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ITEM 16: NOM 22/11/16 - SUPERCARS CONSULTATION

COUNCILLORS: T DOYLE AND M OSBORNE

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 10 November 2016 from the abovementioned Councillors:

MOTION

That Council conducts a series of consultation and information sessions with residents of Newcastle East regarding the Supercars event that is to happen in Newcastle during 2017.

These consultation and information meetings should cover:

1. Council's role in the event
2. The proposed route
3. Vehicle access including emergency vehicles
4. Governance of noise control and abatement measures
5. Agency responsibilities
6. Long term road safety management
7. Benefits to local community and Council from this event
8. Potential environmental effects on heritage buildings

BACKGROUND

A packed hall of Newcastle East residents at a Supercars Australia information session at Fort Scratchley Function Centre on Wednesday 9th November clearly expressed their anger and frustration at the lack of consultation they have so far received regarding this function.

While it is not a function organised or controlled by Council, we have a major responsibility to represent the interests of our residents and take heed of their concerns. When an event like this has a major impact on the lives of residents Newcastle City Council has a significant role in protecting the residents' and the city's overall amenity.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil
ITEM 16: REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION 22/11/16 - SUPERCARS NEWCASTLE

REPORT BY: PLANNING AND REGULATORY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CONTACT: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATORY

DIRECTOR COMMENT

Destination New South Wales and Supercars Australia will partner to host the Virgin Australia Supercars Grand Finale in Newcastle from November 2017, for the next 5 years.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet, together with Destination NSW (DNSW) are convening a ‘whole of government’ coordination group for the Newcastle 500 Supercars event. This group will include representatives from Premier and Cabinet, DNSW, NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Ambulance, Newcastle Buses and Ferries, Hunter Development Corporation, UrbanGrowth NSW, NSW Police, NSW Department of Industry, Roads and Maritime Services, NSW Trainlink, NSW Office of Small Business, Port of Newcastle, Port Authority of NSW, Transport for NSW, Traffic Management Centre with Supercars Australia and Newcastle City Council attending as key stakeholders.

A project legal agreement between DNSW and Supercars Australia is currently being developed for the event. The legal agreement will define the roles, responsibilities, commitments, deliverables and reporting for each organisation.

Ahead of this agreement being finalised, Supercars and Council staff have commenced documenting the issues and concerns being raised within the Newcastle community to assist with event planning, delivery and evaluation. The issues identified by Cr Doyle in the notice of motion including vehicle access, noise control and safety management have been included in this list.

Consistent with the Council resolution in July 2016, Council officers are also working with the project partners on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to define the working relationship and outcomes expected for the event. The MoU will be executed by the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Lord Mayor, as per the Council resolution of 23 August 2016.

Council recognises there are many stakeholders for this event including east end residents and businesses, the wider Newcastle community, local businesses and suppliers, the hospitality and tourism industry, our neighbouring Councils, motorsport enthusiasts and various government agencies.

Newcastle City Council is committed to working on behalf of the community to ensure the impact of the event is managed appropriately for local residents and that we are able to make the event a great success for Newcastle and the region. The experience of both the Supercars organisation and other locations hosting the event will be drawn upon to assist with determining appropriate local solutions.
Council will allocate a dedicated officer to the event, similar to our Asian Cup commitment, to ensure local issues are addressed and the opportunities for Newcastle and Hunter residents and businesses are maximised.

Based on information drawn from the Gold Coast, Homebush and Bathurst events, the Supercars could realise up to $50 million for the regional economy each year.

Virgin Australia Supercars events are telecast to Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Middle East with an estimated viewing audience of around 220 million households.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The information in the report will be noted.
ITEM 17: NOM 22/11/2016 - LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY

COUNCILLORS: M OSBORNE AND T DOYLE

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 10 November 2016 from the abovementioned Councillors:

MOTION

Council hear from resident Naomi Isaacs and a representative from the Tighes Hill Community Group regarding DA 2016/00820.

Council initiate the process to amend its Public Voice Policy (1999) so that the criteria for public voice applications relating to development applications be to give the local community a fair hearing in circumstances that do not unduly delay the development assessment process.

BACKGROUND

Recently resident Naomi Isaacs and a representative from the Tighes Hill Community Group applied for public voice with respect to DA 2016/00820 and their applications was denied.

This was despite the fact that the public voice could have been programmed in without unduly delaying the development assessment process.

Council's Public Voice Policy is from 1999 and should be updated to give the local community a fair hearing in a way that does not unduly delay the development assessment process.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT

1. Council's current process for public notification of development applications, as set out in the Newcastle DCP 2012, provides for owners of affected neighbouring properties to be:

   (a) notified of the lodgment of a development application adjoining their property;
   (b) afforded the opportunity to make written submissions; and
   (c) afforded the opportunity to apply for Public Voice.

2. The information issued to the owners of affected neighbouring properties includes advice on making a Public Voice application and that such an application must be lodged during the specified public notification period. Details on the public voice process is also available on Council's website.

3. The public notification period is in most cases at least two weeks, but depending on legislative and/or policy requirements can be longer in particular circumstances. The period allows sufficient time for both the preparation of submissions and the lodging of a Public Voice application. The process and timeframes are in place to ensure fairness and equity to all parties.

4. In the case of DA 2016/00820, this DA is coming before the Development Applications Committee as it was called in by two Councillors. There have been 3 submissions from one property owner received to date. Details of the issues raised in that submission will be addressed in the report to Council's Development Applications Committee (DAC).

5. The determination of DA 2016/00820 is scheduled to go before the DAC on 6 December 2016. If Council were to afford a Public Voice session, this would be scheduled for 6 December 2016. It is likely that the DA scheduled to be considered at the DAC on the same date will be deferred until February 2017 (date dependent upon the meeting cycle to be adopted on 22 November 2016). This may adversely affect the DA applicant.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes this report.