



INNER WEST COUNCIL

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

26 June 2017

6:30 pm

Location: Petersham Service Centre - Level 3 Ngara Room

2-14 Fisher St, Petersham

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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 10 April SRG Meeting
Prepared by: Lynne George, Manager Community Development

Item 6**SUMMARY**

This report advises the Strategic Reference Group of the status of the recommendations from the previous meeting held on 10 April, 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 10 April 2017.

Financial Implications

Nil

Attachment 1

Status of Recommendations from April Strategic Reference Group Meeting

Status of Recommendations from 10 April Strategic Reference Group Meeting

Item 6 - Attachment 1

Date of Meeting	Item No.	Recommendation	Status
10-Apr-17	Item 7 – Inner West Council Community Strategic Plan Consultation	THAT the Strategic Reference Group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes the process for development of the CSP; and 2. determines that SRG members will individually respond to the 4 questions below, using a housing and affordability lens, and forward their responses to Hazel Blunden, who has agreed to collate and forward the responses on to Council. The link to the Community Strategic Plan Issues Paper is at: http://www.yoursayinnerwest.com.au/26956/documents/56433 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we now? • Where do we want to be in 10 years' time? • How will we get there? • How will we know we've arrived? 	Adopted This item has been included in June SRG agenda to develop a response from the SRG
Responses from the SRG are due back to Lynne George by Friday 30 June, 2017.			
	Item 8 – Adoption of Inner West Council Affordable Housing Policy and Value Capture Position Paper	THAT the Housing and Affordability Strategic Reference Group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes the adoption of the Inner West Council <i>Affordable Housing Policy</i> and contributes to the development of a 5-10 year implementation action plan for the Inner West LGA; 2. congratulates Council and Judy Stubbs and Associates on the quality of research and modelling done for the development of the policy; 3. strongly supports the original policy wording which stated that Council will set up a Trust Fund ...(which) will clearly differentiate funds or resources for Affordable Housing, and account separately for these funds; and 4. requests that the Council returns to the original policy statement, which was to dedicate surplus rental income for affordable housing purposes. 	Recommendation forwarded to Group Manager and Deputy General Manager

Item 9 – Adoption of Inner West Council Homelessness Policy	<p>That the Housing and Affordability Strategic Reference Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) notes the adoption of the Inner West Council <i>Homelessness Policy</i> and contributes to the investigation of and strategies to address the issue of homelessness in extreme weather events; and (b) requests that at a future meeting the SRG includes an agenda item on possible actions that may be taken by Inner West Council to address the prevention of homelessness. 	<p>Adopted</p> <p>Suggest inclusion in August SRG meeting agenda</p>
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Item No: Item 7

Subject: **Community Strategic Plan - Submission from Housing and Affordability Strategic Reference Group**

Prepared by: Lynne George, Manager Community Development

SUMMARY

Robust input from the Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) is a vital component of the development of the Inner West's first Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Input to the CSP is one of the core roles of the SRGs. This agenda item has been relisted to engage members in a workshop at the meeting on 26 June to develop a submission on the draft Community Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Housing and Affordability Strategic Reference Group contribute to a submission on the draft Community Strategic Plan, Vision, issues and priorities, to be finalised and lodged by 9 July 2017.

Background

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is the most important plan that sits above all of Council's other plans and policies. The CSP identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future, and plans strategies to achieve them. It takes into account the issues and pressures affecting the community, and the level of resources that will realistically be available.

While Council is responsible for managing the planning process on behalf of the Inner West, delivery of the plan's long-term outcomes relies on strong partnerships, including with State agencies, community groups and the wider community. A successful CSP is one in which the whole community feels ownership.

The CSP will:

- identify the community's main priorities
- provide a vision and plan for the whole Inner West community
- set goals for the future
- outlines strategies and actions to achieve these goals
- inform Council's long term planning and resourcing

The Inner West's CSP will be based on principles of:

- social justice (equity, access, rights and participation)
- ecologically sustainable development

Reference Group Input and Submission

The SRG can contribute to the CSP by:

- participating in the workshop at the 26 June meeting and answering questions raised in the Issues Paper and/or participating in a conversation relevant to the area of interest or expertise of the SRG
- Commenting on the Draft CSP at review stage (from August 2017 approximately)

Community Strategic Plan Issues Paper

An Issues Paper has been prepared by Council's Corporate Strategic Planning and Community Engagement team. A copy of this Issues Paper is available on the Housing and Affordability SRG webpage.

The paper has been developed to help inform discussion and provides a high-level context of the current priorities, opportunities and challenges facing the Inner West.

The Issues Paper outlines the following six priorities / issue areas for discussion:

1. Planning and Development

- Affordable housing
- Open spaces
- Neighbourhoods
- Heritage

2. Transport

- Public transport
- Traffic and parking
- Cycling and walking
- Roads and footpaths

3. Social Vitality, Creativity and Quality of Life

- Health and wellbeing
- Arts and culture
- Recreation and sports
- Local services

4. Sustainability and the Environment

- Natural habitats
- Climate change
- Recycling and reusing
- Urban ecology

5. Local Business and Industry

- Town centres
- Small business
- Creative industries
- Local jobs

6. Civic Leadership

- Advocacy
- Governance
- Local democracy
- Community engagement

Financial Implications

The CSP is developed in conjunction with a Resourcing Strategy that includes a:

- Long Term Financial Plan
- Workforce Management Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Plan.

Conclusion

Input from Council's Strategic Reference Groups is vital to the development of a Community Strategic Plan that reflects the aspirations and goals of the Inner West community.

Item No: **Item 8**

Subject: **Rental Housing Issues**

Prepared by: Strategic Reference Group Member, Julia Murray

SUMMARY

The SRG requested that this item be included on the agenda for the June meeting.

A report has been prepared by SRG member Julia Murray on key rental housing issues and will be forwarded separately to members for consideration at the 26 June meeting.

Key issues flagged by the SRG for consideration included:

1. No cause evictions
2. Annual rent increases above 10% and actions that can be undertaken by Council, such as reviewing rental data and rising rents over the past 10 years
3. The important role of shared rental housing
4. Supply vs demand for housing

Item No: **Item 9**
Subject: **Verbal Update**
Prepared by: Jon Atkins, Affordable Housing Officer

Item 9

SUMMARY

A verbal update report will be provided regarding progress on Council's SEPP 70 Application Process.