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Present

The Right Hon The Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore (Chair)

Members Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Scully, Councillor Craig Chung, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Professor Kerryn Phelps AM, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Professor Philip Thalys and Councillor Angela Vithoukias.

At the commencement of business at 5.07 pm, those present were:-

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Scully, Councillor Chung, Councillor Kok, Councillor Miller, Councillor Phelps, Councillor Scott, Councillor Thalys and Councillor Vithoukias.

Apologies

Councillor Christine Forster extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of Council.

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

That the apology from Councillor Forster be received and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director City Projects and Property, Director City Life, Director People, Performance and Technology, Director City Services and Director Legal and Governance were also present.

Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting with prayer and an acknowledgement of country.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council of Monday, 28 October 2019, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully and Thalís.

Noes (1) Councillor Vithoukás.

Motion carried.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 13.2 on the agenda, as her daughter is a student at Alexandria Park Community School and she is a member of the Alexandria Primary School P&C.

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3.3 on the agenda, as she is the President of Local Government New South Wales.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of Council.

Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008

No disclosures were made by any members of the public at this meeting of Council.

Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor

Item 3.1 Supporting Regional Communities Affected by Bushfire and Drought

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

When I became Lord Mayor in 2004, Australia was in the middle of the third longest major drought on record, the Millennium Drought. The current drought is again a major event with 98 per cent of the State impacted. The Central West, Far West and North West regions are the worst affected areas of NSW. This drought is more intense than the Millennium Drought, with higher levels of evaporation due to higher temperatures.

The drought has dried out the bush, and we are now also in the midst of what many are calling 'unprecedented' bushfires.

Six people have lost their lives this fire season in NSW, including four in the last week alone. A further 35 people, including 19 firefighters, have been injured.

The catastrophic fires have destroyed over a million hectares of land and more than 150 homes.

On Tuesday, in anticipation of the catastrophic fire danger, the Department of Education had announced more than 600 school closures and over 20 TAFE campuses. Exercising this caution was wise, as 300 new fires started across NSW that day, and nearly 50 homes were damaged or destroyed, including several in Turrumurra.

More than 3000 firefighters were on the ground supported by 60 aircraft. However, the drought stricken regions have provided complication for fire fighters in the form of access to water, with fire tanks depleted and dams dry due to the prolonged drought conditions.

I would like to acknowledge the importance of the NSW Rural Fire Service, who are on the frontlines of fighting these bushfires. The Rural Fire Service is the world's largest volunteer fire service, with over 72,000 volunteers giving up their time to protect their communities. But Rural Fire Brigades are also more than just an emergency service, often also providing vital community services and assisting people with non-emergency roles.

At a time like this, the Rural Fire Service is stretched to its limits. That is why it is important we mobilise funds to support the NSW Rural Fire Service combat these unprecedented fires.

Last year, Council resolved in 2018 to donate \$200,000 to the County Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid appeal. Council also resolved that all Councillors are encouraged to promote tourism to regional and rural areas to help the economies of drought-affected local councils via their e-newsletters. We also noted that:

- dangerous climate change has left Australia in the worst drought in over 400 years;
- the drought crisis is having devastating effects on regional and rural communities in NSW, and many local councils in these areas require additional help and support as a result;
- climate change and land clearing have been shown to intensify the severity of droughts;

- the City has shown leadership across the metropolitan area on resilience and on creating strategies for a water sensitive Sydney.

But it has only got worse. Council should increase its donation to reflect the growing severity of the drought.

Since then, our response to climate change has evolved and on 24 June of this year, Council declared a climate emergency.

- We resolved that climate change poses a serious risk to the people of Sydney, and it should be treated as a national emergency.
- We called on the Federal Government to respond to this emergency by:
 - taking urgent action to meet the emissions reduction targets contained in the Paris Agreement by reintroducing a price on carbon; and
 - establishing a Just Transition Authority, with enough funding to ensure that Australians employed in the fossil fuel industries have viable and appropriate opportunities for alternate employment;
 - we noted that the City has an excellent record on reducing emissions, and preparing for the impacts of climate change.

I believe we have a responsibility to support our regional communities in their time of need and again provide financial support to relieve some of the devastating effects caused by the bushfires and the drought. We also need to consider the passionate work that the volunteers at WIRES do in supporting the wildlife caught in the bushfires or that have lost their habitats.

The staff at the City of Sydney have also indicated their desire to donate to these causes and Council should support these efforts by matching dollar for dollar the amount raised by staff.

Finally, it is critical that we support the economy in regional areas to allow communities to rebuild their livelihoods. We should look at ways to support 'Buy from the Bush' efforts and support regional tourism.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council donate \$300,000 to the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid appeal from the 2019/20 General Contingency;
- (B) Council donate \$300,000 to the NSW Rural Fire Services from the 2019/20 General Contingency;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to arrange a program for staff donations to bushfire and drought appeals and Council to match dollar for dollar any contributions until the end of March 2020 from the 2019/20 General Contingency;
- (D) Council donate \$20,000 to WIRES to assist wildlife from the 2019/20 General Contingency;
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide any available in-kind support to firefighting efforts, bushfire relief, and post-emergency clean-up, such as water trucks, other council service vehicles and staff; and
- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate opportunities to promote 'Buy from the Bush' and encourage tourism to regional and rural areas to help the economies of drought-affected local councils via their e-newsletters.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original minute by the Lord Mayor was varied such that it read as follows –

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- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate opportunities to promote 'Buy from the Bush' and encourage tourism to regional and rural areas to help the economies of drought-affected local councils via their e-newsletters; and

- (G) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate opportunities to raise funds for drought and fire affected communities at New Years' Eve celebrations.

Moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Chung, and by consent, the minute was varied such that clause (B) read as follows –

- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and select appropriate organisations to donate \$300,000 from the 2019/20 General Contingency, with Councillors to be advised of the organisations via the CEO Update;

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

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Item 3.2 Redfern Station Upgrade

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

I am encouraging Council join me in supporting the local community to get a safe, accessible, and equitable southern concourse at Redfern Station to meet the growing transport needs of the area.

Background

Redfern Station is Sydney's sixth busiest station facilitating approximately 70,000 passengers each day getting to work, visiting family and friends, or reaching Sydney's many tourist attractions.

Redfern has experienced major redevelopment in recent years including the arrival of Commonwealth Bank Australia (CBA) at the former Australian Technology Park, now South Eveleigh. Recently approved residential towers along Gibbons Street, future redevelopment opportunities at North Eveleigh, increased activity at the Carriageworks, and a popular university campus all have the potential to attract thousands of additional people to the area and put pressure on Redfern Station to meet the transport demands that go hand in hand with a growing population.

For many years I have advocated on behalf of the community for improvements to access Redfern Station. Successive NSW Governments have failed to anticipate and respond to the needs of the community and rapid growth is occurring without safe and accessible transport infrastructure to support it.

Currently, only two out the twelve platforms at Redfern Station are accessible by a lift and that's just since 2015. That means people with mobility issues don't have the option of changing platforms at Redfern Station to go to many destinations without considerable physical difficulty and inconvenience, or rules them out from being able to use the station at all.

It is a reasonable expectation that in 2019, as we promote green transport modes and encourage a behavioural shift from private vehicle use, everyone should be able to benefit from using a major transport hub like Redfern Station.

Little Eveleigh Street and Marian Street

In order to meet their legal obligations to provide accessible transport services, Transport for NSW have finally committed to improving accessibility at Redfern Station with proposals for a new southern concourse and adding stairs and lifts to access platforms 1 to 10.

When Transport for NSW released their initial designs in May this year, residents along Little Eveleigh Street and Marian Street were understandably alarmed about the safety and amenity impacts of the proposals on their homes and streets.

On 31 May 2019, I met residents who told me their concerns about thousands of commuters spilling on to narrow Little Eveleigh Street and the privacy and noise impacts that would bring. They talked about the inevitable conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, poor connectivity to the bus interchange on Gibbons Street, and the demolition of the existing heritage building at 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street.

Transport for NSW explored alternative design options for a solution that would minimise impacts on local residents whilst meeting the accessibility objectives of the project.

At a forum on 4 July 2019, City staff and external agencies such as the Physical Disability Council of NSW, the Council for Intellectual Disability, and NSW Police, listened to four options put forward by Transport for NSW.

Those options included:

- Option 1 - a direct bridge across platforms 1 to 10 that exits onto narrow Little Eveleigh Street and Marian Street;
- Option 2 exiting at Wilson Street on the northern side via a ground level pathway avoiding Little Eveleigh Street but including a 7.8m rise and fall gradient;
- Option 3 also exiting at Wilson Street via an elevated walkway along the rear of Little Eveleigh Street properties; and
- Option 4 - a bridge connecting Cornwallis Street and Wilson Street plus a separate footbridge for platforms 8 to 10 and a tunnel to access the new southern concourse.

On 6 August 2019, with the assistance of Cracknell and Lonergan Architects, residents presented their own 'Option 5' to Transport for NSW, which combined aspects of Transport for NSW's options 2 and 4. While the residents' option responded well to connectivity objectives, legibility, wayfinding, high level ramps and the size of structures to achieve the design were highlighted as obstacles to the overall project objectives.

As the options were weighed up, it was clear that balancing the needs of the local community and the wider commuter population was going to be a very complicated exercise presenting as many opportunities as challenges to achieving a safe and accessible station for all.

During the past few months City staff have been working closely with Transport for NSW to get the best possible outcome for local residents as well as the wider community who want an accessible station. I recently met with senior transport staff for a walking tour of Little Eveleigh Street and Marian Street to talk them through the valid concerns of residents and what can be done to mitigate them.

On 4 November 2019, Transport for NSW released their final design for the station upgrades, which is a modified version of their original option 1. They are pursuing a direct bridge between Marian Street and Little Eveleigh Street because they say that it is the safest and most accessible design.

Their modified design shows some important concessions have been made by Transport for NSW in response to the consultation feedback. Additional information submitted to the City from Transport for NSW late last week further indicates their willingness to mitigate impacts on the community.

Those concessions include:

- The heritage building at 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street, which makes a significant contribution to the street's character, is now proposed to be retained.
- Transport for NSW are working with the tenants of 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street to identify suitable alternative premises for their Sydney operations during construction of the concourse, with an opportunity for them to return to Little Eveleigh Street when the station entrance is complete.

- Transport for NSW have confirmed that renewal of Government-owned land around Redfern Station will be undertaken in stages with connections between the station and surrounding streets a key consideration of every stage.

The first stage is the new southern concourse, the second stage is over-station development above platforms 11 and 12 at Redfern Station east, which will incorporate better accessibility and connections between the station and the bus interchange on Gibbons Street, and the third stage is North Eveleigh precinct renewal, which will take into consideration the NSW Government's Central to Eveleigh Strategy, as well as more recent initiatives such as the Sydney Innovation and Technology Precinct.

- Transport for NSW have investigated how future connections may be achieved from the new southern concourse to North Eveleigh precinct via Wilson Street. Two schematic options for that to occur have been developed, which are attached to this Lord Mayoral Minute.
- Transport for NSW have committed to retaining 18 car parking spaces within the local area as off-set parking for Little Eveleigh Street residents to make way for a share zone. Transport for NSW will work with the City to identify an appropriate mechanism for assuring long-term provision of these spaces, including during and after the renewal of the North Eveleigh precinct.
- The new Little Eveleigh Street shareway is to be co-designed between City staff, residents and Transport for NSW to include separate cycle and pedestrian areas, landscaped buffers in front of those houses with retention of all existing street trees.

That said, we need to ensure further progress is made before we support the plan.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the tension between the valid concerns of the local residents and the need to meet accessibility and safety standards, and Transport for NSW advice that a direct bridge link between Little Eveleigh Street and Marian Street presents the most accessible and safe option to meet their project objectives;
- (B) Council support the Transport for NSW proposal, subject to:
 - (i) City staff and Transport for NSW continuing to work together to finalise a car parking solution in perpetuity for Little Eveleigh Street residents;
 - (ii) Transport for NSW consulting with the community on designs for a separate station connection that exits onto Wilson Street that are developed as part of future redevelopment plans for North Eveleigh;
 - (iii) Transport for NSW committing to ensure that as well as the future over-station development above platforms 11 and 12 incorporating improved connections from the station, a safe and accessible waiting area for commuters using the bus interchange along Gibbons Street is also provided;
 - (iv) Transport for NSW incorporating barrier-free access into the final upgrade design to create a truly accessible station for all;
 - (v) Transport for NSW continuing to release detailed information to the community about the Redfern Station Precinct Renewal Plan as it becomes available including the future over station development above platforms 11 and 12 and development at North Eveleigh and how those developments will integrate with Redfern Station; and
 - (vi) Transport for NSW working with City staff to develop a consultation strategy for co-designing the Little Eveleigh Street shareway with those residents including a timeline for that to occur and what format it will take; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport to seek the commitments outlined above and request that Transport for NSW continues to work with the City on this project.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Attachments:

Attachment A. Option 1 – Redfern Station Future Access to North Eveleigh Precinct

Attachment B. Option 2 – Redfern Station Future Access to North Eveleigh Precinct

Moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Phelps, seconded by Councillor Vithoukas –

That the minute be amended such that clause (B) read as follows:

(B) Council reject the Transport for NSW proposal unless the following conditions are met:

The amendment was lost on the following show of hands –

Ayes (2) Councillors Phelps and Vithoukas

Noes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully and Thalys.

Amendment lost.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Thalys, and by consent, the minute was varied such that (B)(vii) was added as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the tension between the valid concerns of the local residents and the need to meet accessibility and safety standards, and Transport for NSW advice that a direct bridge link between Little Eveleigh Street and Marian Street presents the most accessible and safe option to meet their project objectives;
- (B) Council support the Transport for NSW proposal, subject to:
 - (i) City staff and Transport for NSW continuing to work together to finalise a car parking solution in perpetuity for Little Eveleigh Street residents;
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 - (iii) Transport for NSW committing to ensure that as well as the future over-station development above platforms 11 and 12 incorporating improved connections from the station, a safe and accessible waiting area for commuters using the bus interchange along Gibbons Street is also provided;
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 - (v) Transport for NSW continuing to release detailed information to the community about the Redfern Station Precinct Renewal Plan as it becomes available including the future over station development above platforms 11 and 12 and development at North Eveleigh and how those developments will integrate with Redfern Station;
 - (vi) Transport for NSW working with City staff to develop a consultation strategy for co-designing the Little Eveleigh Street shareway with those residents including a timeline for that to occur and what format it will take; and

- (vii) Transport for NSW developing a master plan for the station and interchange area, including consideration of the many major changes underway in this locality, with the support of City staff; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport to seek the commitments outlined above and request that Transport for NSW continues to work with the City on this project.

The minute was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukias

Noes (1) Councillor Phelps.

The minute, as varied by consent, was carried.

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Item 3.3 Save Our Recycling

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

I am calling on Councillors to support the local government sector's Save Our Recycling campaign as outlined in the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) report *At the Crossroads: The State of Waste and Recycling in NSW*.

A worldwide waste crisis

We are living through the Earth's sixth mass species extinction. Scientists have warned that billions of regional or local populations have been lost, and that human overconsumption is to blame. The natural world is suffering as we destroy natural habitats to access virgin resources and pollute both land and oceans with our waste. The problem is spiralling out of control and we only have a short window of time in which to act.

The solution is to minimise our demand for virgin resources and our production of waste by transitioning to a more circular economy. It will require systemic change at the highest levels. As a society, we must address issues such as planned obsolescence, and introduce new metrics so that our economic managers are thoroughly evaluated on how efficiently resources are being used.

But we don't need to wait for that to take steps towards a circular economy at a local level. We can reduce the amount of waste produced in Sydney, and better manage the waste we do produce, even as our population continues to grow and become wealthier.

Unfortunately, years of inadequate planning, funding and action, combined with an international tightening of contamination standards, have led the waste and recycling systems in NSW to a crisis point.

Many solutions are available, and have been comprehensively explored in documents such as the *2017 Parliamentary Inquiry into the Waste and Recycling Industry in Australia*. But there are no signs that the crisis is being addressed. As the NSW Government's latest Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Progress Report shows:

- household recycling rates are decreasing;
- less waste per person is being diverted from landfill; and
- the amount of waste being generated is expected to grow by 36 per cent by 2036 – well above population growth.

Procuring recycled material at the local government level

The City of Sydney is leading efforts through the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) to support the market for recycled materials, through signing a Memorandum of Understanding for procuring recycled material at a local government level. If we do not create the market for recycled material, there will not be a recycling industry.

Local councils in NSW are calling on the NSW Government to reverse this downward slide, to invest the money it collects from the Waste Levy to help fix our state's ailing waste and recycling systems, and help move towards a circular economy in NSW.

LGNSW's *Save our Recycling* campaign outlines ways that the NSW Government can work with Councils to properly develop, fund and deliver the waste and recycling systems our communities deserve.

What we need now is decisive government action and investment.

Planning

The NSW Government promised a major education campaign to help support kerbside recycling in 2015. However, this has not been delivered. A Waste Infrastructure Plan and a new Waste Strategy are also overdue.

The Government must provide funding for metro and regional waste plans for the future of waste and resource recovery, and co-develop them with Councils. It must also deliver the priority infrastructure and other local government projects necessary to deliver these metro and regional-scale plans, particularly where market failure has been identified.

Waste Levy

The NSW Government collects revenue from a Waste Levy via licensed waste facilities in NSW to discourage the amount of waste being landfilled and to promote recycling and resource recovery. According to the latest NSW Budget papers, this totalled \$772 million in 2018/19.

Our ratepayers paid a total of \$4.5 million via the Waste Levy in the 2018/19 financial year. Over the same period Council received only \$216,640 in non-contestable funding to assist with waste management and recycling infrastructure, programs and education. A further \$331,742 in contestable funding was received from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the Food Scraps Recycling Trial as part of their 'Waste Less Recycle More' program.

Revenue from the Waste Levy is expected to increase by about 70 per cent from 2012/13 to 2022/23. By the end of this period the Waste Levy revenue is forecast to have increased to more than \$800 million a year: this represents \$100 for every woman, man and child in NSW. Yet, only a small portion – less than one fifth – of this revenue is invested back into waste and recycling programs.

In 2018, delegates at the LGNSW 2018 Conference unanimously voted to call on the NSW Government to reinvest the Waste Levy in recycling and waste infrastructure and programs.

The 2019 Conference further supported this approach, outlining specific solutions to the waste and recycling crisis which could be delivered in partnership with local government.

All proceeds from the Waste Levy should be reinvested into metro and regional waste-and-recycling plans and to deliver the infrastructure and services our cities and regions need.

Innovation

Recycling reduces our reliance on virgin resources and our impact on the natural environment if recycled materials are used in manufacturing. And manufacturers will only choose to use recycled materials if there is a market demand for them. As major purchasers of goods, local and state governments should drive demand for recycled materials by setting targets for domestic recycled content in the goods that they purchase.

The City of Sydney has been involved in a number of sustainable material trials, including using:

- Green Star concrete, a mix that replaces virgin aggregates with recycled aggregate in the concrete by a minimum of 40 per cent;
- TonerPave, an asphalt mix made from toner powder recovered from waste printer cartridges combined with ground tyres and oil to partially replace the virgin bitumen; and
- recycled crushed glass as a filter layer beneath the soil in raingardens.

The Government should also fund a large-scale, state-wide education campaign to support recycling and markets for recycled products in NSW, and work with councils to activate this campaign; community by community.

The Government should also be investing in the research, development and delivery of recycling technologies and products generated from recyclables, particularly by local or regional councils. The \$1.5 million announced in February 2019 by the NSW Chief Scientist for a Circular Economy Innovation Network is welcome news, but much more is needed. As the NSW Innovation and Productivity Council's Environmental Goods and Service Sector report found, NSW has significant research and industry strengths in this area, which create a strategic regional advantage and provide strong potential for innovation-led growth.

I am recommending that we support the *Save Our Recycling* campaign, which is being coordinated on behalf of the sector by LGNSW.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council acknowledge the growing imperative to manage waste and recycling within NSW and calls for urgent action from the State Government to help build a circular economy in NSW;
- (B) Council note:
 - (i) that the City has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) for procuring recycled content at the local government level;
 - (ii) that the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) is leading three research projects across metropolitan Sydney that include:
 - (a) a waste legislation and regulatory review;
 - (b) a waste data gap analysis; and
 - (c) a study to identify capacity deficits and future infrastructure requirements for the management of waste;
 - (iii) that the City's resource recovery team is expanding to increase its scope for community engagement on waste avoidance and recycling;
 - (iv) that the City's food scraps collection trial was oversubscribed and early results are positive with high participation and low contamination; and
 - (v) that City programs such as Better Buildings Partnership, City Switch and Sustainable Destinations Partnership continue to focus on improving recycling and data integrity within the commercial sector;
- (C) Council endorse Local Government NSW's sector-wide Save our Recycling campaign, and ask the State Government to reinvest the Waste Levy in:
 - (i) funding councils to collaboratively develop regional-scale plans for the future of waste and recycling in their regions;
 - (ii) delivering priority infrastructure and other local government projects needed to deliver regional-scale plans, particularly where a market failure has been identified;
 - (iii) supporting the purchase of recycled content by all levels of government, to help create new markets; and
 - (iv) funding and delivery of a state-wide education campaign on the importance of recycling, including the right way to recycle, the purchase of products with recycled content and the importance of waste avoidance;

- (D) Council continue to engage with the local State Members Alex Greenwich, Member for Sydney, Jamie Parker, Member for Balmain, Jenny Leong, Member for Newtown, Ron Hoeing, Member for Heffron, Minister for Energy and Environment, the Hon Matthew Kean MP, Local Government Minister, the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, NSW Treasurer, the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Opposition Leader, Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Environment and Heritage, Kate Washington MP, and Shadow Minister for Local Government, Greg Warren MP to confirm their support for recycling and outline the urgent need to educate, innovate and invest in local waste and recycling services via the Waste Levy; and
- (E) Council shares and promotes the *Save Our Recycling* campaign via its digital and social media channels and via its networks.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer**Item 4.1 Curatorial Policy Review****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

In May 2016, Council endorsed an updated review of the Civic Collection Curatorial Policy. The Civic Collection Curatorial Policy was scheduled for cyclical review by September 2019.

The Civic Collection Curatorial Policy sets out the City's commitment to managing and developing its collection of movable cultural heritage, official gifts and contemporary artworks. These items provide the tangible evidence which document the civic traditions and creative processes that define the City of Sydney. A framework for collection management guides decisions and actions relating to the care of the Collection and procedures for acquisition, deaccession, disposal, use, display, storage, documentation, conservation and interpretation of items.

The 2019 review of the Civic Collection Curatorial Policy consulted widely across the City, including Governance, Public Art, Community Engagement, Archives, Protocol, Creative City, Events and Major Festivals, Civic Functions, Libraries and the Curatorial Advisory Panel. These consultations established that the provisions of the Civic Collection Curatorial Policy were administered as internal processes, using City-endorsed guidelines to guide the curatorial staff in the transparent acquittal of their responsibilities.

The Policy:

- aligns the processes for managing the Collection with 'best practice' international standards; and
- brings it in line with management policies and procedures which guide the delivery of administrative services within the City of Sydney.

Its emphasis is therefore on ensuring that its administrative framework and guidelines are consistent with the City's adopted procedures.

Accountability for all curatorial actions is measured against the City's professional standards and quarterly reporting to the Civic Collection Advisory Panel, which provides professional expertise and support to the City of Sydney in curatorial matters.

The Panel is chaired by Councillor Jess Scully. External members include Dolla Merrillees, Project Leader, Arts and Culture Strategy, University of Western Sydney and Dr Daniel Mudie Cunningham, Director, Programs, Carriageworks. Apart from the responsibility to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Heritage Act 1977, curatorial actions have no statutory powers or legal authority.

In order to reflect the findings of the consultation and to bring the Curatorial Policy in line with the City's policy framework, it is recommended that the Civic Collection Curatorial Policy be changed from a Council-endorsed policy to an internal administrative policy, endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer. This requires a resolution from Council to rescind the existing policy.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) rescind the Civic Collection Curatorial Policy, as detailed in Attachment A to the subject memorandum; and
- (B) note the internal administrative processes, the Civic Collection Policy and Management Guidelines as detailed in Attachments B and C to the subject memorandum.

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Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

Attachment A. Civic Collection Curatorial Policy

Attachment B. Draft Civic Collection Policy

Attachment C. Draft Civic Collection Management Guidelines

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

That the memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

X022746.003

Item 5 Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

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

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6 Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee**PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Scully

(Deputy Chair)

Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Robert Kok, Jess Miller, Prof Kerryn Phelps AM, Linda Scott, Prof Philip Thalys and Angela Vithoukaskas.

At the commencement of business at 2.04pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukaskas.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 3.19pm.

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Thalys –

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 11 November 2019 be received, with Item 6.1 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.2 to 6.8 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Item 6.9 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.1**Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommended the following:

Item 6.2**Investments Held as at 30 September 2019**

It is resolved that the investment report as at 30 September 2019 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X020701

Item 6.3

2019/20 Quarter 1 Review – Delivery Program 2017–2021

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the financial performance of Council for the first quarter, ending 30 September 2019, including the Quarter 1 Net Surplus of 32.0M and the full year Net Surplus forecast of \$45.9M, as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the Quarter 1 Capital Works expenditure of \$41.5M and a revised full year forecast of \$270.8M, and approve the proposed adjustments to the adopted budget, including bringing forward \$13.3M of funds into the 2019/20 capital budget, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) note the Information Services capital expenditure of \$2.6M, net of disposals, and a full year forecast of \$19.4M;
- (D) note the Quarter 1 Plant and Assets expenditure of \$3.6M, net of disposals, and the full year forecast of \$19.2M;
- (E) note the Quarter 1 Property Divestment proceeds of \$22.0M, and the full year forecast net Property Acquisitions of \$134.7M; and
- (F) note the supplementary reports, including contracts issued over \$50,000, major legal issues and the Quick Response, Banner Pole and Reduced Rate Grant Programs in Quarter 1, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

S096187

Item 6.4

Public Presentation of the 2018/19 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) present the 2018/19 Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports to the public; and
- (B) adopt the 2018/19 Annual Finance Reports subject to the receipt of any submissions over the ensuing seven day period.

Carried unanimously.

X018037

Item 6.5**Public Exhibition - Smart City Strategic Framework**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the draft smart city strategic framework, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public exhibition for a period of six weeks;
- (B) Council note that a report will be prepared for consideration following the public exhibition period; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial amendments prior to the exhibition of the draft smart city strategic framework.

Carried unanimously.

X017671

Item 6.6**Retail Activation Program for Pitt Street Mall - Program Review**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the continuation of the Retail Activation Program for Pitt Street Mall to encourage and support new retail activities to drive pedestrian footfall in addition to the current temporary events which occur;
- (B) endorse the continuation of Pitt Street Mall being made available without a fee for events qualifying under this program;
- (C) note that all activities that fall within the Retail Activation Program are subject to an assessment of proposed activities and require an approved event application;
- (D) note that the continuation of this program will not fetter the City's discretion to determine event applications; and
- (E) note that this program will be reviewed every year through an internal consultation process to ensure it remains relevant and appropriate for the space available.

Carried unanimously.

S123717

Item 6.7

Cancellation of Tender - Crowded Places Protection George and Alfred Street Pedestrian Zones

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) decline to accept any of the tenders received for Crowded Places Protection – George and Alfred Streets;
- (B) cancel the proposal for the contract for Crowded Places Protection – George and Alfred Streets; and
- (C) note that a review of the measures currently being installed in George Street will be undertaken in 12 months.

Carried unanimously.

X014280.002

Item 6.8

Tender - Reject and Negotiate - Archibald Memorial Fountain Hyde Park

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council reject the tender offer for Tender 1941 Investigation, Design, Documentation and Construction Supervision, Archibald Memorial Fountain;
- (B) due to the lack of conforming tenders received, Council enter into negotiations with suitably qualified consultant suppliers for the provision of Investigation, Design, Documentation and Construction Supervision services for the Archibald Memorial Fountain;
- (C) Council note the revised estimated project forecast and approve the bringing forward of additional funding as outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approach suitably qualified consultant suppliers to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (E) Council be informed of the successful consultant supplier by CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

X019589

Item 6.9

Contract Variation - Major Services for Domestic Waste Collection

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 18 November 2019.

At the meeting of Council, the Officer's Recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Kok -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that there are extenuating circumstances, given the extensive tendering and consultation process undertaken in relation to the provision of cleansing and waste services and the efficiencies in one contractor providing these circumstances, such that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by going to tender on this matter;
- (B) Council approve a variation to the existing contract with Cleanaway Pty Ltd to amend the Contract Service Area to the whole of the City of Sydney Local Government Area for all waste collection services, including:
 - (i) General Waste (red bin) collection; and
 - (ii) Booked Household Clean-Up collection services for non-putrescible waste;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations and enter into any documentation necessary to vary the existing contract relating to domestic waste collection services to include the entire Local Government Area as defined as the Contract Service Area; and
- (D) Council endorse the contract budget as allocated in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report.

Procedural Motion

It was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That, pursuant to section 373 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council form itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of enabling two members of the public (representing those in attendance for this item) to address Councillors on the matter currently before them.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At this stage of the meeting, at 6.26 pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 6.44pm.

Two representatives then spoke on behalf of City staff present.

Procedural Motion

It was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That, members of the public having addressed Councillors on the matter before them, that the Committee of the Whole be concluded and the Council meeting be reconvened.

Carried unanimously.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Vithoulkas –

It is resolved that:

- (A) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to commence consultations with City staff and report back to Council, and that clauses (B), (C) and (D) below be deferred until this occurs;
- (B) Council approve a variation to the existing contract with Cleanaway Pty Ltd to amend the Contract Service Area to the whole of the City of Sydney Local Government Area for all waste collection services, including:
 - (iii) General Waste (red bin) collection; and
 - (iv) Booked Household Clean-Up collection services for non-putrescible waste;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations and enter into any documentation necessary to vary the existing contract relating to domestic waste collection services to include the entire Local Government Area as defined as the Contract Service Area; and
- (D) Council endorse the contract budget as allocated in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report.

Closed Meeting

During discussion on this Item, at 7.38pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the meeting be closed (noting that the closure was in accordance with the provisions of section 10A(2)(c),(d)(i), d(ii) and d(iii) of the Local Government Act 1993, to enable discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature in relation to Item 6.9 that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council and/or reveal a trade secret, and that discussion of this matter in open session would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest).

Carried unanimously.

Open Meeting

At 8.04pm it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the meeting of Council be re-opened to the public.

Carried unanimously.

Following further advice, the amendment, as previously moved by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Vithoukias, was ruled by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) to be out of order, pursuant to clause 8.8 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The motion was carried, on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukias

Noes (1) Councillor Scott.

Motion carried.

Note – the Chair (the Lord Mayor) thanked City staff for their attendance.

Speakers

Mr Sean Szabo and Mr Robin Liddell addressed Council (whilst convened as the Committee of the Whole) on behalf of City staff present.

Time Extension

During discussion on this matter, pursuant to the provisions of clause 8.35 of the Code of Meeting Practice, it was –

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

That Councillor Scott be granted an extension of time of two minutes to speak on this matter.

Carried unanimously.

X020580

Item 7 Report of the Cultural and Community Committee

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok / Councillor Linda Scott

(Deputy Chair)

Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Jess Miller, Prof Kerryn Phelps AM, Prof Philip Thalís and Angela Vithoukás.

At the commencement of business at 3.43pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Thalís and Vithoukás.

Apologies

Councillor Scully extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee.

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller -

That the apology from Councillor Scully be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried.

Sub-Committee

The Healthy Communities Sub-Committee, with Councillor Scott as Deputy Chair, commenced at 3.44pm.

The meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee and its Sub-Committee concluded at 3.57pm.

Report of the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully -

That the report of the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee of its meeting of 11 November 2019 be received, with Item 7.1 being noted, the recommendation set out below for Item 7.2 being adopted, and Item 7.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.1**Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee.

The Cultural and Community Committee recommended the following:-

Item 7.2**Public Exhibition - Draft Homelessness Action Plan and Research on Mobile Voluntary Services**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the draft Homelessness Action Plan, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days;
- (B) Council note the Mobile Voluntary Services Study 2019, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that a Mobile Voluntary Services Policy and Guidelines are being developed, and when drafted, will be reported to Council for approval to be placed on public exhibition; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial amendments prior to the exhibition of the draft Homelessness Action Plan.

Carried unanimously.

X005786.001

Item 7.3

Temporary Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions - New Year's Eve 2019-2022

The Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 18 November 2019.

At the meeting of Council, the following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the memo dated 14 November 2019 from the Director City Life, circulated prior to the meeting).

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

It is resolved that Council approve:

- (A) the following temporary alcohol free zone for establishment 24 hours a day from 31 December 2019 to 1 January 2020 inclusive, and for consecutive years until 31 December 2022 to 1 January 2023:
 - (i) Hickson Road; and
- (B) the following temporary alcohol prohibited areas for establishment 24 hours a day from 31 December 2019 to 10am 1 January 2020, and for consecutive years until 31 December 2022 to 10am 1 January 2023:
 - (i) Arthur McElhone Reserve;
 - (ii) Beare Park;
 - (iii) Embarkation Park; and
 - (iv) Observatory Park.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukas

Noes (1) Councillor Scott.

Motion carried.

X021620

Item 8 Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Prof Philip Thalís

(Deputy Chair)

Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Robert Kok, Jess Miller, Prof Kerryn Phelps AM, MP, Linda Scott, and Angela Vithoulkas.

At the commencement of business at 3.57pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Thalís and Vithoulkas.

Apologies

Councillor Scully extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Moved by Councillor Thalís, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

That the apology from Councillor Scully be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 3.59pm.

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Thalís, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 11 November 2019 be received, with Item 8.1 being noted, and the recommendations set out below for Items 8.2 to 8.3 inclusive being adopted in globo.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.1

Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008

No disclosures were made by any members of the public at this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommended the following:-

Item 8.2

Post Exhibition – Draft Community Participation Plan

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the matters raised in response to the public exhibition of the draft Community Participation Plan;
- (B) Council approve the draft Community Participation Plan as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - Community Participation Plan Associated Changes as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the draft Community Participation Plan to correct drafting errors prior to the finalisation of the plan.

Carried unanimously.

X025554

Item 8.3**Fire Safety Reports**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Report Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B and C to the subject report;
- (C) exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order as recommended by the City's Investigation Officer to address the identified fire safety deficiencies in 49 Henderson Road, Eveleigh, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (D) not exercise its power to issue a Fire Safety Order under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 at this time but note the compliance action taken and as recommended by the City's Investigation Officer in 34-36A Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

S105001.002

**Item 9 Report on International Travel - 2019 Smart China Expo, Chongqing and
2019 Seoul Friendship Festival**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller -

It is resolved that the Report on International Travel - 2019 Smart China Expo, Chongqing and 2019 Seoul Friendship Festival, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X014468

Item 10 Proposed Schedule of Meetings and Briefings for 2020

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully -

It is resolved that Council adopt the draft schedule of meetings and briefings for 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

S063444

The Schedule of Meetings and Briefings for 2020, as adopted by Council, is as follows:

| SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020 | |
|---|---|
| DATE | MEETING |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 23 December 2019 to Monday 27 January 2020, inclusive | |
| MONDAY 27 JANUARY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS (Australia Day Public Holiday) |
| MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 2 MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 9 MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 16 MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 23 MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 30 MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 6 APRIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| FRIDAY 10 APRIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Good Friday Public Holiday) |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Friday 10 April to Friday 24 April 2020, inclusive | |
| MONDAY 13 APRIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS (Easter Monday Public Holiday) |
| MONDAY 20 APRIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 27 APRIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 4 MAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 11 MAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 18 MAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |

| SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020 | |
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| DATE | MEETING |
| MONDAY 25 MAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 1 JUNE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 8 JUNE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS (Queen's Birthday Public Holiday) |
| MONDAY 15 JUNE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 22 JUNE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 29 JUNE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July 2020, inclusive | |
| MONDAY 6 JULY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 13 JULY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 20 JULY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 27 JULY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 3 AUGUST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 10 AUGUST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Caretaker Period (commences 4 weeks prior to the date of an ordinary election - Reg 393B) |
| MONDAY 17 AUGUST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 24 AUGUST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 31 AUGUST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS |

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020

| DATE | MEETING |
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| MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TENTATIVE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL (Post Election) / Councillor Induction |
| MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October 2020, inclusive | |
| MONDAY 5 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS (Labour Day Public Holiday) |
| SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNSW CONFERENCE |
| MONDAY 12 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNSW CONFERENCE |
| TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNSW CONFERENCE |
| MONDAY 19 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS (11.00am) |
| MONDAY 19 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 26 OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFINGS |
| MONDAY 7 DECEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMITTEES |
| MONDAY 14 DECEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COUNCIL |
| MONDAY 21 DECEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECESS |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 21 December 2020 to Wednesday 27 January 2021, inclusive | |

Item 11 Questions on Notice

City of Sydney Road Conditions

1. By Councillor Forster

Question

According to media reports earlier this year, the City of Sydney Council had a total of 534 pothole jobs in 2018 with 170 occurring in December 2018 following a severe storm in November, which dumped 100ml of rain on the city in six hours. Another media report indicated that over a period of approximately 60 days from August 2019 the NRMA had received 776 calls in relation to poor road conditions within the City of Sydney local government area.

1. In 2019, to date, how many calls has the City received in relation to potholes in the local government area?
2. Of these calls, how many were related to local roads versus state-owned roads?
3. In 2019, to date, how many pothole jobs have been undertaken on local roads within the local government area?
4. How long is the backlog for fixing potholes and other vehicular and pedestrian related dangers on local roads within the local government area?

S129269

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

The City maintains roadway network covering 330kms of local road, 542kms of footpath and 13kms of cycleways. In 2019 to date, 99 calls about potholes were received. Of these 83 were on local roads.

City staff proactively inspect our roads, footpaths and cycleways and make repairs where necessary. On local roads 527 potholes have been identified by City staff conducting proactive street and infrastructure checks. These 527 have been repaired.

Once a request is received, our maintenance teams carry out repairs within 24 to 48 hours, as such, there is no backlog for potholes reported to the City.

Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre

2. By Councillor Forster

Question

1. When is the Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre expected to be opened to the public?
2. What do the Stage Two works involve?
3. When does Stage Two commence?
4. When is Stage Two expected to be completed?

S129269

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

1. July 2020.
2. Stage Two works include installation of a playground, including skate ball, and passive landscaping.
3. The land is currently in private ownership. This portion of land will not transfer to public ownership until the owner decides to develop that parcel of land. Timing of Stage Two is dependant on redevelopment of an adjacent privately owned site with land dedication as per an approved Voluntary Planning Agreement.
4. See response above. The City will have a fully documented design ready to go to tender for construction, as the result of the current contract with CPB Constructions Pty Ltd.

Bicycle Related Works Budget

3. By Councillor Forster

Question

The 2019/20 Quarter 1 Capital Works Expenditure Summary identifies a variance of \$16,593,000 for bicycle-related works between the Total Project Budget and the Total Project Forecast.

Can you please explain this variance?

S129269

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

The variance relates mostly to the Bondi Junction to City Cycleway. The total project forecast at Quarter 1 reflected the worst case scenario as per the consultant's report. A value engineering review has commenced, with the October 2019 forecast since revised back to the total project budget of \$22.9M.

Capital Works Projects Budget Increases

4. By Councillor Forster

Question

There are a number of capital works total budget increases between the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Quarter 1 Reviews including:

1. Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre: \$100.8 million to \$103.3 million, a \$2.5 million increase (2.5%);
2. The Crescent Lands at Johnston's Creek: \$8.1 million to \$10.9 million, a \$2.8 million increase (35%);
3. Bondi Junction to City Cycleway: \$15.3 million to \$22.9 million, a \$7.6 million increase (50%); and
4. Belmore Park: \$6.4 million to \$10.4 million, a \$4 million increase (62.5%).

What is the reasoning behind the budget increases for each of these capital works projects?

S129269

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

1. The \$2.5M adjustment is related to the improvement of the plant room for a more sustainable outcome. In order to contribute to Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre energy efficiency system measures, the Contractor was directed to replace two gas fired boilers in favour of installing a heat pump and a heat pump chiller. The outcome will be a significant reduction of the carbon footprint by about 750 tonnes of carbon per year and a reduction of \$150,000 in future operational expenditure per annum.

The variation constitutes mechanical, architectural, structural, electrical, acoustic and other associated changes to the plant room area.

2. The additional \$2.8M budget for the Crescent Lands at Johnston's Creek: \$8.1M to \$10.9M, predominantly relates to the inclusion of a new skate mini ramp, and allowances for the conservation works on the viaduct.
3. The increase to \$22.9M relates to RMS-stipulated restrictions on working times along Moore Park Road, requiring construction works to be staged over an estimated two-year period. The restrictions include restricted hours and night work along the majority of the site, including the removal and reconstruction of the central median and eight intersections. Previous cost estimates had assumed standard (longer) working hours and less stringent traffic management requirements. The City project team advocated to the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) to loosen the restrictions, but to date only a marginal relaxing of certain aspects has been achieved. Night works and shorter daily hours entail significant cost increases.
4. The City South Public Domain Plan Project included the preparation of a strategic masterplan for Belmore Park. The development scope and improvements required for a park of that size and prominence arising from the masterplan process (pathway upgrades, light, park furniture, street interface treatments, landscape works, event services infrastructure etc) indicated that a project budget of \$6.4M would be insufficient, additional budget was requested during the 2019/20 budget process.

Commencement of Live Streaming

5. By Councillor Phelps

Question

Changes to the legislation in the Model Code of Meeting Practice requires 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.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide:

1. An update on progress for the commencement of live streaming of council, committee and other public meetings, including expected implementation date.
2. What is the City doing to prepare for its smooth introduction before the statutory deadline? Are any trials taking place?
3. Breakdown of the total cost of equipment implementation and ongoing cost for the City.

S129272

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

A request for quotation for the supply and installation of camera and live streaming equipment has closed and the assessment of those quotations is being completed. A contract is expected to be finalised early next week.

Testing has been, and will continue to be undertaken in the Council Chamber between now and then to ensure a smooth transition.

Given the contract for the installation is currently being finalised, information regarding the total cost of implementation has not been provided. Once the contract is finalised, information will be provided in the CEO Update.

Construction Timeline for Multi-Purpose Synthetic Field at Crescent Park, Annandale

6. By Councillor Phelps

Question

At the 28 October 2019 Council meeting, Council approved the commencement of concept designs for a multi-purpose synthetic field at Crescent Park, Annandale and to investigate the feasibility of modifying the proposed pitch to meet the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) requirements of a Hockey5s pitch in consultation with Glebe Hockey Club.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide:

1. A proposed timeline for the multi-purpose synthetic field at Crescent Park, Annandale.
2. When is consultation with the Glebe Hockey Club expected to begin?
3. What is the estimated date of completion?
4. Is it feasible for the City to shift the timeline for the completion of construction to the end of 2020?

S129272

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

1. The development phase (including investigative studies and concept development) is scheduled for the period November 2019 to first quarter 2020.

The concept development phase (including community consultation and scoping report) will commence in first quarter 2020 and is scheduled for completion in first quarter 2021.

The design phase (including Development Application approval) will commence in first quarter 2021 and is scheduled for completion in last quarter 2021.

The Tender phase will commence in last quarter 2021 and is scheduled for completion in second quarter 2022.

Construction is scheduled to commence in the second quarter 2022.

2. The City will start consultation with all sporting groups, including the Glebe District Hockey Club, once investigative studies have commenced in December 2019.
3. Third quarter 2022 (but is subject to approved scope of the project).
4. The timeline above outlines the project phases. As this is a contaminated site, there are a range of complex investigative works that need to be undertaken, prior to the construction phase.

High Impact Busking Pitt Street Mall

7. By Councillor Phelps

Question

The recent 2019 Sydney Busking Code still allows for high intensity (including drumming and amplified music) as well as low intensity busking acts on the Southern pitch of Pitt Street Mall, which is directly below the Tower Apartment building which has around 40 apartments directly facing this area.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. The reasons for allowing high intensity (including drumming and amplified music) busking on the southern pitch of Pitt Street Mall.
2. Any community feedback on high intensity (including drumming and amplified music) acts on the southern pitch of Pitt Street Mall.
3. Methods to manage the noise and inconvenience to those in neighbouring apartments to the southern pitch.

S129272

Answer from Chief Executive Officer

The provision of high intensity busking and community feedback on high intensity busking were discussed in the report to the 6 May 2019 Cultural and Community Committee

<https://meetings.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=136&MIId=3042&Ver=4>

Methods to manage noise and inconvenience are detailed in the Local Approvals Policy Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice

https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/315182/Local-Approvals-Policy-Busking-and-Aboriginal-and-Torres-Strait-Islander-Cultural-Practice.PDF and the City of Sydney Busking Code <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/business/doing-business-with-us/regulations/busking>

Waterloo Estate

8. By Councillor Phelps

Question

It has been announced that the planning responsibility for the development of the Waterloo Estate has been handed back to the City by the NSW State Government. On March 4, 2019, Council held an extraordinary meeting to consider submitting a proposal to the State Government for a more balanced redevelopment of the Waterloo housing estate.

At this meeting, Council agreed to:

- endorse an increase in the ratio of social and affordable housing on this publicly owned site to 50 per cent social housing, 20 per cent affordable housing and 30 per cent private housing to address the urgent need for more social housing in the inner city highlighted in the latest City of Sydney street count which showed an increase in homelessness in our area and to also address the critical shortage of affordable housing for essential workers in the inner city;
- call on the NSW Government to allocate proceeds from the sale of social housing properties within the City of Sydney local government area to the Waterloo Housing Estate redevelopment including the \$591 million from the sale of social housing at Millers Point and the \$43 million held by the UrbanGrowth Development Corporation in development contributions from the Central Park development in Chippendale for affordable housing that must be spent in the Redfern-Waterloo area; and
- call on the NSW Government to retain public ownership of this land through the use of leasehold provisions.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How the City will fund the development of the Waterloo Estate?
2. If the City intends to retain public ownership of this land through the use of leasehold provisions, or other arrangements?
3. If the City will retain the increase in the ratio of social and affordable housing on this site to 50 per cent social housing, 20 per cent affordable housing and 30 per cent private housing as voted on by Council on 4 March 2019?
4. If the City intends to use the same development proposal presented to the public on 6 March 2019 by the Director City Planning, Development and Transport?

S129272

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

On 2 November 2019, the NSW Government announced changes to the way precincts involving Government land are rezoned. Waterloo Estate has been identified as a 'council-led rezoning' precinct.

This announcement relates to planning controls and does not change the ownership and development responsibilities for this site, which lie with the State Government.

The ratio of social and affordable housing remains the responsibility of the State Government.

It is expected, but yet to be confirmed, that NSW Land and Housing Corporation will lodge a planning proposal request with the City to change the planning controls.

The City will then assess the request in accordance with legislation. Any future development would be undertaken and funded by NSW Land and Housing Corporation or other proponent. The City is continuing to work with the NSW Government on ways to increase social and affordable housing and retain land in public ownership, informed by the City's previous planning and urban design work.

City of Sydney Library Funding

9. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Broken down by financial year, how much additional funding will the City of Sydney Council receive for public libraries as a result of the Renew our Libraries campaign?
2. Broken down by financial year, please detail what the extra funding be allocated for.
3. Broken down by financial year, please detail which City libraries will receive extra funding, and for what purpose.

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

An increase in public library funding was announced in August 2018, totalling \$60M over four years to 2022/23 across all NSW public libraries.

Public Library funding consists of Per Capita Subsidies, Subsidy Adjustments to balance the requirements of larger and smaller local government areas, the Outback Letterbox Library and the Public Library Infrastructure Grants.

The per capita subsidy for all libraries will increase annually from the 2018/19 amount of \$1.85 to \$2.85 per head of resident population by 2022/23 as outlined below:

Table 1: Per capita amount per year

| Year | Per capita amount |
|---------|-------------------|
| 2019/20 | \$2.45 |
| 2020/21 | \$2.55 |
| 2021/22 | \$2.65 |
| 2022/23 | \$2.85 |

Each year the City of Sydney Library network receives the per capita subsidy and a subsidy adjustment which is calculated annually.

In 2018/19, the City of Sydney received a total of \$541,631, made up of \$431,451 per capita subsidy, and \$110,180 subsidy adjustment.

For the 2019/20 year, the City of Sydney will receive a total of \$644,773, made up of \$588,561 per capita subsidy, and \$56,212 subsidy adjustment.

The per capita subsidy forms part of the Libraries and Learning operational budget and contributes to continual improvements to infrastructure, collections and services within libraries.

The subsidy adjustment grant requires that a minimum of 30 per cent is put towards local priority projects. Of the \$56,212 subsidy adjustment amount, the City of Sydney library has committed 50 per cent to a research project to develop library services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The other 50 per cent will be dedicated to experimental collections that will be developed through community engagement activities, such as expansion of the makerspace collection to enhance digital programs

City of Sydney Planning Controls

10. By Councillor Scott

Question

In February of 2019 it was reported that the City of Sydney had lost planning control over 274ha of land.

1. Please detail, broken down by financial year, how much land has been lost (since 2011) or regained.
2. Please detail where this land is located.

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

The City's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement identifies 14 precincts affected or proposed to be affected by a state level planning instrument. These sites total 296ha, updated from the previously reported 274ha. The sites and precincts include the Bays Precinct, Central Station Precinct, Darling Harbour, Elizabeth Street, Redfern, Moore Park Showground (including Fox Studios and Sydney Sports Stadium), Barangaroo, Redfern-Waterloo, Walsh Bay, The Rocks, Broadway (CUB) site, Sydney Opera House and Waterloo Estate. The precincts are shown on page 197 of the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement at <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/your-say/city-plan-2036-our-draft-plan-for-planning-and-land-use>. Since 2011, the Bays Precinct, Central Station, Waterloo Estate and Elizabeth Street, Redfern have been nominated as potential state significant precincts. The NSW Government's announcement about a new approach to precinct planning on 2 November 2019 is expected to change the extent of land affected or proposed to be affected.

Community Venue Hire

11. By Councillor Chung

Question

Referring to each room for hire in City of Sydney Libraries and venues for hire, and referring to each category of hire being commercial, community and student, can the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. For each category of hire, how many times have community venues been hired in the City of Sydney libraries network each year since 2014?
2. For each category of hire (commercial, community, student), how much income has the City of Sydney received for each venue?
3. Why it is necessary for users to have \$10 million public liability insurance coverage when hiring a library meeting room?

S129268

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

This information will take some time to compile. A CEO Update will be provided to Councillors when the information is available.

Outsourced Waste Collection

12. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Broken down by month, since 2004, please provide data on complaints received with regards to waste collection, comparing rates for areas of the City with outsourced verses in house services.
2. Broken down by year, since 2004, please detail City staffing levels for Waste Collection Services.

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

1. Complaints have been consistent at an average of 0.5 per cent of services, with a spike when contracts are transitioning to a new provider.
2. Staffing levels for the Cleansing and Waste Business Unit for the five years from 2015 to 2019 are as follows:

| Approved Positions (FTE) | As At 30/06/2015 | As At 30/06/2016 | As At 30/06/2017 | As At 30/06/2018 | As At 11/11/2019 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Total</i> | <i>256.0</i> | <i>257.0</i> | <i>257.0</i> | <i>254.4</i> | <i>265.0</i> |

City Waste Targets

13. By Councillor Scott

Question

Broken down by year (since 2004), please detail the progress the City is making to achieve its 2021 targets set out in its strategic plan to achieve zero waste by 2030:

- to divert 50% of waste from City parks, streets, and public places away from landfill;
- to divert 70% of waste from City-managed properties away from landfill;
- to divert 80% of construction and demolition waste, generated and managed by City operations, away from landfill;
- to divert 70% of (residential) waste (with a minimum of 35% as source-separated recycling) away from landfill;
- to divert 70% of waste from operating businesses in the local government area away from landfill; and
- to divert 80% of waste from construction and demolition activities in the local government area away from landfill.

Please also provide a comparison, where relevant, between waste managed by City staff and waste managed by outsourced staff (e.g. in the residential waste diversion and any other waste diversion targets where some or all of the work is not undertaken by City staff).

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

Since waste targets were set by Council, progress has been reported in the City of Sydney State of the Environment Reports (for 2004 to 2011):

https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/122387/StateOfEnvironmentReport201112Final.pdf

From 2012, progress has been reported in the biannual Green Report.

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/environmental-plans-reports>

Where targets have been revised by Council, this has been reflected in the Green Report.

Reports on progress on the diversion of waste within the local government area (operating businesses and construction and demolition activities) is estimated performance only from State data due to data being unavailable at a local government area level. This is also reported in the biannual Green Report <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/environmental-plans-reports>

City Waste Diversion

14. By Councillor Scott

Question

Broken down by year (since 2004) how much of the diverted waste is being:

- Recycled?
- Sent to Waste for Energy incinerators?
- Placed in landfill?
- Unknown?

Please also provide a comparison, where relevant, between waste diversions managed by City staff and waste managed by outsourced staff.

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

Rates of waste diverted to recycling or placed in landfill are available in the biannual Green Report from 2012 <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/environmental-plans-reports>

Previous data from 2004 to 2011 is available in the City of Sydney State of the Environment Reports https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/122387/StateOfEnvironmentReport201112Final.pdf

No waste is sent to waste to energy incinerators.

The City requires in all contracts details of downstream markets for recycling, however the availability and transparency of this data is sometimes difficult to obtain at a contract level due to the way in which waste is transported via waste transfer stations and combined with other Council waste and commercial waste.

Current Services Managed by City of Sydney and Cleanaway

| SERVICES | CITY of SYDNEY GARBAGE SERVICES STAFF | | CITY OF SYDNEY PUBLIC DOMAIN – CLEANSING STAFF | | CLEANAWAY | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
| | North Area | South Area | North Area | South Area | North Area | South Area |
| Red Bins | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Yellow Bins | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Green Bins | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Booked Household Bulky Waste | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Metals / Kerbside E-Waste | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Food Scraps Trial | | ✓ | | | | |
| Illegal Dumps | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bin Replacement and Repair | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Street Sweeping | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |

City Waste Target Funding and Waste Diversion Auditing

15. By Councillor Scott

Question

- Broken down by year (since 2017), how much City funding has been allocated to each of the six main priority areas to reach zero waste by 2030?
 - Promote Innovation to avoid waste
 - Improve Recycling
 - Sustainable Design
 - Clean and clear
 - Better data
 - Future treatment solutions

What objectives has the City of Sydney delivered in regards to each of the above priority areas?

- Has any of the City's waste been allocated to the business case for Cleanaway's proposed waste to energy facility in Western Sydney? If so, how much (per tonne, and percentage), broken down by year?

3. Please explain the mechanisms the City has to control and audit what happens to its waste once it is collected by our outsourced waste provider? Please explain what auditing has been undertaken to date.

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

1. Grant Funding

| 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 (to date) |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| \$21,920 | \$169,628 | \$6,000 |

Council endorse the Operational Plan and budget annually which includes funding for these projects and programs, the outcomes of which are reported in the biannual Green Report.

Operational Plan: <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/integrated-planning-reporting/operational-plan>

Green Report: <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/environmental-plans-reports>

As the work is undertaken across Divisions, a breakdown of the funding for each priority area is not possible.

2. No.
3. The City's Contract Management team do regular reviews of collection operations to ensure the correct truck collects the correct waste in line with the Contract. On a monthly basis all tipping dockets from Cleanaway are compared to the disposal reports received from City contracted waste processors to ensure correct charges and waste volumes are matched so that invoices can be paid. Only nominated Cleanaway trucks are permitted to dispose of waste at nominated disposal facilities, all others are queried by the City's Contract Management team for approval.

On a monthly basis, Cleanaway submit to the City a report of all prior month service activities and performance against Key Result Areas and Key Performance Indicators. These are reviewed at a Monthly Contract Management and Operations meeting. Reports for the four months July to October 2019 have been received.

City Cleansing Staff Wages and Conditions

16. By Councillor Scott

Question

Please provide a comparison of wages and conditions cleansing staff receive, comparing those employed by the City of Sydney and those employed in equivalent roles by organisations contracted to undertake cleansing and waste for the City of Sydney.

S129275

Answer from the Chief Executive Officer

Cleanaway was awarded the City's contract for domestic waste which came into effect on 1 July 2019. Cleanaway employs staff to provide services to the City of Sydney under an Enterprise Agreement. The Enterprise Agreement was negotiated with the Transport Workers Union.

This agreement was ratified by the Fair Work Commission but is not published on the Fair Work Commission website. The rates are confidential between those parties.

By law the base pay rate in enterprise agreements cannot be less than the base pay rate in the Industry Award (the Waste Management Award 2010) and the National Employment Standards still apply.

Item 12 Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

Supplementary Answers to Questions on Notice are as follows:

Question on Notice – Council 9 September 2019

Neighbourhood Centre Staff

13. By Councillor Scott

Question

Community and Neighbourhood Centres in the City of Sydney provide an invaluable service to some of our most vulnerable residents and have an important place at the heart of our communities.

Can the Chief Executive Officer please provide the number of staff, specifying the roles and contract type of these staff (full-time / part-time / casual), in individual community and neighbourhood centres being operated by the City of Sydney listed by year for the past 10 financial years?

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

This information will take some time to compile. A CEO Update will be provided to Councillors when the information is available.

S129275

Supplementary Answer

Background

A Question on Notice was asked by Councillor Scott at the Council Meeting on 9 September 2019 in relation to staffing levels at the City's community facilities. The attached table shows the number of staff for the Customer Service Contact Centre at Town Hall House and counter services at Kings Cross, Glebe and Green Square Customer Service Centres and in the City's libraries and community centres as at end June 2018 and 2019. Also included are Town Hall House-based staff and those not based in a particular centre, but who provide social programs and services to our community.

The total FTE across all services has increased by 16.59 FTE since 2016/17, primarily in Libraries and Learning where the increase in FTE relates to Green Square, Darling Square and Waterloo Libraries. In addition, one staff member was redeployed to City Spaces in 2019/20.

The table below shows a summary of FTE for each business area. With the exception of additional staff required for new, larger libraries, staffing numbers have remained relatively constant across this period:

| Section | FTE 2016/17 | FTE 2017/18 | FTE 2018/19 | FTE 2019/20 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Libraries and Learning | 67.71 | 68.2 | 82.7 | 85.9 |
| Customer Service | 52.85 | 50.25 | 50.25 | 50.25 |
| City Spaces | 40.85 | 40.85 | 40.85 | 41.85 |
| Social Programs | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Total | 166.41 | 164.3 | 178.8 | 183 |

A total of 70 to 85 casual staff are also used across the services. Casual staff are used in a variety of ways, including to fill leave vacancies, to cover permanent staff attending training, meetings and workshops and to assist when additional staff are required, for example to deliver events to the community.

Question on Notice – Council 9 September 2019

The City of Sydney and Tertiary Research

15. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. What co-contributions to research projects has the City of Sydney made since 2004? Please detail, broken down by year.
2. Please detail whether funds have been committed, or committed and expended, the relevant University or tertiary education provider, and the outcomes (where relevant) for the City and communities.

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

This information will take some time to compile. A CEO Update will be provided to Councillors when the information is available.

S129275

Supplementary Answer

Background

At the Council Meeting in September 2019, the following Question on Notice was submitted by Councillor Scott relating to the City of Sydney and tertiary research:

1. What co-contributions to research projects has the City of Sydney made since 2004? Please detail, broken down by year.
2. Please detail whether funds have been committed, or committed and expended, the relevant University or tertiary education provider, and the outcomes (where relevant for the City and communities).

This information has now been compiled and is detailed below:

2005: Dictionary of Sydney

In 2005, the City of Sydney entered into a five year Linkage Project Agreement for an Australian Research Council grant for a project to research and develop the Dictionary of Sydney. The joint partners in the project were Sydney University, the City of Sydney, State Records NSW, State Library of New South Wales and the University of Technology Sydney.

The City's commitments under the ARC linkage grant were \$95,000 per year for five years and provision of office accommodation and standard office systems as value in kind. All monies were expended.

The Dictionary is an electronic repository of text and multimedia materials that records and celebrates the history of Sydney in an accessible way. The Dictionary's coverage is of the greater Sydney Metropolitan area and includes references to natural forms such as its botany and geology, built forms both present and lost over time, catastrophic natural and human disasters, as well as the triumphs and achievements that have contributed over time to an understanding of the place. It is a forum for education, entertainment and public discussion.

The Dictionary of Sydney website was launched in 2009. The website is still functioning and accessible. www.dictionaryofsydney.org. Content is still added to the digital repository, there is an active blog and associated social media channels, and the Dictionary of Sydney has a regular history slot on 2SER breakfast radio. The Dictionary of Sydney Trust was formed in 2006 to provide a governance structure and a life for the history project beyond the ARC linkage grant. All monies from the ARC linkage grant were expended.

2012: Cooperative Research Centre for Low Carbon Living (CRC LCL)

The City was involved with the Cooperative Research Centre for Low Carbon Living over its seven year term which completed in June 2019. The CRC LCL objective was to drive Australia's built environment sector towards a globally competitive low carbon future.

The research was categorised into the following themes: Integrated Building Systems, Low Carbon Precincts, and Engaged Communities. The City directly participated in multiple programs including a review of BASIX performance, tools to measure and respond to urban heat, advanced building energy diagnostic systems, and distributed energy.

The City's commitments under the CRC grant were \$100,000 cash over two years and provision of in-kind contributions to an equivalent value of \$199,435.

Two notable outcomes of the partnership with the City are the recycled cement road trial <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/vision/better-infrastructure/streets-and-public-places/completed-works/sustainable-concrete-road-trial> and the Cooling Sydney Guide <https://apo.org.au/sites/default/files/resource-files/2019/06/apo-nid246731-1372011.pdf>.

More information about the CRC LCL is available at <http://www.lowcarbonlivingcrc.com.au/>.

2012: Chinatown in the Asian Century

The City engaged in an Australian Research Centre linkage grant with the University of Western Sydney to:

1. provide a large scale analysis of Chinese/Asian commercial culture in Haymarket,
2. conduct an in-depth assessment of the evolution of Chinatown and the broader Haymarket area in its role as a hub for Asian/Australian transnational flows and links,
3. analyse the role of urban design and cultural initiatives in positioning Sydney's Chinatown as a contemporary "Asian" destination for investors, consumers tourists, students, visitors' and
4. evaluate how more traditional Chinese heritage and community interests can be safeguarded in a globalised, multicultural Asian precinct (ie the hybrid character of today's Chinatown).

The City provided \$75,000 cash over three years, plus in-kind support valued at \$100,000 per annum for three years, predominantly in the form of data from the 2006 and 2011 City of Sydney Floor Space and Employment Surveys.

The outcome was a report into the changing nature and current state of "Chinatown", including the linkages between the current population and entities right across Asia.

2018: Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (CRC WSC)

The CRC WSC is a collaboration of over 80 research, industry and government partners to deliver socio-technical urban water management solutions, education and training programs, and industry engagement to make towns and cities water sensitive. There are challenges of water management in the context of a growing population, ageing infrastructure and a warming climate, while maintaining affordability and equity for Sydney's diverse communities.

The City is providing \$40,500 in cash over three years.

The City is advocating for regulatory and pricing reform in the NSW urban water sector to enable innovation and investment in water recycling and water sensitive urban design. As part of this advocacy, the City hosted the Water Sensitive Sydney Summit in February 2018.

The Summit was informed by CRC WSC research and attended by industry leaders from state and local government, businesses, developers, researchers and industry associations who are also part of the CRC WSC.

2018: Sydney Food Business Incubator

The Sydney Food Business incubator is an applied research project funded by an ARC linkage grant with University of Sydney and other partners. The project supports community members to set up food-based businesses in the local area.

The City is providing \$120,000 cash over three years (as at 30 September 2019, \$80,000 of the funding has been acquitted) and \$12,000 value-in-kind per year for three years (starting in financial year 2018/19), in the form of waived venue hire fees. This will fund the part-time use of a community centre with a commercial kitchen. In addition to the City's funding, the University of Sydney successfully secured an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Grant totalling \$423,500.

The FoodLab Sydney website can be found at <https://foodlabsydney.com/>

The pilot project is in progress and at least 90 residents are expected to participate. The program is being promoted across our vulnerable communities and participants will be engaged through the City's networks of housing communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and refugee and asylum seeker communities.

The first cohort of eight participants commenced on 5 April 2019 and the second cohort of 10 participants commenced on 26 July 2019. Participants have come to the program through a range of organisations including, Lentil as Anything, Global Sisters, Mission Australia and Settlement Services NSW. The first cohort graduate from the program on 18 October 2019.

Item 13 Notices of Motion**Item 13.1 Drought Relief****Procedural Motion**

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

It is resolved that the motion be withdrawn as the matter had already been dealt with at Item 3.1.

Carried unanimously.

S129259

Item 13.2 Alexandria Park Community School Redevelopment

Moved by Councillor Phelps, seconded by Councillor Miller -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the forecasted increase in urban density around Alexandria Park School due to development of: Green Square; Elizabeth Street, Redfern; South Eveleigh; and the Waterloo Estate;
- (ii) the redevelopment of Alexandria Park Community School will accommodate students from Kindergarten to Year 12. The redevelopment will ensure the school can cater for increasing future student enrolments;
- (iii) the project replaces existing classrooms and provides:
 - (a) new permanent learning spaces;
 - (b) special education learning spaces;
 - (c) special program rooms (high school) for subjects including visual and performing arts, science and metal and woodwork; and
 - (d) new facilities including an administration area, hall, library, gymnasium, multiple sports courts, and play spaces;
- (iv) construction of the new school is underway and is being staged so that students can continue to attend classes, with a forecasted completion date of 2022;
- (v) in the NSW Department of Education - School Infrastructure, Alexandria Park Community School November 2019 Project Update, the school and local community were informed that the project will now be delivered in two stages. Stage 1 is the expansion to accommodate 1,000 primary students and 850 secondary students, and Stage 2 will create space for an additional 400 secondary students;
- (vi) the update states that students will remain in the facilities delivered in Stage 1 during the future construction of Stage 2, with Stage 1 works including the infrastructure which will allow the fourth level to be delivered in the future with minimal operational impact to the school. They have advised that Stage 2 will be delivered once the demographic trends show that the increased student capacity is needed;
- (vii) the Alexandria Park Community School catchment community believes this additional disruption of student life is unnecessary, and with the high rates of development in the area, linear projection trends will not match the realistic population growth resulting in reactionary delivery, as opposed to building for growth; and
- (viii) the school already accommodates more students than is reported by the NSW Department of Education, which states 455 secondary students - as of November 2019, with the Alexandria Park Community School P&C advising the number is actually around 480;

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, the NSW Minister for Education, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MP, and the NSW Minister for Planning, the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, requesting a meeting with the Alexandria Residents Action Group (ARAG), and the Alexandria Park Community School P&C to discuss this decision; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide ARAG and the Alexandria Park Community School P&C with confirmed or revised demographic projections for the Alexandria Park Community School catchment area, based on the cumulative effect of both expected local development and other major projects, in time for the 11 December 2019 ARAG meeting.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Miller, and by consent, the motion was varied, such that it read as follows –

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) the forecasted increase in urban density around Alexandria Park School due to development of: Green Square; Elizabeth Street, Redfern; South Eveleigh; and the Waterloo Estate;
 - (ii) the City of Sydney has been calling for more school places in the inner city for many years;
 - (iii) in 2017 the City of Sydney and the Department of Education agreed to work together to deliver a new primary school for 600 children in Green Square by 2022;
 - (iv) the redevelopment of Alexandria Park Community School will accommodate students from Kindergarten to Year 12. The redevelopment will ensure the school can cater for increasing future student enrolments;
 - (v) the project replaces existing classrooms and provides:
 - (a) new permanent learning spaces;
 - (b) special education learning spaces;
 - (c) special program rooms (high school) for subjects including visual and performing arts, science and metal and woodwork; and
 - (d) new facilities including an administration area, hall, library, gymnasium, multiple sports courts, and play spaces;
 - (vi) construction of the new school is underway and is being staged so that students can continue to attend classes, with a forecasted completion date of 2022;
 - (vii) in the NSW Department of Education - School Infrastructure, Alexandria Park Community School November 2019 Project Update, the school and local community were informed that the project will now be delivered in two stages. Stage 1 is the expansion to accommodate 1,000 primary students and 850 secondary students, and Stage 2 will create space for an additional 400 secondary students;
 - (viii) the update states that students will remain in the facilities delivered in Stage 1 during the future construction of Stage 2, with Stage 1 works including the infrastructure which will allow the fourth level to be delivered in the future with minimal operational impact to the school. They have advised that Stage 2 will be delivered once the demographic trends show that the increased student capacity is needed;

- (ix) the Alexandria Park Community School catchment community believes this additional disruption of student life is unnecessary, and with the high rates of development in the area, linear projection trends will not match the realistic population growth resulting in reactionary delivery, as opposed to building for growth;
 - (x) the school already accommodates more students than is reported by the NSW Department of Education, which states 455 secondary students - as of November 2019, with the Alexandria Park Community School P&C advising the number is actually around 480; and
 - (xi) the Lord Mayor has written to the NSW Minister for Education requesting she meet with the Alexandria Residents Action Group (ARAG) and the Alexandria Park Community School P & C to discuss the decision.
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide ARAG and the Alexandria Park Community School P&C with confirmed or revised demographic projections for the Alexandria Park Community School catchment area, based on the cumulative effect of both expected local development and other major projects, in time for the 11 December 2019 ARAG meeting.

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

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Adjournment

At this stage of the meeting, at 8.20pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 8.41pm.

Item 13.3 Redfern Station Upgrade Consultation

Moved by Councillor Phelps, seconded by Councillor Vithoukas –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Transport for NSW recently announced its plan for the proposed upgrade to Redfern Station;
 - (a) this includes station entrances at Marian and Little Eveleigh Streets, a six-metre-wide concourse which will link Marian and Little Eveleigh Streets station entrances, relocation of on-street parking, and reduced traffic through vehicle restrictions; and
 - (b) the chosen proposal rejects concerns raised by residents during community consultation and does not include any of the alternative designs put forward by Reconnect Redfern and Redfern residents;
 - (ii) at the 5 November 2019 Reconnect Redfern meeting, members voted unanimously to reject Transport NSW's proposal;
 - (iii) residents of Little Eveleigh Street, Marion Street and surrounding areas have serious concerns about the impact of Transport for NSW's proposal on:
 - (a) road safety;
 - (a) amenity; and
 - (b) connectivity to other transport modalities;
 - (iv) residents have requested Minister for Transport and Roads, Andrew Constance meet with residents in person to discuss these issues; and
 - (v) on 6 November 2019, Councillor Phelps wrote to the Minister on behalf of residents requesting he meet with them; and
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport and Roads, Andrew Constance and the Premier requesting the Minister meet with residents and representatives of Reconnect Redfern to discuss the proposed upgrade to Redfern Station.

Variation. At the request of the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Transport for NSW recently announced its plan for the proposed upgrade to Redfern Station;
 - (a) this includes station entrances at Marian and Little Eveleigh Streets, a six-metre-wide concourse which will link Marian and Little Eveleigh Streets station entrances, relocation of on-street parking, and reduced traffic through vehicle restrictions; and
 - (b) the chosen proposal rejects concerns raised by residents during community consultation and does not include any of the alternative designs put forward by Reconnect Redfern and Redfern residents;
- (ii) at the 5 November 2019 Reconnect Redfern meeting, members voted unanimously to reject Transport NSW's proposal;
- (iii) residents of Little Eveleigh Street, Marion Street and surrounding areas have serious concerns about the impact of Transport for NSW's proposal on:
 - (a) road safety;
 - (b) amenity; and
 - (c) connectivity to other transport modalities;
- (iv) residents have requested Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance meet with residents in person to discuss these issues; and
- (v) on 6 November 2019, Councillor Phelps wrote to the Minister on behalf of residents requesting he meet with them; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance requesting the Minister meet with residents and representatives of Reconnect Redfern to discuss the proposed upgrade to Redfern Station.

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

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Item 13.4 Use of City of Sydney Libraries to Tackle Homelessness

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Miller -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) homelessness is a complex issue with no single solution;
 - (ii) the August 2019 Street Count found 254 people sleeping rough, and 592 in crisis and temporary accommodation;
 - (iii) the NSW Homelessness Action Plan (HAP) lists education, employment, stable family life, and involvement in the community as key protective factors in preventing homelessness;
 - (iv) the City of Sydney is investing \$6.6 million over three years to operate our Homelessness Unit, this includes \$4.2 million funding for services to reduce homelessness through Family and Community Services NSW;
 - (v) rough sleeping is a significant portion of the City's homeless population, and currently there are scarce options for services to meet clients in the community in a confidential space. Options currently include parks and pubs, both of which are inappropriate;
 - (vi) the City of Sydney's commitment to working in the homelessness space highlights opportunity for partnerships with non-government organisations to grow;
 - (vii) libraries are well placed to make an impact by providing education opportunities, and space and occasion for social interaction and community involvement. Libraries allow a place that is safe, out of the elements, free, confidential, and sober for homeless patrons to meet with local non-government services;
 - (viii) that San Francisco Public Library hired a full-time social worker in 2009, recognising that libraries are often frequented by homeless populations. Other American cities such as Washington DC, San Jose, Philadelphia, and Salt Lake City all also access social workers in some capacity through their library services; and
 - (ix) meeting with clients in a local community space such as a library allows for community connection and confidentiality where these spaces may not otherwise be available for homeless clients;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate the feasibility of a City of Sydney Community Centre and Library compact with non-government organisations who provide housing and homelessness support that operate within the City of Sydney to enable access and book private meeting spaces, for free, where available; and
- (C) should this study be feasible, the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and roll out a 12-month trial.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.5 Wage Theft

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the increasing number of Australian companies that have been caught underpaying their staff, in some cases by hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- (ii) that wage theft predominantly affects some of the lowest paid workers in our economy;

(B) Council:

- (i) condemn wage theft in all its forms; and
- (ii) commits to continue to lead by example, ensuring that all City of Sydney staff, contractors and subcontractors are paid correctly with a regular program of auditing compliance for people's wages and conditions; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to report back to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee and Councillors, via the CEO Update, on steps the City has taken and will undertake to ensure a wages and conditions audit and reporting program is in place in the City of Sydney.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Scully, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the increasing number of Australian companies that have been caught underpaying their staff, in some cases by hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- (ii) that wage theft predominantly affects some of the lowest paid workers in our economy;

(B) Council:

- (i) condemn wage theft in all its forms; and
- (ii) commits to continue to lead by example, ensuring that all City of Sydney staff, contractors and subcontractors are paid correctly with a regular program of auditing compliance for people's wages and conditions; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to continue to ensure that the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee receives outcomes of ongoing payroll audits to ensure accurate payment of wages and salaries in accordance with the City's awards, and communicate outcomes of these audits to Councillors via the CEO Update.

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

Procedural Motion

It was then moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the motion be recommitted to enable further discussion.

Carried unanimously.

The motion was recommitted, and carried unanimously.

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Item 13.6 Waste to Energy

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Miller -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) total NSW waste generated per capita rose from 2.42 tonnes to 2.69 tonnes per capita over the three years to 2017-18;
- (ii) NSW recycling rates (percentage of total waste stream recycled) are flat lining, from 65 per cent in 2016-2017 to 65 per cent in 2017/18; and
- (iii) overall, the total tonnes of NSW waste disposed into landfill increased by 8 per cent between 2015-16 and 2017-18;

(B) Council note, under our 'Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan, that the City of Sydney:

- (i) strongly supports the circular economy;
- (ii) places a priority on recycling waste before utilising alternatives like waste to energy; and
- (iii) has a target of 90 percent of waste being diverted from landfill by 2030;

(C) Council note:

- (i) that the NSW Government is currently preparing a 20-year Waste Strategy, aimed at providing a long-term vision and road map for reducing waste, driving sustainable recycling markets and improving the waste infrastructure network;
- (ii) the Minister for Energy and Environment, Matt Kean MP, has expressed the view that there is no social license for a Waste to Energy Plant in the Sydney basin;
- (iii) the Shadow Minister for Health, Chris Bowen MP, has noted "Another stupid proposal to build a bloody big incinerator in our community, this time at Horsley Park/Eastern Creek. No amount of spin our "clean energy" changes the fact that this is a massive incinerator which will emit fumes right across Western Sydney"; and
- (iv) UNSW Scientia Professor Sahajwalla's comments that "It is not a good idea to burn materials for the purpose of generating energy";

(D) Council endorse that:

- (i) waste to energy technology is not a sustainable waste management option as it treats waste as a single use commodity;
- (ii) the City of Sydney will pursue an effective circular economy strategy, prioritising the reduction of waste and, where not possible, a recycling strategy that effectively re-uses waste wherever possible;
- (iii) waste to energy plants contribute to emissions and are not renewable as they depend on single use waste for fuel; and

- (iv) waste to energy technology should only be used to meet our targets set out in the City's 'Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan' once all options for reducing waste and recycling waste have been thoroughly examined and exhausted; and
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to develop stronger targets for waste reduction, and recycling, and bring back to Council an amended "Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan" in early 2020, in order to drive a more sustainable outcome.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Miller, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) total NSW waste generated per capita rose from 2.42 tonnes to 2.69 tonnes per capita over the three years to 2017/18;
- (ii) NSW recycling rates (percentage of total waste stream recycled) are flat lining, from 65 per cent in 2016/17 to 65 per cent in 2017/18;
- (iii) overall, the total tonnes of NSW waste disposed into landfill increased by 8 per cent between 2015/16 and 2017/18; and
- (iv) diversion rates have been negatively affected by an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) decision to ban the application of mixed waste organics outputs to land;

(B) Council note, under our 'Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan, that the City of Sydney:

- (i) prioritises:
 - (a) 1. promoting innovation to avoid waste;
 - (b) 2. improving recycling outcomes;
 - (c) 3. sustainable design;
 - (d) 4. clean and clear streets;
 - (e) 5. better data management; and
 - (f) 6. future treatment solutions;
- (ii) strongly supports the circular economy;
- (iii) works collaboratively across multiple sectors to achieve impact at scale;
- (iv) places a priority on recycling waste before utilising alternatives like waste to energy; and
- (v) has a target of 90 percent of waste being diverted from landfill by 2030;

(C) Council note:

- (i) the City commenced the first phase of its residential food scraps collection and recycling trial on 29 July 2019. A total of 330 houses and 53 apartment buildings are taking part in the trial, making the new service accessible to just over 4,300 homes;

- (ii) initial results from the trial as reported in a CEO Update indicate early success. In the five weeks since the trial started, the City has collected and recycled 14.29 tonnes of food scraps which has been converted to high quality fertilizer and a clean source of gas;
 - (iii) bin contamination has been low, and is estimated at less than 5 per cent by weight with only 15 reported incidents of contaminated bins to date, showing that the majority of residents participating in the trial are using their food scraps recycling bin correctly;
 - (iv) in February 2019, the NSW Government released its 'NSW Circular Economy Policy Statement – Too Good To Waste';
 - (v) that the NSW Government is currently preparing a 20-year Waste Strategy the Minister for Energy and Environment, Matt Kean MP, has expressed the view that there is no social license for a Waste to Energy Plant in the Sydney basin;
 - (vi) the Shadow Minister for Health, Chris Bowen MP, has noted "Another stupid proposal to build a bloody big incinerator in our community, this time at Horsley Park/Eastern Creek. No amount of spin our "clean energy" changes the fact that this is a massive incinerator which will emit fumes right across Western Sydney"; and
 - (vii) UNSW Scientia Professor Sahajwalla's comments that "It is not a good idea to burn materials for the purpose of generating energy,";
- (D) Council endorse that:
- (i) waste to energy technology is not a desirable waste management option for any waste that can be reused or recycled as it treats waste as a single use commodity;
 - (ii) the City of Sydney is pursuing an effective circular economy strategy, that incentivises innovation, prioritising the reduction of waste and, where not possible, a recycling strategy that effectively re-uses waste wherever possible;
 - (iii) waste to energy plants contribute to emissions and are predominantly not renewable as they depend on single use waste for fuel; and
 - (iv) waste to energy technology should only be used to meet our targets set out in the City's 'Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan' once all options for reducing waste and recycling waste have been thoroughly examined and exhausted;
- (E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Energy and the Environment the Hon. Matt Kean restating the City's position and priorities in support of waste avoidance and the preference for circular economy solutions, and that any consideration of waste to energy plants in NSW should be restricted to use for waste that cannot be reused or recycled, and should only be built once strong mandatory recycling targets are in place in NSW; and
- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to develop stronger targets for waste reduction, and recycling, and bring back to Council an amended "Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan' in early 2020, in order to drive a more sustainable outcome.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Scully, that (D)(iv) and (F) be deleted such that the motion read as follows –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) total NSW waste generated per capita rose from 2.42 tonnes to 2.69 tonnes per capita over the three years to 2017/18;
- (ii) NSW recycling rates (percentage of total waste stream recycled) are flat lining, from 65 per cent in 2016/17 to 65 per cent in 2017/18;
- (iii) overall, the total tonnes of NSW waste disposed into landfill increased by 8 per cent between 2015/16 and 2017/18; and
- (iv) diversion rates have been negatively affected by an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) decision to ban the application of mixed waste organics outputs to land;

(B) Council note, under our 'Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan, that the City of Sydney:

- (i) prioritises:
 - (a) 1. promoting innovation to avoid waste;
 - (b) 2. improving recycling outcomes;
 - (c) 3. sustainable design;
 - (d) 4. clean and clear streets;
 - (e) 5. better data management; and
 - (f) 6. future treatment solutions;
- (ii) strongly supports the circular economy;
- (iii) works collaboratively across multiple sectors to achieve impact at scale;
- (iv) places a priority on recycling waste before utilising alternatives like waste to energy; and
- (v) has a target of 90 percent of waste being diverted from landfill by 2030;

(C) Council note:

- (i) the City commenced the first phase of its residential food scraps collection and recycling trial on 29 July 2019. A total of 330 houses and 53 apartment buildings are taking part in the trial, making the new service accessible to just over 4,300 homes;
- (ii) initial results from the trial as reported in a CEO Update indicate early success. In the five weeks since the trial started, the City has collected and recycled 14.29 tonnes of food scraps which has been converted to high quality fertilizer and a clean source of gas;

- (iii) bin contamination has been low, and is estimated at less than 5 per cent by weight with only 15 reported incidents of contaminated bins to date, showing that the majority of residents participating in the trial are using their food scraps recycling bin correctly;
 - (iv) in February 2019, the NSW Government released its 'NSW Circular Economy Policy Statement – Too Good To Waste';
 - (v) that the NSW Government is currently preparing a 20-year Waste Strategy the Minister for Energy and Environment, Matt Kean MP, has expressed the view that there is no social license for a Waste to Energy Plant in the Sydney basin;
 - (vi) the Shadow Minister for Health, Chris Bowen MP, has noted "Another stupid proposal to build a bloody big incinerator in our community, this time at Horsley Park/Eastern Creek. No amount of spin our "clean energy" changes the fact that this is a massive incinerator which will emit fumes right across Western Sydney"; and
 - (vii) UNSW Scientia Professor Sahajwalla's comments that "It is not a good idea to burn materials for the purpose of generating energy,";
- (D) Council endorse that:
- (i) waste to energy technology is not a desirable waste management option for any waste that can be reused or recycled as it treats waste as a single use commodity;
 - (ii) the City of Sydney is pursuing an effective circular economy strategy, that incentivises innovation, prioritising the reduction of waste and, where not possible, a recycling strategy that effectively re-uses waste wherever possible; and
 - (iii) waste to energy plants contribute to emissions and are predominantly not renewable as they depend on single use waste for fuel; and
- (E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Energy and the Environment the Hon. Matt Kean restating the City's position and priorities in support of waste avoidance and the preference for circular economy solutions, and that any consideration of waste to energy plants in NSW should be restricted to use for waste that cannot be reused or recycled, and should only be built once strong mandatory recycling targets are in place in NSW.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukias

Noes (1) Councillor Scott.

Amendment carried.

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

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Item 13.7 Reduction of Waste Levies for Ratepayers

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Kok -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) household incentives for the reduction of waste are possible, via access to smaller waste bins and corresponding household refunds for waste levy charges; and
 - (ii) the City's community education program about waste reduction;
- (B) that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate the feasibility of:
 - (i) a stronger community education program to inform residents about how they can reduce the amount of waste they produce and subsequently their waste charge; and
 - (ii) alternatives for a recognition system for residents who reduce waste; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to report back to Councillors the outcomes of (B) via the CEO Update.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Kok, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) household incentives for the reduction of waste are possible, via access to smaller waste bins and corresponding household refunds for waste levy charges; and
 - (ii) the City's community education program about waste reduction;
- (B) as part of the next update to the "Leave Nothing to Waste" Strategy the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate the feasibility of alternatives for a recognition system for residents who reduce waste; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to undertake a stronger community education program to inform residents of houses about how they can reduce the amount of waste they produce and subsequently their waste charge

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

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At 9.37 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on Monday 9 December 2019 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.