

<b>Date:</b> 2 February 2021	<b>Time:</b> 5.35pm – 7.45pm	<b>Venue:</b> City Hall, Hunter Room, Level 2
<b>Meeting No:</b> 8	<b>Meeting Objective:</b> Liveable Cities Advisory Committee	

### 1. Welcome

#### 1.1 Attendance

Cr John MacKenzie – Chairperson  
Cr John Church  
Steve O'Connor – Planning 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

Cr Peta Winney-Baartz  
Rachel Cogger – Urban Development Institute of Australia  
Sue Anne Ware – University of Newcastle

#### 1.3 Guests

Patricia McCarthy – Urban Planning Section Manager  
Stella Fielding – Urban Planner  
Luke Kennington – Urban Planner  
Kelly Arnott – Corporate Strategist  
Karen Taaffe – Corporate Analyst

### 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 seventh Liveable Cities Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting of 3 November 2020 were moved by Cr Church and adopted.

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

3.3 The actions arising are confirmed. David Clarke noted that several items are on the agenda for discussion, with others being a lower priority at this stage so have not progressed. Cr MacKenzie noted that the LCAC submission to the Draft Climate Action Plan did not proceed.

### 4. Liveability

#### Liveability Index

4.1 Presentation given by David Clarke about the work the LCAC sub-committee had done in 2020 to explore the liveability index.

- 4.10 The new CSP was discussed at the recent Councillor Strategic workshop and consultation will occur up until October 2021 in readiness for the newly elected Councillors. Another workshop will be held in November 2021 to brief the new Councillors. Public exhibition will be from December 2021 to January 2022 with adoption in February 2022.
- 4.11 Kelly Arnott highlighted that liveable is under consideration as a theme for the new CSP but asked – is liveable the right theme, need to define what Liveable means for Newcastle, what are the priorities for Liveable Newcastle and how do we measure Liveable Newcastle.
- 4.12 Defining Liveable Newcastle – By 2040 our City will have walkable neighbourhoods, with diverse housing, linked by safe options for active and public transport, enabling access to services and facilities. Attractive streets and open spaces will bring people together to connect socially and support local living.
- 4.13 ACTION: Invite Kelly Arnott to the LCAC May meeting for an update on progress with the CSP renewal, particularly regarding the Liveable Newcastle theme.

### **Economic Development Strategy (EDS)**

- 4.14 Presentation given by David Clarke.
- 4.15 David Clarke outlined a new EDS is being prepared by CN, with input from the Strategy and Innovation Advisory Committee.
- 4.16 All levels of government have a role to play in responding to the economic crisis caused by COVID-19. The EDS is designed to provide Local Government leadership in Newcastle's long-term response.
- 4.17 Stakeholder engagement was held throughout November and December 2020. A draft plan to be considered for public exhibition in early 2021. Kristy Jorgensen noted the engagement report only highlights community and stakeholder engagement, and that engagement was also undertaken with HCCDC and State agencies which will need to be considered too.
- 4.18 ACTION: A copy of the draft EDS will be circulated to the LCAC members once approved by Council for public exhibition.

### **Sustainable Newcastle Strategy (SNS)**

- 4.19 The SNS will revise and repeal CN's Newcastle Environmental Management Strategy (NEMS). The SNS will be CN's overarching environmental strategy, defining priority environmental actions over the next 10 years.
- 4.20 The SNS will focus on how a 'Sustainable City' contributes to the liveability of our City. The key themes are:
- Resource Efficient City – zero emissions city, zero waste city
  - Green Liveable City – green city, water sensitive city, healthy city
  - Resilient City
- 4.21 The draft plan is to be considered for public exhibition in the second quarter of 2021.
- 4.22 ACTION: Invite relevant CN officers to the LCAC May meeting to brief them on the SNS.
- 4.23 ACTION: A copy of the SNS will be circulated to the LCAC members once approved by Council for public exhibition.

5.12 Input is requested from LCAC at two stages:

- Pilot project initiation – provide feedback on project objectives and scope to refine the pilot scheme, including the proposed communications and engagement approach.
- Pilot review – evaluate the pilot once completed in Tighes Hill to ensure the methodology is replicable, efficient and effective to repeat across the LGA.

5.13 Communications and Engagement will include – workshops with Tighes Hill residents facilitated by Consultants engaged by CN and material and information developed to run engagement in house for the following stages.

5.14 ACTION: Invite Stella Fielding to the LCAC August meeting for an update on the Tighes Hill pilot character study.

## 6. Working Parties Update

6.1 No update at this meeting.

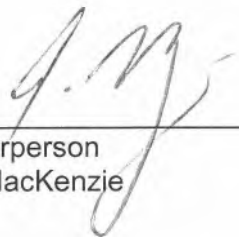
## 7. General Business

7.1 Nil.

## 8. Closing

8.1 Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 5.30pm at City Hall, Hunter Room, Level 2.

8.2 Meeting closed at 7.45pm.



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Chairperson  
Cr MacKenzie