



# INNER WEST COUNCIL

## Agenda

**Group name:** Transport Advisory Committee

**Date:** Monday 22 March 2021

**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.30 pm

**Venue:** Skype Meeting – invitation enclosed in accompanying email

*(Alternating Chair - Pip Hyde and Fred Gennaoui)*

*(Convener – Ken Welsh)*

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## **ITEM 6**

### **POWERING AHEAD – (preparation of Discussion Paper)**

*POWERING AHEAD* (The Inner West Electric Vehicle Encouragement Policy) will provide a framework to inform Inner West Council's future encouragement of electric vehicle uptake and its ability to cater for electric vehicles charging over the next 10 years.

The current stage of the policy preparation process involves development of an initial Discussion Paper which will endeavour to answer some of the key questions relating to electric vehicles.

*POWERING AHEAD* is being developed within the context set by Council's Integrated Transport Strategy - *GOING PLACES*. Their Vision and Goals are summarised below:

#### **GOING PLACES - Vision**

That:

*Growing numbers of Inner West residents, workers and visitors prefer to walk, cycle and use public transport because it is convenient, enjoyable and healthy.*

*(The) Inner West transitions to environmentally sustainable transport.*

*Everyone is connected to their community and local services, and can access educational, retail, cultural and recreational districts, as well as jobs and services across local and regional areas.*

*The transport network enhances local economic vitality, with freight and goods movements separated from people by space and/or time.*

#### **GOING PLACES – Intrinsic Goal**

*To reduce private car dependency for all trips and to convert travel by less sustainable modes to more sustainable modes.*

#### **POWERING AHEAD – Goal**

*If trips use private vehicles, these vehicles should be powered by the most sustainable means available and Council should encourage this by providing adequate incentives, including charging opportunities, to encourage electric vehicle uptake by residents of the Inner West .*

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To progress preparation of the Discussion Paper members of the Transport Advisory Committee is being asked to provide their thoughts on the following questions:

**Question 1** – What would you like Council to achieve through its Electric Vehicle Incentive Policy? (noting that while EVs may generally be better for the environment, they otherwise create many of the same issues as Internal Combustion Engine vehicles);

**Question 2** – What are the key concerns, regarding EVS, that need to be addressed for the Community?

**Question 3** – What are some desired outcomes you would like to see?

**Question 4** – What are some recommended actions you would like to see?

## **ITEM 7 FOOD DELIVERY RIDERS**

In response to safety issues, including rider fatalities the NSW Government established a Food Delivery Rider Safety Taskforce in November 2020. The task force is led by SafeWork NSW and TfNSW.

It is proposed that a verbal briefing will be provided to The Committee regarding the Task Force, its draft finding and any next steps.

Additionally, Council's Senior's Committee recently made the following recommendation:

### ***Recommendation – Seniors Working Group from meeting 4 Feb 2021***

*The risk to the safety of older pedestrians by food delivery riders who ride vehicles on the footpath is of concern to the Inner West Council Seniors Working Group for a number of reasons including the speed at which the cycles travel; and the potential physical and financial injury that could occur if a pedestrian is struck by a bicycle. The Group notes the recommendations in the NSW Government Joint Taskforce: Food Delivery Rider Safety Draft guide to managing work, health and safety in the food delivery industry which are aimed at mitigating hazards presented by 'obstacles including structures, pedestrians and animals'. These recommendations re-enforce the legal requirement that food delivery riders are not to ride on a footpath unless it is a designated share path.*

*The Group wishes to draw this report to the attention of Council and asks that Council take the necessary action to facilitate compliance with these recommendations, and the legal requirement, that food delivery riders are not to ride their bicycles on footpaths, in the Inner West Local Government area, in conjunction with NSW Police, where required.*

## **ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS**

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