

Social, Community Development and Housing Committee - Terms of Reference

Chair	Councillor Clearwater
Membership	Councillor Livingstone (Deputy Chair), Councillor Chen, Councillor Galloway, Councillor Keown, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Scandrett
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.
Meeting Cycle	Monthly
Reports To	Council

Responsibilities

The focus of the Social, Community Development and Housing Committee is matters relating to social and community wellbeing.

The Committee:

- Promotes active citizenship, community participation and community partnerships
- Seeks to address cultural, social and economic disadvantage and promote equity for all citizens
- Works in partnerships with key agencies, organisations and communities of place, identity and interest
- Is innovative and creative in the ways it contributes to social and community wellbeing

The Social, Community Development and Housing Committee considers and reports to Council on issues and activities relating to:

- Arts and culture including the Art Gallery
- Heritage protection
- Housing across the continuum of social, affordable and market housing, including innovative housing solutions that will increase the supply of affordable housing
- Libraries (including community volunteer libraries)
- Museums
- Sports, recreation and leisure services and facilities
- Parks (sports, local, metropolitan and regional), gardens, cemeteries, open spaces and the public realm
- Community facilities and assets
- Public Health and health in all policies
- Community safety and crime prevention, including family violence
- Civil defence and rural fire management including disaster planning and local community resilience plans
- Community events, programmes and activities
- Community development and support, including grants and sponsorships
- Citizen services
- Community engagement and participation
- Civic and International Relations
- Communities of place, identity and interest.

Delegations

The Council delegates to the Social, Community Development and Housing Committee authority to:

- Approve Heritage Incentive Grant applications up to a value of \$150,000.
- Approve extensions of up to two years for the uptake of Heritage Incentive Grants.

The Committee delegates to the following subcommittees or working groups the responsibility to consider and report back to the Committee:

- Safer Communities Council for matters relating to Safety and Crime Prevention, including Family Violence
- Housing Subcommittee for matters relating to housing as stated in its terms of reference
- Multicultural Subcommittee for matters relating to the multicultural strategy
- International Relations Working Group on matters relating to international relations