

Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Public Consultative Committee Representation

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 17 December 2019

File Ref: CM7.1

G/19/4032 Council Resolution:

*Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Masters*

That Council:

- 1. Note that Cr Sobhanian is stepping down from his prior involvement in the Public Safety Consultative Committee that advises the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board; and*
- 2. Endorse Councillor Goodluck to be the Council representative to the Public Safety Consultative Committee that advises the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board.*

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Purpose:

To provide information on the review of representation on the Public Safety Consultative Committee (PSCC) that provides advice to the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council determine its position for nomination of a representative to the Public Safety Consultative Committee for the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board.

Background:

Safe night precinct local boards are established in accordance with the Liquor Act and Regulations. Local boards promote the safety of the community and the precinct's amenity. Members of safe night precinct (SNP) local boards can include:

- licensees of premises within the SNP
- owners or operators of other businesses located within the SNP
- associations that represent the interests of businesses located within the SNP (e.g. Chamber of Commerce)
- community organisations that provide services within the SNP.

Council is not a member of the Gladstone SNP board however has been a member of the Public Safety Consultative Committee (PSCC). A PSCC is a group of state and local government and community stakeholders who provide advice and assistance to the local board. Members can include representatives from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, Queensland Police Service, emergency services (ambulance and fire), Transport and Main Roads, local government and community organisations that provide services within the precinct. The PSCC does not vote on resolutions of the local board but are invited to each meeting of the local board to provide advice. Meetings are usually held every two months.

At Council's General Meeting held 6 October 2015, Council resolved the following representatives:

G/ 15 / 2583 Council Resolution:

*Moved Cr Burnett
Seconded Cr Hansen*

THAT Safe Night Gladstone CBD Precinct Inc. be advised that:

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6. Councillor Sobhanian will join the Manager Community Wellbeing (Veronica Laverick) as Council's representative on the Safe Night Out Gladstone CBD Inc. Committee.

Additionally, at Council's General Meeting held 16 April 2016, the following resolution was made to update the Councillor appointment.

G/5.1.3. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO EXTERNAL COMMITTEES/ORGANISATIONS/BOARDS

G/16 /2782 Council Resolution:

*Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Bush*

THAT Council resolve to make the following appointments or nominations:

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17. Cr Sobhanian to attend meetings of the Gladstone Safe Night Out Gladstone CBD Precinct Inc. as invited.

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Consideration:

When determining Council's position on the nomination of a representative to the Public Safety Consultative Committee, the following considerations may assist with deliberations:

- the committee is an advisory committee to the Gladstone SNP board and is not a decision maker for the board;
- The boards focus areas and desired input from the organisation with recent interactions suggesting officer advice on upcoming events is requested;
- networking with representatives from industries and businesses within the region;
- the potential for real or perceived conflicts of interest; and
- the resources required to contribute to the Committee and the impacts of this on achieving a complimentary balance of duties.

Option 1 – Continue with Councillor Representation on the Consultative Committee

Council may nominate a Councillor however there is no requirement for a Councillor to be on the committee. This option will result in a Councillor making themselves available to attend meetings of the committee and board as requested.

Councillor Sobhanian is the current representative but has indicated that he does not wish to remain on the committee.

Option 1 Suggested Recommendation:

That Council endorse the appointment of Councillor _____ to the Public Safety Consultative Committee that advises the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board.

Option 2 – Seek an Officer Representation on the Management Committee

Council may consider it appropriate to seek the appointment of an officer to the Committee. This would result in the officer allocating enough work resources to be a member of the committee and attend meetings as requested.

Option 2 Suggested Recommendation:

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to nominate an officer position to be a member of the Public Safety Consultative Committee that advises the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board.

Option 3 – Resign from the Membership Committee

There is no requirement for Council to be a member of the Public Safety Consultative Committee that advises the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board. This option would result in Council not having a representative on this committee.

Option 3 Suggested Recommendation:

That Council advise the Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Board Incorporated that it no longer seeks to have a representative on the Public Safety Consultative Committee.

Communication and Consultation (Internal/External):

Consultation has occurred internally and externally with the secretary of the SNP Board. Recent advice from officers attending a meeting of the SNP Board indicates that they would like a representative to attend. Information sought appears to be more at an officer operational level (i.e. seeking information specific to events being held that may impact on the precinct).

Legal Environmental and Policy Implications:

There are no legal implications regarding any of the options highlighted above as Council is not legally required to have representation on the committee.

Financial and Resource Implications:

Option 1 and 2 does not require specific funding to achieve however will require use of elected member or officer time to participate on the committee.

Commentary:

Nil.

Summary:

Nil.

Anticipated Resolution Completion Date:

Within one month of resolution.

Attachments:

Nil.

Tabled Items:

Nil.

Report Prepared by: Manager Governance