

Item 7**Council Representation on Committees, Advisory Panels and Working Groups****File No: S111818****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

Council has established a number of committees, advisory panels and working groups with Council appointed Councillor representatives that provide advice on the policies and operations of the City of Sydney across various subject areas.

Following the local government elections, it is appropriate to appoint new Council representatives for a term commencing immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

These committees, advisory panels and working groups are specifically an opportunity for input and engagement. They are not constituted as a committee of Council under the Local Government Act 1993, nor a sub-committee of the Central Sydney Planning Committee under the City of Sydney Act 1988.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel's purpose is to provide advice on the policies and operations of the City of Sydney in relation to matters of importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Business, Economic Development and Covid Recovery Advisory Panel

The Business, Economic Development and Covid Recovery Advisory Panel's purpose is to provide high-level independent expert advice to the City of Sydney on the implementation of Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision and through the actions of the City of Sydney Economic Strategy Discussion Paper.

Cultural and Creative Sector Advisory Panel

The Cultural and Creative Sector Advisory Panel's purpose is to provide strategic advice on making space for culture and focus on addressing the loss of creative employment floor space in Sydney which is a critical issue that has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Cycling Advisory Committee

The Cycling Advisory Committee's purpose is to monitor progress on implementation of the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan and provide advice on issues associated with implementation of the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan.

Housing for All Working Group

The Housing for All Working Group's purpose is to bring together industry leaders and experts to share knowledge and provide strategic, expert advice and guidance to the City of Sydney (the City) on the development of agreed strategies and initiatives to increase the supply of affordable and diverse housing (including social housing) within the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel

The Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel's purpose is to provide strategic, expert and impartial advice to the City on the development, implementation, monitoring and review of the City's policies, strategies and plans to advance the inclusion of people with disability.

Multicultural Advisory Panel

The Multicultural Advisory Panel's purpose is to provide advice on policies and operations of the City of Sydney in relation to matters of importance to culturally diverse communities.

Terms of Reference and Priorities Review

The terms of reference and functions (inclusive of the priority activities) of all committees, advisory panels and working groups are under review to ensure that they are fit for purpose, to improve consistency and to strengthen diversity of panel members. Recommendations for updates, which will include additional inclusions of a focus on late night vibrancy and LGBTIQ+ matters will be reported to Council for consideration.

Environment and Climate Change Advisory Panel

It is proposed that an Environment and Climate Change Advisory Panel be established. The purpose and priorities of the Environment and Climate Change Advisory Panel will include the review of the Environmental Strategy, waste and recycling, electrification and resilience (inclusive of canopy and heat). Terms of reference will be developed for Council consideration. Council's representative to the new advisory panel will be appointed at the same time as the terms of reference are considered by Council.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to review the terms of reference, inclusive of the priority activities of each committee, advisory panel and working group and report revised terms of reference to Council for consideration with additional inclusions of a focus on late night vibrancy and LGBTIQ+ matters;
- (B) Council endorse the establishment of the Environment and Climate Change Advisory Panel;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to prepare terms of reference for the Environment and Climate Change Advisory Panel for Council consideration; and

- (D) Council appoint the following Councillors as Council’s representatives on the Committees, Advisory Panels and Working Groups listed below:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel

- (i) Councillor.....

Business, Economic Development and Covid Recovery Advisory Panel

- (ii) Councillor

Cultural and Creative Sector Recovery Advisory Panel

- (iii) Councillor.....

Cycling Advisory Committee

- (iv) Councillor

Housing for All Working Group

- (v) Councillor

Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel

- (vi) Councillor

Multicultural Advisory Panel

- (vii) Councillor.....

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