## RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

DATE 16 September 2020

## **Councillor Question Time**

## **Question from Cr Pearl**

Can I get an update on how we're travelling with de greening/ cleaning of trees out of the awnings/gutters on Bay Street?

## Response

It is the responsibility of the owners of the building to keep the gutters clean and maintained. Council's Local Laws officer can investigate this matter and utilise Local Law No 1 Clause 57 Dangerous or unsightly land, which requires an owner or occupier of land to ensure that the land is not kept in a manner which is dangerous or unsightly. When determining whether land is dangerous or unsightly, an authorised officer will consider factors including sub clause (d) which relevantly provides that, the appearance of the land is one of neglect and is out of character with other land in the vicinity.

\*Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.