

**ITEM-80 CCL 27/09/22 – HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL
PLANNING PANEL ALTERNATIVE MEMBERSHIP**

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PURPOSE

To approve the process for the appointment of City of Newcastle (CN) alternate representatives to the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel when required.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 Authorises City of Newcastle's Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Lord Mayor and Councillor representatives to the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel (HCCRPP) to determine staff or independent alternative representatives to the HCCRPP when Councillor appointed representatives or alternative representatives have declared a conflict of interest or conflict of duties or where they are otherwise unavailable to represent CN on the HCCRPP.

KEY ISSUES

- 2 The HCCRPP Secretariat at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has provided advice that CN can appoint two (2) alternate representatives to represent CN on the HCCRPP on occasions where Councillor appointed representatives or alternative representatives have declared a conflict of interest or conflict of duties or where they are otherwise unavailable to sit.
- 3 CN's Chief Executive Officer and Councillor representatives to the HCCRPP would be required to ensure staff or independent alternative representatives are suitably qualified or otherwise meet the requirements of the HCCRPP Secretariat.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 There will be a minor cost from time to time to appoint a suitably qualified planning expert, which will be met from within approved relevant budgets.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- 5 Councillor representation on the HCCRPP is consistent with the strategic directions of the Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan.

Creative

- 3.4 City-shaping partnerships
 - 3.4.1 Optimise city opportunities

Achieving Together

- 4.2 Trust and transparency
 - 4.2.1 Genuine engagement
- 4.3 Collaboration and innovative approach
 - 4.3.3 Data-driven decision-making and insights

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/IMPLICATIONS

- 6 CN will write to the HCCRPP advising of CN's temporary representatives.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

- 7 CN intends to appoint suitably qualified alternative representatives to the HCCRPP.

RELATED PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 8 At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 January 2022, Council resolved to appoint Councillor representatives to the HCCRPP.

CONSULTATION

- 9 The Lord Mayor and Councillor representatives to the HCCRPP will be consulted on each occasion there is a proposal to appoint an alternate representative other than a Councillor to the HCCRPP. A Councillor memo will also be issued to inform all Councillors who has been appointed as CN's alternative representative.

BACKGROUND

- 10 Nil.

OPTIONS

Option 1

- 11 The recommendation as at Paragraph 1. This is the recommended option.

Option 2

- 12 Council does not endorse the recommendation as at Paragraph 1. This is not the recommended option.

REFERENCES

ATTACHMENTS

Nil