

Report by Mira Sandré , Manager Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse in principle the entering into of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gloucester Shire Council concerning a Friendly City relationship.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain in principle support to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Gloucester Shire Council to further develop a Friendly City relationship.

REPORT

Council is currently in the early stages of developing a Friendly City relationship with Gloucester Shire Council. Visits have been carried out by both Councils and a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been prepared identifying the aims and objectives of the relationship.

The predominant focus of the relationship will be based on:

- Strathfield and Gloucester staff exchange;
- Mayor/Councillor short visits;
- School-to-school visits and exchanges;
- Annual Gloucester Market day held at Strathfield; and
- Community-to-community visits and interaction.

The next step is to reach an agreement with Gloucester Shire Council regarding the MoU which can then be formally accepted by both Councils. Following finalisation of the MoU, each Council will establish a Committee to coordinate the Friendly City relationship.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications at this stage. Funding may be considered in the 2009/10 budget for the Friendly City relationship.

Report approved by:

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