



CITY OF HOBART

# **AGENDA**

## **Special City Planning Committee Meeting**

### **Open Portion**

**Monday, 20 February 2017**

**at 3.50 pm**

**Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall**

## THE MISSION

**Our mission is to ensure good governance of our capital City.**

## THE VALUES

**The Council is:**

<b>about people</b>	We value people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
<b>professional</b>	We take pride in our work.
<b>enterprising</b>	We look for ways to create value.
<b>responsive</b>	We're accessible and focused on service.
<b>inclusive</b>	We respect diversity in people and ideas.
<b>making a difference</b>	We recognise that everything we do shapes Hobart's future.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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**Business listed on the agenda is to be conducted in the order in which it is set out, unless the committee by simple majority determines otherwise.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Briscoe (Chairman)  
Ruzicka  
Burnet  
Denison

**Apologies:** Nil

**Leave of Absence:**

Alderman Denison

**ALDERMEN**

Lord Mayor Hickey  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Cocker  
Thomas  
Reynolds  
Harvey

**1. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Aldermen are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflict of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the committee has resolved to deal with.

## **2      REPORTS**

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### **2.1   European Union World Cities Project File Ref: F17/11124; 17-50-23**

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Report of the Environmental & Climate Change Projects Officer and the Director City Planning of 17 February 2017 and attachments.

Delegation:    Council

**REPORT TITLE: EUROPEAN UNION WORLD CITIES PROJECT**

**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Environmental & Climate Change Projects Officer  
Director City Planning

**1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of an invitation to participate in the European Union's World Cities project and seek its response.

**2. Report Summary**

- 1.1. The City of Hobart has been invited to indicate its interest in participating in the [World Cities](#) project. The European Union's (EU) urban sustainability project is to be piloted in Australia and will commence in May 2017. Responses are sought by the 27 February 2017, and are to consist of:
  - 1.1.1. A letter indicating intent; and
  - 1.1.2. The completion of a questionnaire of the City's capacities, areas of interest and resourcing/collaboration opportunities.
- 1.2. A copy of the invitation forms Attachment A of this report and the draft completed survey forms Attachment B of this report.
- 1.3. The World Cities project is an initiative of the EU that enables exchange between selected EU and the 4-to-7 Australian cities of best practice and experience on regional and urban sustainable development and covers the themes of: urban economy, mobility, green development and includes climate change adaptation and mitigation action.
- 1.4. Through the project, with the support of the EU project team, pilot cities/regions are identified and concrete actions developed for implementation in the short term including urban innovation (smart city) and green technologies (energy efficiencies, low carbon development).
- 1.5. Actions will be designed to increase cooperation between governments, research and business with the aim of strengthening market opportunities and job creation while pursuing sustainable development outcomes.
- 1.6. The program is managed by the EU's Directorate General for the Regional and Urban policy (DG REGIO) and originates in a Preparatory Action of the European Parliament to promote the exchange of experience and best practice between the European Union and non-EU countries on the theme of territorial development with particular reference to urban development, urban-rural partnership and urban cross-border cooperation.

- 1.7. The EU will cover travel and participation costs for delegation of up to 5 people consisting of representatives from the selected City, private organisations and research institutions to attend 3 meetings: one in Australia (5 days) one in Brussels including EU Week of Cities and Regions (5 days) and a final meeting in paired city (3 days).
- 2.1. Parallel World Cities Project 2017 – 2018 are also being delivered in South Korea, South Africa, Indonesia and Vietnam. In 2015-2016 the project was delivered to China, India, Japan and Canada.

### **3. Recommendation**

#### ***That:***

1. ***The City of Hobart formally advise the World Cities Team of the Council's interest in participating in the World Cities 2017 Australian initiative.***
2. ***The draft response to the World Cities questionnaire marked Attachment B to this report, be endorsed for submission to the European Union to participate in the World Cities initiative.***

#### 4. Background

- 4.1. The City's Environment and Climate Change Officer was approached in November 2017 to meet with the EU Environment and Climate Change Counsel during their Australia-wide fact finding study on climate change actions and urban sustainability initiatives.
- 4.2. The Officer arranged two meetings with the Counsel: one for Aldermen and senior management and the second for the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority's Regional Climate Change Initiative which is coordinated by the City. Subsequent to this an invitation was extended to the City to indicate interest in participating in the World Cities Project.
- 4.3. In parallel to this the City was also participating in the UniverCities Conference and study tour alongside the University of Tasmania to look at best practice in terms of integrating University functions within the Hobart CBD to strengthen market opportunities and job creation.
- 4.4. It is considered that there is considerable overlap and synergies between the two projects to the extent that the report on the UniverCities project, referred to the World Cities project (called the Twin Cities Urban Sustainability project) and resolved inter alia that:
  - 4.4.1. *On receipt of the details of the European Union's Twin Cities Urban Sustainability project that a further report be prepared for the Council that considers the cost benefit of the project and identifies partner cities, including Freiburg, with whom the Council may partner.*
- 4.5. **World Cities 2017 project**
- 4.6. The World Cities project is undertaken within the EU-Australia Partnership Framework in coordination with the Delegation of the European Union to Australia.
- 4.7. The Project seeks to match 4 – 7 Australian Cities with EU Cities to look at best practice across the themes of Urban Economy (start ups, policies and innovation), mobility (smart city etc) and green development (including issues of circular economy), and may include cooperation on issues relevant to mitigate and adapt to climate change including energy efficiency and renewables. It aims to match cities and share learning and knowledge and cities need to have political ownership and capacity to deliver facilitated projects
- 4.8. The Project encourages collaboration with the private sector and research institutions, which will form part of the City's delegation to the project.
- 4.9. The project includes three meetings:
  - 4.9.1. One 'kick-off' meeting and working visit in Australia (5 days - May 2017)



- 4.9.2. One follow up meeting in Europe during the European week of Cities and Regions (5 days – October 2017)
- 4.9.3. One final meeting in paired city (3 days – early 2018)
- 4.10. The EU will cover travel and meetings costs for a delegation of up to 5 people to attend the meeting.
- 4.11. The EU project team will support and assist participating cities to identify and develop concrete actions for implementation in the short term including urban innovation (smart city) and green technologies (energy efficiencies, low carbon development).
- 4.12. The World Cities Questionnaire seeks to establish the capacity, existing linkages, probable themes and resources of participants to the project. It includes responses about parts of the EU the City would prefer to work with, areas of focus and resources that could be brought to the project. These require some clarification from the EU and direction from the Council. To this end it is proposed that a draft response to questionnaire is circulated under a separate cover prior to the Committee meeting for endorsement by the Council.

## **5. Proposal and Implementation**

- 5.1. It is proposed that the:
  - 5.1.1. The City of Hobart formally indicate its interest in participating in the project; and
  - 5.1.2. The draft response to the World Cities Questionnaire is considered with particular regard to the parts of the EU the City would prefer to work with, areas of focus and resources that could be brought to the project.

## **6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations**

- 6.1. The Project is consistent with a number of Strategic Plan's objectives including:
  - 6.1.1. 1.1 Effectively engage with the business community.
  - 6.1.2. 1.2 Enhance partnerships with State Government key investors and economic players in research, education, arts, culture and tourism.
  - 6.1.3. 1.3 Support and facilitate the University of Tasmania's progressive campus growth into the City.
  - 6.1.4. 1.4 Improve Hobart's international relations and international recognition.

- 6.1.5. 2.9 Develop and manage the City's urban spaces and infrastructure.
- 6.1.6. 3.1 Show leadership in addressing and responding to climate change impacts.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
  - 7.1.1. The EU will meet the full financial costs of the projects meeting and travel requirements.
  - 7.1.2. The City of Hobart would cover the costs of incidental expenditure associated with the meetings, and officer time to participate in the project.
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
  - 7.2.1. Any programs and initiatives stemming from this project with financial implications for future years budgets would be the subject of a further report, if and when they become known.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
  - 7.3.1. Any programs and initiatives stemming from this project with impact on assets would be the subject of a further report if and when they become known.

## **8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations**

- 8.1. None arise from this report.

## **9. Social and Customer Considerations**

- 9.1. World Cities ultimate goal is to strengthen market opportunities and job creation while pursuing the sustainable economic development of the cities involved, thus fostering win-win cooperation for the local and broader community.

## **10. Marketing and Media**

- 10.1. The project will present a range of marketing and media opportunities for the City of Hobart to promote urban sustainability and resilience and if successful a communication strategy will be prepared for the project to optimise engagement and outcomes.

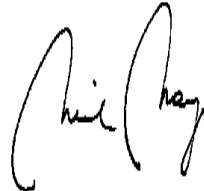
## **11. Delegation**

- 11.1. The matter is delegated to the Council.

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*



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Neil Noye  
**DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING**

Date: 17 February 2017  
File Reference: F17/11124; 17-50-23

Attachment A: Invitation World Cities 2017\_0115 Australian ↴  
Attachment B: Invitation World Cities - Hobart ↴



Dear Sir / Madam,

“World Cities” ([www.world-cities.eu](http://www.world-cities.eu)) is a project of the European Union managed by the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO). The project has been promoting the exchange of experience and best practice between EU and non-EU countries on the theme of sustainable urban development. The project is now to be piloted with Australia, including a kick-off meeting in early May 2017. Parallel projects are being conducted with South Korea, South Africa, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The intention is to enable exchange between a few selected cities from these countries and from the EU over the course of about a year. Cities will each partner with an EU counterpart and exchange experiences on specific themes that are of mutual interest within the themes of **Urban Economy** (start-ups policies, innovation, etc.), **Mobility** (smart city, etc.) and **Green Development** (including issues of circular economy). The agenda may also include cooperation on issues relevant to mitigate and adapt to **climate change**, including energy efficiency / access to clean energy.

The project will deliver full financial and contents support to following activities:

- 1 Kick-Off meeting and working visit in Australia. Duration: 5 days
- 1 Follow-up meeting in Europe (during the European Week of Cities and Regions in October 2017). Duration: 5 days, including participation at the above mentioned EU event in Brussels
- 1 Final Meeting in your pairing city in Europe in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018. Duration: 3 days

The first event to take place is the **kick-off meeting** in Australia. The financial support of the EU includes all travel and participation costs for one delegation (up to 5 people) from your city.

In case your city is selected, our experienced project team will support your city in identifying concrete pilot projects within the selected thematic areas. The exchange should ideally include up to 2 representatives from the local administration as well as private sector representatives (e.g. sector associations, clusters) and research institutions that can work with local governments on the identified topics during preparation of the meeting.

If your city is interested in cooperating with counterparts in the EU, please indicate your interest by Monday **27 February 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

The World Cities Team

## World Cities 2017 – Questionnaire

(Deadline: 15 February 2017. E-mail to [application@world-cities.eu](mailto:application@world-cities.eu))

1) Which <b>part of the EU</b> would you prefer to work with? Please explain your preferences.	
2) Please mention your city's <b>existing ties</b> with the EU in the field of regional or urban development and innovation. If possible, please explain their potential for achieving urban development and innovation.	
3) Which <b>areas of cooperation</b> would you be interested in?  Are there specific areas of focus in your Integrated Development Plan and other <b>city strategies</b> plans that could benefit from this experience?	
4) Which are the <b>main sectors</b> of focus for the economic development of your city?	
5) What kind of <b>cooperation</b> do you have in mind? Whom would you involve from the administration, research and business community?	
6) Please mention the three most relevant <b>regional or urban development areas</b> for cooperation between your city and the EU pair.	

7) Please mention some <b>best-practices</b> in urban development and/or innovation and economic development in your city.	
8) Please explain the <b>resources</b> that your city or region can commit to the World Cities' programme (e.g. people, time, co-financing, support to the involvement of the business sector, synergies with other initiatives, etc.).	
9) What is the <b>added-value</b> of your participation in this initiative for your city or region?	
10) Please mention the person to act as <b>contact point</b> for the programme activities (name, title, responsible department).	
Please add any further comments	

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**1. Which part of the EU would you prefer to work with? Please explain your preferences:**

The City understands that the EU support team will work with successful participants to identify project and pairing opportunities. To this end the City has identified institutions and bodies of the EU and EU cities that it would prefer to work through the Australian World Cities project.

Institutions and bodies of the European Union (EU) that the City would be interested to work with are its climate change programs and in particular mitigation and adaptation functions in urban settings including:

- Council of European Union – Environment, Economic and Financial Affairs:  
This would enable the City to develop a comprehensive understanding of the complex carbon accounting, budget, and economic considerations relating to transitioning to low carbon economies at a local, regional, state and national level
- European Commission – Climate Action:  
The City has a strong climate program and is keen to further enhance this through EU learnings on its energy targets and the programs that support these, communication and community engagement, climate change mitigation and adaptation programs.
- Committee for the Regions – Commissions for Environment, Climate Change and Energy:  
The City has been a strong leader for climate and sustainability action at a regional level. It initiated through the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority the establishment of the Regional Climate Change Initiative. The City would appreciate the opportunity to learn from the EU's governance arrangements for the commission and participating members, resourcing and programs on circular economies, waste management, and local climate action.

EU cities that the City has identified as potential twins for urban sustainability and climate resilience initiatives include:

- Freiburg, Germany:
  - The City recently attended the UniverCities conference and undertook a study tour of EU university cities Freiburg, Bristol and Cambridge, as part of a delegation that included representatives from the University of Tasmania (UTAS) who are expanding into Hobart's city centre. Following this the City resolved to:
    - *On receipt of the details of the European Union's Twin Cities (sic World Cities) Urban Sustainability project that a further report be prepared for the Council that considers the cost benefit of the project and identifies partner cities, including Freiburg, with whom the Council may partner*
  - Freiburg was considered to have significant synergies with Hobart in that it is a university city, tourism gateway and historic centre that has integrated many urban sustainability features. Given its size, economic profile and status as a university city this makes it an exemplar in considering Hobart's long range vision.
- Copenhagen, Denmark:
  - Copenhagen's leadership on climate action and commitment to become a carbon neutral city through its CPH 2025 climate plan. Hobart is currently reviewing its climate change strategy and welcome the opportunity to learn from the experiences the City has had in implementing strategies and monitoring its progress to key carbon goals.
  - The Orestad's region, on the isle of Amager, urban development which includes six different districts and student residence, with expected population of 20,000 residents, 20,000 students and working population of 60,000 which is comparable to Hobart.
  - Access to sustainability-focused think tanks in Copenhagen such as Sustainia



- Avignon, France:
  - Similar population size to Hobart, located at same latitude 43 degrees with a similar 'temperate' climate and topography
  - A university city with a resident student population integrated into the city
  - Smart public transport system with electric vehicles on local routes providing transport flexibility
  - Comparable to Hobart in terms of its social profile: family driven, supports university and no manufacturing centre
- Ljubljana, Slovenia:
  - A university city with a resident student population integrated into the city
  - A tourism gateway with heritage characteristics
  - 'Green Ljubljana' initiative is considered an excellent example of urban sustainability - European Green capital 2016
  - Initiatives at a community level that are accessible and build communities and resilience: community gardens, beekeeping, woodworking and other traditional skills
  - Similar population size to Hobart, located at similar latitude, 'temperate' climate, and topography

**2. Please mention your city's existing ties with the EU in the field of regional or urban development and innovation. If possible, please explain their potential for achieving urban development and innovation**

The City has a number of exiting ties within the EU, these include:

- L'Aquila (Italy) – Sister City – established on 1998 it provides for cultural and civic exchanges.
- Freiburg (Germany) – UniverCities study tour 2017- the delegation comprised of representatives from the City of Hobart and the University of Tasmania visited the City and met with 'key players in the development of Freiberg as a university city as well as senior elected representatives.
- Bristol and Cambridge (UK) - UniverCities study tour 2017 UniverCities study tour 2017- the delegation met with senior elected representatives and bureaucrats associated with the Greater Cambridge City Deal.
- Copenhagen (Denmark) – the City of Hobart [Inner City Development Plan](#), author Jahn Gehl. The plan is currently being implemented across Hobart's central business district and aims to vitalise the CBD and grow economic activity through prioritising pedestrian access and placing people at the centre of development.

**3. Which areas of cooperation would you be interested in? Are there specific areas of focus in your Integrated Development Plan and other city strategies plans that could benefit from this experience?**

The City is interested in cooperating in the following areas

- Climate action at community and regional level around that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, improves energy efficiency and provides opportunities for access to renewable energy.
- Sustainable urban development that increases resilience across its community and assets and enables adaptation to climate impacts and hazards.
- Ensuring best practice with the expansion of the University of Tasmania into the inner city that creates new economic opportunities and provides increased sustainable mobility.

- Smart cities and approaches to improving effectiveness and efficiencies using new technologies and improved mobility across municipal areas.

The City's is committed to enhancing Hobart's urban sustainability. This is demonstrated through the following key strategies:

The [Hobart 2025 Strategic Framework's](#). That provides the vision for the City is that:

*'In 2025 Hobart will be a city that:*

- *offers opportunities for all ages and a city for life;*
- *is recognised for its natural beauty and quality of environment;*
- *is well-governed at regional and community levels;*
- *achieves good quality development and urban management;*
- *is highly accessible through efficient transport options;*
- *builds strong and healthy communities through diversity, participation*
- *and empathy; and*
- *is dynamic, vibrant and culturally expressive.'*

Specifically it includes the following strategic direction

- FD2.4. Better understanding of climate change and its potential effect on the natural and built environment and strategies developed
- FD2.4. Climate change and its potential impacts on the natural and built environment are more fully understood and strategies developed
- FD5.2. An integrated approach to transport planning within the city and across the wider metropolitan region

The vision is delivered through the [Capital City Strategic Plan 2015- 2025](#) that includes following goal and strategic objectives:

- Goal 1 – Economic Development, Vibrancy And Culture: City growth, vibrancy and culture comes when everyone participates in city life
- Goal 2 – Urban Management: City planning promotes our city's uniqueness, is people-focussed
- and provides connectedness and accessibility
- Goal 3 – Environment and Natural Resources: An ecologically sustainable city maintains its unique character and values our natural resources
- Goal 4 – Strong, Safe And Healthy Communities: Our communities are resilient, safe and enjoy healthy lifestyles
- Goal 5 – Governance: Leadership provides for informed decision-making for our capital city

The City's vision and strategic goals are delivered through its key climate action strategies:

- [Hobart Climate Change Strategies x 5](#) (subject to review) that delivers across two climate programs: (i) improving energy use and reducing emissions and adapting climate change
- [City of Hobart Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2013 – 2016](#)
- [Climate change information for decision makers](#)
- [Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy](#)

**4. Which are the main sectors of focus for the economic development of your city?**

- Sectors of focus for the City of Hobart are **tourism**. The CoH has a leading role in ensuring that that city caters for and attracts growing tourism numbers (e.g. way finding signs, toilets improvement program, visitor centre, attractive public spaces etc).
- Although tourism is not defined as a sector in the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) employment data, visitor numbers to Hobart are demonstrating strong growth, having increased by 22% from 699,046 in 2012/13 to 853,333 in 2015/16 (Source: Tourism Tasmania).
- The CoH also has a supporting role in other main sectors. E.g. **facilitating the move of the University of Tasmania into the inner city** (infrastructure, planning). The CoH also supports education institutes such as UTAS and TasTAFE by accompanying international delegations.
- The CoH is planning for further growth in the sector of **health care and social assistance, particularly in elderly care, given the ageing population**. In the initial stages, this is likely to involve discussions with other local government areas about how and where the building of aged health care facilities can take place.
- Although not one of the largest employing sectors, the CoH is supportive of **science and research, including climate modelling**, for which Hobart has a very strong reputation and the highest proportion of scientists per head of population of any of the Australian capital cities. The CoH is particularly active in supporting the city's status as the Australian Antarctic gateway city (one of 5 internationally).
- The highest contributing industries (financially) are public administration and safety (14% of Hobart's GDP), health care and social assistance (12%), financial and insurance services (10%) and education and training (8%). (Source: bespoke economic analysis conducted for the City of Hobart by AEC Group – 2016)
- Sectors with the largest employment growth over the 2006-2011 period were public administration and safety, health care and social assistance, education and training and professional, as well as scientific and technical services.

**5. What kind of cooperation do you have in mind? Whom would you involve from the administration, research and business community?**

It is envisaged that the cooperation would bring together key stakeholders from across the State and local government, research and education, business sector and community to ensure an integrated project that could be implemented and accesses expertise and knowledge.

Representatives may include:

- City of Hobart, senior management and technical expertise involved in the revitalisation of the inner city and the City's climate change mitigation and adaptation programs;
- University of Tasmania and its expansion into the CBD and best practice and research;
- Antarctic Climate Ecosystems and Cooperative Research Centre and the CSIRO;
- Community sector organisations including: Sustainable Living Tasmania's Climate Solutions Program;
- Tasmanian Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Climate Change Office, State Growth and the Local Government Association of Tasmania; and
- Southern Tasmanian Council's Authority's Regional Climate Change Initiative
- Tasmanian Property Council and Chamber of Commerce.

**6. Please mention the three most relevant regional or urban development areas for cooperation between your city and the EU pair.**

- Sustainable urban development that considers climate actions to reduce emissions, increase energy efficiency and adapt to climate change impacts and hazards. This focus should also

seek integrated solutions across municipal boundaries and consider issues of equity between partners and methodologies for carbon accounting and measurement.

- Best practice for developing University City that includes increased mobility, realises smart technologies to improve liveability and enhances local economies.
- Investigation of methods being tested in Europe such as circular economy, carbon reduction and innovative programs at community level that reduce emissions, increase liveability and connectedness.

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**7. Please mention some best-practices in urban development and/or innovation and economic development in your city.**

- Waste management – the City has a goal for zero waste to landfill by 2030, and has a cogeneration of greenhouse gases that produce enough electricity to power 600 houses:
- Climate Change action: [energy saving actions](#) across the City's corporate assets is realising savings of over \$1 m per annum. This knowledge is being actively shared with southern Tasmanian councils to increase capacity and knowledge; supporting climate action across southern councils through adaptation and mitigation programs such as the [Home Energy Audit Toolkit Program](#) and the [Regional Climate Change Adaptation Program](#)
- Inner City Development Plan and partnership with the University of Tasmania to expand the campus to the inner city
- Ability to retain core values—i.e. strong conservation objectives of the surrounding public and private bushland, maintenance of clean air quality along with quality urban development

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**8. Please explain the resources that your city or region can commit to the World Cities' programme (e.g. people, time, co-financing, support to the involvement of the business sector, synergies with other initiatives, etc.).**

The City has a range of resources that are able to be committed to the World Cities programme these include:

- Access to councils officer's technical expertise and local knowledge and networks through the City's current programmes
- City resources such as meeting venues, administration and introductions to key project stakeholders across the region and private sector
- Through the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the University of Tasmania access to facilities, researchers, technical expertise, teaching, state of the art technologies and co-financing opportunities

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**9. What is the added-value of your participation in this initiative for your city or region?**

- Tasmania, as an island, is unique from mainland Australian state and territories. In many respects it shares a similar climate, topography, social, demographics and cultural features with many European cities. This provides a ready bridge to enable knowledge sharing and learning's between Hobart and an EU city.
- Participation by the City of Hobart, as the State capital city and as a leader at a regional level will enable learning and experiences to be readily shared across the region; this is particularly the case with regard to its climate change actions, waste management, urban environments and sustainable transport programs.
- The City has strong relationships with both large and small stakeholders that would enable the learning, knowledge and best practice to be shared across the city and its economic drivers

**10. Please mention the person to act as contact point for the programme activities (name, title, responsible department).**

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**11. Please add any further comments**

The City would welcome the opportunity to participate in the World Cities project.

As the capital city of Tasmania, the City brings a range of wide resources, expertise knowledge and programs to the project. Through its leadership role we are well positioned to enable the project outcomes to be shared across the region and seek collaboration from both the private, public and community sectors.

The City's existing sister city relationships and its commitment through its Strategic Plan to strong national and international relationships brings the capacity that relationships formed through the World Cities programme will be maintained beyond the project timeframes and provide enduring opportunities for knowledge and learnings.