

Minutes

Liveable Cities Advisory Committee



Date: 29 November	Time: 5.30pm – 7:30pm	Venue: LMRR1, Level 6, City of Newcastle, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West
Meeting No: 16	Meeting Objective: Liveable Cities Advisory Committee To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies and identification of challenges and opportunities about urban planning, heritage, safety, affordable housing and healthy and connected urban systems within the Local Government Area (LGA)	

1. Welcome

1.1 Attendance

Councillor Dr John Mackenzie	Chair
Councillor Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk	City of Newcastle Councillor
Kristi Jorgensen	Department of Regional NSW
Steve O'Connor	Planning Institute of Australia
Michael Nolan	Home in Place / UDIA
Michelle Bisson	CN Executive Director Planning and Environment
David Moir	Community Representative
Kylie Reay-Reilly	CN Executive Assistant
Tim Walsh	CN Senior Urban Planner
Lisa Davis	CN Social Planner
Simone Soeters	CN Social Planner
Shane Cahill	CN Urban Planning Section Manager
Rod Garcia	CN AV Specialist

1.2 Apologies

Lord Mayor Councillor Nuatali Nelmes	City of Newcastle Lord Mayor
Councillor John Church	City of Newcastle Councillor
Councillor Margaret Wood	City of Newcastle Councillor
Sparrow Katekar	Community Representative
Wendy Banister	Community Representative
Sue Anne Ware	University of Newcastle

1.3 Introductions

- Welcome to Country
- Brief introductions of members and guests

1.4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- No declarations raised

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

- Minutes from the LCAC meeting #15 on 6 September 2022 were supported and approved
- Actions list from previous meeting completed, no items to carry over

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3. Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy and Local Social Strategy

Presentation by Simone Soeters and Lisa Davis

[Report and Presentation - Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy and Local Social Strategy](#)

- Simone and Lisa gave an overview of the Newcastle 2040 and Social Planning Framework, which is created under the Community Strategic Plan and will roll out under Newcastle 2040. Is a suite of planning documents aimed at positive outcomes for the community, particularly key groups and cohorts.

Within the emerging social planning framework are the following:

- **Local Social Strategy – 2022-30**
 - *Remove barriers to inclusion and equal opportunity*
 - *Encourage community connection and participation*
 - *Celebrate our rich social and cultural diversity*
 - *Strengthen community health and wellbeing*
- **Social Infrastructure Strategy – 2022-26**
 - *Strategic approach to delivery of infrastructure independently or in partnership*
 - *Evidence base for coordinated infrastructure improvement*
 - *Position for collaborative funding and partnership opportunities*
 - *Governance for access and use by community*
 - *Disability Inclusion Action Plan*
- Social Infrastructure Strategy – Bringing our people together. The presentation included:
 - Our Aim, Our Vision, Impact
 - Community consultation
 - Public exhibition
 - Strategic priorities
 - Action items
- Local Social Strategy – Newcastle, a place for everyone. The presentation included:
 - Community engagement
 - Strategic priorities
 - Action items
 - Public exhibition
 - Have your say

Social Infrastructure Strategy – Bringing our people together – It was acknowledged in an LMM that CN needed to create a strategic plan.

LMM - CN acknowledges that social infrastructure is just as vital for economic prosperity as it is for social wellbeing, and that quality social infrastructure benefits the entire community and plays a significant role in enhancing the lives of people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities (LMM 25/06/2019).

Lisa explained the reason they are presenting to LCAC today – it is the end of the extensive engagement period and in the lead up to the development of the two strategies, they have used feedback, best practice and research to pull that into the strategies. They are now asking LCAC during the public exhibition period, if they got it right? Taking into account community feedback and councils direct and best practice, they are encouraging LCAC to take up the opportunity to review and give feedback via a submission or meeting, regarding any amendments required.

Question – Kristi Jorgensen – Hoping to understand what the distinction between the two and why they sit separately?

A. One strategy looks at infrastructure and the other focus' on programming, although there is crossover

between them, along with other strategies eg Disability Inclusion Strategy. There is only two actions out of 43 actions that duplicate within the strategies.

Comment – Councillor Dr Adamczyk – Acknowledged the work staff put into creating strategies, and the information, depth of engagement and communication given to Councillors in the lead up to the adoption of strategies.

Question – Kristi Jorgensen – Are these strategies being adopted with funding requested.

A. Both strategies are the first to be considered by Council fully costed and have been to the expenditure review committee. Costing / funding is over four years with a broken-down annual budget.

4. Infrastructure Incentive Policy

Presentation by Tim Walsh

[Presentation - Infrastructure Incentive Policy](#)

- Tim gave an overview of the Community Infrastructure Incentives in Wickham Planning Proposal – Gateway Determination and next steps.

The presentation included:

Background:

- Community Infrastructure Incentives in Wickham endorsed for public exhibition in March 2022 and submitted for Gateway Determination.
- PP – for an increase in development where development involves the delivery of community infrastructure.
- Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) advised PP may require changes.
- Gateway Determination received 4 November 2022.
- Exhibition – Must commence by 21 February 2023, finalization by 4 November 2023.

Key changes:

- Aim of the PP is to insert a new clause in the LEP to implement the WMP 2021
- The approach is to have the Community Infrastructure Clause supported by a separate Community Infrastructure Plan
- Community Infrastructure Plan allows a level of flexibility – it can support our precinct-approach and does not need to be endorsed by the DPE
- No changes are proposed to the sites identified for uplift, the incentive HOB/FSR controls, the incentive GFA rate, the community infrastructure to be delivered or how the community infrastructure will be delivered

Next steps:

- Councillor workshop to provide update on Tuesday 6 December 2022.
- Amended Planning Proposal and new Community Infrastructure Plan for exhibition in early 2023.
- Place amended PP and Community Infrastructure Plan on public exhibition for community comment.
- Report back for adoption in 2023.

Further discussion around additional precincts other than Broadmeadow will be identified. Strategic lead outcomes – catalyst, urban growth and green corridors. Wickham Masterplan and VPA's. Ensuring priorities are spread equally across the LGA and is inclusive of the diversity of the

community. Confirmation that the methodology and calculations of the determination has not been questioned.

A Councillor workshop will be held next week and exhibition will commence early next year, and will seek Councils endorsement later next year.

5. Broadmeadow Precinct Update

Presentation by Michelle Bisson

- Michelle gave a general Broadmeadow update. The presentation included the following:
 - Hunter Regional Plan 2036
 - Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036
 - Newcastle Local Strategic Planning Statement
 - Draft Hunter Regional Plan 2041
 - Map of Broadmeadow Precinct Boundary
 - Maps of Venues NSW Hunter Park Masterplan
 - Next steps

Further discussion around how critical it is that we get the development of this suburb right. Importance of engagement, internally and externally. Transparency with stakeholders, especially NSW Harness Racing, Venues NSW.

Michael Nolan left the meeting.

6. PTR other matters

Presentation by Michelle Bisson and Shane Cahill

- DCP Review – The DCP Update presentation included the following:
 - Working Party
 - DCP Progress
- Affordable Housing and Working Party Status – The Affordable Housing and Working Party Status presentation included the following:
 - Working Party Status update
 - CN recent work in the area of housing
 - Mechanisms
- Housing Policy – The Housing Policy presentation included the following:
 - The Housing Policy – Adopted 2021
 - Housing Policy changes
 - Recent CN work in the area of housing

Further discussions around Renewal Corridors DCP component. Feedback – it is important to reference the importance from a social aspect. We can expect the community to submit submissions on this subject. Further work will be done with the affordable housing working party and with the Social strategies.

7. Membership – LCAC representative Newcastle Ocean Baths Community Reference Group

- Request for membership in addition to Councillors membership. *Councillor Mackenzie sought confirmation from LCAC members that they are happy to continue their membership into the new year. All present members agreed to continue their membership.*

8. General Business

- Updated Terms of Reference (TOR) – Have been published on the CN website.
- Brief Summary 2022 – The summary presentation included a summary of items discussed in the LCAC meetings for 2022:

February 2022 – feedback and input

- Hunter Regional Plan – submission
- Affordable Housing – increase, controls
- Land and Housing Corporation MoU
- Community Strategic Plan
- Working Parties for 2022 – Cycling and Affordable Housing
- Terms of Reference (TOR)

June 2022 – feedback and input

- Accelerated DA Project
- DPE Employment Zones Reform – B1/B2 zone
- DCP Review and Working Party – accessibility, reduce urban heat
- Broadmeadow Catalyst Area – Planning
- Broadmeadow Place Strategy – proposal
- Former HCCDC land – CN classification

September 2022 – feedback and input

- Accelerated DA Project – trial
- Development Control Plan Stage 1
- DCP Working Party – Stage 1 and Stage 2
- Broadmeadow Catalyst Area – precinct, studies, draft strategy
- Greater Cities Commission – City and Region Plans
- Maintenance and Management of Land Parcel
- Our Sustainable Waste Strategy
- Cycling Working Party

Agenda dates and Topics for 2023

- Tuesday 7 March 2023
 - Tuesday 6 June 2023
 - Tuesday 5 September 2023
 - Tuesday 28 November 2023
- Outdoor Trading Policy Review
- DCP – Stage 3
- Broadmeadow Strategy
- Environment Strategy
- Cultural Precinct

Further discussion on the working parties - Michelle confirmed from a strategic perspective that they are highly beneficial. Kristi proposed detailed workshops as an option to assist in the developing of strategies and projects. Better use of time in the meeting was suggested by Councillor Adamczyk by prereading information before the meeting to allow adequate time to brainstorm within the meeting.

- Cycling Working Party
- Affordable Housing Working Party
- Development Control Plan Working Party
- (PROPOSED) Broadmeadow Place Strategy Working Party

9. Closing

- Councillor Mackenzie thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.
- Meeting closed at 7:40pm

Chairperson
Councillor Dr John MacKenzie