

URBAN PLANNING DELEGATED COMMITTEE



MINUTES

(Open to the public)

20 September 2021

Online - Delivered via Webex Events

Commencement 6.32pm

Attendance
Councillor Jim Parke (Chairperson)
Councillor Garry Thompson (Mayor)
Councillor Felicity Sinfield
Councillor Victor Franco
Councillor Wes Gault
Councillor Di Gillies
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Jane Addis
Councillor Cynthia Watson
Councillor Susan Biggar
Councillor Nick Stavrou

Apologies Nil

Officers

Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
Nick Lund	Acting Director Urban Living
David Cowan	Acting Manager Statutory & Strategic Planning
Kirstin Ritchie	Acting Manager Governance & Legal
Elizabeth Manou	Acting Coordinator Governance
Christian Wilmsen	Acting Coordinator Strategic Planning

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1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes

MOTION

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Sinfield

That the minutes of the Urban Planning Delegated Committee meeting held on 6 September 2021 be adopted and confirmed.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

3. Presentation of officer reports

3.1 Planning Policy Framework Translation - Endorsement of preferred version

As part of the Smart Planning reform agenda, the Victorian Government introduced a new Planning Policy Framework (PPF) into all Victorian Planning Schemes through Amendment VC148 in July 2018. The new PPF is intended to integrate state, regional and local policies in the one place and to create a stronger, better aligned, consistent and easier to navigate policy framework.

While all state and regional content is already included in the new PPF, local planning policies are currently still contained in Clause 21 (Municipal Strategic Statement) and Clause 22 (planning policies). Translation of this local content into the new structure is required to complete the transition to the new PPF.

The translation of local planning policies is required to be policy neutral to maintain Council's existing policy position. While there is some opportunity to make changes to clarify intent and remove ambiguity without changing policy intent, there is no opportunity to include new policy. Changing the policy position would require exhibition of the new PPF and require all of Council's existing planning policies to again be subject to a planning scheme amendment process.

Officers have prepared a policy neutral translation of the new PPF based on the current existing Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF). The translation process has included a review of all parts of the existing local policy framework to ensure critical local content is retained and Council's policy positions are not weakened. Provisions inconsistent with the translation rules established by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) have not been translated. This includes provisions which duplicate other content, matters not controlled through planning or outdated content.

In preparing the draft PPF, officers have identified the following issues raised by the rules set up by DELWP which are discussed in the report:

- inability to translate planning permit application requirements;
- inability to use the word 'require' in the PPF translation; and
- inability to include definitions (most notably the heritage gradings definitions).

Officers have sought to mitigate any potential impacts of these key issues by redrafting application requirements as strategies where the intended outcome is clear.

Officers also consider the inability to include the grading definitions has little practical implications and does not weaken the identification and protection of Boroondara's heritage places. The heritage grading of each property within a precinct is included in the heritage citation and statement of significance. These form the basis for the assessment of planning applications.

Council has been advised an endorsed preferred PPF must be submitted to the Minister for Planning by Friday 1 October 2021. Should Council not endorse a preferred version by this date, DELWP will process the most recent second draft including any changes made by the Victorian Government's Smart Planning Reform Team.

There were no speakers wishing to make submissions to Council for this item.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Watson

Seconded Councillor Thompson

That the Urban Planning Delegated Committee resolve to:

- 1. Endorse the draft Municipal Planning Strategy and local policies at Attachment 4 to this report.**
- 2. Submit the endorsed Municipal Planning Strategy and local policies to the Minister for Planning as Council's preferred version for implementation into the Boroondara Planning Scheme.**
- 3. Note the process for implementation will be undertaken by the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 20(4) of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987*.**

CARRIED

4. General business

Nil

5. Urgent business

Nil

6. Confidential business

Nil

The meeting concluded at 6.43pm

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date
