

Management Report to Council

Agenda item 6.5

Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program Reserve Quarterly Report

Council

Presenter: Joanne Wandel, Program Director, Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal

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Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Council on the financial performance of the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal (QVMPR) Program Reserve (QPR) for the quarter ending 30 March 2016, in accordance with the Council resolution of December 2015.

Key issues

2. The 2015-16 financials show the budgeted expenditure to the end of March 2016 as \$2.13 million against the budget of \$4.8m. Total commitments (invoices received but not yet paid plus actual expenditure) to the end of March 2016 are \$3.0 million, with a forecast 2015-16 expenditure of approximately \$4.4 million.
3. Key projects which are being delivered through the QPR for 2015-16 include:
 - 3.1. Munro site redevelopment - the bid process to appoint a developer for the Munro site is well progressed, with Best and Final Offers received from proponents on 5 April 2016. A Development Agreement with the successful bidder is on track to be executed in mid-2016.
 - 3.2. Planning Scheme Amendment C245 – update to the built form controls for the Queen Victoria Market precinct, guiding the use, development and protection of the market precinct based on current and future needs.
 - 3.3. Development of the Implementation Framework, in conjunction with Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd, outlining the staging, timing, scope and detail regarding key renewal projects.
 - 3.4. Early infrastructure upgrades, including the delivery of power upgrades to Sheds A and B to enable traders to use temporary cool room facilities.
 - 3.5. Advancement of the development of a precinct wide sustainability plan and reviews of existing weather protection, lighting conditions and equitable access issues for incorporation into project briefs for renewal projects.
 - 3.6. Preparation of Cultural Heritage Management Plans for the QVMPR Precinct in conjunction with Traditional Owner Groups and the Office of Aboriginal Victoria.
4. A breakdown of expenditure against the 2015-16 budget is included in Attachment 2.
5. A Whole of Program budget and cashflow will be developed as part of the Implementation Framework, with an updated Business Case and Funding Strategy for the Program to be finalised by December 2016.

Recommendation from management

6. That Council accepts the quarterly Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program Reserve Report as at 30 March 2016.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment
2. QPR Budget Summary – Financial Year 2015-16

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. Whilst no direct legal issues arise from the recommendation from management, legal advice has and will continue to be provided on all aspects of the QVMPR Program.

Finance

2. The proposed carry forward of funds into the 2016-17 financial year is \$470k. All other financial implications applicable to the QPR are contained in the body of this report.

Conflict of interest

3. 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.

Stakeholder consultation

4. Consultation with relevant branches of Council has been undertaken in the preparation of this report.

Environmental sustainability

5. Delivery of the QVMPR Program will allow for the development of a sustainable Queen Victoria Market which is guided by a sustainable precinct plan, rated through the use of the Green Star – Communities rating tool and which delivers on the six sustainability principles detailed in the QVMPR Masterplan.

QPR Budget Summary – Financial Year 2015-16

Budget Item	Budget	Actual (as at Mar 16)
Project Office	1,695,000	872,690
Consultants	300,000	189,538
Munro Bid Process	500,000	454,389
Amendment C245	400,000	125,712
Implementation Framework	200,000	50,230
Precinct Sustainability Plan	150,000	33,750
Power Upgrade Works	375,000	265,947
Existing Condition Reviews / Pilots	375,000	17,793
Cultural Heritage Management	100,000	15,500
New Franklin Street	100,000	47,500
Communications & Engagement	100,000	54,753
Contingency	590,000	-
Total	4,885,000	2,127,802