

**Minutes of Economic Development Strategic Reference Group
held at Supper Room at Leichhardt Town Hall on 8 February 2017**

The meeting commenced at 4.10pm.

Members Attending:

Jennifer Aaron, Angelo Angelopoulos, Monica Brewer, Kerrie Bush, John-Gang Cheng, Carolyn Croker, Aaron Edwards, Andrew Fineran, Chris Fitcher-Coles, Lyndal Gowland, Sarah Mandelson and Stephen Meates, Howard Spreadbury

Other Attendees:

Council Staff – Roger Rankin, Duncan Gilchrist, John Whelan, Bernadette Selfe and Gabrielle Higgins

LRAC Members - Frank Breen, Morris Hanna, Jeanette Wang

Apologies:

Members: Adrian Abrook, James Bradey, and Richie Hrovat

LRAC: Vera-Ann Hannaford, Lucille McKenna, John Stamolis

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| Item 1. | Welcome |
| Item 2. | Acknowledgement of Country |
| Item 3. | Apologies |
| Item 4. | Disclosures of Interest - none declared |
| Item 5. | Election of Chairperson
Deferred by consensus to the next meeting.
John-Gang Cheng to chair the 12 April meeting |

Items for consideration

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| Item 6. | Draft Terms of Reference
Moved Monica Brewer, seconded Lyndal Gowland that the tabled document be accepted. |
| Item 7. | Inner West Council – Vision and Priorities
Consensus on support for Council's Statement of Vision and Priorities |

Recommendation:

Request cross referencing by Council of all strategic reference groups to ensure there is no duplication and that the work of the groups is complementary.
Moved: Lyndal Gowland Seconded: Kerrie Bush

Recommendation:

Council should provide a mechanism for each SRG to consider agenda items of overlapping relevance to different groups.
Moved: Lyndal Gowland Seconded: Monica Brewer

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| Item 8 | Inner West Council – Draft Inclusion Action Plan
The strategic reference group noted the report and the invitation to participate in the upcoming community workshop and public exhibition process. |
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- Item 9 Update from Economic Development Team**
The strategic reference group noted the information.

Recommendation:

EDSRG members seek to have special Joint EDSRG / P&HSRG meeting to consider how each town centre / village should be treated in development of Council's planning and economic development policies and plans.

In particular the key corridor strategies e.g. Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy (PRUTS), Sydenham to Bankstown Metro and the continued loss of industrial land.

Other Points:

Members professed their view of the desirability of extending to the whole of the IWC, the Marrickville/Ashfield style of on the ground door to door business liaison and services

Members expressed their desire to ensure that the individual identities and promotion work attached to the various Urban Centres will not be subsumed within an overall IWC ED Plan such that they disappear

Members wished it to be drawn to Council's attention that an urgent action requiring to be addressed by Council is the current poor state of the pavements and pedestrian environment within the various Urban Centres which state causes a detrimental impact upon visitor numbers and activity in the Urban Centres.

- Item 10 Scheduling of meetings and venues**
Agreed to make the next meeting a planning session on Wednesday 1 March 4pm-6pm to identify key initiatives and priorities.

Action:

Members to send items for the planning day to Bernadette Selfe by COB 16 February

Members agreed that meetings of the EDSRG will be held on the second Wednesday of the month from 4pm-6pm.

General Business

Members agreed that details of members and their contacts should be distributed by Council within the membership group

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm.