


33. URBAN DESIGN PANEL



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BACKGROUND

1. At last week's Council meeting the Council had before it a report recommending the establishment of an urban design panel. The Council agreed to the establishment of the panel and to a 3 year trial.
2. The Council did not agree to the staff recommendation regarding the budget and resolved:

To seek a further report from the Chief Executive on the budget for this project and the panel composition.
3. Regarding panel composition the report stated:

The proposed panel would be composed of four established professionals and would include expertise in urban design, architecture, property and development. The members would be selected from a pool of panellists nominated by professional institutes and the Property Council and approved by the Council.
4. The Council did resolve that the Council itself appoint the members of the Panel on the recommendation of the Mayor and the Chief Executive.
5. Regarding the issue of budget the report recommended:

Approves additional funding of \$218,000 (\$65,000 in 2007/08 and \$153,000 in 2008/09) as a fixed term project to cover the costs of an 18 month trial period for an Urban Design Panel.
6. With the move from an 18 month trial to a three year trial that recommendation should now read:

Approves additional funding of \$422,500 (\$65,000 in 2007/08, and \$153,000 in each of 2008/09 and 2009/10, and \$51,500 in 2010/11) as a fixed term project to cover the costs of a three year trial period for an Urban Design Panel.
7. The staff have held a discussion with the Mayor regarding both the Panel composition and the budget.
8. I believe it is now appropriate for the Council to approve the revised recommendation regarding the funding of the three year trial.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve additional funding of \$422,500 (\$65,000 in 2007/08, and \$153,000 in each of 2008/09 and 2009/10, and \$51,500 in 2010/11) as a fixed term project to cover the costs of a three year trial period for an Urban Design Panel.