



**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHFIELD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
65 HOMEBUSH ROAD, STRATHFIELD**

Tuesday 26 March 2013

ORDER OF BUSINESS

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COMMENCING 6:30PM

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1. Prayer
2. Recognition of Traditional Custodians
3. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)
4. Apologies
5. Sister City Visit and Associated Study Tour
6. Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012



Director Corporate Services

Report by Peter Robinson, Project Manager, Urban Planning

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council approve in principle to the proposed Sister City visit to Gapyeong County and associated study tour.**
- 2. That Council note that the proposed Sister City visit and associated study tour meet the Division of Local Government guidelines in regard to international travel.**
- 3. That Council note the preliminary dates for the Sister City visit and associated study tour.**
- 4. That Councillors be nominated to attend the proposed Sister City visit and associated study tour.**
- 5. That a detailed proposal with costs be prepared and submitted to Council.**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To inform Council of the proposed visit to Strathfield's sister city Gapyeong County in South Korea to fulfil Council's obligations under the sister city agreement.
- To inform Council of a proposed study tour in association with the sister-city visit to Seoul, South Korea and Europe to inform and educate Council of the latest developments in Urban Planning and Design and Local Governance.

REPORT

Strathfield entered into a Sister City Relationship with Gapyeong County, Gapyeong Korea in 2011. This sister city relationship reflects the strong nature of the Korean community within the Strathfield local government area and surrounds. This entails certain obligations in building and promoting a relationship with Gapyeong County, through cultural, educational and professional exchanges as well as regular (around every two years) visits.

Aims of a Sister City Relationship

The aims of the relationship include the following:

- Promote international exchanges in public administration, education, culture, tourism, etc.
- Facilitate exchange programs between both cities, including exchange of public officials, students and employees of local businesses (around every two years).
- Cooperate and support the production and selling of agricultural products and manufacturing products.
- Cooperate in other suitable areas that may arise in order to promote common development. Any specific project will be subject to the prior consent of both parties.

Representatives from Gapyeong County visited Strathfield Council in August 2011 to sign the Sister City Agreement.

Since signing the agreement in August 2011, in 2012 and 2013, Gapyeong County has sent students to visit Strathfield, where they have learnt English at local high schools. This year, the students attended Homebush Boys' High School and Strathfield Girls' High School. Strathfield has also promoted Gapyeong at its events, most notably at the Strathfield Food Festival, where Council gave out complimentary food samples from Gapyeong County.

As can be seen whilst there has been a number of interactions by representatives of Gapyeong this will be the first time that representatives of Strathfield have visited Gapyeong.

Division of Local Government Guidelines

In accordance with the Division of Local Government (DLG) Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW (Oct 2009), this travel proposal is included in the Council business papers to be consistent with principles of openness and transparency in Council decision making.

The DLG notes that "detailed proposals for overseas travel should be developed, including nomination of the councillors undertaking the trip, purpose of the trip and expected benefits. The duration, itinerary and approximate total costs of each proposed visit, should also be provided."

"After returning from overseas, councillors, or an accompanying member of council staff, should provide a detailed written report to council on the aspects of the trip relevant to council business and/or the local community. Councillors are also strongly encouraged to report back on their overseas travel to a full meeting of the council. Details of overseas travel must also be included in councils' annual reports. Councils are also required to report on the benefits of any proposed overseas sister city relationships."

It is also proposed that Council representatives travel to Europe, as they can first hand see and experience developments that have directly informed Council's work on Strathfield Town Centre and the Parramatta Road Corridor. Council has developed strong high level relationships with a number of local authorities and similar organisations in Europe, it is considered that it would be cost effective for the representatives to incorporate a visit to Europe in conjunction with the Sister City visit.

Possible Dates for a Sister City Visit and Associated Study Tour

Gapyeong County has indicated that 19 to 25 May 2013 would best suit Gapyeong County for a visit from Strathfield Municipal Council. This would also include visits for study and learning to locations in and around Seoul.

In order to gain the optimal study and learning experience from a visit to Europe, it is recommended that seven days be allocated. It is proposed, from initial contact with the targeted local governments in Europe, the most convenient dates for Council to visit and meet with key staff would be from 11 May to 18 May 2013.

Benefits for Council and the Local Community

Firstly, the need for travel is related to the established Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County in order to meet obligations to build and promote this relationship through cultural, educational and professional exchanges between the two cities.

Secondly, there is a strong need for Australia and in particularly Sydney to learn from places that are successfully planning and implementing good urban developments through effective local government approaches. Whilst this can be done through study of documents and online information, this does not substitute for talking to those responsible, and hearing and seeing directly what was/is involved and how the outcomes have been delivered. This is especially the case, given that a number of international best practice developments have informed Council's work on Strathfield Town Centre and the Parramatta Road Corridor.

The benefit of the visit for the representatives of Strathfield Municipal Council is that they will:

- a) learn about and build a better understanding of Korean culture from Gapyeong County as it applies to Strathfield and its community, as well as a broader understanding of foreign cultures and the principles involved in understanding;
- b) build and promote this relationship with Gapyeong County by developing further cultural, education and professional exchanges as a result of this visit;
- c) understand the international best practice developments that have informed Council's work on Strathfield Town Centre and the Parramatta Road Corridor; and
- d) meet other local government and related officials and learn how local government works in other contexts.

Subject to in principle approval by Council a further report will be provided outlining a detailed itinerary together with an assessment of costs in relation to the Sister City visit and associated study tour.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A preliminary estimate of the cost of air fares and accommodation per attendee are set out below:

Study Tour	-	\$5,200
Sister City Visit	-	\$3,700
Total	-	\$8,900

Funding has not been provided in the current budget for this purpose Should Council approve the expenditure the source of the funding will need to be identified in the next budget review.

Report approved by:

Neale Redman	David Hazeldine
Director Corporate Services	A/Director Technical Services

Report by Roger Brook, Strategic Planning Co-ordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the amendments the Department of Planning and Infrastructure have made in finalising and making the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Council, at its meeting of the 19 March 2013, resolved (Minute No. 17/13)

- “1. That Council note that the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 was notified by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 15 March 2013 and will come into effect on 29 March 2013.*
- 2. That a further report outlining the specific amendments made to the LEP 2012 by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure be presented to Council.”*

This report has been prepared in response to the above resolution to inform Council of the main changes that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure have made in finalising and making the Strathfield LEP 2012.

REPORT

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure under the delegations of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure have made amendments in finalising and making the Strathfield LEP 2012 which differ from the draft Strathfield LEP (s68 version) submitted by Council to the Department in August 2012. The s68 version of the Draft LEP submitted was in accordance with the 24 July 2012 (adjourned 31 July) resolution of Council after the issues raised in the submissions from the public exhibition period had been considered.

The Department have confirmed in correspondence to Council (received 20 March 2013) that the zoning amendments they have made to the Draft Strathfield LEP (as outlined below) were instigated because *“they are considered substantial changes which could have required re-exhibition or could be achieved with a more appropriate method.”*

The following outlines the key changes made to the Strathfield LEP 2012 by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. These changes are evident in the LEP maps which the Department published on 21 March 2013.

Zone Changes

- 19-21 & 20-54 Noble Avenue, 56, 60-62 & 66 High Street, 207-225, 234-250 Homebush Road and 19-27 Macarthur Avenue Strathfield South - from R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential with town house densities.
- 43 Mackenzie Street, Strathfield - from R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential with town house densities.

- 1-28, 31-48 Loftus Crescent, 3-17, 4-18 Bridge Rd, 19 Crane St, 11 Station and 11 Knight St – from R3 Medium Density Residential to R4 High Density Residential and B4 Mixed Use.
- 6-32 & 11-35 Smallwood Avenue, 50-53 Loftus Crescent and 19 Bridge Rd Homebush – from R2 Low Density Residential to R4 High Density Residential and B4 Mixed Use.

Enfield Intermodal Terminal Site

The Department has changed the zoning of the southern portion of the site from RE1 Public Recreation to RE2 Private Recreation and IN1 General Industrial. The IN1 zoned portion of the site has been removed from the Lot size Map thereby removing the minimum 20,000m² lot size.

Changes to Additional Permitted Uses (Schedule 1)

The Department has removed a number of additional permitted land use activities (Schedule 1) for the following sites:

- Columbia Lane Precinct - (business premises, restaurant & café, self storage units, takeaway food and drink premises)
- 27 & 36 Davidson St Greenacre - (hotel or motel accommodation, vehicle sales or hire premises, bulky goods premises, restaurants or cafes & hardware and building supplies).

The Department has added the following additional permitted uses (Schedule 1)

- 218-220 Parramatta Road & & 3-9 Smallwood Avenue, Homebush West - warehouse or distribution centres on these sites.

Changes to Controls for Secondary Dwellings

The Department has changed the minimum floor area for secondary dwellings as follows:

- Clause 5.4 - the floor area for secondary dwellings has been reduced from 100sqm to 60sqm.

Changes to Land Use Table

The key changes to the Land Use Table made by the Department include:

- 'Boarding houses' - have been added as a permissible use in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone.
- 'Shop top housing' has been removed as a prohibited use and is permissible in the B6 Enterprise Corridor zone.
- 'Restaurant or cafes and storage premises' have been removed from the B6 Enterprise Corridor zone as permissible uses.
- 'Self storage units, water recycling facilities, water treatment facilities' have been removed as permissible uses in IN1 General Industrial zone.

- 'Bulky goods premises' have been removed as a prohibited use and are permissible in the B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone.
- 'Vehicle body repair workshops' have been prohibited in the B7 zone
- 'Commercial premises' which include 'office premises' and 'retail premises' have been prohibited in the B6 zone but 'office' uses has been added as an employment use in addition to 'retail' as a zone objective.

Changes to Schedule 2 Exempt Development

- The Department has removed Council's general requirement for all advertising signs to be displayed predominantly in the English language, where predominantly means more than 50% of the written area of the sign.
- The Department has removed the exempt provisions relating to temporary signs for cultural, educational, recreational, religious or social events and school signs.

Changes to Wording, Format & Clauses

The Department has also made a series of changes to the wording, format and content of a number of clauses in the instrument which have minimal impact on the planning intent of the LEP.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

Various sections of Council have been consulted in relation to the preparation of the Strathfield LEP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

Report approved by:

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A/Manager Strategic Planning	A/Director Technical Services