

# NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

## PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTARY

## AGENDA - A

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in the Don Moore Community Centre, Corner of North Rocks Road and Farnell Avenue, North Rocks on Monday, 12 July 2021 at 6.30pm.

*Note: In light of the NSW Government announcement on Saturday 26 June 2021 and the subsequent extension to the stay at home orders, the Council Meeting will now be held via audio/visual means. Members of the public will not be able to attend the meeting in person but will be able to review the live stream video on Council's website.*

Brett Newman  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**CITY OF  
PARRAMATTA**



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***After the conclusion of the Council Meeting, and if time permits, Councillors  
will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of staff***

## WELCOMING

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ITEM NUMBER	15.1
SUBJECT	LATE REPORT FOR APPROVAL: 2021 Olympic Games Live Site (Deferred Item)
REFERENCE	F2021/00521 - D08124471
REPORT OF	Acting Group Manager, City Experience

**This report was deferred from the Council meeting of 28 June 2021 for further advice of the effect of the COVID climate on the 2021 Olympic Games Live Site.**

### PURPOSE:

To provide information regarding the potential hosting of an Olympics Games Live Site in the Parramatta CBD and partnering with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority to celebrate the Olympic Games.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That** Council take no further action.

### BACKGROUND

- At the Council meeting of 24 May 2021, Council resolved (3228):
  - That*** Council officers investigate and table a report to the 28 June Council Meeting on the feasibility of the City of Parramatta hosting an Olympics Live site in the Parramatta CBD.
  - That*** the report detail costs associated with any proposed Olympics Live site activities for Council's consideration.
  - Further, that*** the report examine the feasibility of a partnership with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority to celebrate the Olympics.
- For the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games, Sydney has two official Live Sites, one in The Rocks and the second in Sydney Olympic Park. Additionally, other venues can host their own Live Site, with the option of purchasing officially branded Olympics infrastructure, including signage, to utilise at the Live Site.
- The Sydney Olympic Park Live Site includes a large screen with outdoor lounge room, a fan zone, entertainment, as well as food and drink offerings. This large-scale Live Site has significant potential to engage family audiences on weekends, with Sydney Olympic Park Authority seeking Live Site partners to fully realise this potential through additional activation programming.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

- Council staff had scoped the presentation of an Olympic Live Site activation in the Parramatta CBD, in regard to location, duration, scale and cost. It was originally proposed that a small-scale COVID-safe Live Site be presented in the Parramatta Square amphitheatre, adjacent to Western Sydney University, for the duration of the Olympics (23 July to 8 August 2021), at an estimated cost of \$79,500 (ex GST). This location would primarily target CBD workers during

weekdays, with the possibility of targeting other audiences on weekends. The proposal included (all ex GST) \$70,000 for production (screen, audio, equipment, external labour, COVID safety management), \$4,500 for official Olympic branded infrastructure and a \$5000 contingency.

5. Additionally, Council staff liaised with Sydney Olympic Park Authority to understand the scope of a potential partnership. The proposed partnership included the provision, by Council's City Events and Festivals team, of additional activation programming for the weekend family program, at Sydney Olympic Park's Live Site, for the three weekends of the Live Site's duration. This would cost \$65,000 (ex GST). This would have provided brand recognition for Parramatta at an official Olympics Live Site and provide greater opportunities for our community to engage in Olympic celebrations.
6. In light of the recent restrictions announced by the NSW Government and the uncertainty regarding any extension to *stay at home orders*, it is recommended that Council take no further action in relation to partnering with SOPA for a 2021 Olympic Games Live Site.

## CONSULTATION & TIMING

### Stakeholder Consultation

7. The following stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
Throughout May 2021	Sydney Olympic Park Authority	Live Site in Parramatta CBD would complement SOP Live Site. SOP seeking partners to deliver official Live Site.	Progress with scoping of live site in Parramatta and partnership with SOP.	City Experience

### Councillor Consultation

8. The following Councillor consultation has been undertaken in relation to this matter:

Date	Councillor	Councillor Comment	Council Officer Response	Responsibility
5 July	Lord Mayor	Acknowledged the uncertainty with the current COVID climate and agreed to withdraw any recommendation	Noted	City Engagement & Experience

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

9. In light of the recent restrictions announced by the NSW Government and the uncertainty regarding any extension to *stay at home orders*, it is recommended that Council take no further action in relation to this matter. Therefore, there would be no legal implications for Council associated with this report.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

10. It is proposed that Council take no further action in relation to this matter and as such, will not incur any financial implications.

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
<b>Operating Result</b>			
External Costs			
Internal Costs			
Depreciation			
Other			
<b>Total Operating Result</b>	Nil		
<b>Funding Source</b>	NA		
<b>CAPEX</b>			
CAPEX			
External			
Internal			
Other			
<b>Total CAPEX</b>	Nil		
<b>Funding Source</b>	NA		

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**Acting Group Manager, City Experience**

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Paul Perrett  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Tamara Hitchcock  
**Acting Executive Director, City Engagement and Experience**

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**Chief Executive Officer**

## ATTACHMENTS:

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 18.1  
**SUBJECT** NOTICE OF MOTION: Probity Checks for Chair, Alternate Chair and Independent Experts for the City of Parramatta Local Planning Panel  
**REFERENCE** F2021/00521 - D08123513  
**FROM** Councillor Bradley

**MOTION**

**That** Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces the Hon. Rob Stokes MP referring to his letter IRF 21/584 and asking if the probity checks also included whether the statutory declarations of each chair and expert also declared they were not a close relative or associate of a property developer or real estate agent, and if not, recommending to the Minister that this be done as soon as possible.

**BACKGROUND**

1. People nominating to be a Councillor are required to declare whether they are a property developer or a close associate of one and if elected to disclose annually whether they are such while in office.
2. The Minister recently wrote to the Lord Mayor (Attachment 1) referring to the probity checks in the limited terms referred to and being recommended for extension as suggested in the motion above.
3. The Council Officer probity checks were stated as only related to ensuring there would be no conflicts with participation on other Council Panels.

Phil Bradley  
**Councillor Bradley**

**ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & DESIGN RESPONSE**

4. The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 states at s2.18 that a person is not eligible to be a member of a local planning panel if the person is a property developer (within the meaning of section 53 of the Electoral Funding Act 2018) or a real estate agent within the meaning of the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002. Section 53(1) of the Electoral Funding Act 2018 provides that "property developer" includes a person who is a close associate of a property developer as follows:

*53(1) Each of the following persons is a "property developer" for the purposes of this Division:*

*(a) an individual or a corporation if:*

*(i) the individual or a corporation carries on a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit, and*

*(ii) in the course of that business:*

*(A) 1 relevant planning application has been made by or on behalf of the individual or corporation and is pending, or  
(B) 3 or more relevant planning applications made by or on behalf of the individual or corporation have been determined within the preceding 7 years,*

*(b) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (a).*

5. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) carried out the following probity checks as part of the selection process:
- Bankruptcy check
  - Criminal history check
  - Educational qualification checks
  - Real estate agent check
  - Political donations check
  - Statutory declaration stating they are not a developer.

## FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6. Should Council resolve to write to the Minister in accordance with this Notice of Motion, then the financial and resource implications will be provided for within existing budgets.

	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
<b>Operating Result</b>				
External Costs				
Internal Costs				
Depreciation				
Other				
<b>Total Operating Result</b>	Nil			
<b>Funding Source</b>	NA			
<b>CAPEX</b>				
CAPEX				
External				
Internal				
Other				
<b>Total CAPEX</b>				
<b>Funding Source</b>	Existing	Existing	Existing	Existing

Phil Bradley  
**Councillor Bradley**

David Birds  
**Acting Executive Director, City Planning & Design**

Brett Newman  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**ATTACHMENTS:**

1   Letter from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces 2 Pages



**The Hon. Rob Stokes MP**  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

IRF21/584

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Lord Mayor  
City of Parramatta Council  
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Dear Lord Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bob,'.

I am pleased to advise Council I have approved Mr Steve O'Connor as Chair and Ms Julie Walsh and Mrs Mary-Lynne Taylor as alternate chairs for appointment to the City of Parramatta Local Planning Panel (panel).

I have also approved a list of independent experts from which Council is to select at least two members for appointment to its panel. Details of Council's chairs and the independent expert list, along with their curricula vitae, have been provided electronically to relevant council staff.

All approved chairs and experts have successfully completed probity checks showing they are not bankrupt and do not have criminal records. Each has provided a statutory declaration that are not developers or real estate agents.

I encourage Council to select sufficient alternate expert members to ensure that panel meetings can proceed should a member be unavailable for any reason. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has developed a guide to assist councils through the selection and appointment process available at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/Assess-and-Regulate/Local-Planning-Panel-Member-Selection-Guide-August-2020.pdf?la=en](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/Assess-and-Regulate/Local-Planning-Panel-Member-Selection-Guide-August-2020.pdf?la=en).

Council will need to ensure it is able to appoint its approved chairs, expert members and community representatives prior to 1 July 2021 for a term through to 29 February 2024, to ensure compliance with the six year maximum term limits of continuing members and the expiry date of my approval for appointment of chairs, alternate chairs and experts.

Please ensure that Local Planning Panels Direction – Appointment of New Members is followed and that, in their acceptance of appointment to the panel, members agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members.

The Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members, further Local Planning Panels Directions and the Local Planning Panels Remuneration Determination can be found under the Statutory Rules tab of the Local Planning Panels at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Local-Planning-Panels/Statutory-rules](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Local-Planning-Panels/Statutory-rules).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Council's ongoing co-operation in supporting the independence and efficient operation of its panel.

Should you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Mr Stuart Withington, Manager Planning Panels Secretariat, at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 8217 2061 or [stuart.withington@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stuart.withington@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Stokes', with a large, stylized flourish extending downwards.

**The Hon. Rob Stokes MP**  
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces