

RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL

FILE: S096187 **DATE:** 13 May 2016
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 3 Review Delivery Program 2014-2017

Recommendation

That Council note the information contained in this memo.

Background

As part of the 2015/16 Quarter 3 review, further information was requested on the items listed below.

Item 1 – The unfavourable variance of \$212,000 for the Office of the Lord Mayor under Q3 operating results.

Response

In the Q3 report, the financial reports indicated an overspend variance in the OLM unit of \$212,000 for the first three quarters of the year, while forecasting a full year saving of \$19,000.

The Q3 overspend reflects incorrectly allocated expenditure for the 30th Sydney-Guangzhou celebrations and a City reception, and citizenship ceremonies and the Sydney-Nagoya anniversary celebration which had been scheduled for Q4.

Overall expenditure is forecast to be within the approved OLM Budget at the end of the financial year.

Item 2 – The divestment of vacant land at 17-19 Albert Street, St Peters – who was it sold to; did we list it for sale, or were we approached.

Response

The vacant land at 17-19 Albert Street, St Peters was sold in January 2016 to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

RMS approached the City prior to us contracting with an agent to sell the properties.

The sale was approved by Resolution of Council of 5 December 2011.

At the time of the Resolution of Council, both 17 and 19 Albert Street were identified as being subject to possible acquisition by the RMS under Division 3 of Part 2 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

The final price negotiated by the City substantially exceeded the price that would have been achieved in the open market through an agent.

Item 3 – The cost of the temporary artwork located in the Kent Street underpass.

Additionally, a Question on Notice was received requesting the costs, broken down by year, for works to the Kent Street Underpass.

Response

The redevelopment of Kent Street Underpass created a unique opportunity for a temporary artwork to be exhibited in this space for three months until the commencement of construction.

The cost of the temporary art work was \$17,000 + GST, which included all artists' fees, materials and execution of the work. As part of the program of works, the space will be infilled with no additional costs for removal.

The actual capital costs incurred to date (excluding GST) on the Kent Street Underpass upgrade project is \$705,866, made up as follows:

Project Name	FY-2013	FY-2014	FY-2015	FY-2016 (expenditure to end April 16)
C23156 - Kent Street Underpass Upgrade	5,280	73,471	168,210	458,905

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