

**Item 6.****Proposed Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2025**

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**Summary**

In accordance with Division 2.5 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 2025.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that the Local Planning Panel adopt the draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2025, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report.

**Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2025

## Background

1. In accordance with Division 2.5 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. 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 2025 (Attachment A) has been prepared based on a three-week meeting cycle which is consistent with previous years.
6. The draft schedule proposes 16 meetings for the calendar year 2025.
7. A three-week meeting cycle is considered appropriate following a review of the number of development applications considered at each meeting in 2023 and 2024.

## Relevant Legislation

8. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

## Critical Dates / Time Frames

9. The Local Planning Panel will adopt an annual schedule of dates for Local Planning Panel meetings in 2025.
10. The commencement time for the public meetings of the Local Planning Panel will be 5pm.
11. The 2025 Local Planning Panel meeting dates will be available on the City's website once endorsed.
12. The 2025 Local Planning Panel meeting dates will be circulated to all Panel members once endorsed.

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