

Item 7.**Proposed Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2023****File No: X086707****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.

In accordance with clause 15 of the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel Operational Procedures, the Local Planning Panel is required to adopt an annual schedule of dates for Local Planning Panel meetings.

This report requests the Local Planning Panel adopt the draft schedule of Local Planning Panel meetings for 2023.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Local Planning Panel adopt the draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2023, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report.

Attachments**Attachment A.** Draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2023

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 then 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 1 September 2021.
4. Section 294 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 introduced temporary planning measures which included the requirement that Local Planning Panels must meet by audio or audio visual link during the Covid-19 pandemic.
5. In March 2022, NSW Parliament passed the COVID-19 and Other Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reforms) Bill 2022 which removed the requirement that Local Planning Panels must meet by audio or audio visual link, and permitted the resumption of in-person meetings.
6. Since 18 May 2022, the City of Sydney of Sydney Local Planning Panel has been holding meetings in person.
7. 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.
8. The draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2023 (Attachment A) has been prepared on the basis of a three-week meeting cycle.
9. The draft schedule proposes 16 meetings for the calendar year 2023.
10. A three-week meeting cycle is considered appropriate following a review of the number of development applications considered at each meeting in 2021 and 2022.

Relevant Legislation

11. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
12. Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
13. City of Sydney Local Planning Panel Operational Procedures.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

14. The Local Planning Panel will adopt an annual schedule of dates for Local Planning Panel meetings in 2023.
15. The commencement time for the public meeting of the Local Planning Panel will be 5.00pm.
16. The 2023 Local Planning Panel meeting dates will be available on the City's website once endorsed.

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