

# AGENDA

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## INNER WEST COUNCIL

### **Economic Development Strategic Reference Group**

**Date:** Wednesday 5 July 2017

**Time:** 4pm-6pm

**Location:** Leichhardt Service Centre  
Level 2  
7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt

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**Item No:** 5

**Subject:** Summary of Recommendations from Previous Strategic Reference Group Meeting

**Prepared by:** Bernadette Selfe, Business Relations Coordinator

**SUMMARY**

To advise the Economic Development Strategic the Reference Group of the status of the recommendations from the previous meeting of 24 May.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information in the summary of recommendations be received and noted.

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**Background**

The fourth meeting of the Economic Development Strategic the Reference Group was held on 24 May 2017.

This report is being provided by way of keeping the reference group members informed and updated with regards to any recommendations arising from the meetings.

**Financial Implications**

N/A

**Attachments**

1. Summary of the status of actions arising from 24 May meeting

## Attachment 1. Summary of the status of actions arising from 24 May meeting

| Item No: & Recommendation   | Status  |
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| <p><b>Item 6. The Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That Council continue to maintain communication with group regarding developments in this area.</li> <li>b) That Council provide an update when new information on this proposal is released by the State Government</li> </ul>   | <p>Council intends to provide the update Strategy to the EDSRG when it is released by State Government.</p> <p>Council has been advised that it should be released in July.</p> |
| <p><b>Item 7. Working Group's Feedback on Community Strategic Plan</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the document be submitted to Council with the following additions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Greater availability of creative space that council can control and influence</li> <li>b) More flexibility in planning so that commercial spaces are not restricted by size or use. For example new development has a mix of retail and commercial use on street level, second level providing office accommodation and the upper levels residential</li> </ul> | <p>The EDSRG's recommendations were incorporated into their feedback on the Community Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The document was submitted to Council on 25 May.</p>               |
| <p><b>Item 8. Disability Employment Program</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provide Economic Development Unit with details of the program and it will be circulated to business owners and advertised on Chamber web sites. (Includes a wage subsidy)</li> <li>b) Write to the Leichhardt/ Annandale Chamber</li> <li>c) Present at the next ASHBiz Chamber meeting</li> </ul>   | <p>Information was to provided to Economic Development Unit and EDSRG on 29 May</p>   |
| <p><b>Item 9. Draft Community Engagement Framework</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>The Community Engagement Framework document should contain a clearer reference to the ability of a community member to speak at a council meeting in accordance with the new IWC code of meeting practice.</p>  | <p>The EDSRG's feedback on the Community Engagement Framework were submitted on to Council on 31 May.</p>   |
| <p><b>Item 10. Draft Food Truck Policy</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Council have a requirement that a three month delay be applied to the commencement of the policy once adopted by council to enable existing operators to prepare for the introduction of food trucks.</li> <li>b) Council to examine the planning process to remove the need for development consent on public land.</li> </ul>  | <p>The EDSRG's feedback on the Draft Food Truck Policy was submitted and included as part of the public consultation in report prepared for Council.</p>                        |

**Item No:** 6

**Subject:** Footpath Dining

**Prepared by:** Bernadette Selfe, Business Relations Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

The Inner West Council has placed a 12 month embargo on outdoor dining fees across the whole LGA. The three former LGA's all had different arrangements in place. The embargo took effect on 1 July 2017. The Council will examine the best approach to footpath fee usage throughout the LGA. Businesses will be consulted on the development of a fee paying system for footpath usage.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Economic Development Strategic Reference Group note that Council has placed an 12 month embargo on outdoor dining fees across the whole LGA.

That the Economic Development Strategic Reference Group note that businesses will be consulted on the development of a fee paying system for footpath usage.

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**Background**

The three former Councils all had different arrangements in place for footpath licenses.

Leichhardt trailed a nine month fee waiver for some of its fees associated with footpath licenses from 1 October 2015 to 30 June 2016, which has been extended until 30 June 2017. Marrickville had abolished annual fees for a one off application payment of \$98 for outdoor dining. Ashfield had a \$108.80 application processing fee and an annual footpath usage fee of \$183.30 per m2.

Following a range of discusses with the Presidents of local Chambers of Commerce to look at having a fairer and consistent approach to outdoor dining fees the Administrator agreed to put in place a 12 month embargo on outdoor dining fees. The embargo is for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and removes of all application fees for footpath dinning licenses.

Businesses will still need to comply with their current outdoor dining permit, regulatory requirements, development controls, access and safety policies. New applications will be assessed in accordance with the former council policy until a new policy is developed for the whole LGA.

In the next 12 months Council will examine the best approach to footpath fee usage throughout the LGA. The primary function of a public footway is to provide access. Therefore when developing the new policy Council will need to take into account that in some areas across LGA the footpath may be too narrow or too busy to support outdoor dining or a business use and also provide the clear path.

Community engagement is a priority for the Inner West Council and businesses will be consulted on the development of a fee paying system for footpath usage.

**Conclusion**

Council is working towards aligning policies, programs and services of the three former councils as part of the integration process. The embargo will provide Council with time to examine the best approach to footpath fee useage throughout the LGA.

**Attachments**

Nil

**Item No:** 7

**Subject:** Sydenham Creative Hub

**Prepared by:** Bernadette Selfe, Business Relations Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

Provide the Economic Development Strategic Reference Group (EDSRG) with an update on the Sydenham Station Creative Hub.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Economic Development Strategic Reference Group note the information provided on the Sydenham Station Creative Hub.

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**Background**

The proposal for the Sydenham Station Creative Hub has been in development since 2014. The area covers 20 hectares and is bounded by Fitzroy Street, Saywell Street, Garden Street, Railway Parade, Marrickville Road and Sydney Street at Sydenham.

The Sydenham Creative Hub aims to be a vibrant entertainment and employment precinct where live music venues, small bars, restaurants and cafés thrive alongside traditional and creative industries.

The area's location under the Sydney Airport flight path makes it unsuitable for residential development. The area has good transport links which currently support local business operations in the area and would also support visitation to a creative hub.

The Department of Planning approved the proposal on the condition that Inner West Council commission an Economic Impact Assessment (EIA), and a strategy for a Development Control Plan (DCP) which would include a creative industries policy, licensed premises controls and plans for public domain improvements. These conditions have now been met.

A key feature of the planning proposal is retaining the existing IN1 General Industrial zone whilst expanding the range of permissible uses to include restaurants or cafes, small bars and business premises and office premises, but only where the consent authority is satisfied that the business premises and/or office premises will be used for a creative purpose such as media, advertising, fine arts and craft, design, film and television, music, publishing, performing arts, cultural heritage institutions or other related purposes. This will be achieved by amending the Marrickville Local Environmental Plan (MLEP) and Marrickville Development Control Plan (MDCP) 2011.

The planning proposal for the Sydenham Creative Hub is currently on public exhibition until 14 July 2017. Feedback on the proposal can be submitted at:

<http://www.yoursayinnerwest.com.au/sydenham-station-creative-hub?tool=map>

**Conclusion**

The proposed changes to the current planning controls for the precinct aim to further the vision. The draft planning proposal now on public exhibition outlines these proposed changes.

**Item No:** 8

**Subject:** Draft Central District Plan

**Prepared by:** Bernadette Selfe, Business Relations Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

Provide the Economic Development Strategic Reference Group with a copy of the Inner West Council Submission to the draft Central District Plan.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Economic Development Strategic Reference Group note the information provided.

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**Background**

Central District Plans are an important component to the way Sydney will manage its growth. Greater Sydney is growing fast with the region predicted to be home to about 1.6 million more people over the next 20 years.

District Plans are a middle level planning tool that link the State Government's Greater Sydney Region Plan – *A Plan for Growing Sydney* – and councils' Local Environmental Plans.

The Greater Sydney Commission is responsible for coordinating the development and of the plans. This is undertaken through a collaborative approach and includes engaging with the community, interest groups, business, government and councils. The Greater Sydney Commission's *Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056* is the draft 40 year vision that will underpin each of the draft District Plans.

The Inner West Council has submitted a response to the draft priorities and actions in the draft District Plan that relate to the inner west local government area.

Council's response is generally supportive of the draft District Plan. It should be noted that Council is seeking a number of amendments that aim to strengthen the final Plan. The amendments mainly relate to:

- infrastructure provision
- provision of affordable housing
- the planned delivery of new housing
- liveability and environmental outcomes

**Conclusion**

Sound strategic planning is vital to managing growth now and in the future. Council will continue to work with the State Government to enhance plans that impact on our Community. Council intends to provide the update Central District Plan when it is adopted and released by State Government.

**Attachments**

1 attachment - the Inner West Council Submission to the draft Central District Plan (pdf)