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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 27/11/09

REPORT

TO: SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN / A **APPROVED:** JB
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & **APPROVED:** KH
CULTURAL SERVICES
REPORT NO: 09C0198 KH:kl
COMMON NO: 1428185
SUBJECT: YOUTH ENERGY PRECINCT SUPPLEMENTARY WORKSHOP
MATERIALS - YEP SITE OPTIONS DECEMBER 2009

ITEM NO: 5.2

This item has been referred to a special Council Workshop pursuant to Council Decision No. 20\2277 (24/11/2009).

PREVIOUS DECISION (24/11/09)

THAT Council convene a Special Council meeting for the purpose of examining the various influencing factors impacting on the selection of a site for the progression of the Youth Energy Precinct.

GENERAL

Attached are a number of documents which are provided to supplement the report presented to Council on 24 November 2009. Each document is intended to provide contextual information on each possible Youth Energy Precinct site to assist Elected Members in their consideration of the future home of the Youth Energy Precinct. Attachments are;

1. Report 09C0174 Youth Energy Precinct – Briefing Paper
Re: Location Options November 2009.
2. YEP – What Do You Want In A Dedicated Youth Space In Darwin?
(Red document)
3. Darwin City Council Youth Energy Precinct Feasibility Study –
YEP Progress Report August 2009, (Ref No 1408091)
4. YEP Briefing Paper – Location Options (Strategic Leisure document)

REPORT:

Throughout 2009 Council has received a number of interim reports regarding the progress of the Youth Energy Precinct Feasibility Study. Substantial community consultation has delivered a number of options for a possible site for the facility – each with their own benefits and challenges. Coupled with this are very diverse and complex strategic, financial, land and site specific issues impacting upon Council's decision in site selection.

This workshop will provide Council with a forum in which each site can be considered in greater detail. The materials attached with this document are intended to provide Elected Members with contextual information, youth community commentary and site analysis information.

It is anticipated that at the conclusion of this workshop Council will be in a position to nominate its preferred site to enable the Youth Energy Precinct project the opportunity to progress, and the Feasibility Study to conclude with a preliminary concept design specific to Council's preferred site and that is inclusive of a detailed site analysis.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial implications will largely be governed by Council's preferred site selection, however it should be noted that regardless of site, the construction and later operation of a Youth Energy Precinct will require substantial investment by Council in its youth community and associated stakeholders.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal	Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle
Outcome	Promote family friendly and healthy activities
Key strategies	Pursue the development of a purpose designed youth space and positive youth activities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertinent to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Council's nomination of its preferred site for the placement of the Youth Energy Precinct will no doubt attract public comment and plenty of media interest. It is also likely that there will be criticism of what ever site Council chooses given the diversity of opinion as to where the YEP should be positioned, as indicated in the community consultation process.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

DELEGATION:

Requires full Council determination.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

As substantial community consultation has already occurred, the YEP Project team will need to be involved in communicating Council's preferred site to the community.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Not pertinent to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A THAT Report 09C0198 KH:kl Entitled Youth Energy Precinct Supplementary Workshop Materials - YEP Site Options December 2009, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council determine _____ as its preferred site for the progression of the Youth Energy Precinct Feasibility Study.
- C. THAT the Northern Territory Government be approached to explore its capacity and interest in progressing and investing in Council's Youth Energy Precinct.

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