Infrastructure Committee Charter

Introduction

The Charter outlines the roles, responsibilities and composition of the Infrastructure Committee of the Council (Board) of the University of Technology Sydney and the manner in which it discharges its responsibilities for UTS.

Purpose

The university's physical and information technology infrastructure and its presence in Precincts of significance are key strategic enablers for the delivery of world-class education and research.

The Infrastructure Committee provides advice to Council on physical infrastructure, information technology infrastructure and precinct matters in the context of the UTS Strategy, the budget and the Finance Plan.

Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible to Council for the provision of advice on matters relating to physical infrastructure, information technology infrastructure and precincts in the context of the UTS Strategy approved by Council and the Financial Plan as approved by Council from time to time.

The Infrastructure Committee will make recommendations to Council on the following matters:

Physical infrastructure

a.   the development and implementation of the Campus Masterplan

b.   oversight of progress, including expenditure, on physical infrastructure projects in the context of capital works budgets

c.   commercial activity proposals for the University's land, infrastructure and facilities

d.   oversight of capital investments in physical infrastructure

Precincts

e.   oversight of the University's approach to existing and emerging precincts as they align to the University's strategy

Information technology

f.   the development and implementation of the Digital Strategy for UTS

g.   oversight of progress, including expenditure, on information technology projects in the context of capital budgets

h.   oversight of capital investments in information technology infrastructure

Policy

i.   oversight of the policies and lifecycle planning (including maintenance) for land, physical and information technology infrastructure, including commercial uses

Risk

j.   assist Council in discharging its responsibility to exercise due care and skill in relation to designated risks contained within the UTS Council Committees Risk Oversight Responsibilities Matrix

Reporting

k.   the Infrastructure Committee Monitoring and Reporting Protocol sets out the procedure for monitoring on physical asset and information technology capital expenditure.

Performance

The Committee will review its performance annually against the Charter.

Composition

The composition of the Committee is as follows:

Position
Chair – an external member of Council appointed for expertise in information technology and/or strategic capital development and people management
Up to four other members, of whom: - up to two may also be members of Council with qualifications and experience related to the operations of the university   - all should have strategic skills and experience in either infrastructure development and/or information technology
Chair of Finance Committee (ex officio)
Vice-Chancellor or nominee

Quorum

The quorum at any meeting of a Council committee or board, shall, unless another number is fixed for a particular committee or board, be one-half of the members of the committee or board for the time being but, if one-half is not a whole number, shall be the next higher whole number.