

Date: Tuesday 7 July 2020	Time: 5.30 – 7pm	Venue: Zoom
Meeting No: 5	Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to built and natural facilities and systems within the LGA.	

1. Welcome

Councillor White welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Attendees:

Cr Emma White	Chairperson
Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Lord Mayor
Jonathon Clarke	Customer Manager – Urban Planning, Ausgrid
Corinne Thompson	A/Regional Director, Roads and Maritime Services (joined 6.05pm)
Daren Cleary	General Manager, Hunter Water Corporation
Matthew Murray	Chief of Staff, Lord Mayor's Office
Ken Liddell	Director Infrastructure and Property, City of Newcastle (Facilitator)
Rachel Howard	Executive Assistant to Director Infrastructure and Property (Secretary)

1.2 Apologies:

Mark Dunlop	General Manager, Keolis Downer
Kim Lenox	Community Representative

1.3 Guests:

Joanne Rigby	Manager Assets and Projects (Items 6 to 8)
Michelle Bisson	Manager Regulatory Planning and Assessment (Items 4 and 5)
Patty McCarthy	Urban Planning Section Manager (Item 4)
Tania Antony	Senior Development Officer – Projects (Item 5)
Peter Steele	Project Manager (Item 6)

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

2.1 Nil.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Business Arising

3.1 Minutes

- 3.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 4 February 2020 confirmed.
- 3.1.2 The meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7 April was cancelled due to Covid-19 public health measures.

3.2 Business Arising

3.2.1 Nil

4. Draft Housing Strategy

4.1 The Committee received a presentation on City of Newcastle's Draft Local Housing Strategy. The presentation noted that:

- 4.1.1 The strategy provides a framework for housing in the LGA for the next 20 years. It sets priorities for the provision of housing and includes an action plan to achieve these priorities.
- 4.1.2 The housing priorities are:
- maintain and encourage housing supply in the right location,
 - diversify housing type and tenure across the LGA to provide for a range of housing needs,
 - increase the availability of accessible and adaptable housing,
 - increase the supply of affordable rental housing,
 - ensure new housing reflects the desired future local character of the area, and
 - homes designed to be ecologically sustainable and to reduce the resource requirements through the life cycle of the dwelling.
- 4.1.3 The strategy is a local response implementing the housing components of regional and metropolitan plans.
- 4.1.4 Development of the strategy involves four stages: scoping, testing, finalisation and implementation. The draft strategy will be presented to Council for adoption following public exhibition in late 2020.

5. Development Application Mapping

- 5.1 The Committee received a demonstration of City of Newcastle's Development Application Mapping system. The demonstration showed that:
- 5.1.1 The activity map launched in June, and can be accessed via the City of Newcastle [website](#).
- 5.1.2 Users can view applications under assessment, on exhibition or determined in the last 12 months.
- 5.1.3 Searches can be made by application number, address or suburb.
- 5.2 The Manager RPA acknowledged the work of CN officers in developing both the DA mapping tool and the Local Housing Strategy. Both projects deliver positive outcomes for the community.

6. Wallsend Stage 1 Infrastructure Renewal

- 6.1 The Committee received a presentation on proposed upgrades to Longworth Avenue, Wallsend. The presentation noted that:
- 6.1.1 The project will provide capacity improvements at the intersection of Longworth Avenue and Cameron Street, two lanes of travel along Longworth Avenue, and will adjust lane configurations for Minmi Road, from Cameron Street to the Bunnings roundabout.
- 6.1.2 There is significant aged infrastructure under the road.
- 6.1.3 The next steps are to engage consultants for project design, undertake electronic services location, and begin detailed consultation with Hunter Water and Transport NSW.
- 6.1.4 Stage 1 construction is scheduled for 2020/21, Stage 2 construction for 2022/23.

7. Capital Works Program Overview

- 7.1 The Committee received a presentation on City of Newcastle's \$116.3 million Capital Works Program for 2020/21. During the discussion it was noted that:
- 7.1.1 The \$22.9 million roads portfolio includes Cottage Creek bridge design and construction, detailed design for Cowper, Nelson and Boscawen streets in Wallsend, and the Honeysuckle Drive bridge replacement project.
 - 7.1.2 Footpath renewal includes Wharf Road Newcastle, Lloyd Street Merewether, Jackson Street Broadmeadow, and the Throsby Creek shared pathway. Road rehabilitation and resurfacing works are programmed across the LGA.
 - 7.1.3 The \$9.3 million environment portfolio includes coastal protection works at Stockton, Ironbark Creek rehabilitation, and street tree planting across the LGA.
 - 7.1.4 The transport portfolio totals \$8.4 million and includes several local area traffic management and pedestrian access and mobility plan projects. The cycleway program features:
 - Merewether Beach to the Junction,
 - Clyde and Chinchin streets Islington,
 - University Drive – Blue Gum Road to Regal Cinema carpark, and
 - Maud Street, Mayfield West.
 - 7.1.5 Priority Programs total \$18.9 million and includes urban centre renewal, coastal revitalisation and city centre improvements.
 - 7.1.6 The city wide services portfolio totals \$27.1 million and includes projects related to the following:
 - Newcastle Ocean Baths,
 - No1 Sportsground,
 - Wallsend and Lambton pools,
 - Playground replacement,
 - Summerhill Waste Management Centre, and
 - Astra Street remediation.
 - 7.1.7 The program includes \$7.3 million to the stormwater portfolio and \$3.3 million to the infrastructure and property portfolio.

8. Stockton Coastal Management Program

- 8.1 The Manager Assets and Projects provided an update on the status of the Stockton Coastal Management Program (CMP).
- 8.2 The CMP has been submitted to Minister Hancock for certification under the *Coastal Management Act 2016* following endorsement by the elected Council on 23 June 2020. Significant community consultation was undertaken in development of the CMP.
- 8.3 The CMP determined that a mass offshore marine sand nourishment campaign of 2.4 million cubic metres, followed by ongoing 10-year maintenance would provide the necessary protection for Stockton's coastline. The Deputy Premier's Taskforce and the State Government will explore all opportunities to source sand for mass offshore beach nourishment.

- 8.4 The Committee noted the significant body of work undertaken to complete the CMP in the shortened timeframe.

9. General Business

Nil.

10. Closing

Next meeting scheduled for 5.30pm on Tuesday 6 October 2020 at the City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West.

Meeting closed 6.45pm