

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAYOR'S PARLOUR, COTTESLOE CIVIC CENTRE
109 BROOME STREET, COTTESLOE
6.00 PM, MONDAY, 18 MARCH 2013

CARL ASKEW
Chief Executive Officer

22 March 2013

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1 DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member announced the meeting opened at 6:02PM.

2 DISCLAIMER

The Presiding Member drew attention to the Town's disclaimer.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nil

5 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME**6 ATTENDANCE****Present**

Cr Jack Walsh	Presiding Member
Cr Greg Boland	
Cr Katrina Downes	
Cr Peter Jeanes	
Cr Victor Strzina	
Cr Yvonne Hart	

Officers Present

Mr Carl Askew	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew Jackson	Manager Development Services
Mr Ed Drewett	Senior Planning Officer
Mr Ronald Boswell	Planning Officer
Ms Orla Traynor	Development Services Administration Officer

6.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

Officer Apologies

Nil

6.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6.3 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Strzina, seconded Cr Boland

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The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Development Services Committee, held on 18 February 2013 be confirmed.

Carried 6/0

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9.1 PETITIONS

Nil

9.2 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9.3 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 PLANNING

10.1.1 REVIEW OF DRAFT STATE PLANNING STRATEGY

File Ref: SUB/341
Responsible Officer: Carl Askew
Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ed Drewett
Senior Planning Officer

Proposed Meeting Date: 18 March 2013

Author Disclosure of Interest: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the draft State Planning Strategy (SPS) that has been prepared by the Department of Planning on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and released for public comment. The comment period closes on 29 March 2013.

A copy of the SPS is available on the WAPC's website.

BACKGROUND

The draft SPS is proposed to replace the current Planning Strategy that was first published in 1997. It outlines the State Government's intention to undertake a collaborative approach in planning for the State's infrastructure, environment, food security, land availability, economic development, education, training and knowledge transfer.

A media statement on the draft strategy was released by the Minister for Planning, John Day, on 19 December 2012 and advised:

Western Australia is being shaped by population and economic growth, technological innovation, and increased water and energy requirements and, in having to adapt to a changing and increasingly complex global environment, the need for strategic planning has never been greater.

This strategy plans for a potential doubling of WA's current population to 5.4 million by 2056 and seeks to better anticipate, adapt to and manage the drivers of change most likely to influence the future growth and development of the State.

The release of this draft provides industry, business, academia, local governments and the broader community with the opportunity to contribute to the sustained prosperity of WA for future generations.

The draft strategy contains a strong regional development focus designed to integrate with planned regional investment and the Royalties for Regions program and, significantly, it outlines the emergence of the State's North-West and Mid-West

sectors as hotspots for capital investment, increasing Western Australia's contribution to Australia's GDP.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER WAPC STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

The SPS is an overarching strategic document that informs all other state, regional and local planning strategies, policies and approvals. Specifically it links to and builds upon other strategic planning instruments put in place by the WAPC. These include:

- Directions 2031 and Beyond
- Pilbara Planning and Infrastructure Framework
- Liveable Neighbourhoods
- Urban Development Program (including Regional Hotspot report; Urban Growth Monitor; Perth and Peel Outlook)
- WA Tomorrow (population forecast)

SUMMARY OF DRAFT STRATEGY

This is structured into four parts:

- Vision
- Principles
- Strategic Goals
- Strategic Directions

Development of this strategy involved considerable research, analysis and collaborations across state government. It reaches beyond land use planning to place priority on managing population and economic growth through partnerships and alliances and should be viewed in its entirety and not as a series of individual parts.

The principles – *Balancing competing demands*

Six interrelated and interdependent principles underpin and inform this strategy:

- **Community** – enabling diverse, affordable, accessible and safe communities.
- **Economy** – facilitating trade, investment, innovation and community betterment.
- **Environment** – conserving natural assets through sustainable development.
- **Infrastructure** – coordinating infrastructure with development.
- **Regional development** - building competitive and collaborative advantages.
- **Governance** – building community confidence in development practices.

The context – *Drivers of change*

Change is inevitable. The drivers of change need to be understood. Factors providing a context for and directly influencing the state's future development include:

- Population
- Workforce
- Global economy
- Diversification

- Urbanisation and regional expansion
- Technology
- Climate change.

Strategic goals – *Managing change*

There are many pathways to achieve sustained prosperity. Realising the vision will involve addressing five interrelated strategic goals:

- **Global competitiveness** – building on and strengthening the state’s diverse economic base.
- **Strong and resilient regions** – developing regional resources to adapt to change and offer greater choice of global investment, attracting higher-value workers.
- **Sustainable communities** – resilient communities with social capital and networks that demonstrate exemplary built form and environmental excellence.
- **Infrastructure planning and coordination** – integrating infrastructure networks to add value and optimise the capacity to finance.
- **Conservation** – conserving the natural environment through sustainable development and prudent use of resources.

The spatial dimensions – *Towards a state spatial plan*

The Strategy outlines the emergence of regional WA as a hotspot for capital investment and its increasing contribution to Australia’s gross domestic product:

- **North West sector:** is rapidly gaining importance in national and global trade, investment and commerce, driven by increasing resource demand.
- **Central Sector:** a growing economy which encompasses some of the State’s most iconic landscapes; is poised to be a significant contributor to the nation’s mining, scientific, technological, research and innovation industries by 2050.
- **South West Sector:** a region with a diverse economic base will continue to house the majority of the State’s population and have the highest level and greatest range of health and education services, cultural activities and employment.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The key strategic directions in the proposed SPS are summarised as follows:

- **Economic development** – enabling multi-sector interdependencies to diversify the State’s economic base.
- **Education, training and knowledge transfer** – attracting investment into science/technology and retaining highly skilled people by designing creative hubs with good access to services.
- **Tourism** – promoting the different experiences in tourism, the arts, culture, recreation and education.

- **Environment** – conserving biodiversity and managing the state’s natural resources in a sustainable manner.
- **Agriculture and food** – enabling the state’s food supply chain to meet the projected demands of its domestic and global food and fisheries markets.
- **Physical infrastructure** – coordinating physical infrastructure with development for community betterment:
 - **Movement** – moving people, goods and services through an integrated network connected nationally and globally.
 - **Water** – supporting population growth and development by sustainably managing the availability and quality of water while maintaining a healthy, diverse and well-managed water environment.
 - **Energy** – enabling secure, reliable, affordable and clean energy that meets the state’s growing demand.
 - **Waste** – managing waste as a resource through innovation strategic sites and infrastructure corridors.
 - **Telecommunications** – ensuring those responsible for telecommunications take into account WA’s planning and development priorities and requirements.
- **Social infrastructure** – enabling liveable, inclusive and diverse communities:
 - **Spaces and places** – creating places and spaces that foster culture, liveability, enterprise and identity.
 - **Affordable living** – enabling affordable living through housing diversity and compact settlements.
 - **Health and wellbeing** – encouraging active lifestyles, community interaction and betterment.
- **Land availability** – enabling the supply of affordable serviced land and responding to the fragmentation of prime agricultural lands.
- **Remote settlements** – enabling remote settlements to maintain economic and social life with improved connectivity and culture support.
- **Security** – enabling defence and associated industries to protect the State’s economy and bio-security.

Each of these strategic directions is detailed in the draft SPS and structured as shown in the table below:

STRATEGIC DIRECTION	PURPOSE/FUNCTION
The objective:	The desired outcome of a strategic direction.
Overview:	Summary of a strategic direction.
Key Facts:	The latest available data and information.
The Approach:	Key elements that will contribute to the objective.
State Challenges:	Issues that must be considered in the approach.

STAFF COMMENT

The vision, strategic goals and strategic directions are all clearly explained in the SPS and illustrations supplement the text providing an overview of the State's current and future resources.

Key facts for each of the strategic directions in the SPS provide a credible foundation on which the Strategy is based and the Strategic Approach and State Challenges outline the aspirations and potential difficulties facing Western Australia to 2050.

CONCLUSION

The SPS will be used by the Government as a basis to plan for and coordinate regional and urban infrastructure across the State; improve efficiency of infrastructure investment; and facilitate the consideration of project approvals, delivery of services and urban land supply.

The Government intends working with local government, the private sector and other individuals in the ongoing development and application of the Strategy. However, as the SPS provides a strategic planning framework for the whole of the state it should be considered as an overarching document rather than providing specific strategic direction to individual local governments within the metropolitan area.

The WA Local Government Association (WALGA) has advised that it shall be making a submission on the SPS and has invited the Town to be included in its response. It is therefore recommended that the Council's resolution be forwarded to both WALGA and the WAPC.

VOTING

Simple Majority

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Committee discussed the purpose and potential implications of the Strategy at some length in relation to the planning system and Local Governments generally as well as in relation to the Cottesloe context and current planning issues. While Committee was prepared to receive and note the document it was not automatically supportive as it considered that the Strategy appeared in some ways contradictory and at odds

with local planning objectives and matters including the interests of councils and their communities. As such a qualified cautious response was suggested as desirable at this stage.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Strzina, seconded Cr Hart

That Council advises WALGA and the WAPC:

1. That it generally supports the draft State Planning Strategy as a means for the State Government to undertake a cooperative approach in planning for the State's infrastructure, environment, food security, land availability, economic development, education, training and knowledge transfer.
2. That sustained population growth, tourism and the supply of land for future development in the South West Sector should be based on a collaborative approach with local government and the community, and the quiet residential character of established low-density residential areas should be retained and enhanced where appropriate for modern living, the preservation of heritage buildings of significance, health and wellbeing.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Walsh, seconded Cr Downes

That point 1 of the Officer Recommendation is amended to read: "That it receives and notes the draft State Planning Strategy as a means for the State Government to undertake a cooperative approach in planning for the State's infrastructure, environment, food security, land availability, economic development, education, training and knowledge transfer."

Carried 5/1

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Walsh, seconded Cr Strzina

That Council advises WALGA and the WAPC:

1. That it receives and notes the draft State Planning Strategy as a means for the State Government to undertake a cooperative approach in planning for the State's infrastructure, environment, food security, land availability, economic development, education, training and knowledge transfer.
2. That sustained population growth, tourism and the supply of land for future development in the South West Sector should be based on a collaborative approach with local government and the community, and the quiet residential character of established low-density residential areas should be retained and enhanced where appropriate for modern living, the preservation of heritage buildings of significance, health and wellbeing.

THE AMENDED SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT

Carried 5/1

10.1.2 CBD AND TOWN CENTRE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

File Ref: SUB/38
Responsible Officer: Carl Askew
Chief Executive Officer
Author: Andrew Jackson
Manager Development Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 18 March 2013

SUMMARY

Every year in Australia a range of town planning, transport and related conferences occur in various cities, offering ideal opportunities for professional development and benefits to participating organisations. Such conferences cover current issues, overseas experience, new ideas, technical skills, workshops, field trips, networking, consultancies and so on in keeping abreast of planning matters and practices.

The above conference will be held in Sydney on 19-20 June 2013, building on the success of the inaugural event last year. It is identified as particularly relevant to Cottesloe in connection with Council studies undertaken in recent years and projects being implemented for the Town Centre; including dealing with the public domain, private sector proposals and State Government involvement.

This report recommends approval for the Manager Development Services to attend the conference.

CONFERENCE POLICY

Council's Conferences Policy applies.

Employees who wish to attend a conference/seminar/training shall complete a Request for Training application form and submit it to the Chief Executive Officer through their Supervisor.

Attendance at any interstate or international conference must be the subject of an application to be considered by the Chief Executive Officer and referred to the Works & Corporate Services Committee for recommendation to Council.

Note: The Policy was adopted some years ago and the main reason for items going to the W&CSC was if they related to that committee or for budgetary consideration. More recently reports on conferences for the Planning staff have been presented to the Development Services Committee as the logical forum before recommending to Council.

The following expenses for approved conferences/seminars/training will be met by Council:

- (a) Registration fees;*
 - (b) Return fares and other necessary transport expenses;*
 - (c) Reasonable accommodation and living expenses.*
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Where possible expenses are to be pre-paid.

All expenditure is to be accounted for prior to reimbursement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of registration, accommodation, travel and meals for the conference is \$2,500-3,000 and can be met by the current training/conference budget for Planning staff.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The conference is a national event aimed to attract planners, designers, place-makers, urban economists, the development industry and many others associated with town centre vitality. The program elaborates:

*The **second CBD & Town Centre Design and Development Conference** will provide attendees with practical knowledge and expert advice on how the planning, design and development of Australia's CBDs and town centres can be optimised for the benefit of local communities and businesses.*

With governments, developers and businesses seeking to enhance the design, amenity and economic activity of central business districts, this conference will provide leading case studies and expert advice on how to achieve successful design and revitalisation of the centres of cities, suburbs and regional towns.

Town planning, urban design, infrastructure improvements, streetscaping, building design and public spaces will be among topics examined by this conference.

The conference concentrates on planning, designing and developing town centres to optimise economic and community benefits, entailing two days of detailed analysis, leading knowledge, educational workshops and interactive discussion.

The program features a comprehensive array of expert speakers and case studies to provide attendees with the latest information and advice on how to best address the planning, design and management of key community hubs.

With local governments, developers and businesses seeking to enhance the amenity and economic activity of CBDs and town centres, the conference will demonstrate how these spaces can be sculpted to achieve robust results for the overall community, including revitalisation plans and economic development strategies.

It is apparent that the nature and diversity of speakers and topics forming the conference are very relevant and useful to the numerous planning aspects and options facing Cottesloe regarding the future of its Town Centre, local centre and beachfront precincts.

While some conferences are intentionally broad and general, the advantage of this particular event is its specialised focus and the gathering of like-minded professionals

to explore enhanced approaches to the planning, development and wellbeing of Town Centres as the hearts of urban settlements.

VOTING

Simple Majority

COMMITTEE COMMENT:

The Manager Development Services advised that the Mainstreet Australia National Conference had also been advertised for May 2013 in Melbourne, and he wished to investigate that opportunity as well, which is similarly aimed at town centre planning and management. Committee supported this and a possible amended or additional recommendation to full Council regarding these valuable professional training and development opportunities.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Strzina, seconded Cr Walsh

THAT Council approve attendance of the Manager Development Services at the CBD and Town Centre Design and Development Conference in Sydney on 19-20 June 2013, and request that a report be provided within two months of the event.

Carried 6/0

11 ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING BY:

12.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil

12.2 OFFICERS

Nil

13 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

13.1 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

13.2 PUBLIC READING OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY BE MADE PUBLIC

Nil

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member announced the closure of the meeting at 6:32 PM.

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PRESIDING MEMBER:

POSITION:

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DATE: / /