Council’s decision and the appointment process for an independent Chair in Market newsletter.

9. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.