**Inner West Council**

**High Level (Draft) Priorities**

The final priorities will include measures and targets based in part on the statement of local benefits work (DPC requirement).

**Organisational Priorities**

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| **Priority 1 – Establish a framework for local democracy**Council builds community and council capacity through effective, participatory engagement. People have their voices heard on local issues and opportunities are created, particularly for young people, to get involved in planning for the community’s future. Council provides robust, transparent governance.  |
| **Priority 2 – Advocacy** Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community regarding policies and projects that impact on the local area g. Westconnex |
| **Priority 3 – Innovative, integrated service delivery** Council is innovative in its service delivery. Existing services are integrated. Access to online services is expanded.  |
| **Priority 4 – Establish “One” Council** Establish who we are and what we stand for by developing a brand that the community identifies with. Create opportunities to bring the three former council communities together. Develop a Community Strategic Plan for the Inner West identifying longer term needs, strategies to address them and the resources needed to get the work done.  |

**Community Priorities** *(to also be investigated as part of the development of the Community Strategic Plan)*

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| **Priority 1 – Social vitality and quality of life**Strategies and plans are in place to support community wellbeing. Everyone can participate in the community and feel welcome. Generations are brought together through inclusive events, programs and technology. Respect and diversity are promoted and reflected across policy and programs. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture – past, present and *future* – is celebrated and developed. Public spaces are welcoming, safe, accessible and vibrant. There are plenty of opportunities for both active (e.g. organised) and passive (e.g. walking) recreation. Services are in place to support people with specific needs e.g. elderly, children, youth, LGBTIQ, Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders, people with a disability. |
| **Priority 2 – Thriving, creative local economies** The arts are supported and promoted. Opportunities are identified to help nurture creative industries and local artists. Creative spaces and venues are available. The Inner West secures its reputation as a creative community and destination.Council supports local business and industry through effective planning, policies and partnerships. Innovation is promoted. Main streets are invigorated to encourage people to shop locally and support local business. Strategies are in place that improve access to employment, particularly for young people. |
| **Priority 3 – Where we live** Resilient planning is in place to manage population growth. Villages are able to retain their unique characteristics. Increased adaptable and affordable housing allowing people from all walks of life to live here.  |
| **Priority 4 – Moving around**A good mix of transport options are available and places are well-connected making it easier to get around. Integrated transport planning addresses traffic congestion, accessibility, parking, infrastructure and travel demand.  |
| **Priority 5 - Sustainable living**Strategies are in place to help us minimise our impact on the planet, and to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Sustainable and resource-efficient business and economic development is encouraged and incentivised. Sustainable living practises are encouraged e.g. growing local produce, creating community gardens, waste reduction and water management. The natural environment and habitats thrive. Development and infrastructure projects are environmentally responsible. Priority is given to vulnerable areas including the Cooks River. |