MINUTES OF KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL PLANNING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2008

Present: Elizabeth Crouch (Chairperson)

Kerry Bedford Bill Tsakalos

Staff Present: General Manager (John McKee)

Director Corporate (John Clark)

Director Development & Regulation (Michael Miocic)

Director Operations (Greg Piconi)
Director Strategy (Andrew Watson)

Senior Governance Officer (Geoff O'Rourke)

The Meeting commenced at 4.00pm

PP.1 APOLOGIES

File: S06347

Resolved:

The Chairperson noted an apology from Bill Tsakalos for the commencement of the meeting. He was expected to join the meeting later.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson adverted to the necessity for the Planning Panel to declare a Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest in any item on the Business Paper.

No interest was declared.

The Chairperson gave a brief explanation of the role of the Planning Panel and made opening remarks in relation to:

- The operation of the Panel;
- Opportunities for consultation and engagement with residents and the community, eg through open forums around the Town Centres;
- The renewed focus on transparency and accountability; and
- The need to pursue sensible and sustainable development to maintain growth and prosperity in Ku-ring-gai.

DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED

Draft Code of Meeting Practice

PP.2 Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel Meeting Cycle 2008

File: S06347

To consider the proposed Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel meeting cycle for 2008 which takes account of school holidays, public holidays, the 2008 Local Government Elections and the Christmas recess.

Resolved:

A. That the 2008 Meeting Cycle for the Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel be as follows:

February: 6 February 2008

27 February 2008

March: 12 March 2008

26 March 2008

April: 9 April 2008

30 April 2008

May: 14 May 2008

28 May 2008

June: 11 June 2008

25 June 2008

July: 23 July 2008

30 July 2008

August: 13 August 2008

27 August 2008

September: 10 September 2008

October: 15 October 2008

22 October 2008

November: 12 November 2008

26 November 2008

December 3 December 2008

10 December 2008

- B. That authority be given to the Chairperson to amend the Meeting Cycle as required.
- C. That the Minutes of the Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel be approved by the Chairperson prior to publication.

PP.3 Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel Code of Meeting Practice

File: S06347

To consider a Code of Meeting Practice for the Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel.

Resolved:

That the Code of Meeting Practice be adopted as a working draft with a view to making further refinements for consideration of the Panel at its next meeting to be held on 6 February 2008.

PP.4 Disclosure of Interests Returns

Files: S06347, S02167

To update Council's Disclosure of Interests Returns Register to include members of the Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel.

Resolved:

That members of the Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel lodge returns in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

The Meeting closed at 4.20pm

The Minutes of the Ku-ring-gai Council Planning Panel held on Wednesday, 30 January 2008 (Pages 1 - 3) were confirmed as a full and accurate record of proceedings on 6 February 2008.

Chairperson	