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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

Tuesday 13 December 2022

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

Ray Brownlee PSM
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

Delivering the highest quality service valued and trusted by our community

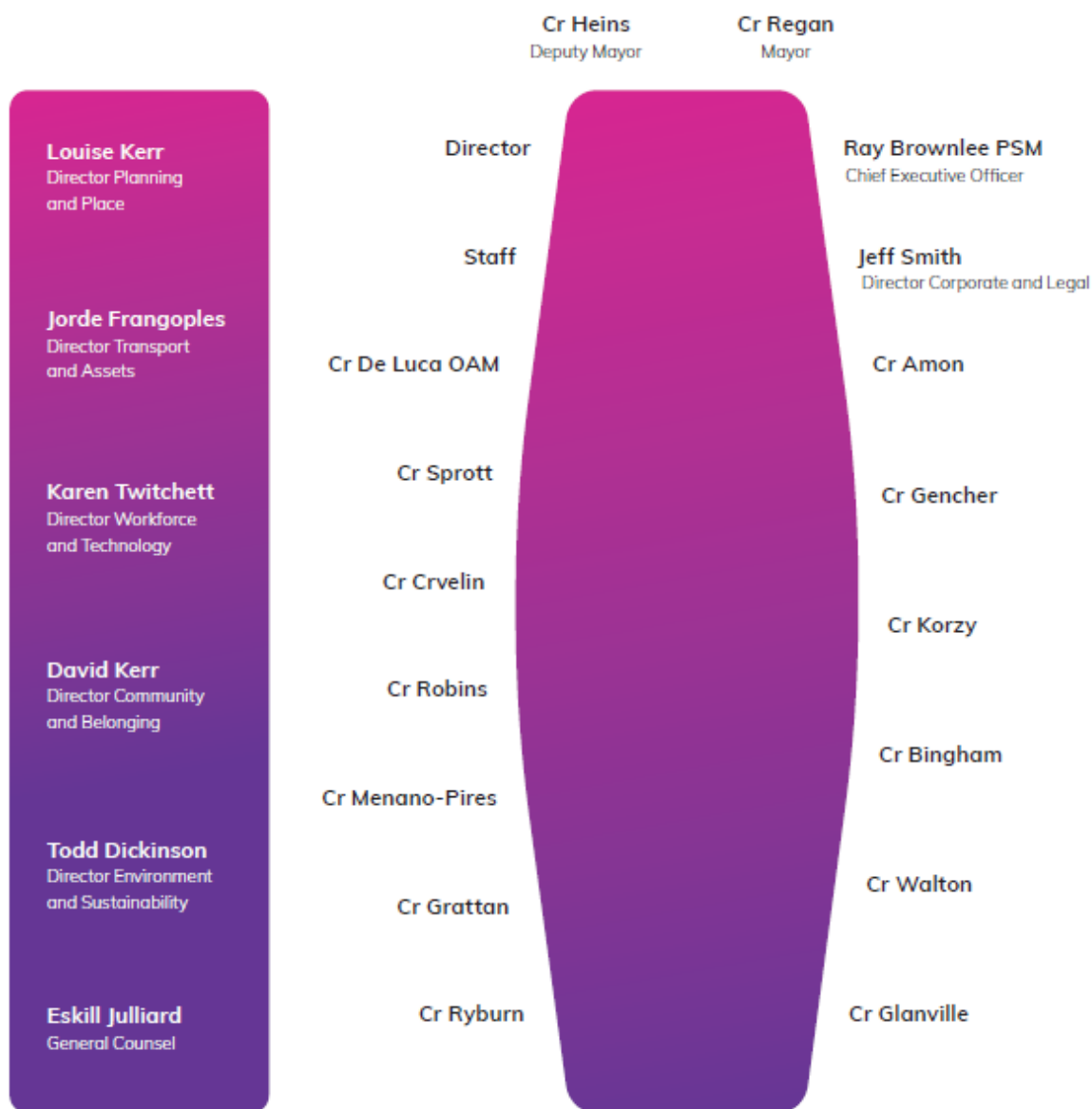
OUR VALUES

Trust Teamwork Respect Integrity Service Leadership

OUR OBLIGATIONS

I swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of the Northern Beaches and the Northern Beaches Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgement.

Council Chambers Seating Plan



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to be held on Tuesday 13 December 2022
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S.0 Mayoral Minutes

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| ITEM S.1 | MAYORAL MINUTE NO 28/2022 - DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE BY COUNCIL RECOGNISED BY THE NSW AUDITOR-GENERAL |
| TRIM FILE REF | 2022/796131 |
| ATTACHMENTS | NIL |

BACKGROUND

This week, the New South Wales Auditor-General tabled the *Development applications: assessment and determination stages* performance audit report to Parliament and the Auditor-General has made no recommendations for Northern Beaches Council concerning our development applications or any process improvements.

This is an incredible achievement for our Development Assessment Team and senior staff and is testament to their incredibly hard work in implementing a robust, transparent, and efficient development assessment system, whilst operating in a highly complex legislative environment under four Local Environmental Plans, with high levels of public scrutiny.

Our Council was selected by the New South Wales Auditor-General as one of three councils to participate in a Performance Audit of Development Applications (Assessment and Determination Stages). Performance audits provide information to the Parliament of New South Wales and the public about how well government programs and services are delivered. They also examine whether programs and services are delivered efficiently, economically, and in accordance with the law.

The audit was conducted by the NSW Audit Office over a nine-month period, and the review focused on over 4,700 development applications lodged and determined between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2021 with an estimated total construction cost of \$1.8 billion. It considered, amongst many other things, whether planning controls, internal controls and Council processes had been applied to ensure compliance with relevant legislation, regulations, and government guidance.

I particularly want to highlight that this audit also looked at our governance, risk management and the internal controls we have in place to ensure assessments are free from improper influence and bias. It also looked at ensuring determinations made by our council staff under delegation are consistent, impartial, documented, and transparent.

We passed every one of the Audit Office's performance criteria resulting in no recommendations being made to change the way we are operating. For those who are interested, the Auditor-General's full findings are in the performance audit report, *Development applications: assessment and determination stages* which has been published and is available on the NSW Audit Office and Council websites.

I hope Councillors will join me in congratulating our staff on this result which is testament to their efforts to ensure we have a robust, transparent, and efficient development assessment system while also maintaining the highest levels of integrity.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the results of the New South Wales Auditor-General's performance audit, *Development applications: assessment and determination stages* and
 2. Congratulate and thank our Development Assessment Team and senior staff on their continued efforts to ensure we have a robust, transparent and efficient development assessment system.
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Michael Regan
MAYOR



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