

Report by Brooke Martin, Acting Manager Civic Space

RECOMMENDATION

That Council maintain the existing exterior paint colour scheme for the Strathfield Town Hall and Council Chambers.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to Council on ongoing and proposed works to the heritage-listed Strathfield Council Chambers and Town Hall.

REPORT

Council has scheduled substantial building works for the Strathfield Town Hall and Council offices over the next six months. The Strathfield Council Chambers and Town Hall buildings are heritage items on the Strathfield Planning Scheme Ordinance (SPSO).

Work will soon commence to install a lift in the Council Chambers building and structural underpinning to the clock tower to prevent movement and cracking. Following completion of these works, the exterior of the Town Hall and Council Chambers will be painted.

The Council Chambers is a Victorian Italianate style building built in 1887, albeit with a number of later extensions. The Town Hall was built in 1923 with a Georgian style façade facing Redmyre Road. Both buildings have painted rendered surfaces and feature classical motifs including rendered architraves and arched openings.

In 2002, Council selected the current exterior colour scheme for the Council Town Hall and Council Chambers. At this time, Council engaged heritage consultants to recommend appropriate colours for the buildings. The primary considerations in the selection of colour schemes were to ensure that the colours were sympathetic to the period style of the buildings and complimentary to the adjacent residential heritage conservation areas on Homebush and Redmyre Roads. The process for colour selection also included many weeks of testing of various colours on walls, doors and window frames before determining the final selection.

As an extensive process has been previously undertaken to select suitable colours, it is recommended that the current colour schemes be maintained and works commence to repaint the buildings. As the works involve replacing the same colours rather than adoption of new colour schemes, no development consent is required for the proposed work.

The 2002 paint register and colour scheme are still available to carry out the planned painting works for the Town Hall and Council Chambers.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Proposed Expenditure: \$30,000 excl GST.

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

Program	Approved Budget	Expenditure to Date
Civicscape Capital Expenditure	\$300,000	\$0

Report approved by:

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