INFORMATION RELEVANT TO ITEM 7.4 – DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - SYDNEY PARK – AT COUNCIL 9 DECEMBER 2013

RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL

FILE: S118237 **DATE:** 6 December 2013

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Michael Leyland, Director, City Projects and Property

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 7.4 – Draft Plan of Management 2014 -

Sydney Park – At Council 9 December 2013

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the proposed amendments to the draft Sydney Park Plan of Management 2014, as detailed in the memorandum by the Director City Projects and Property dated 6 December 2013 and circulated prior to the meeting of Council;
- (B) approve the draft Sydney Park Plan of Management 2014, as shown at Attachment E to the subject report **and with the amendments approved in clause (A)**, for public exhibition as prescribed in the Local Government Act 1993;
- (C) declare the Sydney Park Brick Kilns Precinct to be an area of cultural significance.
- (D) note that, prior to public exhibition and public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer may authorise minor amendments to the draft Plan; and
- (E) note that the outcomes of the public exhibition period, including the proposed community land management categorisation hearing, will be the subject of a further report to Council.

Background

At the meeting of the Environment Committee on 2 December 2013, further advice was sought to consider amendment of the draft Sydney Park Plan of Management 2014 (draft POM 2014) to include the possibility of having a site for a skate park and other sites for childcare facilities.

Skate Park/Facility

A skate park/facility has long been recognised as a desired use within the Park.

The draft POM 2014 includes 'skate boarding facilities' as a likely future use within the Park category (refer Page 53 draft POM 2014).

In the event that part of the skate facility was to be scoped as part of the new multipurpose facility, then it would equally satisfy the objectives of the 'General Community Use' Category. For clarity, it is proposed to also list skateboarding facilities within the Sydney Park Cycling Centre Precinct, categorised for General Community Use.

In the case of the skate park/facility, it is not envisaged that such a use would be operated by a third party.

Euston Road Former City Depot Precinct

The draft POM 2014 proposes the re-categorisation of the Euston Road Former City Depot to more correctly reflect the current uses and the City's management thereof.

Topographically, it is the lowest area within the Park, and any future use of this area will need to account for the outcomes of the leachate management study and stormwater management.

This area could also be well suited as an alternate location for uses associated with the City Farm or Lifelong Learning, including childcare, cycling, sustainability and ecology.

To account for this, it is proposed to amend the draft Sydney Park Plan of Management 2014 by:

- expanding the listed range of permissible future uses to be consistent with the General Community Use zone at the Sydney Park Cycling Centre Precinct; and
- enlarging the area for re-categorisation as General Community Use (refer Attachment A) along the western and northern edge to provide greater flexibility for future configurations.

Sensory Garden

Further comment were received from Councillors after the Environment Committee meeting requesting the draft POM 2014 enable the future development of a garden specifically designed for vision impaired visitors to the park.

A review of the draft POM 2014 confirms the future permitted uses and development for passive recreation in the Park category allows such a future garden to be implemented.

Flexibility and Community Needs

The Local Government Act recognises that additional future uses that meet the objectives of the specific relevant land category may be added to the draft POM prior to exhibition, and in response to feedback following the public exhibition prior to Council adopting the draft POM.

Following the adoption of the draft POM 2014, the Local Government Act enables Council to respond to community needs and introduce new uses and activities that meet the objectives of the specific category. Similarly, it is not necessary to publicly re-exhibit the whole plan.

The City is only required to re-exhibit and conduct a further public hearing if, following the public exhibition, Council were to endorse a proposed change in the publicly exhibited land categories.

Attachments

Attachment: Draft Sydney Park Plan of Management 2014 – Land Categorisation

Plan (Amended)

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DRAFT SYDNEY PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT 2014 – LAND CATEGORISATION PLAN (AMENDED)



