

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Safety Committee will be held in the Manly Town Hall Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave St on

THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021

Beginning at 8 - 10am for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Sue Heins	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Jason Falinski MP	Federal Member for Mackellar
Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Warringah
Brad Hazzard MP	State Member for Wakehurst
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Jonathan O'Dea MP	State Member for Davidson
Rob Stokes MP	State Member for Pittwater
Supt Patrick Sharkey	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Luisa de Bont	Community Representative
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Stephen Pirovic	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeyeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Melissa Palermo	NSLHD Health Promotion
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Tony Hilliger	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Kamal Krishan	State Transit Authority Northern Region

Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Rob van den Blink	Manager, Youth and Community Development
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Youth and Community Development

Visitors

Cr Vincent De Luca

Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

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to be held on Thursday 22 April 2021
in the Manly Town Hall Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave St
Commencing at 8 - 10am**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 17 June 2021

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2.0 APOLOGIES

All members are expected to attend the Community Safety Committee meetings or tender their apologies to the Chair or Committee liaison person. If members are unable to attend they may delegate their position to another member of their organisation, with the approval of the Chair.

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.

A **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** is defined in Section 5 of the Code as:

A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

If you required further information or guidance about disclosing an interest please contact Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 18 FEBRUARY 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 18 February 2021, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

ITEM 5.1	ACTIONS UPDATE COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2021/214711
ATTACHMENTS	1 Terms of Reference - Community Safety Committee

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

At the Council meeting on 23 March 2021, Notice of Motion No. 20/2021, resolved;
That the Community Safety Committee Charter (Attachment 1 of the Terms of Reference) be amended to provide that all State and Federal MPs with electorates in the Northern Beaches LGA are listed as members.

Action: The Charter attached to the Community Safety Committee Terms of Reference has been amended to reflect Notice of Motion No. 20/2021. Invitations have been sent to all Northern Beaches MPs inviting them to the remaining meetings in 2021.

2. MEETING OF 26 FEBRUARY 2021

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ACTION UPDATE
6.2.1	Request that an SDECC representative be included on the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group and be invited to future meetings.	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture	Invitation sent
6.2.2	Police Domestic Violence data be reported to the Committee.	Police	
6.4.1	That at the next meeting, dog incidents include location of incidents, particularly if related to a dog park.	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance	
6.4.2	That at the next meeting, the number of registered dogs be reported.	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance	
6.4.3	Circulate the Compliance statistics Powerpoint with the Minutes.	Community Safety Coordinator	Circulated to Committee 29 March 2021
6.5.1	Samantha King and Patrick Sharkey to meet offline	Police, Sam King	

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ACTION UPDATE
6.5.2	Coordinate review of the Northern Beaches Youth Interagency mail list for correct addresses and add DCJ's Michelle Erofeyeff email address.	Community Safety Coordinator	Michelle Erofeyeff has been added to mail list. List is regularly updated by NBYI.
6.6.1	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord Chair, Doug Brooker, offered to meet offline with interested Committee members to consider realistic alternatives to East Esplanade management.	Doug Brooker, Committee Members	

3. NORTHERN BEACHES POLICE AND COUNCIL OPERATIONAL MEETING

Police and Council Operational Meeting was held on 31 March 2021.

Key topics of discussion were;

- East Esplanade
- Homelessness
- Safety Audits
- Brookvale Oval
- Bus Stop Vandalism
- Special Youth Operation for Easter School Holidays
- Belrose Neighbourhood Watch
- Graffiti Removal
- Compliance Orders

Upcoming Major Events;

- World Surfing League Event at Narrabeen
- ANZAC Day Events
- Taste of Manly.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Community Safety Committee

Terms of Reference

1 NAME

Community Safety Committee

2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Safety Committee (the Committee) is to collaborate, consider and advise Council on ways to maintain, improve, resolve and progress issues that impact on community safety and crime prevention across the Northern Beaches.

The Committee provides input on:

- Safety issues, including security of open spaces & public areas, lighting, transport and event safety advice
- Collaborative approaches to community safety and crime reduction, prevention and detection initiatives
- Alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour issues
- Investigation of local crime hot spots and areas of community concern
- Official crime statistics
- Relevant grant funding applications
- Development and implementation of a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

The role of this Committee is purely advisory and may not commit Council resources. The Committee is to work within the framework of the Community Strategic Plan and does not deal with operational matters. It should be noted that employees of the Council are not subject to the direction of the Committee or any of its members.

3 COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Community Safety Committee operates according to these Terms of Reference and to their relevant Charter. Terms of Reference and Charters are adopted by resolution of Council and may also be amended by Council from time to time. The scope of the Committee is detailed in the respective Charter (refer Attachment 1).

4 MEMBERSHIP

- Membership of the Committee comprises of up to 29 members representing a range of community and stakeholder groups who wish to contribute to the Community Safety Committee. The membership composition is detailed in the Charter (refer Attachment 1).
- All members of this Committee have an obligation to:
 - Review relevant documents and provide feedback to the Committee where necessary
 - Objectively consider and actively participate in group deliberations by attending all meetings and facilitated workshops scheduled for the Committee

5 ELIGIBILITY

- All Councillors are eligible to nominate for membership on the Committee. Appointments will be determined and endorsed by Council.
- Community representatives and other members of groups / associations must possess such skills, expertise, experience or special affiliation as detailed in the objectives.
- Council will advertise nominations for community representation on the Committee.
- The selection of members will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Policy for Appointment of Community and Stakeholder Representatives on Committees.
- Should a representative vacancy occur during the terms of appointment, a new representative will be selected from eligible applications received from the original call for Expressions of Interest.
- Membership to be reviewed every quarter and if necessary, will be adjusted in accordance with the recommendation from the Committee.
- If no suitable alternative representatives can be found from the original Expressions of Interest, vacancies would be filled via a further call for Expressions of Interest.

6 TERM OF OFFICE

To assist with maintaining effectiveness and the continuity of knowledge within the Committee the terms of Councillors and community members have been staggered. The aim is for established members to provide assistance to incoming Councillors after the council election and 12 months later, reciprocally from Councillors to incoming community members.

- a) The term for Councillors on the Committee is two (2) years or 12 months following the election of new Council.
- b) The term for other members on the Committee is four (4) years commencing within 12 months after the election of Council.
- c) All Councillor memberships will cease during the election caretaker period. New Councillors should be appointed to Committees at the earliest opportunity following the election.
- d) The terms above are subject to the conclusion of the Committee, when all memberships cease.

7 SUPPORT PROVIDED

- a) Council will provide necessary resources to the groups. This will include the venue and administrative support such as facilitating and running the meeting, preparation and distribution of the notice of meeting, agenda and the recording of the minutes.
- b) The Community, Arts & Culture Business Unit is responsible for managing the committee and will be the main point of contact for members on committee related matters. Specialist staff in the areas of Community Services and Environmental Compliance will be available to provide expertise. The role of these representatives is to provide advice on:
 - Status of current issues
 - Broad policy objectives
 - Local Government regulations and relevant legislation.

8 TIMETABLE FOR MEETINGS

- a) The Committee is to meet bi-monthly (six (6) times) throughout the year.
- b) A meeting will be limited to a maximum of two (2) hours duration unless the Group resolves to extend the meeting to a particular time or until the completion of business.
- c) The schedule of meeting dates and venues will be provided to the members in advance and an agenda will be provided at least 7 days prior to meeting.

9 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

- a) All members are expected to attend the meetings, or otherwise tender their apologies to either the Chair or Committee liaison person.
- b) If members are unable to attend - members may delegate their position to another member of their organisation, with the approval of the Chairperson.
- c) No member should be absent for more than two (2) consecutive meetings without first seeking, and being granted leave by the Chair. Without being granted such leave in these circumstances, the person's membership will be re-evaluated.
- d) While other Councillors may attend Group meetings as observers, the meetings will not be open to other members of the public.

10 MEETING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

- a) The Council will ensure that each meeting is properly recorded with the use of minutes, which will be reported to Council.
- b) The quorum for each meeting will be one half plus the Mayor or another Councillor. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes within the commencement time of the meeting, it will become an informal meeting with no recommendations or decisions made.
- a) The Mayor is the Chair of the Committee or their nominated representative.
- b) The Chair directs the progress of the Committee meeting. Subject to any determination by the Chair, each item is to be dealt with in the order in which it appears on the agenda.
- c) The Chair role is to facilitate the conduct of the meetings and ensure the Committee focuses on its primary goal and objectives.
- c) This committee is advisory in purpose and should have the intention of reaching consensus when endorsing items and recommendations. It has no authority to make decisions on behalf of Council.
- d) It will be at the discretion of the Chair when a matter is to be put to the vote. In such circumstances voting is to be by way of a show of hands. For a vote to be carried the matter must be supported by a majority of members present, with the Chair having a casting vote in the event the vote is tied.

11 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMITTEES

- a) All members of the Committee are required to observe the adopted Model Code of Conduct and any other policy or requirement applicable to the proper functioning of the committee.
- b) Members shall act in a professional and responsible manner with the information they obtain.
- c) Members must respect each other (often despite differences) and work together to create an open and trusting atmosphere. The group requires openness and honesty in order to function well and members should feel free to express their opinions and views without fear of recrimination.
- d) A breach of the Terms of Reference may lead to the member being removed from the Committee by the Chair.
- e) Members of Committee do not have the authority to make representations to the media on Council or the Committee's behalf. In accordance with Council's Media Policy, the Mayor is the only person permitted to speak to the media on behalf of the Council and the Committee.
- f) Conflicts of Interest: Council recognises that community representatives join such Groups and Committees because of special interests they may have, and Council welcomes their expertise. Nevertheless, it is important that Council understands the basis of advice it receives from the Groups, so members will be requested to declare any organisation they may represent. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest, particularly pecuniary interests need to be made by members of the Group and recorded in the minutes in accordance with section 442 and 443 Local Government Act 1993.
- g) Confidentiality and Privacy: Members may have contact with confidential or personal information retained by Council. If so, members are required to maintain the security of any confidential or personal information and not access, unless the member is authorised to do so.

12 COUNCIL VALUES

All members of the Committee and all meeting attendees are expected to observe Northern Beaches Council Values outlined below:

- **Trust:** Because being open brings out our best.
- **Integrity:** Because we are proud to doing what we say.
- **Teamwork:** Because working together delivers.
- **Service:** Because we care as custodians for the community.
- **Respect:** Because valuing everyone is how we make

13 NEXT REVIEW DATE:

- This Terms of Reference will be reviewed prior to the establishment of a new Committee.
- Amendments to this Terms of Reference may only be determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT 1

CHARTER: Community Safety Committee

Established: February 2018	Function: To act in an advisory role to Northern Beaches Council to collaborate, consider and advise Council on ways to maintain, improve, resolve and progress issues that impact on community safety, crime prevention across the Northern Beaches.
Stakeholder Representative Term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors: Appointment for 2 Years or until election care taker period. • Community and Stakeholder Representatives: Appointment for 4 years including one year following council election 	
Quorum and Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quorum for each meeting will be one half. • If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes within the commencement time of the meeting, the meeting shall become an informal meeting with no recommendations or decisions made. • The Committee should have the intention of reaching consensus when endorsing items and recommendations. 	Composition/Membership Membership of the Committee comprises of up to 29 representatives of organisations, groups and community members. The Chairperson is the Mayor or his nominated delegate on this group and Deputy Chair as elected by the Mayor. The following Council members will be appointed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor (Chair) and 4 appointed Councillors (1 per Ward) The group will consist of up to 19 members of the following Northern Beaches organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Beaches Police Local Area Commander and/or a delegate • Northern Sydney Area Health Service • Corrections NSW • 2 x Community Service Providers • NSW Family and Community Services • Northern Beaches Liquor Accord • Transport NSW • Drug and Alcohol Service • 2 x Chamber of Commerce • 1 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches representative • Youth agency representative • 4 local State Members of Parliament • 2 local Federal Members of Parliament 5 Community members or groups interested in representing a broad range of strategic views in this topic across the Northern Beaches (* Ideally one member per ward).
Reporting Procedures: Minutes of meetings to be reported to Council.	
Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee are to meet bi-monthly (six (6) times) throughout the year. • The schedule of meeting dates will be distributed at the formation of the Committee. • Agenda items, time and venue will be provided to the members in an agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting. 	
Ex Officio Advisors: Officers of Government and Statutory Corporations or other advisors as required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Council Officer: Community Safety Coordinator, Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture • Business Unit: Community, Arts and Culture 	Council Members Appointed:

Revision History

Revision	Date	Status	TRIM Ref
1	8/5/2018	Terms of Reference (TOR) and Charter	2018/281599
2	23/3/2021	076/21 RESOLVED Notice of Motion 20/2021 – Community Safety Committee Membership *	2021/196893

* “That the Community Safety Committee Charter (Attachment 1 of the Terms of Reference) be amended to provide that all State and Federal MPs with electorates located in the Northern Beaches local government area are listed as members.”

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK SHARKEY - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2021/214737
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Northern Beaches Police Commander to brief the Committee on relevant crime and safety issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.2**COMPLIANCE REPORT
EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE - 15
MINUTES****REPORTING OFFICER****COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR****TRIM FILE REF****2021/214792****ATTACHMENTS****NIL****ISSUE**

This is a standard agenda item for Environmental Compliance to brief the Committee on relevant compliance and regulatory issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.3	EAST ESPLANADE UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2021/228602
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

As reported at the previous meeting - the East Esplanade precinct ('The Office') has presented significant challenges for Council and the Northern Beaches Police, particularly over the summer holiday period. Issues include; large crowds, public drinking, rubbish (including broken bottles), public urination (including in surrounding properties), anti-social behaviour and noise.

BACKGROUND

East Esplanade has been a long-standing gathering point for many years. This is particularly the case around late afternoon in summer when large crowds can gather to socialise and often consume alcohol. The popularity of the space appears to have increased each year, as a place where take-away alcohol can be consumed. Attendance levels appear to have resumed, or even increased, following the lifting of COVID19 gathering restrictions.

The grass reserve area is a designated Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) between 8pm-8am (7 days a week), with the promenade and beach area being 24 hours a day (7 days a week).

As outlined at the previous meeting, numerous strategies, including capital works (landscaping and new toilet block), signage and significant Police and Ranger resources have been applied to the area.

At the last meeting of the Community Safety Committee discussion was held on the East Esplanade precinct and the challenges experienced in this area by Council, Police and residents, in particular that:

- A high level of activity and concerns have been noted at East Esplanade this summer, however it is likely the increase in activity is a response to COVID19 restrictions.
- With the significant increase in Council Ranger patrols, statistics have shown a major increase in preventative actions. Council has the capacity to continue this level of Ranger Patrol service.
- Before 8pm, Police and Rangers work together to monitor the Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) which has proven successful. The re-introduction of the reserve sprinkler system being activated after 8pm has assisted groups to move on and will be refined to improve crowd disbursement.
- When COVID19 restrictions are lifted totally it is anticipated that patrons will return to licenced venues. This should assist with reducing crowds in public spaces.
- Police advise crime in this area generally relates to antisocial behaviour, not serious crime.
- General excessive consumption of alcohol was discussed. Northern Beaches Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) and Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) are investigating further strategies to address community attitudes surrounding alcohol use.

DISCUSSION

At the meeting of 23 February 2021, Item 15.2 Notice of Motion No 9/2021 - East Esplanade - 24 Hour Alcohol Free Zone, Council resolved;

That Council:

1. *Bring key stakeholders of East Esplanade together to form a working group to establish strategies and action plans to help prevent alcohol related anti-social behaviour by a small number of visitors to East Esplanade.*
2. *That the working group include key stakeholders: NSW Police Force; spokesperson(s) for residents surrounding East Esplanade; spokesperson(s) from the 'Save the Office' petition; Councillors Bingham, McTaggart and Grattan and Northern Beaches Council senior management.*
3. *Council management report back to Council on agreed strategies and action plans within three months.*
4. *Council management work with the Police and residents to implement immediate cost effective risk management actions to minimise the harm to neighbouring residents of East Esplanade, related to the alcohol related complaints from East Esplanade.*

In relation to Items 1 and 2, the Working Group met on 24 March 2021 with Police, two spokespersons for residents surrounding East Esplanade; Councillors and Northern Beaches Council senior management. Spokesperson(s) from the 'Save the Office' petition were unable to attend. This included a walk around the area with residents to view the areas of concern.

A further meeting will be scheduled in May 2021 to further discuss proposed strategies.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee receive and note the information provided.

ITEM 6.4	HOMELESS STREET COUNT 2021
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TRIM FILE REF	2021/242215
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To report to the Committee on the most recent Homeless Street Count held on 22 to 23 February 2021.

BACKGROUND

Council has taken a lead role in improving the quality of homelessness service coordination in recent years, following the facilitation of the first Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Forum in August 2019 with key housing and homelessness services and the Department of Communities and Justice. Since then Council has continued to collaborate with these partners to establish the Northern Beaches Homelessness Interagency, the Northern Beaches Case Coordination Group and coordinates the annual Homeless Street Count.

The first Homeless Street Count was held on the Northern Beaches in 2020. It aimed to:

- Establish baseline data to inform the Premier's Priority of reducing rough sleeping
- Inform the local response to homelessness

Due to the geographic size and spread of the Local Government Area, the methodology used was a known 'Hotspot' approach, based on local expertise and previous reports.

The count has acknowledged limitations, including;

- It only measures primary homelessness (rough sleepers)
- The large Local Government Area limits coverage, with it anticipated that not all rough sleepers are captured
- With the majority of homeless being detected in vehicles, it is unknown how many people are in each vehicle
- It is often difficult to differentiate between legitimate homelessness and 'backpackers'.

In the 2020 street count 71 homeless people were detected by the teams.

DISCUSSION

The 2021 Homeless Street Count took place on the evening of the 22 to 23 February 2021. It was coordinated by Northern Beaches Council, with other participants being;

- Community Northern Beaches (CNB)
- Mission Australia
- Bridge Housing
- Link Housing

- Women's Housing Company
- NSW Department of Communities and Justice
- James Griffin MP, Member for Manly, and members of his staff
- Hon. Gareth James, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, and members of his staff.

The count was undertaken by several teams; one team on foot around the Manly CBD and in vehicles across the remainder of the Local Government Area.

This year 57 people were detected by the various teams, as shown below:

Team/Location	Open Spaces	Public roofed spaces	Makeshift dwelling	Form of transport	Day count	Tourist Vans	Total Persons	No people but evidence of homelessness
1. Manly CBD	2	5		4	3		57	1
2. Manly Environs				8		2		
3. Curl Curl	3			11				
4. Narrabeen				10		6		
5. Pittwater				6		1		
6. Frenchs Forest				5		1		
Total	5	5	0	44	3	10	57	1

Last year 71 people were detected, showing a decrease of 20% in the number of people sleeping rough on the Northern Beaches. It should be noted that the 2021 count occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic when it was anticipated that homelessness would increase due to unemployment and other financial factors. In particular, it was anticipated that Manly would see an increase due to the high proportion of casual work in the tourism and hospitality industries, with many ineligible for COVID-19 payments. This expected increase in rough sleepers did not eventuate.

In March 2020 the NSW Government announced an additional \$36 million for the *Together Home* program to prevent and respond to homelessness due to COVID-19. Since then, the Northern Beaches Homelessness Case Coordination Group has housed 43 people and assisted a further 61 people into temporary accommodation. This has been a significant achievement and a strong indication of the success of the additional funding. Through this work, it is hoped to achieve the NSW Premier's Priority to reduce street homelessness by 50% by 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.5	COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN BRIEFING
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2021/228656
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To present the draft Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 (the draft Plan) to the Community Safety Committee.

BACKGROUND

Northern Beaches Council's draft Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 is an important tool to help realise Northern Beaches Council's Vision of *a safe, inclusive and connected community that lives in balance with our extraordinary coastal and bushland environment*.

The draft Community Safety Plan works within the framework of the Northern Beaches Council's draft Better Together: Social Sustainability Strategy 2041, which has the vision to create a socially sustainable and inclusive community for all.

The Strategy's three strategic directions work towards achieving the vision in Council's Community Strategic Plan: Shape 2028 of *a safe, inclusive and connected community*.

The **Safe** pillar of Better Together 2041 aims to achieve two outcomes:

- Safe Places: our community is safe in public, at home and online
- Safe People: our community has access to people, organisations and information that can help when they need assistance.

The draft Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 reflects this and serves to action the **Safe** pillar of the draft Better Together 2041 strategy.

CONSULTATION

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the community and stakeholder groups on the issue of safety over the past 18 months, through the development of the draft Plan, and the development of the broader Better Together Sustainability Strategy. The feedback from both of these processes has been integrated and considered, alongside crime data and research.

Engagement has also been undertaken with key service partners, including the Northern Beaches Police Area Command, Northern Beaches Youth Interagency, Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency, Northern Beaches Child and Family Interagency, Lifeline, Sydney North Health Network, Local Health Network Health Promotion, Northern Beaches Multicultural Network, State Transit Authority, Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team and Northern Beaches Women's Shelter. These sessions included the identification of activities already being undertaken throughout the community to improve community safety and discussion of actions suggested for implementation over the next 5 years.

Sections of the draft Community Safety Plan have previously been submitted to the Community Safety Committee meetings on 6 August and 8 October 2020 and feedback from those consultations has been incorporated.

The draft Plan outlines the actions that Council, service partners and the community will take to form the 'Safe Community' pillar of Council's Better Together Social Sustainability Strategy 2041, and contribute toward Council's Shape 2028's vision for a 'safe, inclusive and connected community'.

DISCUSSION

The key elements of the revised draft Plan are presented for the information of the Community Safety Committee.

The draft Plan looks at community safety from a range of perspectives:

- the safe design and planning of our community
- the prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour
- the connection and support of vulnerable community members
- ready access to services
- the building of resilience to support us against any adversity in the future.

The draft Plan provides a five-year framework for Council, service partners and the community to sustain and increase safety for all residents of the Northern Beaches.

The draft Plan aims to:

- align with, and contribute toward, meeting the outcomes of the draft Better Together 2041 Social Sustainability Strategy
- provide a framework for Council, service partners and the communities safety related actions over the coming 5 years
- identify and consider priorities raised by the community during the consultation process
- map the activities currently undertaken by Northern Beaches Council and partners that support community safety
- embed community safety principles and practices across relevant Council business units
- serve as a base for crime prevention activities
- be a living document, reviewed annually to accommodate emerging trends.

From the data gathered during the consultation and research processes, ten goals have been identified for the coming five years. Actions against each of these goals form the full draft Community Safety Plan. These 10 goals are:

Safe Places:

- Safe open spaces
- Safe neighbourhoods
- Safe business
- Safe transport
- Safe online

Safe People:

- Safe residents
- Safe visitors
- Safe relationships
- Safe communities
- Safe supports.

The draft Plan values the part that community members, service providers, government agencies and Council all have to play in making our community a safe and vibrant place to live.

The draft Plan will be presented to Council on 25 May 2021 for a minimum 28-day public exhibition period. During this exhibition period submissions are encouraged from the community, including all members of the Community Safety Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee:

- a. Receive and note the draft Community Safety Plan 2021-2026.
- b. Provide any feedback on the draft Community Safety Plan, when exhibited in June 2021.