



Northland ~~Structure Plan~~ Urban Renewal
Precinct
Steering Committee

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Statement of Purpose

The Northland ~~Structure Plan~~Urban Renewal Precinct Steering Committee will work collectively to provide a clear direction for the efficient and timely delivery of the 2014/2015 work program, including the Joint Community Infrastructure Plan project. The Committee will focus on the five priority areas of:

1. Advocacy and Promotion;
2. Sound Design Concept Foundation;
3. Working in Partnerships;
4. Engagement; and

~~New Delivery Models will bring together the experiences and ideas of a range of stakeholders to provide a balanced and representative understanding of the future needs of the Northland Activity Centre and to ensure best practice in the development of the Structure Plan.~~

Membership

Membership of the Steering Committee has been determined through

- Approaches to identified organisations and individuals that are key stakeholders in the Northland ~~Principal Activity Centre area~~Urban Renewal Precinct
- Responses to a publicly advertised Expressions of Interest process

Members are appointed to represent the diversity of views of the Northland community on the basis of local knowledge and/or membership of local organisations.

Council aims to ensure that members are provided adequate time to review information prior to meetings.

It is expected that members who represent particular groups or organisations will ~~have the mandate to represent the views and plans of the group organisation and will provide a means of communication between Council and the group or organisation~~provide specialist advice and share information with the Steering Committee to create a diverse range of views.

~~It is expected that representatives from community groups will consult with the nominating community group, take back minutes and other relevant public information made available to the Steering Committee and make every reasonable effort to bring back views of the nominating group to the Steering Committee.~~

The Committee comprises of 17 members as follows:

- 3 x Darebin ward Councillors
- 2 x Banyule ward Councillors
- 2 x Council Directors (one from each Council)
- 2 x Institutional representative (La Trobe University and Northern College of Arts and Technology)
- 2 x Community representatives (one from Darebin and one from Banyule)
- 2 x Representatives with specialist development industry experience not directly involved in the Precinct
- 1 x Community Infrastructure (Health sector)
- 1 x MPA
- 1 x DTPLI
- 1 x Project Manager
- ~~City of Darebin Cazaly Ward Councillors Vince Fontana and Nick Katsis (Co chairs)~~

- ~~City of Darebin Strategic Planning Unit officers~~
- ~~City of Darebin Major Projects and Activity Centres Branch Representative~~
- ~~Department of Planning and Community Development Representative~~
- ~~Colonial First State Property Management (Northland Shopping Centre)~~
- ~~Northland Secondary College~~
- ~~Banyule City Council Representative~~
- ~~Local Community-based Representative~~

The Committee is able call on additional specific expertise or ~~services from other Darebin Council officers and the community~~ as required for a meeting or series of meetings should the need arise.

Secretariat services for the Steering ~~Group Committee~~ will be provided by the Strategic Planning Unit.

Chairpersons

~~The co-chair Cazaly Ward Councillor arrangement to be supplemented by deputising the Director position to take this role if a Councillor is unavailable. Cazaly Ward Councillors Vince Fontana and Nick Katsis will co-chair the meetings.~~

Quorum

There will be no quorum for meetings. Members present at meetings will make decisions and provide input. It is the responsibility of members to inform Council of their inability to attend and to convey their views about any matter on the agenda.

Attendance and replacement

Any member unable to attend three consecutive meetings without a reasonable excuse will be expected to resign from the Steering Committee.

Members are able to request a leave of absence from future meetings for a defined period.

~~The Committee will be allowed to reduce to a total number of 7 members before new members are sought through a publicly advertised Expression of Interest process.~~

The Committee will recommend replacement members to Darebin City Council from Expressions of Interest received or nominations sought. Recommendations will be based on the balance of skills, experience and expertise required by the Committee.

Objectives

- ~~To provide advice in the form of recommendations to Council and partners parent organisations from the discussions and decisions of the Committee.~~
- ~~To set a clear direction and priorities for the 2014/2015 work program projects and ensure projects progress in an efficient and timely manner~~
- ~~To ensure the JCIP project is delivered according to the funding requirements~~
- ~~Ensure that engagement processes are undertaken to keep the community informed of individual project progress and that opportunities to participate and receive feedback from the various communities of interest, place and the future are created~~
- ~~To guide the Northland Structure Plan project process.~~

- ~~To provide advice in the form of recommendations to Council on strategic directions for a range of land use and urban design issues in the Northland Principal Activity Centre.~~
- ~~To engage with the public and stakeholders during the undertaking of the structure planning process.~~
- ~~Identify opportunities and build support for the Structure Plan's implementation following its development.~~

Key tasks

- Review discussion paper(s) circulated at least one week prior to each meeting.
- To provide feedback and guidance on topics and issues to progress the various projects and processes.
- Receive regular project updates and monitor progress.
- Request additional information or invite specialist advisors or community members to brief the Committee as required.
- Make decisions at significant milestones as identified in the project plan.
- Make recommendations to council and other partner parent organisations on actions to be taken
- ~~Make decisions at significant milestones as identified in the project process.~~
- ~~Ensure the project is steered in accordance with the Project Brief.~~
- ~~Consider the findings of the project research tasks and make recommendations to Council to achieve the objectives of the project as set out in the Project Brief.~~
- ~~Work with community and stakeholders to obtain information and provide feedback on the findings of the project.~~

Term of the Steering Committee

A review of the Terms of Reference to be reviewed every twelve months to match the changing needs of the work program and stage of implementation ~~The Steering Committee is established for the length of the project as identified in the Project Brief.~~

Meeting Schedule

During 2014/2015 financial year the Steering Committee should meet bi-monthly.

Steering Committee meetings will otherwise be held to coincide with significant milestones in the project and will be scheduled as required.

Meetings will normally last for 2 hours and no new items will be accepted after this time.

Meetings will be open for members of the public to attend by arrangement with Councillors. The Co-chairs may, with the permission of the meeting, close any meeting or a part of any meeting to members of the public. The meeting schedule will be available to the public.

Decision Making Processes

Decision-making will be by consensus. This places responsibility on members to openly voice concerns or reservations about an issue before the Committee.

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Relationship with Darebin City Council

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- Recommendations supported by Council will become resolutions for action by officers
- The minutes of all meetings will be made available to Councillors and partner organisations.
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Resourcing and Support

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