

## Strategic Planning

### 9.1.2 Student Accommodation Policy Review

FILE NUMBER: SF17/824  
ATTACHMENT

#### **SUMMARY**

*This report provides Council with the findings of the Student Accommodation Review 2018 and presents a Student Accommodation Strategy for the City of Whitehorse. The Strategy recommends broad actions to ensure that students in Whitehorse have access to safe and legal accommodation and to minimise off-site amenity impacts to the surrounding area.*

*The Strategy addresses the findings of the consultation process which included a survey of tertiary students and other residents with an interest in student accommodation in Whitehorse, engagement with key stakeholders as well as transport and traffic surveys and analysis. The Strategy is supported by a Background Report which provides an exploration of many issues related to the provision of student accommodation. The issues addressed in the Review are diverse and sometimes reach beyond the control of the Planning Scheme.*

*This report recommends that the Student Accommodation Strategy be adopted by Council and that Council seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment. This amendment would seek to introduce a revised Student Accommodation Policy at Clause 22.14 and include the Student Accommodation Strategy and Background Paper as reference documents in the Whitehorse Planning Scheme.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### ***That Council:***

- 1. Note the City of Whitehorse Student Accommodation Strategy - Background Paper, July 2018.***
- 2. Adopt the City of Whitehorse Student Accommodation Strategy, July 2018.***
- 3. Seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to introduce a revised Student Accommodation Policy at Clause 22.14 of the Whitehorse Planning Scheme.***

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Ellis, Seconded by Cr Liu

##### ***That Council:***

- 1. Note the City of Whitehorse Student Accommodation Strategy – Background Paper, July 2018.***
- 2. Adopt the City of Whitehorse Student Accommodation Strategy, July 2018.***
- 3. Update the revised local planning policy for Student Accommodation as shown in Attachment 3 with the following car parking rates:***
  - a) For purpose built student accommodation within a Metropolitan Activity Centre, provide car parking at a rate of at least 0.3 spaces per bed.***
  - b) For purpose built student accommodation within Major Activity Centres, within 500 metres of a tertiary education institution or on a site abutting the Principal Public Transport Network, provide car parking at a rate of at least 0.45 spaces per bed.***
- 4. Seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to introduce a revised Student Accommodation Policy at Clause 22.14 of the Whitehorse Planning Scheme with the above car parking rates.***

**CARRIED**