



# CITY OF VINCENT

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY GROUP

Monday, 23 May 2016 at 6.00pm

Venue: Committee Room  
City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre

### UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

#### Attendees

##### City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Emma Cole (Chair)  
Cr Susan Gontaszewski

##### City of Vincent Officers

Michael Quirk – Director Community Engagement (DCE)  
Rebecca Slavin – A/Manager Community Development (A/MCD)  
Brad Robbins – Community Development Officer (CDO)

##### Community Representatives

Joel Birch  
Alex Castle  
Amina Currimbhoy  
Lee Cooper  
John Thompson  
Dee Rowse

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#### 1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening

Cr Emma Cole opened the meeting at 6.05 pm.

#### 2. Apologies

Cr Matt Buckels

#### 3. Business

3.1 Advisory Group Member Introductions

### 3.2 City of Vincent Community Profile:

- Brad Robbins provided an overview of City of Vincent demographics particularly children and young people trends (refer to **Attachment 1**).
- Michael Quirk provided an overview of the City of Vincent Strategic Community Plan that will be developed throughout 2016/17. The Plan will be directly informed by the community and will guide future planning, decision making, resource allocation and provision of services and programs.
- Michael Quirk provided an overview of the City of Vincent Community Development Strategy that will both align with and inform the overarching Strategic Community Plan. Creating Communities has recently been appointed to undertake the Strategy (Stage One) which will include 'asset mapping' of community organisations, services and facilities.
- Cr Emma Cole noted the current budget process and 'community budget submissions' that are aligned with Council's priorities for 2016/17 (refer to **Attachment 2**):
  - Developing a new Strategic Community Plan to guide the future of the City
  - Stronger financial management and budget planning
  - Leading Local Government transparency and accountability
  - Guiding better development outcomes in the City
  - Meaningful and smarter community engagement
  - Creating liveable neighbourhoods
  - Cutting red tape
  - Renewing Town Centres
  - Smarter, sustainable waste management for the community

**ACTION (ADMINISTRATION):** The next Advisory Group Meeting to be held within the next month to advise outcomes of Council's 2016/17 draft budget discussions.

### 3.3 Community Engagement:

- Michael Quirk, as the City's new Director Community Engagement, provided an overview of Council's commitment to more collaborative and transparent relationship with the community.
- The Strategic Community Plan and Community Development Strategy will assist with identifying community needs and demands. The City's new approach to delivering upon these needs and demands will be through partnerships and capacity building rather than solely service delivery.
- Cr Emma Cole encouraged the Advisory Group to actively contribute to the consultation process and provide strategic advice for both the Strategic Community Plan and Community Development Strategy.
- Rebecca Slavin provided summary of current children and young people's services and recent projects delivered by the City of Vincent including National Youth Week activities, skateboarding and scooter activation workshops.

**ACTION (ADMINISTRATION):** Specific opportunities to be included in the consultation process for the Advisory Group to contribute towards development of the Community Development Strategy.

### 3.4 Terms of Reference Review

- The Advisory Group Terms of Reference, as endorsed by Council in April 2016, were circulated for discussion and review noting that any amendments require decision making by Council (refer to **Attachment 3**).

- Due to the high volume of young people aged 20 - 24 residing within the City of Vincent (3,441) the Advisory Group unanimously agreed that the definition of 'young people' within the Terms of Reference be amended to include individuals aged up to 24 years of age rather than up to 18 years of age.
- While the Terms of Reference Objectives refer to advice and recommendations impacting schools and/or students in the City it was acknowledged that the Advisory Group may also need to focus on schools that are located outside the Local Government Boundaries (i.e. Mount Lawley High School, Churchlands Senior High School). Given that there is currently only one secondary school within the City of Vincent the Advisory Group unanimously agreed.
- The potential need for a Sub-Group to be established in order to provide a platform for young people to directly advise and inform the Advisory Group was discussed. The current Terms of Reference do not prevent the establishment of a Sub-Group if required.

**ACTION (ADMINISTRATION):** Terms of Reference to be updated and report to be prepared for Council endorsement in due course. Administration to further investigate the potential of an Advisory Sub-Group.

### 3.5 Advisory Group Priorities & Agenda Items Discussion:

- Michael Quirk advised Advisory Group community representative obligations as per the City's Code of Conduct and Council's Policy No. 4.2.12 – Advisory Groups Policy. General Meeting Rules were also discussed (refer to **Attachment 4**).
- General discussion on key community issues priorities for the Advisory Group across these general focus areas:
  - Programs / events
  - Advocacy / communication
  - Facilities / parks
  - Partnerships
  - Strategic Community Plan and Community Development Strategy
- Advocacy for a direct bus to Churchlands Senior High School was undertaken by CYPAG during previous term.
- Requirement for more inclusive events focused on children and young people particularly the 12 to 17 age group.
- Diversity of partnerships required across organisations that can better engage young people by using non-sporting delivery methods (i.e. Enkel, Laneway Collective).
- Lack of specific facilities and services for young people (i.e. scouts, little athletics).
- Advocacy for an improved timeframe for a new Inner/Western/Coastal suburbs high school given that the proposed high school in City Beach has been postponed to 2027.
- Identify an appropriate model to engage young people and ensure they are represented well represented through the Advisory Group.
- Arrange for direct service providers, such as YMCA HQ, to provide a presentation on their priorities and deliverables.
- Need to develop strong, reliable data on children and young people. The Census does not necessarily capture accurate numbers which makes it difficult to obtain resources to provide much needed services.
- Review what facilities and spaces are available for children and young people to identify gaps, and better inform future provision and design requirements.

**ACTION (Administration):** Key priorities to be listed as Agenda Items for subsequent Advisory Group Meetings. Administration to provide the Advisory Group with map of the City's parks/playgrounds.

3.6 Future Meeting Dates & Times:

- Advisory Group agreed to meet in one months' time to discuss outcome of Council's 2016/17 budget discussions.
- It was mutually agreed that Advisory Group Meetings would be held on Mondays at 6:00pm.

**4. Close / Next Meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:40pm and advised that the next meeting is due to be held on Monday, 20 June 2016.

Signed

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Cr Emma Cole (Chair)

Date this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016