

# Minutes

## Liveable Cities Advisory Committee

<b>Date:</b> 1 October 2019	<b>Time:</b> 5.30pm – 8.03pm	<b>Venue:</b> City Hall, Level 2 Lord Mayor's Reception Room
<b>Meeting No:</b> 2	<b>Meeting Objective:</b> Liveable Cities Advisory Committee	

### 1. Welcome

#### 1.1 Attendance

Cr John MacKenzie – Chairperson  
Cr John Church  
Cr Peta Winney-Baartz  
Sue Anne Ware – University of Newcastle  
Rachel Cogger – Urban Development Institute of Australia  
Kristi Jorgensen – Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation  
Dr Steven Fleming – community member  
David Moir – community member  
David Clarke – Director Governance  
Priscilla Emmett – Acting Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment  
Kerry Edson – Executive Assistant to Director Governance - Minute Taker

#### 1.2 Apologies

Michelle Bisson – Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment  
Steve O'Connor – Planning Institute of Australia

#### 1.3 Guests

Nathaniel Bavinton – Smart City Coordinator  
Patricia McCarthy – Urban Planning Coordinator

### 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

#### 2.1 None.

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

- 3.1 Minutes of the first Liveable Cities Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting of 6 August 2019 were moved by Cr MacKenzie and seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz.
- 3.2 The minutes will be placed on City of Newcastle's (CN) website.
- 3.3 The actions arising are confirmed.

### 4. Smart Cities Presentation

- 4.1 A presentation on Smart Cities was given by Nathaniel Bavinton.
- 4.2 Members discussed elements of CN's work on Smart Cities which related to Newcastle as a 'liveable city'. Members highlighted four issues of interest which could benefit from Smart City related monitoring and innovation (with Nathaniel noting that these could be explored through Smart Cities 'living lab' framework).

- Cycleway usage and update
- Urban heat island effect
- Air quality monitoring
- Pedestrian flows in public spaces

## **5. Local Strategic Planning Strategy**

- 5.1 A presentation on the preliminary engagement results for the Local Strategic Planning Strategy (LSPS) was given by Patricia McCarthy.
- 5.2 Members discussed the timing for finalisation of the LSPS and opportunities for further LCAC input. Members highlighted several issues of interest, including the LSPS implantation plan, transport, green spaces, trees and streetscape.

## **6. Heritage Working Party**

- 6.1 The first meeting of the Heritage Working Party was held on 27 September 2019.
- 6.2 Members discussed the review of the Heritage Strategy and noted the Working Party may need to meet 3-4 more times with a view to finalising the new Strategy by June / July 2020.

## **7. Cycleways Working Party**

- 7.1 The first meeting of the Cycleways Working Party was held on 25 September 2019.
- 7.2 Members discussed the strategic repositioning of cycleways / cycling through the new Strategy, including a broader focus on active transport, along with aligning CN's work with Lake Macquarie Council which is also reviewing its cycleways strategy and noted the intent to finalise the new Strategy by June / July 2020.

## **8. Affordable Living Working Party**

- 8.1 Members noted the Newcastle Affordable Living Plan was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2018 and a focus group has since done extensive work.
- 8.2 Affordable Living is also access to jobs and distance to shops and further discussions as it is not just affordable housing.
- 8.3 The Committee:
  - a) Resolved to establish the Newcastle Affordable Living Working Party (NALWP) to provide strategic guidance on the implementation of the Newcastle Affordable Living Plan and input to the draft Local Housing Strategy.
  - b) Adopted the Terms of Reference as below.
  - c) Endorsed the following membership of the NALWP:
    - Working Party Chairperson – Cr Peta Winney-Baartz
    - Advisory Committee Member – Kristi Jorgensen
    - Coordinator – CN's Urban Planner
    - CN Officers – Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment (or delegate), Manager Corporate and Community Planning (or delegate)
    - Representatives of each of the following stakeholder organisations:
      - Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation
      - Property Council of Australia
      - University of Newcastle
      - Compass Housing

- Hunter Tenants
- Hunter Research Foundation
- NewCoh
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Planning professionals (Willana Associates, CityPlan)

d) Disband the NALWP at the earlier of:

- The day prior to the Ordinary Council election in 2020
- A date determined by the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee

8.4 The Committee also agreed to invite Jenny Cameron, Associate Professor in Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Newcastle to the Working Party.

## 9. Youth Mock Council

9.1 David Clarke advised that CN's Youth Mock Council recently passed a motion focused on improving public spaces for people with disabilities, which Council resolved to refer to the Committee for consideration.

9.2 ACTION – David Clarke to distribute the Youth Mock Council resolution.

## 10. GNMP Catalyst Areas

10.1 ACTION – David Clarke to distribute information about the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan Catalyst Areas.

## 11. General Business

11.1 Kristie Jorgensen spoke about work being done by Landcom with several Sydney Councils regarding affordable housing. Sue Anne Ware noted the University of Newcastle contact for research in this space is Michael Parsons. Kristi Jorgensen will liaise with her contacts at Landcom to seek further information.

11.2 The Committee discussed CN's Urban Forestry policy and the need for it to be updated and noted the importance of urban forestry, including in relation to the urban heat island effect, and noted the significance of trees and greenery highlighted by respondents to the recent LSPS engagement.

11.3 ACTION – Urban Forestry Plan to be discussed at the next LCAC meeting.

11.4 The Committee discussed CN's current program of upgrading Local Centres, and the relevance of this program from a liveable cities perspective.

11.5 ACTION – Invite Local Centres team to the next LCAC meeting to present on the local centres upgrade program.

11.6 The Committee noted the various initiatives underway, including the work being undertaken by the Working Parties and highlighted the need for the Committee to potentially meet more regularly than on a quarterly basis.

11.7 ACTION – Chair and Facilitator to discuss the need for an additional Committee meeting prior to the end of the year.

## 12. Closing

12.1 Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 5.30pm in City Hall, Level 2, Lord Mayor's Reception Room.

12.2 Meeting closed at 8.03pm.

  
Chairperson  
Cr Mackenzie