



THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE



BRIEFING COMMITTEE

Councillors,

In accordance with section 367 of the Local Government Act, 1993 notice is hereby given that a Briefing Committee Meeting will be held on:

DATE: Tuesday 16 February 2016

TIME: Following the Public Voice Committee

VENUE: Council Chambers
2nd Floor
City Hall
290 King Street
Newcastle NSW 2300

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Interim Chief Executive Officer

**City Administration Centre
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NEWCASTLE NSW 2300**

5 February 2016

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**BRIEFING COMMITTEE
16 February 2016**

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BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM-1 **BR 16/02/16 - DRAFT HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN**

REPORT BY: **PLANNING AND REGULATORY**
CONTACT: **DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATORY / MANAGER**
 STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES

PURPOSE

Representatives from the Department of Planning and Environment will provide a briefing on the *Draft Hunter Regional Plan* and *Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City*.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Planning and Environment have prepared a *Draft Hunter Regional Plan* to replace the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy, Mid-North Coast Regional Strategy and Upper Hunter Strategic Regional Land Use Plan. The Draft Regional Plan applies to 11 local government areas: Cessnock, Dungog, Gloucester, Great Lakes, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton and Upper Hunter.

A *Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City* has also been released by the Department as a companion document to the Draft Regional Plan.

The draft plans outline a vision, goals and actions that aim to:

- create a new major city
- grow the Hunter economy
- protect the environment
- deliver greater housing choice
- establish a committee to drive the coordination and delivery of the actions in the Plans.

Both documents are currently on public exhibition. Staff are preparing a submission on the draft plans which will be reported to Councillors for consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 March 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

The briefing be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

ITEM-2 BR 16/02/16 - STREET TREE SELECTION MANUAL

REPORT BY: INFRASTRUCTURE
CONTACT: ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE / MANAGER
INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

PURPOSE

To present the outcomes of the Street Tree Selection Manual public exhibition period to Councillors.

BACKGROUND

On 8 December 2015, Council resolved that:

- A Council resolves to place the Street Tree Selection Manual on public exhibition for a period of 28 days (**Attachment A**).

- B Council receives a public briefing from Council Officers on the Street Tree Master Plan prior to the February 2016 Ordinary Council meeting.

The Street Tree Selection Manual was placed on public exhibition from Monday 14 December 2015 to Monday 11 January 2016. In accordance with Part B of the resolution, Council officers will present the outcomes of the public exhibition to Councillors in a public briefing.

RECOMMENDATION

The briefing be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Council resolution of 8 December 2015.

Attachment A

ACTION ITEM

Ordinary Council
8 December 2015

SUBJECT: STREET TREE SELECTION MANUAL

RESOLVED: (Councillors Doyle/Osborne)

- A Council resolves to place the Street Tree Selection Manual on public exhibition for a period of 28 days (**Attachment A**).
- B Council receives a public briefing from Council Officers on the Street Tree Master Plan prior to the February 2016 Ordinary Council meeting.