RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE COUNCIL MEETING 19 MARCH 2025



Councillor Question Time

In relation to the request for a push button pedestrian crossing on Glen Huntly Road:

Mayor Crawford: As part of Council officers' discussions with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Did the DTP look at other locations, noting that the school have requested the crossing not be too close to the bridge? Do VicRoads have a criteria for pedestrian operated lights to be a certain distance from each other? Council previously approved \$50K in budget to encourage Vic Roads to install a crossing in this location. Can officers follow up if this \$50K still exists in a current budget?

Councillor Halliday: There is a supervised crossing just down the road. Within the DTP discussions, could these two crossings be consolidated into one?

Response: By way of background Glen Huntly Road is a State Government arterial road carrying significant road traffic. The City of Port Phillip has been advocating for the installation of pedestrian operated signals near the Elwood canal for a significant period of time to address safety concerns for our most vulnerable road users, particularly with the schools in this location.

Officers can confirm that in the 2018/19 budget there was an allocation of \$50,000 as seed funding for this initiative, conditional on VicRoads implementing and maintaining the infrastructure. No funding was secured by VicRoads at this time to deliver the project and the safety improvement was not implemented. Any Council funding would have been returned to reserves.

Officers are currently liaising with Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) as they have indicated that the project is now back under consideration, and they are seeking funding. Once officers have received further information from the Department, Councillors will be briefed with more detail on what the potential plans and timeframes are for the project. In our early discussions we understand that the location of any pedestrian operated signal will consider the vicinity of other crossing points along the road. Officers will continue to seek an update from the Department and come back to Council as soon as possible including plans for any consultation with the community.

Item 13.4 Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Adoption

Questions from Councillor Halliday: Can officers confirm why the Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is not included within this report? What is the reporting requirement for the Advisory Committees? They lodge their meetings within 14 days. Are these regularly published and what is the timeframe for publishing such reports?

Response: The Youth Advisory Committee was included in the uplift, but not presented at the Council meeting. There is a new officer who has recently taken on responsibility of the Committee. To allow them the opportunity to review the Terms of reference in greater detail, these will be presented separately to Council at a later date.

^{*}Please note: Responses to any questions during Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were responded to during the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.

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Other than our statutory committees (Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Employment Matters) there are no obligations for Advisory Committees to report on outcomes. The new Terms of Reference template includes a section on reporting with the responsibility of producing an annual report sitting with the responsible admin support officer.

Appointed Councillor delegates are welcome to table any updates from their respective committees at a Council meeting during the agenda item "Reports by Councillor Delegates".