



Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee

30 August 2023

Meeting Room 1 – Level 5, Ashfield Service Centre

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm and concluded 7:57 pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
David Collins-White	Denise Bengler (Team Leader, Planning Policy)	Clr Atkins
Debjani Sarkar	Daniel East (Senior Manager, Strategic Planning)	Clr Stamolis
Louise Crabtree-Hayes (via Teams)	Scott Mullen (Strategic Investment and Property Manager)	
Meg Grealy (via Teams)		
Queenie Tran (via Teams)		
Gisella Velasco (via Teams)		
Yolanda Gil (via Teams)		

2. **Chairperson:** David Collins-White (Deputy Chair in lieu of Chair)

3. **Acknowledgment of Country**

4. **Apologies:** Laurel Draffen, Ben McGowan

5. **Disclosures of Interest:** Nil

6. **Quorum:** quorum achieved (7 members present)



7. Endorse previous meeting minutes:

- Committee determined that the minutes provided did not reflect everything that was discussed in that meeting and that the chair will submit amended minutes to Council for consideration

8. Report on previous meeting actions (if required): Not applicable

Discussion items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
1	Laurel has stepped down as chair. Ben is nominated as chair; David to stay as deputy chair. All agreed.	Ben is new chair	Committee	Finalised
2	David relayed what he presented to the councillors at the LDG briefing. Simone Plummer apologised afterwards and advised that the Renters rights townhall could be expanded to include affordable housing	No action required – for noting		
3	C0823(1) 11 - Fresh Hope works in kind agreement will result in public benefit on Council land with upgrades to the surround streetscape	Present more detail on this development to next meeting	Council staff	November HAAC meeting
4	C0823(1) 58 – update on audit of council land for affordable housing – investigated 54 council owned car parks and have a list of 10 sites to investigate further including the depot at Cove Street, Haberfield. Looking at partnering with CHPs, lease only model. Is there an audit state owned land? Council have been in contact with Property NSW who advised they are undertaking audit. Could left over West Connex land be used for affordable housing? Looking at surplus government land and if surplus 30% affordable or social	Advice to committee after November 2023 Council meeting	Scott Mullen	November HAAC meeting



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5	C0823(1) 41 – Affordable Housing fund questions are being investigated by staff and will be reported to the November 2023 Council meeting	Advice to committee after November 2023 Council meeting	Scott Mullen – advice on transparency	November HAAC meeting
6	C0823(1) 21 – state government housing targets are not being met if non-market dwellings aren't counted; affordable housing targets may be set in December	Collaborate with staff for submission to new housing targets	Council staff & Committee	TBA – dependent on engagement timeframes
7	C0523(1) Item 19 – Can built-to-rent be discussed at the town hall as well? Needs to be well chaired if public included Email committee once date of renters rights townhall confirmed; additional HAAC meeting (on line) to be arranged to provide advice	Invite NSW rental commissioner Include renters and social and community housing tenants Discuss build to rent as well as renters rights	Council staff & Committee	Prior to town hall meeting
9	Consultation for Inner West LEP – committee keen to be involved; perhaps joint meeting with Planning and Heritage LDG, what can committee do to advocate for affordable housing / yimby; ways to talk to other local democracy groups? Survey what lga wants?	Investigate opportunities	Council staff & Committee	Ongoing
10	Report on Community Housing conference of NSW held in May. Louise Crabtree-Hayes advised that Rose Jackson appeared committed to social and affordable housing on state land. There was a strong tenant voice at the conference; CHP need to improve including tenants in their governance etc. How to address NIMBY opposition	No action required – for noting		
11	Change of date for next meeting	30 November proposed	Council staff	September

*Person who is responsible for the action