

IMAP Implementation Committee**Briefing Paper****Action 5.5 Infrastructure Development**

PURPOSE

To inform the IMAP Implementation Committee on the proposed approach to a joint regional planning study for the provision of open space to cater for active and passive recreation to accommodate current and projected future demands.

BACKGROUND

1. In March 2015 the City of Melbourne provided a draft project brief to IMAP Community Development directors/general managers in order to determine further interest from IMAP partners to collaborate and undertake a joint planning study for the provision of active and passive recreation spaces to accommodate current and projected future demands.
2. Council officers from each of the five partner Councils, including Cities of Melbourne, Yarra, Port Philip, Maribyrnong and Stonnington met on Monday 4 May to share current challenges in the provision of active and passive recreation spaces, and discuss working together on the proposed study. At this meeting council officers expressed unanimous support for further such collaboration.

DISCUSSION

3. This proposed planning study relates to the Inner Melbourne Action Plan action 5.5 Infrastructure Development, around planning and funding models for the provision of social and physical infrastructure to service increased population in the Inner Melbourne Region, including but not limited to sport and health.
4. Discussions to date have been led by City of Melbourne and have involved officers from various stakeholders and IMAP councils.
5. An important next step before proceeding with further work on this proposed study is to receive confirmation of commitment to the study from each of the five IMAP council partners.
6. Upon confirmation of commitment, it is proposed that the City of Melbourne coordinate further meetings between relevant officers from the five IMAP council partners, to review and refine the draft project brief to the satisfaction of all parties. This will include discussion of an appropriate project management model and governance structures including funding and resources.

RECOMMENDATION

7. That the IMAP Implementation Committee notes:
 - (a) The unanimous support for this study from council officers from each of the five councils;
 - (b) Formal commitment by each of the five councils is required prior to further action;
 - (c) That upon confirmation of commitment, further work will be undertaken to develop an agreed project brief and implement appropriate management and governance structures
 - (d) It is the intention of City of Melbourne as lead council of the project to date, to report back to the IMAP Implementation Committee at its meeting in August for consideration of possible assistance with funding.