

ITEM 10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**WESTCONNEX COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (S129275)**

1. By Councillor Scott

Question

Could Councillors please be provided with copies of all materials produced and distributed to residents as funded either directly by the City of Sydney, or via City of Sydney grants awarded to organisations associated with raising community awareness of issues related to WestConnex, as per the CEO Update dated 28 September 2017?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Materials about issues related to WestConnex which have been produced by the City or grant recipients and distributed to residents will be circulated in the CEO Update.

WILSON STREET CYCLE (S129275)

2. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to a motion passed by Council on 27 March 2017, "WILSON AND BURREN STREET CYCLEWAY (X001962)."

Could Councillors be provided with an update on the status and progress of the project, including expected start and finish dates on construction?

Could Councillors also be provided with an update as to the progress and, if applicable, results of the community consultation regarding parking and drop-off zones to be undertaken as part of this project?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Community consultation has been undertaken on the proposed parking changes in adjacent streets and the Refined Design is being finalised. A CEO Update will be prepared prior to consideration by the Local Pedestrian Cycling Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC), anticipated to be in November.

4,000 letters were sent out in August 2017, resulting in seven submissions in support and seven against. Two were against additional parking spaces in general. Four were against angled parking in Randle and Holdsworth Streets. One was against residential parking in Copeland Avenue.

The Construction of Early Works package is currently scheduled for early 2018. The Early Works package includes the proposed parking changes (subject to LPCTCC approval) and associated cycleway works in adjacent streets; Little Eveleigh Street, Leamington Lane and Pine Street. The anticipated duration of the Early Works package is five months.

Construction of Main Works is currently scheduled for mid-2018. The construction duration for main works is approximately fifteen months.

INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGETS (\$129275)

3. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to Item 10 of Council held on 18 September 2017.

I note that in the breakdown of items budgeted for less than \$10 million in the City's Draft Delivery program 2017-2021, "City Centre - Sydney Square" is budgeted to receive \$0 in 2017/18.

Could Councillors be advised of the planned funding for this item for financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/2021, and the total funding planned from 2021 and beyond?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Sydney Square is the public space located between Sydney Town Hall and St Andrews Cathedral. Just over \$11 million has been allocated in the Capital works program to undertake major public domain improvements such as paving, lighting, landscape treatments and furniture. This funding is currently distributed over the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

PRINCE ALFRED PARK POOL (\$129269)

4. By Councillor Forster

Question

Under the original resolution of Council, the Prince Alfred Park Pool upgrade was expected to be completed in 2010. The scheduled completion date was subsequently revised to November 2011, July 2012, December 2012, and March 2013. The pool was eventually re-opened on 13 May 2013. Over the course of the project, its budget blew out from approximately \$10 million to \$18 million.

What were the reasons for the three-year delay in completion?

What were the reasons for the \$8 million project cost blow-out?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

We work hard to ensure the very best for our community projects and Prince Alfred Park is no exception. It was developed from an initial brick design to a pool and buildings within the landscape, which involved workshops with the Design Advisory Panel and community consultation. It was further re-designed in 2010 to house an underground plant room.

Construction commenced in August 2010 and the pool opened to the public in May 2013. Challenges included the contractor going into voluntary liquidation, exceptionally wet weather, the discovery of large quantities of contaminated soil and the replacement of some of the contractor's key subcontractors (electrical and mechanical).

Council's approved project budget reflects the substantial changes from the initial at grade design to a folded landscape design. Council's approved project total budget in 2012/13 was \$21.8M. The final project cost was \$19.3M.

SMOKING BANS IN PITT STREET MALL AND MARTIN PLACE (S129272)

5. By Councillor Phelps

Question

Pitt Street Mall (between Market and King Streets) became permanently smoke-free on Monday 26 September 2016.

Council endorsed that a smoke-free trial in Martin Place become permanent at its meeting on 27 June 2016.

Council's City rangers, or NSW police officers, have the power to fine an individual \$80 for discarding an unlit or extinguished cigarette or \$200 if it is still alight.

Could Council rangers be directed to move beyond the initial education phase for people smoking in the smoke-free public spaces to active enforcement of the smoking bans, as was endorsed by Council?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

City Rangers regularly patrol Martin Place and the Pitt Street Mall and take an educational approach with smokers to achieve compliance with the Smoking Bans, which is effective on most occasions.