

**Subject            9.1 Mayoral Minute: Australian Chapter of the Alliance for Healthy Cities - nomination for election to steering committee (11068031)**

To my fellow Councillors

**Mayoral Minute**

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**Summary**

The Steering Committee of the Alliance for Healthy Cities is seeking nominations for members. For the past 8 years Healthy Cities Illawarra has held a seat on this committee which has strengthened the Illawarra's connection with other Healthy Cities in the Western Pacific Region.

Healthy Cities Illawarra's term on the committee expires in October this year, and nominations from other Australian Healthy Cities are being sought.

Kiama Council have resolved to nominate as a candidate for the Australian Chapter for the 2018-2022 term and they are now seeking the support of Shellharbour City Council for their nomination.

**Background**

The Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) is an international network of healthy cities, national governments, international agencies, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions, all of whom support the Healthy Cities approach. The Alliance promotes the interaction of people and information exchange, research development, and capacity building programs. Within the Alliance the experiences of member cities or individuals are exchanged to guide members in improving the health of urban residents in their cities and towns.

Over the past 8 years, the CEO of Healthy Cities Illawarra (HCI), a regional body with representation from Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils, has held a position on the AFHC Western Pacific Region Steering Committee and contributed to regional decisions and policy. Membership of the Steering Committee has also provided access to a global network that has enriched the knowledge base in the Illawarra and positioned the region well for visitation and cultural exchange. This year HCI are not eligible to contest another term and another expression of interest from Australia is being sought. A copy of the Election Process is attached.

It is proposed that Kiama Council nominate as the member for the 2018-2022 term. Nominations can be submitted from 1 June to 31 July 2018 with voting by the full members of AFHC occurring at the 8th General Assembly in October 2018.

**Recommendation**

**That Shellharbour City Council support the nomination of Kiama Municipal Council to the steering committee of the Western Pacific Region of the Alliance for Healthy Cities.**



Approved for Council's consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Meeting:** 3 July 2018

**Attachments:**

1. Email (and attachments) from Kathy Rice, Deputy Mayor, Kiama Municipal Council

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**Subject: Steering Committee Nomination**

Hi Marianne,

Thank you for your time in discussing this with me yesterday.

At Tuesday's meeting, Kiama Council resolved to nominate for election to the steering committee of the Western Pacific Region of the Alliance for Healthy Cities.

For the past 8 years, Healthy Cities Illawarra has held a seat on this committee which has strengthened the Illawarra's connection with other Healthy Cities in the Western Pacific Region.

Through the committee's network, a broad range of academic ideas, practical achievements and Healthy City proposals are shared. The committee has reviewed emerging research in health planning and the latest information from the research of member cities.

These benefits of committee membership have flowed to all of the Councils represented in Healthy Cities Illawarra and helped us maintain alignment with the Healthy Cities movement worldwide.

Healthy Cities Illawarra's term on the committee expires in October this year, and nominations from other Australian Healthy Cities are being sought.

Interested cities can self-nominate, with the nomination procedure completed through their further nomination by at least one other Alliance member.

Healthy Cities Illawarra have offered their support to Kiama's nomination and I hope that Shellharbour can also help us in this way.

If Shellharbour Council is supportive, I'll let you know a suggested format for supportive nominations once I find out what the expectations of the committee are.

Election to the steering committee will be by the vote of all WPR Alliance members and the election result will be announced at the Global Conference in October.

I have attached the report that went to Council on Tuesday and information about the selection process, should you require any further background to this request.

Thank you for agreeing to put this consideration before Council.

Kind Regards,  
Kathy

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**ELECTION PROCESS: STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018-2022**

Nomination Committee for Election 2018 will be formed by the Steering Committee 2016-2020. The members are [City] Owariasahi, Japan; Gangdong-gu, Republic of Korea; Kuching, Malaysia; [National Agency] Department of Health National Capital Regional Office (DOH NCRO).

Nomination Committee for Election 2018 will call for a nomination for a member of the Steering Committee. Nominations will be accepted June 1 – July 31, 2018, and then secret ballots are collected. If the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, The General Assembly may appoint each candidate as a steering committee member by passing a separate resolution at the meeting.

Every two years, half of the members of the Steering Committee of the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) are replaced by election. At the 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of AFHC in 2018 in Kuching, Malaysia, the following seats are subject for the election.

- [City – 4 seats]
- [NGO – 1 seat]
- [Academic Institution – 1 seat]
- [International Agency – 1 seat]\*
- [Private Sector/ Business – 1 seat]\*

(\* Decision on if the committee calls for SC member for this category will be made by the nomination committee, subject to the number of active membership within that category.)

Owariasahi (City), Gangdong-gu (City), Kuching, Malaysia (City), and Department of Health National Capital Regional Office (DOH NCRO) (National Agency) continue to be members of the Steering Committee until the General Assembly in 2020 (their term is 2016-2020).

A member of the Steering Committee will serve a four-year term for a maximum of two terms after which a two-year period must elapse before serving in the Steering Committee again. Therefore, the cities/organizations whose terms expire in 2016 (Illawarra, Shatin, Marikina, Healthy City Support Organization) can NOT serve as the members of the Steering Committee for 2018-2022.

The Nomination Committee also applies a rule that “each country shall have a limit of one city at a time as a city member seat of the Steering Committee.” Therefore, for this nomination, cities from Japan, Republic of Korea, and Malaysia are not eligible for the City seats in 2018.

Full or associate members of AFHC which had wished to nominate themselves or others, submitted their nomination to the Nomination Committee for Election 2018 between June 1 and July 31, 2018.

Cities and organizations nominated by 2 or more members, including self-nomination, are recognized by the Nomination Committee as candidates. After closing the submission of nomination, the Nomination Committee will announce candidate cities and organizations. By the 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, voting by the full members of AFHC will be carried out, and the final results will be announced at the General Assembly.

**Schedule**

Dates	
March-April 2018	Nominee for the Chair/ Draft Call for nomination
May 2018	The Nomination Committee announces to general members of AFHC of schedule of election and call for nomination.
June 1-July 31, 2018	Nominations are accepted by the Secretariat.
August 1-September 30, 2018	The Nomination Committee develops a list of nominees and sends this list and official ballot paper to all full members of AFHC by email. Secret ballots are collected.
September 30, 2018	Receipt of absentee ballots is closed.
October 2018	Onsite voting.
October 2018	The Nomination Committee opens the ballots.
October 2018	Report of the results at the 7 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of AFHC

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**Citation from the Charter of the Alliance for Healthy Cities**

**Section 4.2.** Steering Committee - will serve as the policy-making arm of the Alliance and will be elected by the General Assembly. It shall be composed of twelve full members and associate members of the Alliance who will serve a four-year term for a maximum of two terms after which a two-year period must elapse before serving in the Steering Committee again. Seven full members will be cities and five associate members will represent each of the following sectors: NGO, international organizations, academe, private sector/business and national government agencies. To ensure continuity, the first Steering Committee will be composed of two groups with six members each. The half of the Steering Committee members will serve for two years. The other half of the Steering Committee members will serve for four years. In the succeeding biennium, the half of the Steering Committee members who completed two-years term will be replaced by six members elected to serve a four-year term. Thereafter, at the beginning of each biennium, six new members of the Steering Committee will be elected to serve for four years. In the event where a member of the Steering Committee is unable to complete the term, replacement can be appointed by the Steering Committee in consultation with the Chair City.

**Memorandum: Roles and duties of members of the Steering Committee of the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC)**

- 1.1 Each Member of the Steering Committee serves for four years as a member of the Steering Committee.
- 1.2 The mayor (of a full member) or representative of the organization (of an associate member) is the representative of a member of the Steering Committee.
- 1.3 In case the mayor or representative of a member of the Steering Committee is replaced during a member's term as Steering Committee member, that person's successor will represent the city or organization.
- 1.4 Members of the Steering Committee should attend the Steering Committee Business Meeting. These meetings are normally called to gather once every year somewhere where a member of AFHC is located.
- 1.5 Members of the Steering Committee should obtain their travel funds by themselves when they attend the Steering Committee Business Meetings.
- 1.6 Rotation Steering Committee Business Meetings are held via e-mail. Members of the Steering Committee should participate in these meetings and they are requested to send comments by e-mail.
- 1.7 The business of Steering Committee is conducted in English.

## 9 REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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CSP Objective: 1.0 A healthy, safe and inclusive community

CSP Strategy: 1.1 Developing and implementing services and programs that promote social cohesion, healthy and active lifestyles for residents of all ages, abilities and interests

Delivery Program: 1.1.1 Improving the liveability of Kiama for those with diverse backgrounds and abilities

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#### Summary

The Steering Committee of the Alliance for Healthy Cities is seeking nominations for members and it is proposed that Kiama nominate as a candidate for the Australian Chapter.

#### Finance

Funding for attendance at the annual Steering Committee Business Meeting, and the Global Conference and General Assembly held biennially can be funded from the Healthy Cities budget.

#### Policy

Kiama Health Plan

#### Communication/Community Engagement

Media opportunities would arise from a successful nomination.

#### Attachments

- 1 Alliance for Healthy Cities - Steering Committee Election Process 2018-2022 [↓](#)

#### Enclosures

Nil

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. agree to nominate Kiama Council as the Australian Chapter member of the Alliance for Healthy Cities Steering Committee.
2. nominate a Councillor as Council's representative on the Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

A Healthy City aims to reduce the health issues associated with urbanisation by managing the social, economic and physical environments to improve overall amenity and liveability. Through the Healthy Cities initiative, the World Health

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Organisation encourages local governments to incorporate health issues and health concerns into all aspects of public policy.

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Kiama has been a member of the Alliance for 10 years and throughout this time, our work has gained the respect of cities throughout the AFHC Western Pacific Region. The Kiama Health Plan and Dementia Friendly Program have both received international recognition and an annual visit from UNSW students investigating Healthy Cities has occurred for well over 10 years. We are highly regarded for our health related initiatives and we are continuing to be innovative in our current health promotion projects. Our programs arising from the Kiama Health Plan, for example those regarding aged care and food continue to arouse the interest of our Asian neighbours. These programs alone could be used to promote Health Plan related tourism.

Kiama could also help lead the movement towards local governments becoming recognised and resourced for their crucial role in delivering the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This was promoted at the 2017 Commonwealth Local Government Conference in Malta and is a current interest of the Healthy Cities Movement. Healthy Cities Illawarra is working to raise awareness of the Sustainable **Development Goals and Australia's obligation to them. Kiama's representation on the steering committee will legitimise and provide recognition for continuing this work.**

The call for an Australian expression of interest in the steering committee is a valuable opportunity for Kiama. Since we are already well regarded throughout the region we have a good chance of being elected to the role. Stepping up into the steering committee would put us on the world stage and provide an excellent resource to Council. Committee membership would also assist recognition of our work in the health arena by State and Federal Governments. The committee representative would need to be an elected member, but the resources uncovered through the committee membership and regional network would be accessible for Council staff.

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**The committee's general meetings occur quarterly via email and through its network** a whole range of academic ideas, practical achievements and Healthy City proposals are shared. It reviews emerging research in health planning and the latest information from the research of member cities. At the Global Conference which is already budgeted for by Community Services, the committee receives guest presentations regarding the worldwide development of sustainable cities. If other workshops arise, they occur at no greater than annual frequency with videoconferencing likely to develop as an option.

This is an exciting opportunity that will arouse interest in Kiama from the Western Pacific Region and position Kiama alongside regional thought leaders.

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