Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2023 - Combined Precincts Committee

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response.

To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- Awaiting Response action allotted to Council Officer response awaited.
- Open/Ongoing action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter is ongoing and further response/update is to be provided at a later date.
- Closed for Council Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when the matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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October	6i	Kayak Storage - ACTION: The kayaks in Berrys Bay need a tidy-up.	Council's Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator has advised that the tidy-up part of the process is undertaken by Council's Rangers. They usually issue notification stickers advising time period for the removal of illegally stored vessels following which an impoundment process begins.	Closed for Council
			As small watercraft storage improvements in Berry's Bay are scheduled for 2023/24, simultaneously with the impounding process, we will advertise the possibility of securing a storage permit in a new facility. However, the capacity of the proposed storage is very limited as it is a very tight space and storage permits have already been issued to about 10 vessel owners, there might be room for another 5-7 vessels.	
			During the impounding notification process, owners of the vessels will have a chance to get in touch with the Council and put their name down for a permit. The allocation of permits is in line with the position on the waiting list.	
	6ii	Merrett Playground Upgrade status - ACTION: Request that Merrett Playground upgrade be re-prioritised now that the ex-Waverton Bowling Club is no longer under Council's care and control. Waverton Precinct had requested that Council defer the upgrade to allow integration with plans for the re-use Bowling Club site. Such had been agreed to by the A/General Manager.	Council's Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator has advised that Merrett Playground upgrade has been revisited and will be advertised for tender in the next two weeks. Construction will begin in early 2024.	Closed for Council

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	6iii	Council Service Levels - ACTION: Advice current service levels/frequency for verge mowing and street sweeping in Cammeray.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that verges are mowed 14 times per annum. Service levels have not been reduced. Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that	Closed for Council
			streets in Cammeray are swept every 12 weeks. Service levels have not been reduced.	
	6iv	Council Service Levels - ACTION: Request for information regarding other stakeholder engagement planned to inform Council's service levels.	Council's Executive Manager Organisational Performance had advised that Council's service review framework is to be developed in Q3 2023/24. This will detail what stakeholder engagement will entail. More information will be provided to Precinct Committees in due course. UPDATE (March 2024) CEO (previously General Manager) and Service Unit Manager Customer & Communications will be attending the April CPC meeting to outline engagement plan.	Closed for Council
	6v	Future Guest Speaker - ACTION: The CPC invite Council's General Manager to a future CPC meeting to clarify impact of the organisational realignment on the delivery of services and the financial impact of the NSOP redevelopment.	Noted by the General Manager, awaiting an invite to a CPC meeting to be held in 2024. UPDATE (March 2024) CEO (previously General Manager) will be attending the April CPC meeting and clarifying the impacts.	Closed for Council

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	7ai	Improving communications with residents regarding WHT/WFU construction impacts (Anzac Park) MOTION: The CPC supports Anzac Park Precinct convening a group to liaise with the WHT/WFU project teams on a more formal and regular basis to encourage increased communication and dialogue with affected residents and businesses as current communication channels are not effective; and the Council is requested to provide an appropriate Council staff representative to attend these meetings. MOVED BY: GC (Neutral), SECONDED BY: SW (Anzac Park) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	Council's General Manager has advised that the Director Open Space & Infrastructure will attend the first meeting of this group, on 13 November 2023. Council will also assist with provision of a venue for these meetings. UPDATE (10 November 2023) Anzac Park Precinct has advised that the first meeting has been postponed, new date TBA.	Closed for Council
	7aii	MOTION: The CPC requests the Council write to the NSW Minister for Heritage seeking the reasons/grounds for the Minister's decision to revoke the IHO for 115, 117 and 119 Holt Ave, Cremorne; and that if there is a 'loophole' that the CPC requests the Council write to the NSW Minister for Heritage requesting legislation change to remove the loophole. MOVED BY: CC (Harrison-Bennett), SECONDED BY: MDS (Anzac Park) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	Council's Director Community, Planning & Environment has advised that a letter will be prepared the Strategic Planning Department to be issued by the Mayor.	Closed for Council
		MOTION: The CPC supports Planning Proposal 5/23 regarding the three remaining properties on Holt Avenue, Cremorne. MOVED BY: MdS (Harrison-Bennett), SECONDED BY: GC (Neutral) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	Submission noted by Council's A/Manager Strategic Planning.	Closed for Council

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	9.a	MOTION: The CPC requests the full copies of the 2004 and 2007 heritage reviews (not abbreviated study) be made available from Stanton Library; that the CPC be notified once the documents are available; and that on an ongoing basis, all heritage reports be given to Stanton Library's local history section. MOVED BY: LT (Holtermann), SECONDED BY: SW (Anzac Park) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	Allocated to Director Community, A/Manager Strategic Planning and Council's Executive Strategic Planner	Awaiting Response
August	6b	Council Update: Precinct System Review: implementation of recommendations - ACTION: Council staff to update the Implementation Plan timings and reissue to all Precinct Committees.	Allocated to Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement	Awaiting Response
	6e	Council Update: New Precinct System Logo - ACTION: Council to prepare alternate Precinct System logo options (with/without NSC logo lock) as follows: a) text: North Sydney PRECINCTS b) larger size "North Sydney" font c) version with "voice to Council" as tagline d) version with "community forums" as tagline e) version with "support by North Sydney Council" as tagline	Council's Graphic Designer is preparing revised logo options for presentation to the CPC meeting of 28 November 2023.	Open/Ongoing

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	6f	Council Update: Precinct System Promotion - ACTION: Council to book a stall both events, pending availability. ACTION: Council to source insurance cover for the two stalls.	 UPDATE (24 August 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that: Crows Nest Festival on 15 October 2023 - the organisers have confirmed that stall applications closed in April, and they are capacity, so unfortunately we cannot have a stall at this event Living Futures Sustainability Festival on 29	Closed for Council
	7bi	General Business: Discussion Items (pre-submitted items): Heritage - news and updates - ACTION: The CPC seeks an update from Council on the Comprehensive Heritage Review included in the Delivery Program (project 3.3.2.02)	Council's Director Community, Planning & Environment has advised that a related report is included on the Council meeting agenda for 9 October 2023 - see Item 10.7. UPDATE (11 October 2023) Per Item 10.7, Council resolved on 9 October 2023: THAT the matter be deferred to a Councillor Briefing to be held as soon as practical. UPDATE (9 November 2023) Council's Director Community, Planning & Environment notes the CPC's "disappointment", and advises that the Councillor Briefing will be held in late November 2023.	Open/Ongoing

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June	6b	Council Update: Planning Advisors as Guest Speakers offer - ACTION: Council staff to schedule Planning Advisors online session and promote to all Precinct Committees.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that discussions are underway with the Development Services Department to schedule the online information session. More information will be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course. UPDATE (4 October 2023) The online session will be held on Tuesday 24 October 2023, 6pm. Full details to be provided to all Precinct Committees. Recording to be made available after the event.	Open/Ongoing
	7bi(a)	Installation of freestanding digital advertising structures by JCDecaux in public spaces within North Sydney LGA - MOTION: The CPC opposes the small format freestanding advertising panels because they increase visual pollution, increase congestion on footpaths for pedestrians and will negatively impact driver safety. The risk of vandalism was also noted. Moved By: CC (Harrison), Seconded By: GM (Euroka) Carried Unanimously	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the Precinct Committee's feedback will be treated as a submission. UPDATE (September 2023) DA 102/23, 306 Military Road Digital (Advertising sign) was reviewed by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel on 13 September 2023. The Planning Consultant for the Applicant requested that this DA (and other similar DAs) be deferred to allow the Applicant to submit a package that would provide details of the 13 stand-alone advertising/ communication structures and the 13 bus shelters proposed for the North Sydney LGA. The Applicant seeks additional time to address issues as to the community benefits of the provision of street furniture and the context for the stand-alone structures including criteria for the location of the same.	Closed for Council

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7b	bi(a)	Installation of freestanding digital advertising structures by JCDecaux in public spaces within North Sydney LGA - ACTION: Council to advise the business case and amount of revenue to be raised by the introduction of the new advertising panels.	In relation to Item 7b, please note the requested information regarding potential revenue from the proposed comm panels is commercial in confidence at this stage. The submitted DA's are still pending assessment and it is premature to predict the outcome. This information may be furnished at a future date when the outcome of the DA's and negotiation with the contractor are finalised. Thank you.	Closed for Council

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	10	Future Guest Speaker - GM (Euroka) suggested that an idea for a guest speaker for the next meeting relates to the push by the new NSW Government to increase density. ACTION: Council staff to source speaker options for the 15 August 2023 meeting.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that request has been sent to the Engagement Team within the Greater Cities Commission seeking a suitable speaker to address either the 15 August or 17 October meeting.	Open/Ongoing
			UPDATE (1 August 2023) The Greater Cities Commission has advised that they are working towards the public exhibition of their Region and City Plans, and therefore they could attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17 October 2023. The presentation would provide an overview on the Region and City Plans and within that context, further information about the approach to housing that meets the different needs of each community, balancing density, diversity and affordability, alongside links to infrastructure. Members of the Eastern Harbour City team will present.	
			UPDATE (4 October 2023) The Greater Cities Commission has advised that they are no longer available on 17 October 2023 to address the CPC. Awaiting confirmation of their availability for the final CPC meeting for 2023, Tuesday 28 November 2023.	

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May 5ii		Co-convenors Report: DAs for Council Advertising Panels - ACTION: Request for more information regarding the DAs was taken on notice.	Council's A/Manager Engineering Infrastructure has advised that Council has requested and received several reports since 2007 in relation to advertising opportunities on Council owned infrastructure, including bus shelters, the Greenwood Plaza Bridge over the Highway, freestanding advertising panels, multi-purpose panels (MPP) banners and other possible sites. At its meeting of 24 September 2018, the Council considered Item EPS03 Advertising Opportunities on North Sydney Council Infrastructure. Council resolved: 1. THAT Council endorses the installation of large-format digital advertising on one or both sides of the pedestrian footbridge that spans across the Pacific Highway in the North Sydney CBD. 2. THAT Council endorses the installation of digital advertising panels in all its Bus Shelters that currently have large scrolling format advertising panels installed similar to the digital advertising panels that are currently installed in the Miller Street Bus Shelters (Victoria 1 and 2). 3. THAT the requirement for future digital advertising panels in bus shelters be included in the next tender for this service when the current JC Decaux bus shelter advertising contract expires in August 2020.	Closed for Council

- 4. THAT Council endorses the installation of freestanding digital advertising panels in the CBD and other Village Centres in North Sydney.
- 5. THAT Council monitor the outcome obtained by City of Sydney under their current Expression of Interest (EOI) process and, subject to their results, consider following a similar model for the rollout of a combined advertising and "Smart City" initiatives contract on its entire portfolio of streetscape infrastructure.

Council at its meeting on 28 March 2023 adopted to move forward with advertising on Selected Council Infrastructure - Part A: Small Format (bus shelters and comms panels) [this is resolution 4 of the Council decision of 24 September 2018]. The appointed contractor recently submitted development applications to install communication panels across the LGA at 13 of the 19 nominated sites. The 13 sites include:

- 63 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest
- 385-389 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest
- 100 Mount Street, North Sydney
- Alfred Street, Milsons Point
- Broughton Street, Milsons Point
- 476 Miller Street, Cammeray
- 599 Pacific Highway, St Leonards
- 425 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest
- 79-81 Berry Street, North Sydney
- Mount Street, North Sydney
- 116 Military Road, Neutral Bay
- 306 Military Road, Cremorne
- Brett Whitely Place, North Sydney

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			UPDATE (20 June 2023) Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that Council has engaged external independent planning consultants to undertake an assessment of the proposed advertising panel in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policies.	
			The signage proposals have been prepared following a Council tender process for Advertising on Selected Council Infrastructure, which concluded in February 2022. The assessment of advertising structures against planning controls, including consideration of submissions, will be addressed at a later date by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel, who operates independent of North Sydney Council. The concerns expressed in the submissions received in response to the formal public consultation process will be considered both by the independent planning consultant and the Planning Panel at that time. Those submitters to the proposal(s) will also be able to address the Local Planning Panel before they are determined.	

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	7bi	Neutral Bay Alive consultation group update (CPC) - ACTION: Information about the EOI process is to be promoted directly to Precinct Committees nearest the Neutral Bay Town Centre, and to all Precinct Committees via the Precinct eNews.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the call for EOIs was promoted to all Precinct Committees on 26 May 2023, as well as other key stakeholders and general promotional methods; with applications closing 12 June 2023. UPDATE (13 May 2023) Council received over 20 applications which are currently under review.	Closed for Council
February	2A	Guest Speaker: Steven Clark, Project Director Warringah Freeway Upgrade - ACTION: Contractor to send Fact Sheet regarding entry/exit options for distribution to all Precinct Committees.	The Fact Sheet was distributed to all Precinct Committees on 9 March 2023 together with the revised draft CPC Minutes of 22 February 2023.	Closed for Council

Guest Speaker: Steven Clark, Project Director Warringah Freeway Upgrade - Questions asked by attendees:

- a) Who is keeping a running tally of the number of trees removed to know how many to replace with the agreed 2:1 ratio?
- b) Please confirm if the Miller Street off-ramp is 40km per hour or 60km per hour
- c) What will happen with the 2.7 hectares used for construction, when will it be returned to the community?
- d) Is the work in Cammeray Park in expectation of the Beach Link project (currently not approved)?
- e) There is a considerable loss of parking in the Alfred St precinct, with resident parking impacted by bus requirements. Many residents in this location are now without access to on-street parking. Can something in line with the workers' car park be considered for residents?

UPDATE (15 June 2023):

Council received a response to the outstanding questions from the contracted Project Direction for the WFU and WHT Early Works:

- a) Trees that may need to be removed for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade project are identified in an arboricultural impact assessment. The overall number of trees retained, removed or pruned is recorded by the Warringah Freeway project team. Please visit the Project's online web portal's dedicated section on tree removal and replacement for more information: https://caportal.com.au/rms/wfu/trees
- b) When construction is complete, the off-ramp speed will be signposted as 60 km/h. Traffic speed limits are currently reduced to 40 km/h when construction is occurring, or as implemented by the Transport for NSW Traffic Management Centre to assist traffic flow during an incident and manage to manage peak demands.
- c) The Cammeray site on the eastern side of the active transport link has reconfigured for the new Cammeray golf course, which is expected to be open in the coming weeks. The site to the west of the active transport link is being used for ongoing construction support.
- d) The work occurring in Cammeray is to support a range of activities. All work is related to the scope under the approved Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade Environmental

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			Impact Statement and associated Minister's Conditions of Approval. e) Unfortunately, the loss of some on-street parking on Alfred Street North has been required. Parking will need to be progressively removed to accommodate the new dedicated southbound bus ramp from Falcon Street. We have implemented a range of mitigation measures to reduce the impact of this, and will continue to work with the impacted community on any further mitigation measures as well as investigating options for returning more on-street parking once construction is complete.	
	6a	Council Update: Precinct-related Council updates - Guest Speaker opportunity for Precinct meetings - Council's Planning Advisors within the Development Services Department are offering to address Precinct meetings about how the planning process works. As an alternative or in addition to individual attendance, the staff could hold an online information session open to members of all Precinct Committees (similar to the recent online session re Planning Proposals). There was support for both options. ACTION: Further information to be distributed to all Precinct Committees.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that information about the offering was provided to all Precinct Committees via email on 2 March 2023, as well as via the weekly Precinct eNews. UPDATE (25 October 2023) Online information session open to all Precinct Committees (office bearers and members was held on 24 October 2023. The session recording will be provided to all Precinct Committees.	Closed for Council

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	5.i	Co-Convenors Report: Meet the Candidates events (State election) - ACTION: Check if Northbridge Progress Association is conducting a Meet the Candidates event for the Willoughby Electorate.	 Details of the two events were promoted to all Precinct Committees on 3 March 2023: Milson Precinct, on behalf of the Precinct Committees within the North Shore Electorate, is hosting a 'Meet the Candidates' event on Thursday 16 March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Loreto Kirribilli, Junior School Hall. All candidates have been invited to attend. Pre-registration required. Northbridge Progress Association is hosting a "Meet the Candidates' event for the Willoughby Electorate on 9 March 2023 at Northbridge Gold Club, 7pm start. 	Closed for Council

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	7ai	General Business: Proposed Motions: Neutral Bay Alive Proposal (Neutral, Willoughby Bay and Brightmore) - Motion: That Council establish a formal body, to be modelled on Lane Cove Alive comprising community representatives to work in association with Council to drive the plan for Neutral Bay Village. Moved by MTJ (Willoughby Bay), Seconded by LS (Brightmore) CARRIED	Council at its meeting of 27 March 2023 considered Mayoral Minute (Item 8.01) Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study - establishment of a Community Consultation Group and resolved: 1. THAT Council establish a community consultation group titled "Neutral Bay Alive" as part of the revised Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study, modelled on the "Lane Cove Alive" group set up by Lane Cove Council to inform the revitalisation of Lane Cove town centre. 2. THAT Council notes that the community consultation group is not a decision-making group and the group will augment the adopted community engagement plan for the study. 3. THAT Council call for Expressions of Interest for members and delegate selection of group members to the General Manager consistent with the process Council adopts for local planning panels. 4. THAT Council note that the establishment of the group will be funded by the existing budget allocation for the Planning Study.	Closed for Council

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		General Business: Proposed Motions: Neutral Bay Alive Proposal (Neutral, Willoughby Bay and Brightmore) - ACTION: Council is requested to explain what is meant by "targeted" engagement?	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised, on behalf of the project manager, that per the adopted project-specific Engagement Plan for the Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study, the second phase of the project involves 'targeted' engagement, meaning the consultation methods are designed to ensure representative stakeholder participation in the preliminary engagement to inform the draft Study. This followed the first 'early engagement' phase, which focused on promotion and awareness of the project. The Phase 2 stakeholder consultation methods include: Survey 1 Access & Uses Survey, closing 5 May 2023 - share how you currently access and use the Neutral Bay Town Centre and your future needs Survey 2 Community Centre Needs Survey, closing 17 May 2023 - help us understand how the community would use a new community centre in Neutral Bay Stakeholder Workshops 24 and 30 May 2023 - numbers limited, aiming for a representative sample, externally facilitated. Complete the EOI form by 5 May 2023 if interested in participating in the workshops Consultation Group - new initiative, more information coming soon For more information visit	Closed for Council
			https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nbtcps	

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	9c	Other Items: Precinct System Review - ACTION: Status update regarding implementation of the Precinct System Review recommendations is to be included on the next CPC agenda.	Listed as a standing item on future CPC agendas.	Closed for Council