



INNER WEST COUNCIL

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP AGENDA

20th November 2017

6:30 pm

Location: Petersham Service Centre - Level 3 Ngara Room

2-14 Fisher St, Petersham

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Chairperson: TBA

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Please note that only community members appointed by the Administrator can vote on recommendations made by the Strategic Reference Group.

Item No: Item 6
Subject: Status of Recommendations from 16 October SRG Meeting
Prepared by: Erla Ronan, Group Manager, Community Services and Culture

Item 6**SUMMARY**

This report advises the Strategic Reference Group of the status of the recommendations from the previous meeting held on 16 October 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Strategic Reference Group receives and notes the update on recommendations provided in Attachment 1.

Background

This report is provided to update Reference Group members on the status of recommendations made at the meeting held on 16 October 2017.

Financial Implications

Nil

Attachment 1

Status of Recommendations from October Strategic Reference Group Meeting

Status of Recommendations from 16 October Strategic Reference Group Meeting

Date of Meeting	Item No.	Recommendation	Status
26 Jun 17	Item 6 – Quarantining surplus affordable housing funds	THAT a report on how this recommendation can be implemented be provided to the next SRG meeting in November 2017.	Adopted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed that CS&C staff prepare for consideration during 2018/19 Budget discussions a case for the following: (a) that project funds be allocated to the development of AHP Implementation Guidelines and (b) that the surplus from affordable housing rents collected be dedicated only to affordable housing projects including the development of a 5 to 10 year Housing Action Plan.
	Item 8 – Rental Housing issues	THAT the Strategic Reference Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a report on SRG's recommendation for Council to support the NSW Make Renting Fair campaign at SRG's November meeting. • THAT advice be sought as to how an updated version of the Affordable Housing Specifications can be made policy and whether or not they should stand alone or form part of the Affordable Housing Policy. 	Adopted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial inquiry was made in August about Council supporting the Make Renting Fair campaign. A follow up inquiry has been made with the Deputy GM (Community and Engagement) and a report on the status of this latest inquiry will be provided to the November meeting. Adopted <p>Advice received on establishing a policy on Affordable Housing Specifications has included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this should be pursued by SRG (i.e. CS&C post 20 November); • That a motion with respect to these specifications should be put to Council for endorsement; • That the specifications should sit within the Affordable Housing Policy.

	Item 9 – Council’s SEPP 70 application	<p>THAT future SRG meetings receive updates on Council’s revised SEPP 70 application.</p>	<p>Adopted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to be provided.
16 Oct 17	Item 8 - Prevention and Homelessness	<p>THAT Barbara Squires’ feasibility study on Homeshare Parramatta be made available to members.</p>	<p>Adopted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study on Homeshare Parramatta has been emailed to members.
	Item 9 – Verbal Staff Update	<p>THAT the November meeting be provided with an update on Council’s review process of SRGs and the opportunity of members to participate in this review process.</p>	<p>Adopted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on Council’s review process has been sent to members. A group assessment of the SRG’s processes and outcomes will be part of the agenda for the November meeting.

Item No: Item 7
Subject: Group assessment of Interim Strategic Reference Group
Prepared by: Erla Ronan, Group Manager, Community Services and Culture

SUMMARY

An evaluation of all Interim Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) will take place during November 2017 following the election of Council in September. This evaluation will consider both process and outcomes of all eight SRGs. The results of this evaluation will be reported to Council at its December meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT members of the SRG at the 20th November meeting carry out a group assessment of the SRG's processes and outcomes and that a report of this group assessment be provided to the Communication and Engagement Coordinator.

Background

The purpose of the SRGs was to "provide feedback, guidance and recommendations to Council on specific issues, including strategic planning and policy and contribute local knowledge regarding community impacts, emerging trends, opportunities and service gaps."

The SRGs form part of a broader Community Engagement Framework which was adopted by Council in June 2017. The SRGs are one form of engagement which ensures community input on higher level strategic issues across the Inner West.

A decision was made to review the SRGs following the return of the elected Council in September. This evaluation will take place during November 2017.

It is recommended that part of this evaluation include a group assessment of the SRG by members at the 20th November meeting and that questions for group consideration include:

1. What aspects of the SRG have worked well? What has not worked so well?
2. The purpose of this SRG was to [read from your SRG's Terms of Reference]. To what extent did the SRG achieve our purpose?
3. What is our SRG's most significant piece of work? Why?
4. Thinking about options for the future, what are your thoughts on how the SRGs could evolve? Are there other models we could consider?
5. Apart from SRGs, what else should Council focus on to increase satisfaction with community engagement and achieve a strong community voice in decision making?

The results of the evaluation of all Interim SRGs will be reported to Council at its December 2017 meeting.

Item No: **Item 8**
Subject: **Staff Verbal Update**
Prepared by: Jon Atkins, Affordable Housing Officer

SUMMARY

The staff verbal update will refer to the following items:

- SEPP 70
- Notice of Motion – Affordable Housing for the Inner West (for Council meeting on 21 Nov 2017);
- Local Planning Proposals – Victoria Road Precinct Planning Proposal;
- Landcom, Our Strategic Directions and affordable housing;
- Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan.

Item No: **Item 9**
Subject: **Other Business**

SUMMARY

Other business will include a summary on the draft Boarding House Act Evaluation Report by Paul Adabie.