

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6.1

TO: CLIC Project Executive Group on 3 November 2017

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SUBJECT: Community Reference Group – Concept Design Feedback

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is in response to Council's request at the 24 October 2017 meeting for staff to seek comment from Council's CLIC Community Reference Group (CRG) according to the current CLIC Design Option.

Ten (10) of the fourteen (14) members of the CRG met on the 25 October 2017 and received a detailed overview of the Design Option from Cate Hart, with ample time provided for round table discussion and opportunity for questions and answers.

The CRG members displayed a high level of understanding of the complexity of the decision making process required by Council for the CLIC project. The presentation and Design Option received general support from CRG members for the current design elements.

Comments from the group were captured as part of the minutes for the meeting in addition to the distribution of a hard copy of an on-line survey to capture further and more detailed responses to each of the design elements of the Design Option.

A copy of the minutes for the CRG meeting is provided as **Attachments 1-2** and a hard copy of the on-line survey is provided as **Attachments 3-17**.

2. RECOMMENDATION

(1) Council's CLIC Project Executive Group supports the findings of this report detailing the comments received from Council's CLIC Community Reference Group in response to the CLIC Design Option 13.4.

3. DISCUSSION & BACKGROUND

According to current CLIC design option 13.4 (Design Option), the following is a record and summary of the comments received from members of Council's Community Reference Group during the meeting held on the 25 October 2017 and follow-up on-line survey that captured responses to the various design elements of the Design Option.

Comments received during the meeting 25 October 2017

Internal Layout of the Facility

- The availability and suitability of car parking to cater for staff, customers of CLIC and those using the available parking to access other amenities on Prospect Road.
- Council may consider developing services and public amenities to alleviate too much reliance upon car parking for the facility to operate effectively i.e. safer bike paths, community bus ring route, etc.
- The requirement to balance the sometimes conflicting requirements for quiet meetings and events and those that will generate a lot of noise.
- Options for multi-use of spaces through the installation of flexible shelving, movable walls etc.
- The need to ensure that the Community Kitchen is located close to the event and meeting spaces.
- The importance of providing after-hours access to meeting spaces.
- There was support for the continued use of the Town Hall (keep the stage) for events and for larger Library events.
- The design feature of an open stairwell providing visual and spatial connection between two levels (sense of arrival from Prospect Road) received support.

External Considerations for the Facility

- Presentation of building to Prospect Rd. Some concern that the 14m scale could be overwhelming and that it may not be a welcoming feature.
- There was support from the CRG for the proposed connection of the new facility to the Town Hall. The visual amenity of the new facility would be enhanced by the roof line of the Town Hall.
- Accessibility to the new facility would be enhanced through the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Prospect road in front of the new facility.

Cost Considerations

- There was general agreement that the projected cost is a good balance between aspiration and affordability

Responses received from the on-line survey

There was a good response to the on-line survey with nine (9) of the fourteen (14) members of the CRG providing a submission. One of the members Shaun Lyon (Little City) responded twice due to some technical difficulty, with the second submission providing a response to those questions not completed within the first submission.

The comments received from the fourteen (14) questions within the on-line survey are quite detailed and are not easily summarised within this report without losing some of their value. A full transcript of the responses is available as **Attachment 3-17**.

4. CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

The comments received from Council's CLIC Community Reference Group in response to the Design Option have been quite positive and reflect consideration given to a broad range of views and concerns within the Prospect community.

Having been involved and asked to comment upon earlier much more expensive Design Options, there was a concern going in to the meeting on the 25 October that CRG members would express disappointment that community aspirations and expectations for the facility would not be fulfilled by the most recent Design Option.

Instead, there was a clear understanding that the design process had reached a point in the process where cost implications had become much clearer hence the need to balance aspiration against affordability.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachments 1-2:** Minutes of Council's CLIC Community Reference Group meeting held 25 October 2017
- Attachments 3-17:** Findings from an on-line Survey completed by members of Council's CLIC Community Reference Group in response to CLIC design option 13.4