



## 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 6 December 2016

**TIME:** 5.30pm

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

Frank Cordingley  
Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer

**City Administration Centre  
282 King Street  
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300**

25 November 2016

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**06 December 2016**

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**BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM-10**                      **BR 6/12/16 - NEWCASTLE HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT BY:**                **PLANNING AND REGULATORY**  
**CONTACT:**                 **ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATORY /**  
**MANAGER DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING**

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**PURPOSE**

Representatives from the Newcastle International Hockey Centre will provide a briefing on the proposed future redevelopment plans for the Centre.

**BACKGROUND**

Newcastle Hockey Association Limited was formed in 1985 with the purpose of establishing a Centre of excellence for Newcastle field hockey players. Newcastle International Hockey Centre Limited (name changed in 1991) has been in operation since 1989 and was established as a regional Hockey Centre in agreement with Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland City Councils. The Centre presently caters for over 400,000 players and spectators annually.

On the 5th October 2016, Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast Scot MacDonald MLC announced funding of \$10 million for the redevelopment of the Centre. The redevelopment will:

- provide grandstand covered seating
- more change rooms
- a full set of amenities on the southern field
- rainwater tanks to provide grey water for toilets
- an upgrade to the watering system and lighting
- security fencing and car parks along the western side of the site and internally

The funds will assist in making the Centre a world class venue, capable of attracting and hosting not just local, but state, national and international events.

A development application is currently being prepared for consideration by Council early in the new year. It is hoped that the redevelopment works will be completed in 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The briefing be received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**ITEM-11                    BR 06/12/16 - HABITAT III CONFERENCE ECUADOR  
PRESENTATION**

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

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**PURPOSE**

Council Michael Osborne and Manager Strategic Planning will brief Council on the Habitat III conference held in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016.

**BACKGROUND**

In September 2016 Council resolved to accept the invitation to participate in the United Nations Conference, Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador and present a report to Council following Habitat III that outlines the learnings and opportunities presented.

Council further resolved in October 2016 that an open briefing be presented as soon as practicable after the return of Council's representatives.

A report to Council will be considered at the Ordinary Council meeting on 13 December 2016.

The presentation will provide an overview of the New Urban Agenda adopted at the conference, the conference program and key learnings and opportunities for Newcastle City Council to apply the learnings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The briefing be received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.