

**Item 4.3****Central Sydney Planning Committee - Election of Councillors****File No: S062388****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

The Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) is constituted by the City of Sydney Act 1988 (the Act).

Section 34(1) of the Act provides that the Committee shall consist of seven members:

- (a) the Lord Mayor of Sydney;
- (b) two councillors of the City of Sydney elected by the City Council; and
- (c) four persons (two of whom are senior State government employees and two of whom are senior State government employees and two of whom are not State or local government employees) appointed by the Minister administering Part 4 of the Planning Act, each having expertise in at least one of architecture, building, civic design, construction, engineering, transport, tourism, the arts, planning or heritage.

The persons currently appointed by the Minister pursuant to clause (c) as members and alternate members are Abbie Galvin, David Gainsford, Dick Persson AM, Richard Horne, Olivia Hyde, Julian Frecklington and Bruce James.

Previously, the Council has chosen to hold a separate election for each of the two Council-elected members; the elections were by open, exhaustive voting (that is, by a show of hands or similar means for candidates duly nominated).

At the Council meeting of 19 September 2022, Council elected then Councillor Jess Scully and Councillor HY William Chan to the two positions on the Central Sydney Planning Committee, for a term commencing immediately and ending on 30 September 2023.

The Act provides that Council may appoint an alternate for each of the elected members. At the Council meeting of 19 September 2022, Council appointed Councillor Robert Kok as alternate to then Councillor Scully and Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis as alternate to Councillor Chan until 30 September 2023.

As elections are scheduled to be held in September 2024, it is recommended that Councillors be elected to the Central Sydney Planning Committee for the new term of office commencing immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect two Councillors to be members of the Central Sydney Planning Committee effective immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council;
- (B) the method of voting be open, exhaustive voting;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith; and
- (D) Council appoint alternates for each member elected.

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Chief Executive Officer