

# Communique

## Neighbourhood and Community Centre Strategic Repositioning Committee

8 December 2021

The Queensland Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Strategic Repositioning Committee held its sixth meeting on Wednesday 8 December 2021.

The meeting began with a presentation from the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (the department) about digital capability. The importance of digital inclusion, how it can be measured, and those most at risk of digital exclusion, were discussed. This prompted discussion about digital capability and considerations for digital requirements and functions in NCCs.

The Committee further considered the draft working paper related to elements of the strategic framework and provided feedback on the latest iteration.

The department informed the Committee about the Inquiry into Social Isolation and Loneliness in Queensland, noting the Community Support and Services Committee (CSSC) tabled its report on 6 December 2021. Committee members discussed the recommendations of the report and the proposed roles NCCs can play in addressing social isolation and loneliness in the community.

For further information about the CSSC's report, please visit: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/Committee-Details?cid=165&id=2866>.

The Committee revisited discussions on communication and engagement with the NCC sector, and the department discussed upcoming engagement through online forums to be held on 9, 10 and 13 December 2021, noting some of the Committee members would be presenting at the forums on their work in the Committee.

Finally, the Committee discussed the development of a workplan and schedule of meetings for 2022. The Chair thanked the Committee members for their efforts, insights, and participation in the Committee over the past six months.

The sixth meeting was attended by Committee members: Mr Gary Adsett, Ms Mara Basanovic, Mr Matthew Cox, Ms Karen Dare, Ms Belinda Drew, Ms Sandra Elton, Ms Nancy Spencer, Ms Tanya Stevenson, Mr Tomas Passeggi, Ms Lauren Stephenson and Ms Irene Violet.

Apologies received from Ms Regina Turner, Ms Nyoka Fetoa'i and Ms Louise Judge.

The Committee welcomes queries or suggestions that can be emailed to the Committee Secretariat [NCCCommittee@chde.qld.gov.au](mailto:NCCCommittee@chde.qld.gov.au).

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