

## **RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL**

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**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Bill Carter, Chief Financial Officer  
**THROUGH:** Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 6.2 – 2015/16 Quarter 2 Review – Delivery Program 2014-2017

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### **Recommendation**

That the Lord Mayor and Councillors note the information contained in this memo.

### **Background**

A number of Councillors raised queries or requested additional information during the 2015/16 Quarter 2 Review at the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 22 February 2016. The following responses are provided below:

#### **Item 1 – Attachment E: Page 138 – City Building Energy and Water Efficiency Retrofit**

Additional information was sought as to the shortfall in meeting the Building Retrofit project's targets for Emission and Water savings of 10 % and 28% respectively.

### **Response**

The variance in the Building Retrofit project target and actual reduction in emission and water usage can largely be accounted for by changes in scope, which meant not all initiatives have proceeded as originally planned. For example, more than half of the shortfall in water savings can be attributed to tenants not agreeing to new equipment being installed in their café kitchens. Furthermore, some proposed energy efficiency measures were found to be incompatible with existing equipment and therefore could not be installed.

The City is working collaboratively with tenants and will take up opportunities to install energy and water efficient equipment as allowed or as tenancies turn over. Likewise, as building equipment reaches the end of its life, new equipment will be sourced that is both energy efficient and compatible with other currently available energy efficiency measures.

Notwithstanding the variances referred to above, the City is on-track to meet the organisation's overall emission and water reduction targets.

**Item 2 – Attachment C: Page 45 – Tech Startup Action Plan**

A question was raised about the item ‘Implement projects arising from the Action Plan to support the growth of the tech startup ecosystem’ that is on hold. Could this be further outlined?

**Response**

In August 2015 Council resolved to place the draft Tech Startups Action Plan on public exhibition. The draft Plan was exhibited until 10 November. While the draft has not yet been adopted, some projects and programs to meet the actions in the draft Action Plan are being developed and implemented. Most recently, this has included Council resolutions to sponsor SydStart, Startup Week Australia and Piivot (part of UTS) to deliver a number of key events and activities for the tech startup ecosystem during October 2015. The sponsorships allow these organisations to promote the ecosystem, build awareness and build capacity of tech entrepreneurs.

**Item 3 – Attachment C: Page 90 (bottom of page) – Safety and Wellbeing Programs**

A question was raised about the item ‘Prepare an action plan to address safety wellbeing issues in social housing areas. The Action Plan is currently in development.’ Can more information be provided on the progress of this item?

**Response**

City staff are currently developing the plan and this will be presented to Council in due course.

In the interim, a full range of activities have been undertaken across the calendar year in line with the draft Plan and other relevant Safe City and organisational priorities. These include issue management in response to stakeholder concerns, working in collaboration with Family and Community Services, Social Housing Forums, the development of Community Leadership and capacity building programs being tailored for Camperdown, Woolloomooloo and Redfern. In addition, City staff have attended and are supporting the delivery of actions arising from the six local Neighbourhood Advisory Boards and other social housing working groups such as Redlink and events such as Pet Day and local Neighbourhood days.

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**Attachments**


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