

Item 4.**Proposed Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2021****File No: X030814****Summary**

In accordance with Division 2.5 Local Planning Panels of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, in March 2018 the City of Sydney established a Local Planning Panel to determine development applications not determined under delegation by City staff or by the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

This report requests the Local Planning Panel adopt the draft schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2021.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Local Planning Panel adopt the draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2021, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report.

Attachments**Attachment A.** Draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2021

Background

1. In accordance with Division 2.5 Local Planning Panels of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, in March 2018 the City of Sydney established a Local Planning Panel to determine development applications not determined under delegation by City staff or by the Central Sydney Planning Committee.
2. The Minister for Planning issued a direction under Section 9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 on 23 February 2018 setting operational procedures to ensure local planning panels meet their obligations in the most efficient and effective manner.
3. Operational Procedures specific to the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel were last endorsed by the Panel on 5 February 2020.
4. In accordance with clause 15 of the Operational Procedures, the Local Planning Panel is required to adopt an annual schedule of dates for Local Planning Panel meetings.
5. The draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2021 (Attachment A) has been prepared on the basis of a three-week meeting cycle.
6. The draft schedule proposes 16 meetings for the calendar year 2021.
7. A three-week meeting cycle is considered appropriate following a review of the number of development applications considered at each meeting in 2020.

Relevant Legislation

8. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
9. City of Sydney Local Planning Panel Operational Procedures.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

10. The Local Planning Panel will adopt an annual schedule of dates for Local Planning Panel meetings in 2021.
11. The commencement time for the public meeting of the Local Planning Panel will be 5.00pm.
12. Meeting dates will be available on the City's website once endorsed.

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