

Item 11.3

Notices of Motion

Housing For All Strategy and Committee Review

By Councillor Jarrett

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the housing affordability crisis that has impacted Australia, and most notably Sydney, for the past few years, is a crisis that the City of Sydney cannot turn a blind eye to;
 - (ii) in alignment with the City of Sydney's Local Housing Strategy: Housing for All, Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050, the City maintains a target that 7.5 per cent of all private dwellings should be affordable housing by 2036;
 - (iii) based on a private dwelling target of 160,000 by 2036, an estimated 12,000 affordable dwellings are required to achieve the City's 2036 target;
 - (iv) the City's 'ambitious' target of 7.5 per cent is a figure that was originally a quota that was to be met in 2030 under the original long-term strategy, Sustainable Sydney 2030, where it was listed as Target 4;
 - (v) however, the City of Sydney has recognised that it will not meet this goal by 2030 and has since moved the target to allow completion by 2036;
 - (vi) the aggregation of built, pipeline, expected and projected affordable housing dwellings equals around 4,200 affordable rental dwellings and affordable diverse dwellings by 2036. This is about a quarter of the 12,000 affordable housing dwellings needed to achieve the City's target for 7.5 per cent of all private housing to be affordable housing;
 - (vii) on 4 May 2023, the Sydney Morning Herald released an article dubbed 'City of Sydney Council's Housing Affordability Taskforce Still MIA' whereby it noted that the City's Housing for All Committee has not met since June 2022;
 - (viii) there have not been any recommendations put to Council under the Housing for All Committee since the June 2022 Council meeting which merely involved recommendations for Council to approve:
 - (a) Planning Proposal – City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Update for submission to the Department of Planning and Environment, and public consultation and exhibition;
 - (b) the draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Amendment 2022; and
 - (c) the draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Distribution Plan;

- (ix) the Housing for All Committee is now listed to convene for the first time since June 2022, at the June 2023 Council meeting, however their recommendations have not yet been announced; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) refer the Housing for All Committee to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee to conduct a review into the obligations and targets of the City of Sydney's Housing for All Committee;
 - (ii) report back to Council as to why the Housing for All Committee has only provided recommendations to Council once in the past year (in June 2022); and
 - (iii) report back to Council on the progression of the City of Sydney's housing targets and whether the City of Sydney has adequately met its targets.

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