

Relevant Information for Council

FILE: S051923 **DATE:** 13 December 2024

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Erin Cashman, Manager OCEO

THROUGH: Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.5 - Post Exhibition – Code of Meeting Practice and Councillors’ Expenses and Facilities Policy

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submission received from the community on the draft Code of Meeting Practice as outlined in the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the revised City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice as shown at Attachment A to the subject report ;
- (C) Council fix the order of business of meetings of council as the following:
 - (i) opening of the meeting;
 - (ii) ~~prayer and~~ acknowledgement of country;
 - (iii) ***prayer at the discretion of the Chair;***
 - (iv) apologies and applications for a leave of absence by councillors;
 - (v) confirmation of minutes;
 - (vi) ***statement of ethical obligations and*** disclosures of interest;
 - (vii) minutes by the Lord Mayor;
 - (viii) memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer;
 - (ix) matters for tabling;
 - (x) reports of committees;

- (xi) reports to council;
 - (xii) questions on notice;
 - (xiii) supplementary answers to previous questions;
 - (xiv) notices of motion; and
 - (xv) conclusion of the meeting;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Code of Meeting Practice in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication;
- (E) Council note the submission received from the community on the draft Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy as outlined in the subject report;
- (F) Council adopt the revised Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

Additions shown in ***bold italics***, deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

Purpose

To provide an Alternative Recommendation that reflects current practice.

Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 9 December 2024, Councillors requested that an Alternative Recommendation be prepared to reflect current practice following discussion around the prayer and acknowledgement of Country protocols.

Memo from Erin Cashman, Manager OCEO

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Approved

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