

Item 10

Questions on Notice with Answers

Green Square Community Hall

1. By Councillor Scott

Question

I note the Green Square Community Hall was opened in May 2018, by the Lord Mayor.

Please detail, broken down by month since the facility was opened:

1. How many hours, on average, the Community Hall was open to the public?
2. How much, on average, outsourced providers were paid for duties relating to this Community Hall?
3. The number of events, classes or other community activities that occurred?
4. The number of people (residents or other members of the public) that engaged with Hall activities?

Please detail all outsourced providers who are associated with the Hall, the beginning and end periods of their contracts, the total value of the contracts and their associated duties. Please also detail if any duties have not been met, or penalties applied, under the contracts, or if satisfactory performance has been signed off in accordance with contract milestones.

S129275

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Green Square Community Hall has not been used since 30 September as the City is preparing to hand over the facility as part of the Green Square redevelopment

When open, the Community Hall was open to the public and available for hire between 7am and 11pm, seven days per week

The contracted maintenance costs through Ventia average \$1,000 per month for the year to date.

No staffed programming took place at this venue, but between 2018 and 2020 it was hired by the community for events, classes or other community activities an average of 31 times per month. We do not ask for the number of attendees per booking when hiring community venues.

The maintenance costs for the Hall form part of the Ventia contract, which commenced in May 2018. This contract is valued at \$346.5M over 10 years. The purpose of the contract is to provide facility maintenance services to all City buildings. In relation to this site, this contract has not had any duties not being met, or penalties applied.

Extension of Moore Park Golf Course Consultation

2. By Councillor Forster

Question

Was the Moore Park Golf Course public consultation extended because, on balance, the responses garnered were not in favour of the proposal?

If not, why was the consultation period extended?

S129269

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Consultation was extended from 9 December to 22 December 2020. There has been considerable interest in this project and we are still receiving a high volume of responses.

The closing date was extended to allow for all people with interest in this issue the time to make a submission.

Pop-Up Cycleways Surveys of Residents and Businesses

3. By Councillor Forster

Question

At the City's November 2020 Council Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer advised that surveys to assess the usage and operation of the pop-up cycleway program were limited to intercept surveys of cyclists using the pop-up cycleways and broadly focused telephone surveys of households in and out of the City of Sydney area. Similarly, at the October 2020 Council Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer pointed out that there had been shortfalls in the Independent Safety Audit of at least one of the pop-up cycleways.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. Are there plans to conduct comprehensive surveys of potentially affected residents and businesses in the vicinity of all temporary pop-up cycleways?
2. If so, how will these be conducted?
3. If no plans exist for these surveys of residents and businesses, why not?
4. With reference to the Independent Safety Audit, what were the outcomes of the Chief Executive Officer's endeavour to strongly encourage that corrective actions have been or will be put in place to mitigate safety risks at the Bridge Road pop-up cycleway?
5. Are there plans for Safety Audits of all pop-up cycleways?

S129269

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The Monitoring and Evaluation Plan was circulated to Councillors in the CEO Update on 20 November 2020. It explained that intercept surveys are used to get feedback from people using the cycleways; a telephone survey is used to get population level sentiment; and resident and business feedback is via Sydney Your Say. Over 1500 responses have been received for the pop-up cycleway projects on Sydney Your Say. In addition, if there is a proposal to make any pop-up permanent then there is also a full community consultation process to get more resident and business input, as per the CEO Update.

Bridge Road is a NSW Government controlled road and the pop-up cycleway has been delivered by Transport for NSW. Transport for NSW has confirmed that all corrective actions from both Road Safety Audits on the Bridge Road pop-up cycleway have been implemented.

All Road Safety Audits and Design Safety Assessments for the pop-up cycleway projects delivered by the City of Sydney were provided in the CEO Update distributed to Councillors on 13 November 2020.

Budget for the Office of the Lord Mayor

4. By Councillor Phelps

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide an annual budget by financial year of the Office of the Lord Mayor budget from 2000/01 to 2020/21?

S129272

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

2000/01 to 2003/04 are pre-amalgamation years. Those figures are not readily available, nor are they comparable. Before 2004 what is now known as the City of Sydney was two separate, smaller Councils.

The reported expenditure for the Office of the Lord Mayor for 2004/05 to 2020/21 is provided below.

| Year | Actual (\$M) |
|---------|--------------|
| 2004/05 | 2.48 |
| 2005/06 | 2.26 |
| 2006/07 | 2.10 |
| 2007/08 | 2.18 |
| 2008/09 | 2.71 |
| 2009/10 | 2.78 |
| 2010/11 | 3.08 |
| 2011/12 | 3.00 |

| Year | Actual (\$M) |
|---------|--------------|
| 2012/13 | 3.11 |
| 2013/14 | 3.25 |
| 2014/15 | 3.27 |
| 2015/16 | 3.44 |
| 2016/17 | 3.70 |
| 2017/18 | 3.21 |
| 2018/19 | 3.55 |
| 2019/20 | 3.49 |
| 2020/21 | 3.16 |

The figure for 2020/21 is a forecast only as the 2020/21 Financial Year is ongoing.

Between 2004/05 and 2019/20 the Office of the Lord Mayor's actual expenditure has increased by an average of 1.7 per cent per year. This is below CPI increases.

The resident population in the City of Sydney has grown from 152,892 in 2004 to 246,343 in 2019. An increase of 93,451 since 2004 (61.1 per cent increase). Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population 2004-2019

The workforce in the City of Sydney grew from 385,421 in 2007 to 501,786 in 2017. An increase of 116,365 (over the ten-year period). (30.2 per cent increase). Source: City of Sydney Floor Space and Employment Survey, 2007 and 2017.

City Recycling Procurement

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

In November 2019, the City was one of 11 member councils to sign a memorandum of understanding as part of Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC). This sets out how each will work together to develop a framework for regional procurement of recycled material in infrastructure.

Sustainable procurement aims to reduce the adverse impacts of purchased products and services throughout their life.

1. Please advise, in relation to the City's total procurement spend, how much the City spends on procurement of products that contain recycled materials in total (and, if possible, broken down by categories below) across all areas of business including:
 - (a) City Operations;
 - (b) Development;

- (c) Transport;
- (d) Purchase of goods and services and the cost of maintaining them;
- (e) Energy and water;
- (f) Office supplies, furniture and fittings;
- (g) Cleaning, waste disposal and disposal of goods; and
- (h) Any other categories where recycled materials are purchased.

Please include some examples of products with recycled materials purchased by the City of Sydney.

2. Please advise how much the City spends on materials made from recycled versus non-recycled content (and, if possible, broken down by categories below) including:
 - (a) Road base materials;
 - (b) Waste containers and cleansing materials;
 - (c) Gardening materials including mulch;
 - (d) Office supplies, furniture and fittings;
 - (e) Construction and building materials; and
 - (f) Any other categories where recycled materials are purchased.

S129275

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City's Procurement team has been working closely with Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and relevant suppliers to come up with meaningful and accurate reports that are not time consuming to compile. Advice will be provided to Council on progress in the new year. The new suite of social and sustainable tender forms will aid in the collation of this data. For example, the City has made environmental reporting a key performance measure in new contracts. Of course, additional reporting needs to be balanced against the time taken for both staff and suppliers. Extracting the dollar value in some circumstances will be difficult e.g. recycled content in construction is a small component of the total construction costs or waste bins where the manufacture contains recycled content and virgin plastic.

The City has also undertaken the following efforts to enhance the sustainability of our operations and projects:

- (a) City Services have purchased Electric Vehicles and are using recycled content in asphalt and concrete.
- (b) 100 per cent of the City's energy is being purchased from renewable sources as of 1 July 2020.
- (c) All paper is recycled and carbon neutral and we have eliminated single use plastics.

- (d) The City's new constructions are to the Sustainable Design Technical Guideline
- (e) 474 Tonnes of Gross Pollutant Trap waste materials did not go to landfill (SSROC).
- (f) SSROC Sustainable Pavements Road Construction Material and Related Services contracts will be executed soon and this will have a higher recycled content and reporting visibility.

The City's Procurement staff have also been taking a leading role working with SSROC to improve embedding sustainable procurement criteria and reporting in Request For Tender templates for all councils, training of procurement staff in sustainability and improved reporting.