

<b>Date:</b> 4 August 2020	<b>Time:</b> 5.30pm – 7.15pm	<b>Venue:</b> Zoom video meeting
<b>Meeting No:</b> 6	<b>Meeting Objective:</b> Liveable Cities Advisory Committee	

### 1. Welcome

#### 1.1 Attendance

Cr John MacKenzie – Chairperson  
Cr John Church  
Cr Peta Winney-Baartz  
Steve O'Connor – Planning Institute of Australia  
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  
Michelle Bisson – Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment  
Kerry Edson – Executive Assistant to Director Governance – Secretary

#### 1.2 Apologies

Sue Anne Ware – University of Newcastle

#### 1.3 Guests

Adam Clarke – Program and Sustainability Coordinator  
Simon Grierson – Manager Transport and Compliance

### 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

2.1 No conflicts of interest declared.

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

3.1 Minutes of the fourth Liveable Cities Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting of 4 February 2020 were moved by Cr Winney-Baartz and seconded by Cr MacKenzie.

3.2 The minutes will be placed on City of Newcastle's (CN) website.

3.3 The actions arising are confirmed.

### 4. Presentation on 2025 Newcastle Climate Action Plan

4.1 A presentation on the Draft 2025 Newcastle Climate Action Plan (Plan) was given by Adam Clarke.

4.2 The Plan is on public exhibition from 3 August – 31 August 2020.

4.3 A report will go back to Council in October 2020 for adoption of the Plan.

4.4 The Plan fits in with the NSW government's Net Zero Plan 2020 – 2030.

- 4.5 Questions were asked about City of Newcastle's (CN) upgrading its car fleet to electric vehicles.
- 4.6 ACTION – LCAC to make a submission on the Plan via out-of-session. Cr MacKenzie to circulate to the Committee for comment.

## **5. Cycling Strategy and Parking Strategy**

- 5.1 A presentation on City of Newcastle's Cycling Strategy and Parking Strategy was given by Simon Grierson.
- 5.2 This is an early stage engagement with LCAC members for their views and comments on these very important strategies.
- 5.3 Both the cycling strategy and the parking strategy are key contributors to the City.
- 5.4 These strategies are aligned with the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan and the Newcastle Transport Strategy.
- 5.5 A cycling survey was carried out in April and May 2020 and CN received well over 2,000 responses to it.
- 5.6 Some of the comments that were raised regarding cycling and parking:
- Footpaths are taken over by developments which impacts on cyclists.
  - Vehicles parking on the footpath impacting on cycling and walking.
  - Managing parking around schools.
  - Town centres parking compared to shopping centres.
  - Lowering of speed limits.
  - COVID-19 has brought some positive changes regarding cycling uptake.
- 5.7 The same presentation will be given to the Strategy and Innovation Advisory Committee this evening for their views and comments.
- 5.8 ACTION – David Clarke to send the information on the trial project carried out on Honeysuckle Drive Newcastle.
- 5.9 ACTION – Simon Grierson to report back to LCAC in the next month or so with an update on both strategies.

## **6. Urban Planning Update**

- 6.1 An Urban Planning update was given by Michelle Bisson.
- 6.2 There are a range of projects with a liveability component which are planned to be progressed in the next 12 months. We will be seeking feedback from the LCAC to ensure the projects deliver the desired liveability outcomes for CN.
- 6.3 Liveability Index – a meeting has been held with Michelle Bisson, Sue Anne Ware and Kristi Jorgensen to discuss the proposed index which is considered to be a good LCAC initiative. Input being sought from Community, Strategy and Innovation to align with overall CN corporate reporting.
- 6.4 ACTION – Michelle Bisson will follow up with Community, Strategy and Innovation and communicate back to Sue Anne and Kristi in the first instance.
- 6.5 Contributions Plan Review – currently being reviewed - improve the implementation of the contributions system and delivery of local infrastructure.

- 6.6 Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme – increasing Affordable Housing for those on low to moderate incomes.
- 6.7 Local Housing Strategy – the public exhibition of this draft strategy is from 21 August – 21 September 2020 and will be reported to Council for endorsement. Expected finalisation late 2020.
- 6.8 ACTION: Michelle Bisson to circulate the Draft Local Housing Strategy to LCAC members.
- 6.9 Character Statements – action in the LHS. Ensure development positively contributes to desired future character. Suburb character review - commencing with Tighes Hill, Denison Street, Hamilton and Kotara.
- 6.10 DCP Health Check – comprehensive review proposed.
- 6.11 Wickham Masterplan – review of infrastructure to be provided following Subsidence Advisory NSW advice regarding additional grouting costs in Wickham.

## **7. Working Parties Update**

- 7.1 Most of these have been on hold due to COVID-19.
- 7.2 Heritage Working Party – the Draft Heritage Strategy was endorsed by Council in May 2020 following Heritage Working Party input. The exhibition was in July 2020. Further engagement with Heritage Working Party and Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee proposed and will be reported to Council in September for adoption.
- 7.3 Cycling Working Party will meet shortly to discuss the draft Cycling Strategy.
- 7.4 Affordable Housing Working Party proposed to meet soon. The Draft Housing Strategy has been endorsed by Council for public exhibition from 21 August – 21 September 2020.

## **8. General Business**

### ***Broadmeadow Locomotive Depot***

- 8.1 A virtual site tour of the Broadmeadow Locomotive site was given today by TfNSW to members of the LCAC.
- 8.2 This site is on the edge of the catalyst area. Some components of the site are heritage and several proposed uses for the site have been put forward to TfNSW. TfNSW are very interested in involving CN.
- 8.3 TfNSW have made no decisions yet as to what to do with the site.
- 8.4 ACTION – Kerry Edson to speak to TfNSW to see if LCAC members would be able to get a copy of the presentation if possible.

### ***Other***

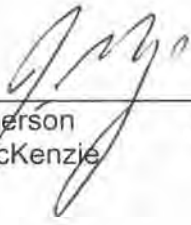
- 8.5 Kristi Jorgensen wanted to acknowledge the hard work that CN employees had been doing even with the COVID-19 constrictions. The work that Adam Clarke had done on the Climate Action Plan, Simon Grierson working on the cycling and parking strategies and Kerry Edson for all the organising of the Broadmeadow Locomotive tour. It is a credit to the employees of CN for all the work they are performing. Cr MacKenzie also thanked Kerry Edson for the organisation of the Broadmeadow Locomotive tour and sorting out this LCAC meeting via zoom.

8.6 ACTION: David Clarke, Michelle Bisson and Cr MacKenzie to discuss the LCAC workplan for 2020/21.

**9. Closing**

9.1 Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 5.30pm and venue to be confirmed.

9.2 Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

  
Chairperson  
Cr MacKenzie

4.11.2020