



# INNER WEST COUNCIL

## Housing & Affordability Advisory Committee (HAAC)

### Inaugural Meeting

Thursday, 29 November 2018

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield 2131

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### Minutes

Meeting started at 8.00pm.

#### 1. Present

- Jon Atkins (JA - Convenor), Paul Adabie (PA), David Collins-White (DCW), Rachael Haggett (RH), Ashvin Parameswaran (AP) and Michael Zanardo (MZ).

#### 2. Apologies

- Hazel Blunden (HB) and Julia Murray (JM).

#### 3. Chairperson

- PA was appointed Chairperson for this meeting.

#### 4. Disclosure of Interests

- PA noted that the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre where he works is supported by Inner West Council.
- DCW noted that he was actively involved in the Sydney Alliance and St Vincent's Social Justice Group.

#### 5. Welcome and Introductions

- All members provided summaries of their involvement, past and present, in the housing field and outlined their reasons for being part of HAAC.

#### 6. Queries Arising from the Joint Session

The following issues were raised:

- Gaps in housing statistics contained in the booklet distributed at the inaugural joint session (*Action*: JA to investigate).
- Extent of Airb&b in the local government area (LGA).
- Student housing and affordability.
- Access by the public to planning information and databases relating to Development Applications (DAs), Planning Proposals (PPs) and Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs).
- Possibilities of public engagement with the planning process e.g. Gateway process, local planning panels, Council meetings etc.
- Capacity of Advisory Committees to submit resolutions for Council consideration.



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## 7. Expressions of Interest for Local Housing Strategy Workshop

- Notes on the objectives of the Local Housing Strategy were handed out.
- Expression of Interest forms for the Local Housing Strategy Workshop from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on 13 December 2018 were collected from members.

## 8. Draft Terms of Reference

- Copies of HAAC's Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) were handed out.
- Draft ToR's contents were discussed including ToR's objectives, election of chairperson, quorum, frequency of meetings, agendas and the recording and circulation of meeting notes. (*Action: ToR to be finalised at HAAC's 7 February 2019 meeting*).
- Proposal to have a rotating chairperson discussed. All members present supported the proposal. (*Action: Proposal to be determined at the 7 February 2019 meeting when all members are present*).
- There was support for the setting up an online platform for members to share information such as articles, reports, submissions etc. (*Action: JA to investigate*).
- Sharing of members' emails. Members present agreed to share their email addresses. (*Action: JA to contact HB and JM about sharing their email addresses as well*).

## 9. Potential Future Topics

Potential topics for future meetings included:

- Access to planning information and databases relating to DAs, PPs and VPAs.
- Student housing and affordability.
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP).
- Boarding houses, boarding house design and Development Control Plans (DCPs) ie. establishing Council controls over boarding house developments.
- Participation in Council's decision-making process e.g. attendance at Council meetings, registering to address Council, access to agendas and business papers and archives, live streaming and podcasts of Council meetings, adopting Parramatta Council's podcast system that contains links on a contents page to individual items discussed.
- Accessible housing and service models to help house disabled people. Relationship to NDIS.
- State funding for social and affordable housing.
- Negative gearing and capital gains tax reform.
- State Environmental Planning Policy No 70 (SEPP 70) and inclusionary zoning
- Highlighting successful housing models, projects and programs.
- Establishment of awards for outstanding affordable housing design and projects. Suggestion to have these added to the Inner West Heritage Awards. (*Action: JA to report on potential for affordable housing awards to be added to Heritage Awards*).
- Land and Property Strategy and Policy (LAPS) including Asset Register and the potential for affordable housing developments on suitable Council land e.g. Hay Street and Chester Street carparks and Balmain depot.
- Review of Local Housing Strategy incorporating an Affordable Housing Strategy.



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## 10. Plans for 7 February 2019 Meeting

Agenda to potentially include the following topics –

- Access to planning information and databases relating to DAs, PPs and VPAs. (*Action: DCW to report on accessing Council's and DPE's planning information*).
- Council's Land and Property Strategy and potential for car parks and depots etc. to be re-developed for affordable housing.
- Boarding houses, amendments to ARHSEPP and DCPs.
- Online platform for members to share information.
- It was agreed that DCW would chair the 7 February 2019 meeting.

## 11. Evaluation Forms

- Members returned inaugural meeting evaluation forms.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

