

# Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee (HAAC) Wednesday, 23 October 2019 meeting

Level 5, Meeting Room 1, Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield 2131

## **Minutes**

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

### 1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
David Collins-White (DC-W - Chair)	Jon Atkins (JA - Convenor)	
Hazel Blunden (HB)	David Birds (DB – Group Manager Strategic	
	Planning)	
Julia Murray (JM)		
Ashvin Parameswaran (AP)		
Michael Zanardo (MZ)		

### 2. Chairperson

DC-W

#### 3. Acknowledgment of Country

DC-W welcomed participants to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

#### 4. Healthy Aging Workshop (6.40pm)

- Facilitator, Johanne Gallagher (Community and Cultural Planning Coordinator), received feedback from members on a range of issues related to healthy aging.
- 5. **Apologies** (7.15pm)

• Paul Adabie (PA) and Rachael Haggett (RH).

#### 6. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

#### 7. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

• A quorum was achieved.

#### 8. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

- Minutes for the 30 September 2019 meeting were endorsed unanimously.
- There were three actions arising:
  - a) Teleconference on 2 October 2019 regarding an Affordable Housing Fund and other projects;
  - b) Circulation of references on Community Housing Trusts to members; and
  - c) HAAC's LSPS submission.
- Actions (a) and (b) have been addressed. Action (c) is still outstanding. Deadline for LSPS submissions is 27 October 2019. Refer to item 8 below.

#### **Discussion items**

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
Item 8 Teleconference	<ul> <li>DC-W and HB held a teleconference with a number of Councillors on 2 October 2019.</li> <li>Participants supported the establishment of an Affordable Housing Fund.</li> <li>DC-W and HB recommended that a guarantee be provided so that accumulated funds be dedicated to maintenance and affordable housing supply.</li> <li>Recommendations from members included the establishment of a Program of Works and that Council enable interest on accumulated funds to be generated.</li> <li>Members reaffirmed their support for the Hay Street carpark redevelopment proposal in partnership with Link Housing.</li> <li>Council's decision to sell Chester Street carpark by tender was discussed.</li> <li>It was noted that Council's CEO had received HAAC's correspondence positively.</li> </ul>	DC-W to arrange a meeting with the CEO. DC-W and JM to attend this meeting on behalf of HAAC and report back to members. (Completed)	CEO met with DC-W and JM on 7 November 2019.

Item 9 Submission on Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)	<ul> <li>A draft LSPS submission was tabled and discussed. A recommendation of the wording of Planning Priority 6, outcome (m) is to be included in the submission.</li> <li>Deadline for submissions on draft LSPS was 27 October 2019. DB noted that HAAC could be given an extension of a week or so to lodge its submission.</li> </ul>	MZ to (a) incorporate any additional comments received from members by 27 October (b) circulate updated submission to members for approval and (c) lodge submission with Urban Strategy team in early November 2019. Also the Urban Strategy team to be informed about HAAC lodging a late submission. (Completed)	Submission lodged with Council on 8 November 2019.
Item 10 Review of Affordable Housing Policy (AHP)	<ul> <li>An Affordable Housing Discussion Paper was tabled. It referred to a number of planning and non-planning measures to help increase affordable housing supply as recommended by the draft Housing Strategy and the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.</li> <li>Members were encouraged to provide feedback on the Discussion Paper to JA by the end of October.</li> <li>Following consultations with stakeholders, the review of the AHP is expected to be completed in early 2020.</li> </ul>	Members to provide feedback on the Discussion Paper to JA by end of October 2019. (Completed).	N/A
Item 11 Report on Shelter NSW's discussion paper	<ul> <li>MZ reported on Shelter NSW's document <u>Developing a shared contemporary vision and narrative that defines a sustainable and effective housing system for New South Wales</u>, August 2019.</li> <li>The consultation period related to this paper appears to have concluded.</li> </ul>	HAAC to discuss (a) endorsing Shelter NSW's paper at its next meeting and (b) if Council should also endorse Shelter NSW's paper.	N/A
Item 12 Other Business	It was agreed that an end of year social event be organised for members prior to Christmas.	HB to investigate best time and venue with members.  (Completed)	N/A
Item 13 Next meeting	To be determined.		

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.