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WEST DAPTO REVIEW COMMITTEE



1 INTRODUCTION

The West Dapto Review Committee has been established to provide advice to Council on policies and strategies which relate to the West Dapto Land Release. The focus of the Committee is to assist Council work towards the West Dapto Land Release. The Committee comprises people interested in furthering these aims.

2 AUTHORITY

The West Dapto Review Committee will provide advice, feedback and support to Council in developing, implementing and monitoring policies and strategies which relate to the West Dapto Land Release.

The Committee does not have decision making authority, the power to bind the Council, nor the power to incur expenditure.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The responsibilities and functions of the West Dapto Review Committee are to -

- Develop and review the West Dapto Access Strategy;
- Review and monitor a coordinated (local and state) infrastructure delivery plan;
- Consider the cumulative effects of Council's decisions on the West Dapto Land Release;
- Provide advice to Council on strategic projects and Council policies related to, or that may impact on the West Dapto Land Release.

4 PRIORITIES

The immediate priority of the West Dapto Review Committee is to –

- Improve Councillor oversight and communications in all aspects of the West Dapto Land Release Area;
- Review and monitor West Dapto Neighbourhood Plans;
- Develop and review a biodiversity strategy for West Dapto;
- Review and monitor zoning and structure plans;
- Review and monitor open space and community facilities plans;
- Review and monitor an engagement strategy for West Dapto.

Other priorities will be determined by the Committee from time to time.

5 COMPOSITION OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The West Dapto Review Committee is to be made up of:

- Ward 3 Councillors (All)
- Lord Mayor (Chairperson);

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Council's Director Planning & Environment – Future City & Neighbourhoods will attend Committee meetings as an ex-officio member and will provide professional advice to the Committee. Other Council staff, Government officers, advisors or individuals may be invited to attend meetings from time to time to provide expert advice, information or presentations in relation to the Committee's business. These individuals will act as ex-officio members.

6 TERM OF APPOINTMENT

Term of appointment is to be for the term of the Council.

7 OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Members of the Committee, in performing their duties, shall:

- Act honestly and in good faith;
- Participate in the work of the Committee;
- Perform their duties in a manner that ensures public trust in the integrity, objectivity, and impartiality of the Committee;
- Exercise the care, diligence and skill that would be expected of a reasonable person;
- Comply with the Committee's Charter; and
- Comply with Council's Code of Conduct.

8 MEETINGS

Meetings will be held bi-monthly, except where no business has been identified.

A quorum will consist of three (3) Committee members.

Meetings will be chaired by the Council appointed chairperson. If the chairperson is absent from a meeting, the first business of every such meeting is to elect a chairperson from the members present to preside over such meeting.

The Committee has an advisory role to Council and will make recommendations by consensus. In the absence of consensus, advice from the Committee may be presented with supporting and dissenting views of Committee members.

Meeting agendas will be distributed at least one week prior to the meeting.

9 REPORTING

The minutes of meetings will be provided to Councillors and Council's Executive Management for information. Minutes will also be distributed to all members.

Advice and decisions of the Committee relating to specific Council projects will be reported to Council as part of the project reporting process.

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Any matters arising that require a separate decision of Council may be reported to Council at the discretion of the Director Planning & Environment – Future City & Neighbourhoods.

10 EVALUATION AND REVIEW

A review of the effectiveness of the Committee will be undertaken every 12 months by the Committee to ensure the purpose, membership and operation of the Committee is effective and to make appropriate changes to the Charter.