The Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework
Helping Council put people first

What do you think Council could be doing better to help meet the needs of the community? How can we ensure everyone benefits equally from the growth happening in our City? In times of uncertainty such as these, it is more important than ever to build resilience and support our communities through times of change.

Council recognises that young people have great insights to share, but don’t always have the opportunity to share them. We invite your input into the Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework (SSPF) years 3-5 action plan and ask if there’s anything missing that should be included. Your feedback will help Council to work towards achieving each of the eight SSPF goals.

What is the Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework (SSPF)?

The Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework (SSPF) identifies specific ways that the opportunities brought about by growth can be shared fairly by everyone in the community. The Framework was adopted by Council in 2017, and we are currently two years into the Framework’s implementation.

What are the eight Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework (SSPF) goals?

The eight SSPF goals cover various aspects of wellbeing:

1. Children are our future
   - Work towards ensuring every child in Parramatta is healthy, nurtured, happy, and will thrive.
   - The benefits of growth are being shared equitably by all when all City of Parramatta residents can afford to pay for housing that meets their needs.

3. All people can learn, share and grow
   - Facilitate formal and informal learning opportunities at all ages, to help people improve their circumstances, reach their full potential and share their knowledge, creativity and culture.
   - The benefits of growth will be shared equitably by all when people have equal opportunity to access formal and informal learning opportunities.

4. All people can access a job that enables them to live with dignity and security
   - Secure and retain decent jobs and access to enterprise for all City of Parramatta residents.
   - The benefits of growth will be shared by all when people have access to the benefits of economic participation.

5. Green, inclusive and safe places to share
   - Design, build and maintain public spaces and neighbourhoods that are green, safe and inclusive for all.
   - The benefits of growth are being shared equitably with all when we design, build and maintain public spaces and neighbourhoods that are green, safe and inclusive for everyone.
6. All people can live healthy, active lives
  • Improve physical and mental health outcomes, starting with groups experiencing disadvantage.
  • The benefits of growth are being shared equitably with all when there is a closing of the health inequality gap and people are living longer with greater quality of life, regardless of their socioeconomic position.

7. We trust each other, are welcoming and feel good about being here together
  • Facilitate social connections to foster socially and culturally diverse, inclusive and empowered communities.
  • The benefits of growth are being shared equitably with all when there is a closing of the health inequality gap and people are living longer with greater quality of life, regardless of their socioeconomic position.

8. We lead by example
  • Improve Council’s policies and practices to enable a more socially sustainable City of Parramatta
  • The benefits of growth are being shared equitably with all when social responsibility is embedded in the core business strategy of Council, local organisations and businesses, and they consider how their actions affect our people.

What can I provide feedback on?

Over the past few months Council invited input from the community to help shape the Framework’s years 3-5 action plan. Specifically, we asked what actions should be included in the new action plan, to help Council meet the eight SSPF goals. The draft action plan was put together drawing from:
  • a review of the years 1-2 action plan
  • interviews with community sector workers
  • a community sector stakeholder workshop
  • a broader community workshop, and
  • internal engagement with Council staff.

Actions suggested for inclusion in the new action plan were also assessed against a set of criteria, to make sure that we ended up with a robust set of actions that are realistic, measurable and deliverable.

We’ve now updated our action plan with this feedback and we’re checking in with you again to see if we got it right. The new action plan will guide implementation of the Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework over the next three years.

How can I provide feedback?

Provide your feedback by coming along to our workshop for young people, which will be held from 5-6pm on Wednesday 2 September via Zoom.


Registrations close: 4pm on Monday 31 August 2020.

Who can I contact for more information about the SSPF?

The project team can be contacted via email at sociallysustainable@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or by phone on (02) 9806 8439