

Item 5.**Proposed Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2026**

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Summary

The City of Sydney Local Planning Panel has operated since March 2018 (established in accordance with Division 2.5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979).

The Local Planning Panel considers 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 2026.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Local Planning Panel adopt the draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2026, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report.

Attachments

Attachment A. Draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2026

Background

1. The City of Sydney Local Planning Panel has operated since March 2018 (established in accordance with Division 2.5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979).
2. The Local Planning Panel considers development applications not determined under delegation by City staff or by the Central Sydney Planning Committee.
3. 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.
4. Operational Procedures specific to the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel were endorsed by the Panel on 1 September 2021.
5. 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.
6. The draft Schedule of Local Planning Panel Meetings for 2026 (Attachment A) has been prepared based on a 3-week meeting cycle which is consistent with previous years.
7. The draft schedule proposes 16 meetings for the calendar year 2026.
8. A 3-week meeting cycle is considered appropriate following a review of the number of development applications considered at each meeting in 2024 and 2025.

Relevant Legislation

9. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

10. The commencement time for the public meetings of the Local Planning Panel will be 5pm.
11. Once endorsed, the 2026 Local Planning Panel meeting dates will be made available on the City's website and circulated to all Panel members.

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