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AGENDA ITEM: 14.5

CBD PARKING STRATEGY – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

REPORT No.: 13TS0155 LC:mm COMMON No.: 1952026

DATE: 10/12/2013

Presenter: General Manager Infrastructure, Luccio Cercarelli

Approved: Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the City of Darwin's CBD Parking Strategy - Implementation Plan.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the City of Darwin 2012 – 2016 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.1 Improved access and connectivity

Key Strategies

2.1.4 Provide parking facilities to meet community needs

KEY ISSUES

- The provision of parking facilities is essential to the functionality of the Darwin CBD and there is a high value placed by the community on this service.
- Over the years, Council has undertaken various bodies of work relating to specific elements of parking within the Darwin CBD.
- Periodic reviews of Council's strategies and policies is considered good governance.
- Council has undertaken a complete review of parking within the Darwin CBD, to establish a new strategy.
- The City of Darwin CBD Parking Advisory Committee has received update reports and been consulted throughout the process of developing the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy.
- The City of Darwin CBD Parking Advisory Committee supported the development of an action plan to implement the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy.
- On the 16 July 2013, Council adopted the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (June 2013).

- Council requested the development of a Darwin CBD Parking Strategy Implementation Plan.
- A draft Implementation Plan has been developed and feedback was sought from the City of Darwin CBD Parking Advisory Committee by the 22 November 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 13TS0155 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the City of Darwin CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan, **Attachment B** to Report Number 13TS0155 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan.
- C. THAT Council advise members of the CBD Parking Advisory Committee of the adoption of the City of Darwin CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan and thank them for their consideration and input.

BACKGROUND

Tonkin Consulting was engaged by Council to review parking within the Darwin CBD and their work included:

- detailed on and off street parking surveys of Council managed car parks;
- mapping of current parking zones and total number of on and off-street Council managed car parks;
- widespread community and stakeholder consultation;
- a review of parking signage throughout the city;
- the development of an economic model to assess alternative parking costs and charges scenarios;
- research into the legislative conditions associated with parking supply and management in Darwin; and
- a review of all relevant strategic documents (Council and Northern Territory Government).

In May 2012, Tonkin Consulting presented an update of the study and key findings of research to date to Council and the CBD Parking Advisory Committee.

In July 2012, Council adopted the draft Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (July 2012) for consultation with the CBD Parking Advisory Committee.

The draft Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (July 2012) and the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy Background Report (June 2012) were presented to the CBD Parking Advisory Committee on 22 August 2012. The Committee resolved to provide comments on the draft strategy by Friday 5 October 2012, to enable the draft strategy to be amended, if need be, prior to community consultation.

At its Ordinary Meeting on 11 December 2012, Council endorsed the draft strategy, with minor amendments to the car parking generation, for community consultation.

Given the Christmas period, community consultation continued until February 2013.

On 4 May 2013, Council's CBD Parking Advisory Committee resolved-

CBD Parking Strategy – Update May 2013

Report No. 13TS0130LC:kb (04/05/13) Common No. 1952026

THAT it be a recommendation to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee:-

- A. *THAT Report Number 13TS0130 LC:kb entitled CBD Parking Strategy - Update May 2013, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT the CBD Parking Advisory Committee recommends the adoption by Council, of the draft Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (December 2012) and the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy Background Report (June 2012).*
- C. *THAT the CBD Parking Advisory Committee supports the development of an action plan to implement the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (December 2012), for consideration by Council.*

Carried

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on the 16 July 2013, the following was resolved:

CBD Parking Strategy – Update July 2013

Report No. 13TS0148 LC:mm (16/07/13) Common No. 1952026

- A. *THAT Report Number 13TS0148 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy - Update July 2013, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT Council adopt the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (June 2013) being **Attachment F** to Report 13TS0148 13TS0148 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy - Update July 2013.*
- C. *THAT Council endorse the development of a Darwin CBD Parking Strategy Implementation Plan and that the draft plan be presented to Council for consideration.*
- D. *THAT Council rescinds the policy statements and action plans in Policy 004 Central Business District Parking Strategy and Contribution Plan, 23 February 2013 and replaces these with the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy (June 2013) being **Attachment F** to Report 13TS0148 13TS0148 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy - Update July 2013.*

Member G J Haslett called for a division:

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Member R K Elix	Member G J Haslett
Member G A Lambert	
Member R M Knox	
Member S J Niblock	
Member K J Worden	
Member R Lesley	
Member A R Mitchell	
Member J M Anictomatis	
Lord Mayor	

Carried

The Council adopted Darwin CBD Parking Strategy is **Attachment A** of this report.

A draft Implementation Plan has been developed for consideration by Council's CBD Parking Advisory Committee (**Attachment B**) prior to final consideration and adoption by Council. The draft Implementation Plan was presented to the CBD Parking Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 23 October 2013 and feedback was sought from members. The Advisory Committee resolved that:

CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan

Report No. 13TS0224 LC:mm (23/10/13) Common No. 1952026

THAT it be a recommendation to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee:-

- A. *THAT Report Number 13TS0224 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT members of the City of Darwin CBD parking Advisory Committee provide any feedback on the Draft Implementation Plan, **Attachment B** to Report Number 13TS0224 LC:mm entitled CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan, in writing by COB 22 November 2013.*
- C. *THAT a further report detailing feedback from members of Council's CBD Parking Advisory Committee on the Draft Implementation Plan be presented to Council.*

Carried

This report presents feedback received from the members of the CBD Parking Advisory Committee and recommends Council adopt the City of Darwin CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan.

DISCUSSION

The draft Implementation Plan outlines desirable actions for each goal and associated policy statements within the CBD Parking Strategy (June 2013).

The draft Implementation Plan is based on an incremental approach to change, recognising that it has an inter-relationship with various other strategies, such as the CBD Master Plan and Public Transport plans. Therefore, the current Plan focuses on the short term and recognises that it is a living document and will need regular monitoring and review to ensure settings and actions are appropriate and implemented in a timely manner.

The draft Plan consists of an introduction, implementation plan sorted, one by action and then one sorted by Priority.

The Plan includes:

- Action;
- Anticipated Outcome;
- Responsible Agency;
- Strategy Goal;
- Strategy Policy Statement;
- Zoning;
- Priority; and
- Linkages to related actions.

Many of the actions and triggers are outside of Council's immediate control and will rely upon an ongoing working partnership with the Northern Territory Government and the community.

Once adopted, Council staff will begin implementing the actions. Council and the Advisory Committee will be provided with update reports on the progress of the Plan, on an as required basis and at least once a year.

A number of actions may result in the implementation of scaled trials in order to test issues prior to any broader roll out (ie. implementation of new technologies).

A number of actions may require Council funding. These will be identified and funding sought as implementation occurs and in accordance with Council's budgetary process.

The draft Implementation Plan was presented to the CBD Parking Advisory Committee and they resolved that feedback be provided by 22 November 2013.

Formal feedback has been received from the Northern Territory Government Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment (**Attachment C**) and the Urban Development Institute of Australia Northern Territory (**Attachment D**).

The feedback received was positive and supportive.

It should be noted that the Property Council (Northern Territory), indicated to Council prior to the 22 November, that they would make a submission, however, no submission was received by the nominated date of 22 November. Council has contacted the Property Council's Committee representative on several occasions following the 22 November regarding any possible submission. At the time of writing this report, no submission had been received from the Property Council (NT).

It is recommended that Council endorse the City of Darwin CBD Parking Strategy – Implementation Plan.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Members of the City of Darwin CBD Parking Advisory Committee.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

City of Darwin Policy Number 004 – Central Business District Parking Strategy and Contribution Plan

Implementation of the Parking Strategy will require changes to Council policies relating to parking within the Darwin CBD. These changes will be implemented progressively and as required following Council's adoption of the implementation plan.

Actions resulting from the Darwin CBD Parking Strategy and Implementation Plan are likely to require financial allocations. At this stage, estimates have not been provided, however, as the Strategy and Implementation Plan is further developed and implemented, Council officers will seek appropriate financial allocations in accordance with Council's budgetary process.

It is considered that funding to implement actions will be sourced from Council's Car Parking Reserves.

RISK/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

All actions resulting from the Parking Strategy and Implementation Plan will need to be implemented with consideration of risk, legal and legislative issues.

Further legal advice may be required on various actions to be implemented.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Attachments:

- Attachment A:** City of Darwin, CBD Parking Strategy (June 2013).
- Attachment B:** Darwin CBD Parking Strategy, Draft Implementation Plan (October 2013).
- Attachment C:** Correspondence from Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, received 11 November 2013.
- Attachment D:** Correspondence from Urban Development Institute of Australia Northern Territory, received 22 November 2013.

[Attachments A B C & D to Report 13TS0155 - Entitled CBD Parking Strate...](#)