**Local Democracy Group purpose statement**   
Advisory committees and working groups contribute to achieving community expectations as set out in the Inner West Community Strategic Plan - Our Inner West 2036:

Strategic Direction 5, Outcome 5.3 - people are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving

The key purpose of all advisory committees and working groups is to support Council to review and implement the Community Strategic Plan through Council’s four-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan.

Advisory committees and working groups provide a purposeful forum to deliberate and problem solve.

**Social Strategy Advisory Committee purpose statement**

Council supports a diverse range of individuals and groups within the community and embraces the lived experience, expertise and knowledge of members.

The purpose of the Social Strategy advisory committee is to:

* assist Council to develop and implement its plans, policies, programs and services for people living in the Inner West
* advise on social inclusion matters across the Inner West community, integrating the consideration of social justice and inclusion into Council’s everyday business
* advise, share information and facilitate partnerships that nurture cultural diversity, inclusion and community connections.

**Selection criteria**

1. Knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues of Inner West communities

2. Experience in an organisation or group related to social strategy

3. Knowledge and /or experience of one or more of the following:

a. working with local government

b. working with public sector, community groups, planning, arts or cultural organisation related to social strategy

c. experience in coordinating or inspiring collaboration, strategic partnerships, community participation, promotion or capacity building

**Application questions**

1. Describe your knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues of Inner West communities.
2. Describe any knowledge and/or experience you have of:
   1. Working with local government
   2. Working with public sector, community groups, planning, arts or cultural organisation related to social strategy
   3. Experience in coordinating or inspiring collaboration, strategic partnerships, community participation, promotion or capacity building