

Date: Tuesday 24 February 2022	Time: 5.30 – 7pm	Venue: Teams
Meeting No: 9	Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to built and natural facilities and systems within the LGA.	

1. Welcome

Councillor Winney-Baartz welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Attendees:

Members

Cr Peta Winney-Baartz	Councillor Member (Chair)
Cr Deahanna Richardson	Councillor Member (Deputy Chair)
Cr Katrina Wark	Councillor Member
Clint Thomson	Executive Manager Customer Delivery, Hunter Water Corporation
Corinne Thompson	Senior Manager, Community and Place Partner, Transport NSW
Frank Roberson	Network Planning & Operations, Council Management, Ausgrid
Emmanuel Genlot	General Manager, Keolis Downer

Guests

Rebecca Allen	Corporate Planner (Item 4)
Kelly Arnott	Corporate Planning and Performance Manager (Item 4)
Nathaniel Bavinton	Innovation and Futures Manager (Item 5)
Lynn Duffy	Manager Parks and Recreation
Rachel Howard	Executive Assistant (Committee Secretary)
Alissa Jones	Director City Wide Services
Paul McLachlan	Acting Director Regional Planning North, Transport for NSW
Matthew Murray	Chief of Staff, Lord Mayor's Office
Joanne Rigby	Acting Director Infrastructure and Property (Committee Facilitator)
Heather Stevens	Senior Strategist – Environment (for Item 5)
Ryan Tranter	Traffic and Transport Manager

Apologies

Lord Mayor Councillor Nelmes

1.2 Introductions

- 1.2.1 Members and guests introduced themselves to the Committee, providing an overview of their interests and areas of responsibility.
- 1.2.2 It was noted that the Committee's community representative, Kim Lenox has resigned. Members thanked Kim for her contribution to the Committee.
- 1.2.3 Expressions of interest (EOI) for community representatives are currently open via the City of Newcastle (CN) website, closing Sunday 20 March 2022. The EOI seeks to achieve a mix of skills and represent the diversity and interests of the community. Applications will be assessed by the Councillor members of the Committee on merit according to the selection criteria.

1.3 Declaration and Conflicts of Interest

- 1.3.1 Nil.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 endorsed.

3. Committee Scope

3.1 Terms of Reference

- 3.1.1 The Committee noted the Terms of Reference (**attached**) which will be tabled for endorsement at the next meeting.

3.2 Identify Strategic Focus Areas for 2022

- 3.2.1 The Committee discussed the importance of environmental asset management, and the key initiatives around coastal management programs. The chair noted this would be a valuable focus area for the committee.
- 3.2.2 The Committee noted CN's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and activities around cycleways future planning. This is a key focus area for stakeholder members of the Committee, particularly Transport for NSW and Keolis Downer.
- 3.2.3 Ryan Tranter advised that CN is increasing resources in transport planning, and provided an overview of the City's recently adopted cycling and parking plans. There are key projects in the works, such as traffic signals at the Glebe Road intersection in Adamstown.
- 3.2.4 The Committee agreed the following focus areas for 2022:
- Environmental Asset Management
 - Integrated and Accessible Transport
 - Sports Infrastructure Program Delivery

3.3 Working Parties

- 3.3.1 The Committee considered the establishment of a sports infrastructure working party. Sports infrastructure is a major focus for the community and requires a coordinated whole of Local Government Area approach.
- 3.3.2 Council adopted the ten-year Strategic Sports Plan on 8 December 2020 to address future demand and inform the ongoing supply, maintenance, and upgrade of sporting infrastructure.
- 3.3.3 The Committee noted the importance of financial responsibility, and the number of ageing sport assets across the city that require renewal.
- 3.3.4 CN and sports clubs across the LGA have been successful in grant funding applications, including from the Office of Sport. There is a need to ensure that these works are aligned and staged over future years capital works programs.

ACTION: Draft sport infrastructure working party terms of reference to be tabled at the next meeting.

4. Draft Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan (Newcastle 2040)

- 4.1 Kelly Arnott provided an overview of the draft Newcastle 2040, during the presentation it was noted that:
- 4.1.1 Extensive community consultation has been undertaken with the community.
- 4.1.2 Four themes were developed from the engagement as priority areas:
- Liveable
 - Sustainable
 - Achieving together
 - Creative
- 4.1.3 Key commitments are:
- inclusion,
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture,
 - supporting local,
 - our planet,
 - innovation, and
 - social justice principles.
- 4.1.4 The draft plan is currently on public exhibition. The plan has been strongly promoted and approximately 500 submissions have been received to date.

5. Environmental Strategy Renewal

- 5.1 Heather Stevens provided an overview, during the presentation it was noted that:
- 5.1.1 There is a strategic need to renew CN's existing environmental strategy to align with regional and state policy as well as addressing future challenges. Strategic priority areas include:
- Action on climate change,
 - Harnessing nature-based solutions, and
 - Driving a circular economy.
- 5.1.2 The updated strategy will be presented to Council for consideration to place on public exhibition. Engagement is currently underway with specialist stakeholders.
- 5.1.3 The Committee participated in a Menti engagement session which focussed on members priorities and actions to overcome challenges.
- 5.1.4 A copy of the discussion paper will be circulated to the Committee. An update including presentation of the action plan will be provided to the next meeting.

6. Meeting Schedule for 2022

- 6.1 The Committee will meet in April, July and October 2022 in the Lord Mayor's Reception Room, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West

7. General Business

- 7.1 Clint Thomson acknowledged the detailed presentations provided to the Committee, and that he is looking forward to participating to the Committee in the year ahead.

8. Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 5.30pm, Wednesday 6 April 2022 in the Lord Mayor's Reception Room, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West.

Meeting closed 7.15pm.