

Resolution of Council

21 February 2022

Item 13.4

Harbour Baths

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Chan –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 4 November 2021, the Premier and Minister for Planning and Public Places announced the NSW Government's \$50 million Open Spaces Program:
 - (a) the Places to Swim package offers \$16.7 million to better connect people to water, supporting the health and wellbeing of the community as we re-emerge from the pandemic;
 - (a) the City of Sydney is eligible to apply for this funding; and
 - (b) not applying for this funding would be a missed opportunity for Council;
- (ii) on 18 October 2021, the Lord Mayor announced a plan to make Sydney Harbour more accessible and safer for swimmers through a harbour baths policy;
- (iii) in October 2021 the Lord Mayor wrote to the Premier advocating for a whole of government approach to making swimming possible in parts of Sydney Harbour;
- (iv) the delivery of new harbour baths in the Local Government Area has broad support in this Chamber;
- (v) the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment applied for a grant from the Places to Swim Program for a swimming spot in Barangaroo. The City wrote to Infrastructure NSW in January 2022 in support of this grant;

- (vi) the Places to Swim Program is a three year program. Projects to be funded must be completed within 18 months of funding being received. The City is proposing to apply for funding in Round 2 once plans have been fully developed which are needed for the application; and
 - (vii) the Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Water is meeting with the City's Chief Executive Officer in March 2022 to discuss the Sydney Water Festival outcomes and agree on next steps; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) provide Councillors with a briefing on the plans to be submitted as part of the Places to Swim Program Round 2 grant application when available and update Councillors on the outcome of the grant application via the CEO Update; and
 - (ii) update Councillors on future plans for the Sydney Water Festival via the CEO Update following her meeting in March 2022 with the Sydney Water Chief Executive Officer.

Carried unanimously.

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