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LET'S OPEN UP THE COUNCIL BOOKS – DOYLE

Robert Doyle will order a full independent efficiency review of Melbourne City Council's finances if he is elected Lord Mayor this month.

"One of my first actions if elected Lord Mayor will be to ask for a full efficiency review of the Melbourne City Council books," Mr Doyle said.

"Residents and business people want to know that their rates are being spent effectively and efficiently and that Council is getting value for every dollar."

"As part of the efficiency review, I also want to analyse waste, probity and the practicality of financial information presented in Council reports."

"The Council's books should be presented in a meaningful way for all ratepayers, that is from our residents to our business community."

"It is important that all Melbournians have access to a user-friendly version of Council's financial position, especially in the current economic climate."

Mr Doyle said his proposed **Activate Melbourne – Melbourne's Economic Development Agency** will manage the tender process for the review. The Agency will also be charged with communicating the finances to the public in a user friendly report which would be released every year.

"Melbournians want and need to know what the Council is spending their ratepayer dollars on," Mr Doyle said.

"An incoming Lord Mayor also needs a clear picture of the projects and future expenses the Council has committed to."

"And I'll want to be confident that Council money is being spent effectively and efficiently."

"As Lord Mayor, I will act – I don't want to spend my time shuffling paper and translating financial reports."



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