

6.6. MM06: External Committees and Reference Groups

Council facilitates a range of external committees and Reference Groups involving Councillors and external representatives as part of its engagement strategy.

These groups and their terms of reference are established as part of Council's overall governance and engagement strategy at the beginning of each term of Council. Historically, Council also reviewed them periodically during the term. There has not been a review during the 2017-2020 term of Council and as this has now been extended as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is appropriate that a review take place to ensure that the number and operations of these groups continue to meet their purpose. This is particularly relevant given that COVID-19 has impacted on the frequency and capacity of some of these groups to meet.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT a report be presented to the next Council meeting summarising and reviewing all external committees and reference groups facilitated by North Sydney Council.

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