

## **ITEM 8 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN - REDFERN PARK**

**FILE NO: S037000**

### **SUMMARY**

A draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Redfern Park, Redfern has been exhibited. Submissions have been assessed and responses prepared. The draft documents are now ready for adoption by Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the Redfern Park Plan of Management as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (B) Council adopt the Redfern Park Plan Master Plan as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A:** Response and recommendations to issues raised in submissions
- Attachment B:** Draft Redfern Park Plan of Management
- Attachment C:** Draft Updated Redfern Park Master Plan

## BACKGROUND

1. Redfern Park is defined by its boundaries of Elizabeth, Redfern, Chalmers and Phillip Streets, Redfern. The Park is approximately 4.8 hectares in area and forms a significant component of the City's open space network.
2. The Park is owned by the City of Sydney and classified as Community Land.
3. The public exhibition of the draft Plan of Management and Master Plan was endorsed by Council on 7 August 2006.
4. At the conclusion of the exhibition period Council received 14 submissions. Details of the issues raised and responses are included in Attachment A to the subject report.

## KEY IMPLICATIONS

5. **Policy** – The proposal is aligned with the key objectives outlined in the Strategic and Corporate Plan 2006-2009, in particular *Public Domain and Facilities*.
6. **Service Quality Levels** – The proposal provides a guide to future open space management and enhancement of the Park.
7. **Social/Community** – The proposal will enable greater public use and enjoyment of the Park through enhanced provision of active and informal recreational facilities and upgrade of pathways, lighting, public toilets, and park furniture.
8. **Cultural** – Management strategies are included to maintain and enhance the existing historic and cultural fabric of the Park.
9. **Environmental** – The draft Plan promotes environmental sustainable design and resource use for the development and on going management of the Park. A detailed Tree Management Plan accompanies the Plan of Management.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The redevelopment of Redfern Park is listed in the 2006/07 Capital Works Program, with funding totalling \$22M provided for the project over the next two years.
11. It is also proposed to underground the electricity supply in Chalmers and Phillip Streets, separate to the Plan of Management works, to improve the amenity of the area. To be funded from the provisions for undergrounding generally in the Local Government Area.

## RELEVANT LEGISLATION

12. The Plan of Management was prepared and publicly exhibited as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

## CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

13. The target dates for milestones are:
  - (a) adopt Plan of Management and Master Plan by Council – 23 October 2006;

- (b) development application process and design documentation preparation; and
- (c) commence construction – March 2007.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- 14. Extensive public consultation was undertaken in late 2005 and earlier this year in preparing the draft documents.
- 15. The draft Plan of Management (PoM) was exhibited for (42 days), from 9 August – 20 September 2006. The documents were available on the City's website, Redfern Neighbourhood Centre, Redfern Community Centre, the Town Hall House One Stop Shop, Waterloo Library and Erskineville Neighbourhood Centre.
- 16. The exhibition was also advertised in the local press, in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and in the *Daily Telegraph*.
- 17. Notification brochures summarising features of the draft PoM and Master Plan were distributed in the Redfern and Waterloo areas.
- 18. The documents were also on display at the Community Celebration event held at Redfern Park on 16 September 2006, with staff in attendance.
- 19. At the conclusion of the exhibition period Council received 14 submissions. Details of the issues raised and responses are included in Attachment A to the subject report. Many of the issues raised during the exhibition have been addressed or can be addressed in the development application approval stage, detailed design phase or licence approval stage. This option is recommended.
- 20. The Master Plan, Attachment C to the subject report, has been updated as part of the ongoing design development of the project. A key change has been the shortening of the grandstand building at the Phillip Street end of the Park.

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