

Item 3.3 – Draft Council Plan Year 2

Question from Jack Halliday:

\$5.5m has been provisioned for new open space acquisition, can Council provide an update on how the search is progressing?

Response:

In December 2021 Council adopted its new Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 2032, which includes a number of priority actions for new open space.

The implementation of the Strategy will focus on addressing gaps in the public space network, particularly in the Balaclava/St Kilda East and South Melbourne neighbourhoods. Initially the focus is on delivering a number of temporary public open space projects to enable Council to test and trial the proposed permanent public open space actions. The following temporary public open space projects have been included in the draft Council Budget for 2022/23, and are subject to adoption by Council next month:

- Coles Car Park Balaclava Temporary Park
- Dickens Street Temporary Park
- Gibbs Street Temporary Park
- Lansdowne Road Temporary Park.

Additionally, Council will be preparing a Land Acquisition and Road Discontinuance Strategy by 2025 to inform the medium and long-term priority actions relating to land acquisition for new public open space.