

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HERITAGE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

15 June 2017

6:30pm

**Location: Level 6, Council Chambers, Ashfield Civic Centre
260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield**

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Item No: Item 5

Subject: Draft Submission – Statement of Vision and Priorities,
Community Strategic Plan

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SUMMARY

A workshop was held 18 May 2017 with Planning & Heritage Strategic Reference Group members to consider a submission on the draft Community Strategic Plan. This report provides a summary of the draft submission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning and Heritage Strategic Reference Group submission on the draft Community Strategic Plan be finalised and lodged by 9 July 2017.

Background

A workshop was held 18 May 2017 with Planning & Heritage Strategic Reference Group members to consider a submission on the draft Community Strategic Plan. A draft submission has been prepared and included as an attachment to this report.

Financial Implications

Nil

Conclusion

A draft submission has been prepared. The exhibition period has now been extended until 9 July 2017 and therefore this gives the Group further time to consider additional matters.

Attachments

Planning & Heritage SRG Draft Submission – Statement of Vision and Priorities

Planning & Heritage Reference Group recommendations to Draft Statement of Vision and Priorities

Item 5 - Attachment

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1 - Planning & Development	The Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy stated Council with a Strategic Action for '15 minute neighbourhood'; this principle could be applied across the Inner West LGA for better planning and development outcomes.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver changes to create '15 minute neighbourhoods' through land use changes that implement the following principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Improved walkability, cycling and safety to support healthier communities ➢ Improve housing choice and diversity ➢ Increased usability of, and access to, safe open spaces ➢ Improved local economic opportunities ➢ Adequate local services and infrastructure ➢ Access to public transport.
	Council should strive for design excellence and quality built form outcomes in planning and development decision-making across the Inner West. The urban renewal areas providing a unique opportunity to redevelopment the areas as authentic, attractive and liveable places to live. These objectives should be stated along with other objectives relating to the management of population and employment growth. Council must adopt a forward-thinking approach that is adaptive to technological innovations to achieve environmental and sustainability goals, and build climate resilience in infrastructure and design. Technological innovations may also be harnessed to improve social-connectivity and a sense of place.	Amend and insert the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and plan for population growth by striving for design excellence and best-practice outcomes in; built form, environmental, sustainable, social and economic outcomes. • Council will adapt and encourage technological advancements that build climate resilience in infrastructure, through design, and that may also improve social connectivity and a sense of place.
	The need to provide for affordable housing is supported however there is also an equal need for provide affordable spaces that support the creative and industrial industries. Local urban services support local populations and economies, the importance of this	Amend the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving access and supply of affordable housing and affordable spaces for the creative and local service industries

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	<p>has been previously identified in both the Leichhardt and Marrickville respective Industrial Lands Studies. Creative and industrial industries are being displaced due to redevelopment pressure across the LGA. These uses are significant contributors to the historical & heritage settings, to subdivision patterns, and provide for cultural & economic generating activities that create a unique sense of place. There are numerous advantages to providing diverse employment types and local services in each locality, especially in areas which will potential house future residents of affordable housing initiatives. Affordable housing residents will only be further disadvantaged should they not have access to affordable services/employment. Accordingly, Council should expand upon the affordable housing objectives to also include affordable spaces for community and civic activities, creative industrial and local service industrial land uses.</p>	
	<p>References to '<i>maintaining</i>' imply a notion of preserving the status-quo. The SRG believes Council's focus should emphasis forward-planning to improve upon, expand the provision and quality of green/open space, and upgrade community assets for the benefit of the community. The Inner West LGA will experience significant increases in population over the coming decades and so an expansion of the existing amount of green/open spaces is justified.</p>	<p>Amend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining Improving and expanding our green/open spaces; • Maintaining Improving the quality and expanding our community assets for the benefit of the community.
	<p>The Group considers that there is a lack of quality civic spaces in the key centres of the Inner West LGA. Numerous social benefits are generated from effective civic space from incidental interactions, including the encouragement of a unique local identity, social inclusiveness and a sense of a place. Civic spaces are most appropriately place in the key centres with the urban renewal corridors providing an opportunity to achieve this goal. Civic spaces need to be community-led and Council should acknowledge that the community should have a leading role in shaping their communities.</p>	<p>Amend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing the community with an opportunity to shape their localities by identifying key locations for new civic spaces, and to improve existing public spaces so that they are clean, safe, and welcoming.

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	Council should acknowledge the varied and diverse character of our local areas, and seek to preserve the historic settings (such as the subdivision pattern) and intangible values of that locality. This will encourage a sense of place as areas redevelop and promote a fine grain approach to redevelopment proposals.	Insert the below objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek to establish local character statements which describe the historical settings and the cultural and heritage values of each locality, so that these values may be preserved for the benefit of future generations.
	Council should acknowledge that the locality of St Peters and Tempe are undergoing rapid change as a result of WestConnex and future planned F6 Freeway. This will reduce traffic congestion along the Princes Hwy substantially and provide Council with an opportunity to revitalised the business corridors and improve/upgrade the public domain along the arterial corridors.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate potential public domain improvements and economic vitalisation schemes along the arterial corridors.
	Council will need to negotiate and balance the need for the provision of; affordable housing, open space, civic places and affordable space for creative and local urban services. These may be achieved via developer-led voluntary planning agreements and Council should take a proactive approach to coordinating these needs in an integrated manner.	Insert the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a needs-based approach to planning and developing neighbourhood structure plans. Identify strategies for encouraging the 'missing middle' housing typologies.
Priority 2 - Transport	Transport objectives should discourage the use of vehicles on the already congested local and arterial roads.	Amend the objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing traffic congestion by discouraging vehicle usage and by improving access to alternative transport options.
	Identify critical precincts for the preparation of neighbourhood movement plans. The proposal for neighbourhood movement plans is a means of applying a coordinated approach to the planning and implementation of the various elements, the objectives of which should discourage the use of vehicles and promote physical activity.	Insert the below objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify critical precincts for the preparation of neighbourhood movement plans that provide safe and active local transport/streets.
	Transport objectives should support the creation of healthy communities.	Insert the below objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved walkability, cycling and safety to support healthier communities
Priority 3 - Social Vitality, Creativity, and Quality	Recognise the need to provide quality civic space to foster inclusive and unique social interactions.	Amend the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify strategic opportunities within each locality for the development of Provide quality civic spaces as social hubs, meeting places and community events

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of life	Council should lobby relevant stakeholders for better use of assets, such as school grounds, to improve access and recreation for the community.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the potential to provide better access and use of existing assets, such as school grounds/assets (both private and public).
	Promote the use of community spaces such as community gardens and multi-use civic spaces.	Amend the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting health and wellbeing by increasing the provision of community gardens and multi-use civic spaces.
Priority 4 - Sustainability and Environment	Adopt an integrated approach to managing the green/blue grid. That is, coordinate the integration of environmental/recreational spaces with waterways and estuary networks. Council should seek to improve and enhance these areas.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve, enhance and interconnect green and blue infrastructure.
	Recognise that local biodiversity is an integral component of our uniqueness and local character that will need support and enhancement.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance and support local native biodiversity (both flora and fauna) through the expansion of habitat and public awareness campaigns.
	Urban heat poses a serious risk to the health and wellbeing of Sydney communities. The increased hazard posed by heat is due to two distinct causes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in the number and intensity of heat waves; and The Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect. The UHI effect is due to landscape modification and vegetation removal, the <i>Adapting to Urban Heat: Leichhardt Municipal Council</i> report identified heat islands throughout the Leichhardt LGA and made recommendations to reduce the impacts of heat on current and future population. An investigation should be expanded to include the Inner West LGA and seek to reduce the impacts of urban heat island impacts.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing Urban Heat Island effects in the Inner West.
	There are natural resources which can be harnessed to improve both planning and development and environmental outcomes. For example, taking advantage of prevailing winds can reduce urban heat island impacts via building modulation, supporting renewable energy such as solar and	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working towards an eco-friendly sustainable future that promotes self-sufficiency

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	cogeneration schemes will reduce carbon footprints and enable self-sufficiency, implementing requirements for improving native biodiversity in streetscape will aid native flora and fauna, and instilling planning principles which allow future residents to see "the sky" from internal courtyards via graded setbacks increases solar access, ventilation and general wellbeing. The Inner West Council should be working towards an eco-friendly future which strives for self-sufficiency which should be reflected in the vision statement and stated as a guiding principle.	
	Sustainability should also reference cultural sustainability (Habitat11).	Insert the following objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure cultural heritage is safeguarded in the development and implementation of planning strategies/policies
Priority 6 - Local Business and Industry	Our retail main streets are declining as a result of technological innovations which have promoted on-line shopping and reduced the need for shopfronts. Council needs to recognise that retail strips are in a state of flux and will require on-going public domain improvements to ensure viability and continual employment generation.	Amend the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering Ensuring that our main streets and town centres be responsive to change and innovation, viable and effective in providing for ongoing employment generation.
Priority 7 - Advocacy for our Community	The Group supports the objective to pursue resolutions to Callan Park, Yasmar and WestConnex projects. In particular, an objective that proactively lobbies State Government to dedicate legacy lands from WestConnex to Council.	Insert the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying State Government to dedicate legacy lands from WestConnex to Council.
	The Group would support an objective to improve Ausgrid's methods of tree pruning in the LGA, and encourage Ausgrid to place power cables underground should upgrades occur.	Insert the following objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue collaborative approaches with Ausgrid to improve tree pruning methods and support upgrades which place power cables underground.