0   MAYORAL MINUTE - COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Summary: | The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to establish a budget to support the community support program where Council is working in partnership with relevant agencies to support those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

That Council approve the budget variation as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report.

Report

Council has been working with various community organisations who would normally be in a position to be able to provide meals, staples and hampers to our community's most vulnerable members. In the current climate amid the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been identified that there is both a shortage of supply of both food and labour to enable this support to continue.

Council, working in partnership with the agencies have formed an approach whereby Council staff will fill the void of labour and delivery of meals to the community. More than 126 Council staff have indicated their willingness to help in various roles.

CareVan will be the lead agency in the preparation and cooking of the meals. CareVan will be preparing approximately 200-300 meals per week at their premises on Fernleigh Road. The number of meals cooked each week may increase or decrease as the supply and demand dictates.

This Mayoral Minute is to seek endorsement for a budget of $10,000 to be made available to provide an immediate cash flow for the establishment of this community initiative. The funds are to be applied to purchasing of food and supplies to cook meals. Agencies will then be invoiced by Council for the cost of the meals.

Anglicare have also indicated that they will provide $5,000 to go towards the cost of purchasing food for CareVan to prepare meals, this will be paid to Council for management throughout this initiative.

Financial Implications

The $10,000 will be transferred from Council's Community Engagement budget that has $27,569 remaining for the 2019/20 financial year.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We are accountable and transparent