

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Graham Jahn AM, Director City Planning Development and Transport

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 9.3 – Post-Exhibition Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the findings from the public exhibition of the draft Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy as described in Attachment B to the subject report, and the City's response to the submissions in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the revised Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy as shown at Attachment A to the subject ~~report~~ **Information Relevant To Item 9.3 Memorandum**;
- (C) Council note the budget implications as described in this report **subject to the deletion of line 28(d) which refers to funding for SXSW Sydney** and that items will be incorporated into future budgets for public exhibition and endorsement by Council;
- (D) Council note that if the revised Strategy is endorsed, further reports will be brought back to Council for any new grant programs and for any items to be heritage listed in the Local Environmental Plan (LEP); and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the revised Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

Additions shown in **bold italics**, deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

Purpose

At the meeting of Council's Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 4 December 2023, further information was sought on the Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy (the Strategy), specifically:

- inclusion of funding for SXSW Sydney in the Strategy; and
- the current status of the Paddy's Markets project

Background

Inclusion of funding for SXSW Sydney in the Strategy

Upon further consideration, SXSW Sydney funding has been removed from the Strategy. Any future funding for SXSW Sydney would need to be considered as part of a grant application made through the Festival and Events Sponsorship Grant program and would require approval by Council.

The Strategy, provided at Attachment A, has been amended as follows:

- page 64 bullet point 4 has been amended:
"Explore opportunities to secure long-term legacy and place benefits **for Haymarket of festivals and events SXSW Sydney**"
- pages 70-71 have been deleted 'Action: Secure Legacy and place benefits of SXSW Sydney'
- page 79 table row 10 'long-term support of SXSW Sydney' has been deleted.

Update on Paddy's Market

Two development applications (DA) were lodged with the City of Sydney in 2023 for the site.

D/2023/216 for repairs and alterations to the Market City heritage façade and an upgrade of the external lighting was approved on 23 June 2023.

D/2023/702 for food and drink premises (food markets) within Paddy's Markets will be considered by the Local Planning Panel on 13 December 2023. The development application is recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

As part of the stakeholder engagement for the Revitalisation Strategy, in June 2023 the Director City Planning, Development and Transport and the Haymarket project lead invited the Paddy's Market applicant team to a meeting and explained the vision and focus for Haymarket and Chinatown during the pre-lodgement development phase of their development application.

While the actual food offering is not a consideration for a development application, the City strongly encouraged the applicant to focus any market revitalisation to provide for East Asian food and specialty produce in order to align with the strategy and vision for Haymarket.

The Strategy includes an action to “advocate for the transformation of the interior and exterior of Paddy’s markets and offer focused on East Asian food and produce” (page 50).

Memo from Graham Jahn AM, Director City Planning Development and Transport

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Attachments

Attachment A. Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy (revised)

Approved



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