

## Resolution of Council

**19 August 2019**

### Item 12.16

#### Live Streaming

Moved by Councillor Phelps, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) changes to the legislation in the Model Code of Meeting Practice require all local governments in NSW to live stream all Council, Committee and other public meetings by December 2019 so Council activities are readily accessible by constituents;
  - (a) currently, very little information has been released to Council on the progress of implementing live streaming for Council and Committee meetings;
  - (b) Council's Code of Meeting Practice calls for decisions to be made openly and in a way that is accountable;
  - (c) Clause 4.18 of the City of Sydney's Code of Meeting Practice requires all meetings of Council and Committees of Council to be webcast on the Council's website; and
  - (d) Supplementary provision 4.19 requires the meetings to be audio-visually recorded and webcast live;
- (ii) that Council has rejected requests on multiple occasions to introduce live streaming and testing including but not limited to:
  - (a) 27 February 2017;
  - (a) 27 March 2017;
  - (b) 26 June 2017; and

(c) 11 December 2017; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) provide Council with an update on the integration of live streaming for Council and Committee meetings which includes:
    - (a) an estimated date for commencement of live streaming; and
    - (a) a breakdown of total cost of equipment implementation and ongoing cost for the City; and
  - (ii) advise Council on implementation of an interim arrangement to livestream on an available digital platform such as Facebook Live.
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Note – the motion above was not carried. The resolution below was carried.

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 14 December 2018, a Model Code of Meeting Practice was prescribed under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- (ii) this Code made webcasting of Council meetings mandatory by 14 December 2019;
- (iii) Council unanimously endorsed adopting the City of Sydney's Code of Meeting Practice on 13 May 2019;
- (iv) as required by the Office of Local Government and the model code of conduct, livestreaming of Council and Committees will be available from 14 December 2019; and
- (v) interim arrangements will not be required because webcasting will be implemented by the mandatory implementation date; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide Council with an update on the integration of live streaming for Council and Committee meetings which includes a breakdown of implementation and ongoing costs for the City.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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