

Proposed travel by Councillor Ken Ong, participation in the 4th Annual Township Development Conference, Singapore, 16 to 17 March 2016

15 December 2015

Presenter: Councillor Ken Ong

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to participate in the 4th Annual Township Development Conference (Conference) in Singapore between 16 and 17 March 2016.
2. Conference organiser, trueventus, has invited Councillor Ong to speak at the Conference on the theme of 'Cities of tomorrow: Effective infrastructure planning and coordination in enhancing liveability'.

Key issues

3. The Conference is a two day event bringing together leaders in the Asia Pacific region from key sectors including government and business to examine the current and emerging challenges encountered in developing townships.
4. The objective of the Conference is to provide a platform for industry experts and leaders to focus in detail on key issues including comprehensive town planning, infrastructure enhancements, government collaboration, affordable housing, senior living, gated communities and Smart Township.
5. Councillor Ong proposes to address the Conference on the City of Melbourne approach and strategies to dealing with the challenges of increased densification and stress on infrastructure, mitigating for future liveability and embedding sustainable practices into planning schemes and strategic plans.
6. Participation in the Conference will allow the City of Melbourne to demonstrate leadership in urban design, planning and sustainable development. It will also provide the opportunity to be part of the regional discussion on the infrastructure and liveability challenges faced by growing cities.
7. A copy of the draft Conference program is included as Attachment 2.
8. Participation by Councillor Ong will be jointly funded by trueventus. The cost to Council is estimated at \$5,152 which will provide for the variation between economy and business class airfares, part accommodation costs and incidentals.

Recommendation

9. That Council:
 - 9.1. approves the proposal by Councillor Ken Ong to participate in the 4th Annual Township Development Conference in Singapore between 16 and 17 March 2016 at a cost to Council of approximately \$5152
 - 9.2. notes that Councillor Ong will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment
2. Draft event program

Supporting Attachment

Finance

1. Participation by Councillor Ong will be jointly funded by the trueventus which will pay for an economy airfare and accommodation for one night. The cost to Council is estimated at \$5152 which provides for the variation between economy and business class airfares (\$3387), accommodation for two nights (\$700) and incidentals (\$1065).

Conflict of interest

2. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Relation to Council policy

3. The Manager Governance and Legal has confirmed that the travel proposal accords with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines.
4. The concept of a well-planned, sustainable and liveable city is embedded in the Council Plan 2013-17 under goal 1 a city for people and goal 5 an eco-city.

Environmental sustainability

5. The carbon emission resulting from air travel will be offset with the purchase of credits.

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"The risks involved in developing township projects are much less and distributed. Developers can even restructure the project in the future depending upon demand. These are a win-win for both developers and buyers"

– Business Insider

CONFERENCE AT GLANCE

Day One

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Session One

Getting Township Right: Creating township at the right location in line with market demand

Session Two:

How developers can make the most out of the township development project in current economic landscape?

Session Three

Tapping into Affordable Housing Demand: How affordable is 'affordable'?

Session Four

Keeping up with the constant changes - Adjusting your township plans according to demographic preference

Session Five

Cities of tomorrow: Effective infrastructure planning and coordination in enhancing livability

Session Six

Effective transportation planning catering to higher density population and preventing congestion problem around the township

Session Seven

Promoting urban mobility by making township project accessible through different modes of transportation

Session Eight

Profiting from government rail project: Securing a good location near the transit stations for Your development

Day Two

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Session One

Staying Ahead of the Curve: Differentiating your township with self-sustained elements

Session Two

Venturing into cross border partnership in developing integrated township while expanding revenue horizon

Session Three

Synergistic partnership structure: Minimising land acquisition confrontations that could possibly delay the project

Session Four

Self-defining township: Adoption of educational based township in ensuring the rapid business activity within your township

Session Five

Developing upscale waterfront township as a strong branding strategy

Session Six

Re-strategising the zoning development for integrated township

Session Seven

Promoting healthy and active mobility through developing more pedestrian walkway and cycling infrastructure

Session Eight

Generation of alternative energy supply for residential and commercial properties

Who should attend

This conference is designed for but not limited to:

- Township Planning
- City planning
- Property development
- Property investment
- Property management
- Project Management
- Civil Engineering
- Design & Master Planning
- Affordable Housing
- Business Development
- Operation management
- Facilities management

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