

RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

Resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, businesses and systems within a city to survive, adapt and grow as they experience a range of shocks and stresses. Shocks are sudden events that threaten or disrupt our day to day life and include things like bushfires and severe storms, as well as terrorism and disease pandemics. Stresses are longer term issues that impact on a city on a daily or regular basis and include increasing demand for health services, loss of housing affordability and a lack of transport options.

The Resilience Committee will allow Council to be active participants in translating broader Resilience issues identified for Metropolitan Sydney to our local context, and will build on our existing commitment as an organisation to safeguard the future of our City. The Committee will focus on helping to adopt and integrate resilience within the activities and decision making of Council. Risk management will also be a key consideration with the opportunity to assess and prioritise shocks and stresses for consideration by Council.

The principles of urban resilience provide a new way to look at our activities and operations. Resilience thinking encourages cities to consider not only how to respond to emergency events and situations, but also how they can contribute to enhancing longer term environmental, social and economic outcomes for their communities.

2. AIM

The Committee provides advice to Council on opportunities to improve the resilience of Penrith City and how to integrate resilience within the activities and decision making of Council.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To advise on relevant Council policies, plans and procedures to ensure they embed the principles of resilience and sustainability
- To assist Council identify strategies and programs to improve the resilience of the City into the future.
- To support Council in providing leadership and advocacy on key resilience issues for the City and the Western Sydney region.
- To support Council to develop the ability to measure and report on our growth as a resilient City.

4. SELECTION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

It is expected that there will be up to four (4) community representatives selected.

The selection criteria listed below will be used to assess expressions of interest from community members.

Members will be appointed for a two year term and may be reappointed.

Preference will be given to residents of Penrith City and persons who work or study in Penrith City.

Nominations will be called via public notices appearing in the local press on Council's website and via social media.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- An understanding of resilience and sustainability principles
- A willingness to undertake training and induction, and to participate actively in meetings.
- Be a resident, work or study in the Penrith local government area.

6. SELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Professionals from a range of community, business, academic and government organisations will be invited to be members of the group. It is expected that there will be up to six (6) professional members selected from a mixture of sectors to provide specialist knowledge and advice. Members will be appointed for the term of the Committee.

7. TERM

The committee will operate for the term of the Council, until August 2020.

8. ADMINISTRATION

- The committee will be chaired by an elected member of Council. In the event that a Councillor is not present, the Executive Manager People & Capability or their nominee shall chair the meeting.
- The committee will be serviced and administered by the Sustainability Team of Council, including any training or orientation that may be required.
- Minutes, including any recommendations will be approved by the Chair and, if required, reported to Council at the nearest possible meeting.
- The committee will meet at least four (4) times per year.