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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 Christine Forster, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Professor Kerryn Phelps AM, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Professor Philip Thalys and Councillor Angela Vithoulkas.

At the commencement of business at 5.06pm, those present were:-

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

Councillor Christine Forster left the meeting of Council at 6.06pm, prior to discussion on Item 3.5, and returned at 6.28pm, after the vote on Item 3.5. Councillor Forster was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 3.5.

Councillor Christine Forster left the meeting of Council at 6.59pm, prior to discussion on Item 6.5, and returned at 7.11pm, after the vote on Item 6.5. Councillor Forster was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 6.5.

Councillor Christine Forster left the meeting of Council at 7.30pm, prior to discussion on Item 7.2, and returned at 7.31pm, after the vote on Item 7.2. Councillor Forster was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 7.2.

## **Order of Business**

Council agreed that the order of business be altered such that Item 3.1 be deferred and dealt with at the end of the meeting, after Item 12.8.

It was then agreed later in the meeting that the order of business be altered such that Item 3.1 be brought forward so that the matter could be dealt with after Item 11 and before the end of the meeting.

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, Director City Planning, Development and Transport 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 Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council of Monday, 9 December 2019, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## **Item 2        Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Christine Forster disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Items 3.5, 6.5, 7.2 and 12.7 on the agenda, in that she is employed as the Senior Media Advisor in the Corporate Affairs department of Woodside Energy, the largest Australian natural gas production company. She stated that it is a clear conflict for her to vote on a resolution that she or her fellow employees should seek alternative employment outside of the fossil fuel industry, and that she would be stepping out for these items.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on this 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 Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer****Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

Ms Monica Barone was appointed by Council as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the City of Sydney on 7 August 2006. The appointment was for a period of five years. In April 2011 and August 2015, Council considered my Lord Mayoral Minutes on appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and unanimously resolved to proceed with contract renewals for periods of five years. The current contract ends on 17 August 2020.

Under the terms of the contract, the Chief Executive Officer must advise nine months before the end of the contract if she would like to seek a renewal. The Chief Executive Officer has advised me that she does wish to seek a renewal. Under the terms of the contract, Council must at least six months before the termination date advise the Chief Executive Officer if the Council intends to renew the contract.

This Lord Mayoral Minute recommends Council endorse renewing the Chief Executive Officer's contract for a further five years from February 2020, on the same terms and conditions of her current contract. Ms Barone has not sought a salary review or a bonus, and has not received a salary review or bonus during her time as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Sydney.

Each year, in accordance with the Local Government Guidelines, the Chief Executive Officer has submitted a performance report that I have reviewed. As part of this, I ask all Councillors if they have any matters that they wish to have considered. Each year it has been agreed that the Chief Executive Officer's performance has been outstanding.

I commend Ms Barone's ability to effectively manage this large and complex organisation and recommend her reappointment, on the same terms and conditions of her current contract, for a further period of five years.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Monica Barone be reappointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Council of the City of Sydney on the same terms and conditions of her current contract for a further period of five years from February 2020; and
- (B) Council note that the Office of Local Government's Standard Contract of Employment for General Managers of Local Councils in New South Wales specifies the termination terms permitted for all General Managers, which are the same regardless of the length of the contract.

## **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

### **Procedural Motion**

At 5.09pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the Order of Business be altered such that consideration of Item 3.1 – Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer, be deferred until the end of the meeting, after Item 12.8.

Carried unanimously.

### **Procedural Motion**

Following Item 11, at 9.26pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the Order of Business be altered such that consideration of Item 3.1 be brought forward and considered before Item 12, as the contract of the Chief Executive Officer was required to be dealt with at this meeting.

Carried unanimously.

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

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

### **Closed Meeting**

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

That the meeting be closed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A, Paragraph 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, sub-section A, to discuss Item 3.1 on the agenda in confidential session, as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Carried unanimously.

**Open Meeting**

At 9.45pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

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

Carried unanimously.

**Procedural Motion**

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

That, as it was 9.45pm and the business of Council was not concluded, that the meeting be extended until Item 3.1 had been considered, in accordance with clause 16.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Carried unanimously.

**Closed Meeting**

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

That the meeting again be closed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A, Paragraph 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, sub-section A, to discuss Item 3.1 on the agenda in confidential session, as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Carried unanimously.

**Open Meeting**

At 10.09pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

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

Carried unanimously.

The Minute, as previously moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) and seconded by Councillor Scully was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

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### **Item 3.2 Sydney as a Sustainable Destination**

#### **Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

The City of Sydney has recently received an international award for our Sustainable Destination Partnership and improved our global ranking as a sustainable destination.

The accommodation and entertainment sector is responsible for 21 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions, 14 per cent of potable water consumption and almost half of the commercial waste in our local government area.

The City's Making Sydney a Sustainable Destination plan sets out a plan to reduce this environmental impact by working collaboratively with leading companies in the sector. That is why the City launched the Sustainable Destination Partnership in 2018.

In its first year of operation the Partnership has brought together 46 members, representing over 60 per cent of hotel rooms in the city and all the major cultural and entertainment venues.

These members have launched the single use elimination pledge, reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 5 per cent, seen no increase in potable water use and seen a significant improvement in the reporting and understanding of waste data.

This is a remarkable start, and this work has now been recognised by the Global Destination Sustainability Index (GDS-Index), the leading sustainability benchmarking and improvement programme for business tourism and events destinations around the world.

GDS-Index awarded the Sustainable Destination Partnership their 2019 Innovation Award, ahead of other finalists from Copenhagen, Helsinki and Ljubljana.

In collaboration with Business Events Sydney, the City of Sydney has made a submission to the Index for the last four years. Cities are benchmarked across four key areas: environmental strategy and infrastructure; social sustainability performance; industry supplier support; and the destination management organisation's strategy and initiatives.

Sydney ranked twelfth in 2016, fifteenth in 2017, ninth in 2018 and eighth in 2019.

This top ten ranking is important recognition of the action we are taking to ensure that once visitors arrive in Sydney they can be safe in the knowledge that the places they visit and the organisations hosting them are committed to reducing their environmental footprint.

This is particularly significant because this year the GDS-Index developed a more demanding set of criteria and there has been a 30 per cent increase in the number of cities participating, with 58 cities participating in 2019.

Global sustainability benchmarks allow us to better understand our progress in responding to the climate emergency. The evidence base demanded by credible, independent initiatives such as the GDS-Index allows our community to hold us accountable for our commitments and to ensure that our efforts are keeping pace with the rest of the world.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) acknowledge this well-deserved award which recognises City achievements;
- (B) commend the efforts of the members of the Sustainable Destination Partnership; and
- (C) commend City of Sydney staff and Business Events Sydney for their work on the Making Sydney a Sustainable Destination strategy and the contribution it is making to address the climate emergency.

**COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

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

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

Carried unanimously.

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### **Item 3.3     Solidarity with the People of Wuhan**

#### **Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

The world continues to experience the impact of the novel coronavirus which first appeared in Wuhan, China in December 2019. Much of this impact has been seen in terms of its effects on international travel, trade and the world economy.

My concern is for the people of Wuhan, Hubei Province and other areas of China where people have become ill and have experienced severe disruption in their daily lives. I had the opportunity to visit Wuhan in 2014 and was impressed with its goal of becoming a major transport hub and the most liveable and sustainable city in China. During that visit I signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mayor of Wuhan, Mr Tang Liangzhi which has led to Sydney and Wuhan becoming friendship cities.

It is therefore hard for me to imagine this busy city of 11 million people being isolated and in lockdown with its residents confined to their homes and its bustling streets devoid of people. What makes this even worse is that it has occurred during the Lunar New Year Festival, a time usually devoted to celebrating joy and happiness with family and friends.

On 6 February 2020, I wrote to Mr Zhou Xianwang, Mayor of Wuhan, sending our support to the people of Wuhan on behalf of the people of Sydney. I expressed our sincere hope that the people of Wuhan and China overcome the challenge of this terrible virus as soon as possible, and that their lives can return to normal.

I am aware that people are asking about providing practical support to the people of Wuhan and other cities and areas in China, including Guangzhou, Chongqing, Nanjing, and Shanxi Province. I understand these cities and areas are experiencing a shortage of protective medical equipment, specifically N95 masks, medical surgical masks, protective overalls, and eyes protectors. I would encourage Australian manufacturers of this equipment to contact these governments with offers of assistance, which my office can facilitate. I also commend Councillor Robert Kok for personally donating required masks and protective gear to Wuhan.

The most concerning impact of this virus is the risk of fear and panic, with the media already reporting that this fear has led to racially motivated attacks on Chinese people. I strongly endorse the statement of Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy denouncing the spread of abhorrent racist prejudices towards Chinese-Australians.

Mr Murphy has said that there is no reason for people to wear masks or to avoid people of any particular background or appearance.

Unfortunately, sensationalist media can feed this fear. The pervasive influence of social media can also increase fear due to its rapid circulation of false information. We must guard against this, and instead rely on factual verifiable information.

The City remains vigilant and continues to act on the advice of State and Federal departments of health to inform our response. However, we must also be vigilant in preventing the contagious spread of inaccurate and exaggerated information and the resulting stigma and discrimination.

### **Recommendation**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the letter by the Lord Mayor to the Mayor of Wuhan expressing Sydney's support for the people of Wuhan; and
- (B) continue to celebrate and support Sydney's Chinese community in addressing the impacts of the novel coronavirus crisis, as we did during our recent Sydney Lunar Festival events.

### **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

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

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

Variation. At the request of Councillor Phelps, and by consent, the Lord Mayor varied the Minute, such that it read as follows:

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the letter by the Lord Mayor to the Mayor of Wuhan expressing Sydney's support for the people of Wuhan;
- (B) continue to celebrate and support Sydney's Chinese community in addressing the impacts of the novel coronavirus crisis, as we did during our recent Sydney Lunar Festival events; and
- (C) note that Professor Murphy has said "there is no need for the Australian public to wear masks, the only people who should wear masks in relation to this virus are those who are unwell", and there is no need to avoid people of any particular background or appearance.

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

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### **Item 3.4 Proposed Religious Discrimination Bill**

#### **Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

The Commonwealth Government's proposed Religious Discrimination Bill risks grave impacts on City of Sydney residents and may undermine the City's capacity to operate as an inclusive and cohesive organisation.

The Bill ventures well beyond the standard approach to protecting individuals from unlawful discrimination. As Professor George Williams says, it seeks "to provide an unprecedented and quite remarkable set of additional rights to religious organisations that are not provided to other members of the community."

In his view, "the law should be aimed at fostering harmony in the community based upon tolerance and respect for different beliefs. Instead, it threatens to sow division and to embolden people to attack others in personal and hurtful ways under the cloak of religion."

The Australian Discrimination Law Experts Group has described the Bill as "deeply flawed" because it "privileges and prioritises religious belief and activity over other protected attributes, and overrides existing protections for women, LGBTIQ+ people and other vulnerable groups."

The Bill will also have unacceptable impacts on employment, the provision of healthcare and the protection of vulnerable groups. The Australian Medical Association has said it would harm patients' rights to access healthcare, risking patients foregoing medical care for fear of judgment by health care providers.

The Government has released two exposure drafts of its proposed legislation. While making a small number of modest improvements, the second exposure draft continues to privilege "religious rights" over other rights and protect religious speech over other forms of speech but also extends the areas where discrimination may be allowed.

Professor Williams says that this is troubling because it allows people to rely on their religious beliefs to make statements that humiliate or intimidate others in the workplace, in school, on public transport or in any setting. For example, a person could rely upon the Bill to make anti-Semitic taunts on a bus. Equality Australia lists other examples of statements that the Bill would protect:

- a boss saying to their employee 'I don't agree with your lifestyle because the Bible says homosexuality is a sin';
- a disability support worker saying to the parent of a child with autism: 'I believe prayer can cure your child's disability';
- a social worker or counsellor saying encouraging a client to pray for healing for their 'sexual brokenness'.

These examples point to the Bill's potential impact on Australia's workplaces. The Australian Industry Group, which represents the interests of more than 60,000 businesses, set out the extent of this impact in its submission on the first exposure draft of the Bill:

“The RD Bill has the potential to increase conflict and disharmony in Australian workplaces. The potential for the provisions of the proposed legislation to be used to advance and protect extremist opinions or behaviour, of whatever kind, in the name of an undefined religious belief should not be underestimated.

“The Bill limits the ability for employers to regulate, respond and manage instances of inappropriate conduct by an employee that may cause conflict with, or detriment to, co-workers, notwithstanding that such conduct may occur when an employee is not performing work.

“It is also conceivable that an employer’s diversity policy that promotes tolerance and acceptance of religious diversity may conflict with some people’s religious beliefs.

“The provisions of the Bill, as drafted, would seriously impede the ability of employers to maintain appropriate standards of conduct and to protect their employees from harassment and discrimination.”

There is a risk the final Bill could directly impact the City as an employer, as well as our contractors, suppliers and partners.

This could make it difficult for the City to manage employee conduct inconsistent with its values of Courage, Collaboration, Integrity and Respect. It could also create conflicts with the City’s Code of Conduct, which prohibits harassment and discrimination.

The City has a clear obligation to oppose the Religious Discrimination Bill in its present form to protect our residents, visitors and employees from its discriminatory impacts.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse Equality Australia's Freedom from Discrimination Statement, as shown at Attachment A to the subject Minute, which:
  - (i) calls upon the Morrison Government to remove unbalanced provisions in the proposed Religious Discrimination Bill that threaten safe and inclusive workplaces, schools and services, and privilege individual religious beliefs over the rights of patients; and
  - (ii) supports fair and equal discrimination laws that unite, rather than divide, the community; and
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to:
  - (i) write to Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, Attorney-General, Shadow Attorney-General, the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Australian Parliament, Centre Alliance Senators and Members and Independent Senators and Members in support of Equality Australia's Freedom from Discrimination Statement and raising concerns about the Religious Discrimination Bill as set out in this Minute;
  - (ii) seek the inclusion of the Religious Discrimination Bill and its potential impacts on the agenda of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), requesting that CCCLM also write to the parties listed in (B)(i) in support of Equality Australia's Freedom from Discrimination Statement; and
  - (iii) in conjunction with Equality Australia, convene a business leaders' round table to consider what action corporate Australia can take, in particular to resist the threat inclusive, harmonious workplaces presented by the Religious Discrimination Bill.

## **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

## **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Equality Australia Freedom from Discrimination Statement

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

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

Carried unanimously.

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### **Item 3.5 Responding to the Climate Emergency – Natural Disasters and Resilience**

#### **Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

#### **Australia on the frontline of the climate crisis**

The bushfire crisis this summer has been that wake-up call for many Australians. The climate emergency that scientists have been warning us about – has suddenly become very real.

The scale of the loss of life, both human and animal, has been horrifying. By the end of January, 10.7 million hectares had burnt across Australia, the fires had claimed over 2,000 homes, over a billion animals and tragically 32 people - including eight firefighters.

These bushfires were unprecedented and occurred in the context of only 1.1 degrees of global warming from the pre-industrial average.

As Richard Flanagan, award-winning Australian novelist wrote recently in the New York Times:

“The name of the future is Australia. These words come from it, and they may be your tomorrow: P2 masks, evacuation orders, climate refugees, ochre skies, warning sirens, ember storms, blood suns, fear, air purifiers and communities reduced to third-world camps.

Billions of dead animals and birds bloating and rotting. Hundreds of Indigenous cultural and spiritual sites damaged or destroyed by bushfires, so many black Notre Dames – the physical expression of Indigenous Australia’s spiritual connection to the land severed, a final violence after centuries of dispossession.

Everywhere there is a brittle grief, and it may be as much as for what is coming as for what is gone.”

The International Panel on Climate Change has told us that we have to limit global heating to 1.5 degrees to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

They’ve told us that we need to achieve net zero emissions across the globe by 2050 to have anything better than a fifty-fifty chance of limiting heating to 1.5 degrees.

People think that if the world meets its Paris Agreements targets, we’ll be ok – we won’t.

The UN’s 2019 Emissions Gap Report has told us that with the current Nationally Determined Commitments made under the Paris Agreement, we’re on track to experience 3.2 degrees of heating.

This will be catastrophic for Australia. According to the American climatologist Michael Mann, “It is conceivable that much of Australia simply becomes too hot and dry for human habitation.”

The Federal Government’s target of 26-28 per cent reduction in emissions is pathetic and they’re not even on track to meet that.

According to a recent United Nations report, what is happening in Australia is ‘one of the world’s largest fossil fuel expansions’ with proposals for 53 new coal mines.

Australia's fossil fuel industry is already huge, thanks to massive taxpayer subsidies – some \$29 billion in 2015, according to a 2019 paper by the International Monetary Fund. Every Australian man, woman and child is underwriting their own apocalypse to the tune of \$1,198 per year. And yet only 37,800 people are employed in coal mining.

We are a global laggard, and that's shameful, because as one of the wealthiest nations on Earth, with access to some of the best renewable resources, and some of the world's most innovative and creative thinkers, it's our responsibility to move faster.

Most importantly, as the driest continent on earth we are on the frontline of global warming. We can, and must do more! We need to be in a strong position to argue to those big emitters - like China, the United States and India and others - to reduce their emissions and keep the planet below 1.5 degrees.

### **The City of Sydney's strong record on addressing climate change**

By 2050, cities must be part of a decarbonised world.

The City of Sydney declared a Climate Emergency in June last year as a call to action, even though addressing global warming has been our top priority since 2008.

In 2008, we set a goal to reduce our emissions by 70 per cent by 2030. We set the targets and worked hard to achieve them over the past decade. This included retrofitting our buildings, installing solar and batteries, buying electric vehicles, upgrading our street lighting to LED, building a bike network, installing tri-generation and much more.

We were Australia's first carbon neutral council in 2007 and by 2017, we had reduced emissions from our own operations by 25 per cent and worked with others to reduce emissions city-wide by 21 per cent. During this time, our economy grew by 37.5 per cent and our resident population increased 45 per cent - if it had been business as usual, emissions would have increased by 57 per cent.

The City has been leading by example through its own operations and providing progress updates in detailed bi-annual Green Reports. The City also influences the wider city area through advocacy, incentives (such as the City's grants programs), programs and collaboration through partnerships.

The City has retrofitted many of our properties to reduce electricity and water use, slashing carbon emissions by 6,500 tonnes and generating savings of more than \$2.3 million.

We have installed 6,124 solar panels across 40 City owned buildings - one of the largest rooftop solar programs in Australia.

With transmission provider Transgrid, we installed a 500kWh Tesla battery at our new depot in Alexandria. Complementing 1600 solar panels, together they will avoid 600 tonnes of carbon emissions each year.

Fleet emissions are 16 per cent below 2006 levels, which we've achieved by reducing the number of vehicles, downsizing and using hybrid and electric passenger vehicles, driver behaviour training, hybrid diesel/electric trucks and use of biodiesel.

Our leading programs include the Better Buildings Partnership, CitySwitch Green Office, the Sustainable Destinations Partnership and the Smart Green Apartments program.

The Better Buildings Partnership is a leading collaboration of property owners, managers and key influencers, who signed up to the goals of the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan in 2011.

So far, they have reduced their emissions by 56 per cent, and are tracking toward an 83 per cent reduction by 2030 – which will be ahead of their original target of 70 per cent emissions reductions by 2030. They have also reduced their water use by 26 per cent since 2006 and saved businesses over \$30 million a year.

The City has approved over \$5.2 million in cash and value-in-kind since 2006 into over 380 grants with an environmental focus.

An important part of the City's climate leadership has been engaging with other global cities through the C40 network, which Sydney joined in 2007.

Participating cities commit to practical action to cut greenhouse gas emissions, stimulate business, community and government action on climate change, and provide leadership internationally.

C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change.

Almost ten years ago, the City of Sydney decided to retrofit the City's street lights with LEDs, based on what we learned from another C40 city – Los Angeles.

Sydney was the first Australian city to install energy-efficient LED street lights on a large scale as part of a \$7 million project. We've replaced 6,000 city-owned street and park lights, reducing GHG emissions by over 2,000 tonnes a year and saving nearly \$800,000 a year in electricity and maintenance costs.

In August 2018, Council agreed to pay Ausgrid to fast-track replacement of their remaining 9,500 street lights. When this project is complete it will save over \$1 million in energy and maintenance costs, and 3,400 tonnes of carbon a year. So far over 2,000 fittings have been replaced.

The biggest single action we've taken is to switch to 100 per cent renewable electricity.

The City's new electricity contract, which will see our electricity sourced from 100 per cent renewable electricity by July this year will support jobs on solar and wind farms in regional Glen Innes, Wagga Wagga and the Shoalhaven, and will save our ratepayers \$500,000 a year over 10 years.

It also means we will achieve our 70 per cent 2030 emissions reduction target by 2024, six years early.

### **The need for further action**

The City has a long history of climate leadership, but the bushfires this summer have shown that we must once again go beyond our traditional remit to strive for even faster action.

I refer to Ross Garnaut who foresees that, if we rise to the challenge of climate change, we "will emerge as a global superpower in energy, low-carbon industry and absorption in the landscape."

And Ross Gittins says that to maximise our changes of benefitting from the move to a low-carbon world, however, we have to get to zero net emissions sooner than the other rich countries, not later!

Council will discuss tonight proposed new environmental targets to reach net zero emissions for our local government area by 2040 as part of the Sustainable Sydney 2050 Plan. This is critical to help us achieve that.

The City's Climate Emergency Response, also coming to Council tonight, outlines our ambition and a framework to accelerate action on climate change.

In response to the unprecedented bushfires and extreme weather over this summer, there is a new urgency to find an accord across the country to reduce emissions.

A Carbon Market Institute survey of more than 200 businesses showed that 96 per cent of those surveyed believe Australia should not delay the transition to a decarbonised economy. The Business Council of Australia supports achieving net zero by 2050. All of the States and Territories have committed to net zero by 2050.

I ask Council to support national action to respond the climate crisis, including the national campaign by Independent Federal MP, Zali Steggall, to find bipartisan support for a national science-based target to reach net zero emissions by 2050 and pass the Climate Change Act in Federal Parliament.

Australia must shed its status as the international pariah of world climate change negotiations, and instead take a leadership role at the next United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP26) meeting in Scotland – starting with dropping our shameful demand to use carryover credits.

As the bushfires swept across the country over summer, the world watched in horror. Communities and local governments across the country were galvanised by the need to protect our communities from climate-induced natural disasters.

That is why, in dialogue with C40, the upcoming climate conference in March needs to be refocussed to invite mayors and representatives from local governments across Australia to share information and learn from global C40 leaders about practical actions to increase resilience against future disasters, mitigate climate change and work together towards a just transition to a more prosperous low-carbon future powered by cheaper renewable energy sources.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer is working with C40 to refocus the upcoming climate conference in response to the summer of climate-induced bushfires and extreme weather to invite mayors and local government representatives from across the country;
- (B) Council support national action to:
  - (i) pass the Climate Change Act in Federal Parliament and set a science-based national target for zero-emissions by 2050 or sooner;
  - (ii) abandon the use of carryover credits to meet Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution, and commit to a stronger national emissions reduction target at the 2020 United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP 26); and
  - (iii) establish a Just Transition Authority to secure jobs and revive the manufacturing sector by transitioning to a green economy; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers responsible for climate change and energy policy seeking their support for the national action listed above.

## **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

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

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

Variation. At the request of Councillor Scott, and by consent, the Lord Mayor varied the Minute, such that it read as follows:

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer is working with C40 to refocus the upcoming climate conference in response to the summer of climate-induced bushfires and extreme weather to invite mayors and local government representatives from across the country;
- (B) Council support national action to:
  - (i) pass a Climate Change Act in Federal Parliament and set a science-based national target for zero-emissions by 2050 or sooner;
  - (ii) abandon the use of carryover credits to meet Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution, and commit to a stronger national emissions reduction target at the 2020 United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP 26); and
  - (iii) establish a Just Transition Authority to secure jobs and revive the manufacturing sector by transitioning to a green economy; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers responsible for climate change and energy policy seeking their support for the national action listed above.

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

S051491

### **Adjournment**

At this stage of the meeting, at 6.29pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thalís –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 6.48pm.

**Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer****Item 4.1 Amendment to Schedule of Meetings and Briefings for 2020****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

On 18 November 2019, Council endorsed a schedule of meetings and briefings for 2020.

The City of Sydney is hosting the Sydney Climate Summit in the week of 30 March 2020. Given this, amendments to the March / April cycles are proposed.

24 February	Briefings
2 March	Committees
9 March	Council
16 March	Briefings
23 March	Committees
30 March	Sydney Climate Summit
6 April	Council

Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that "the council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month", with "year" meaning the period from 1 July to the following 30 June (the financial year). The amended schedule ensures compliance with the provisions of section 365.

The City's website will be updated with the amended meeting dates if endorsed by Council.

**Recommendation**

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

**MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer

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

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

Amendment. Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer be endorsed and adopted, noting that the Committee meetings on 2 March 2020 will commence at 5.00pm.

A show of hands on the amendment resulted in an equality of voting as follows –

Ayes (5)      The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Scott, Scully, and Thalís

Noes (5)      Councillors Chung, Forster, Miller, Phelps, and Vithoukás.

The Lord Mayor exercised her casting vote in favour of the amendment. The amendment was declared carried.

Amendment carried.

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

Ayes (9)      The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, and Thalís

Noes (1)      Councillor Vithoukás.

Motion carried.

S063444

### **Point of Order**

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) called Councillor Vithoukás to order in accordance with clause 8.34 of the Code of Meeting Practice, advising that councillors have the right to speak once on each motion or amendment.

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

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

<b><u>AMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020</u></b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER	• RECESS
MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	• RECESS
MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	• TENTATIVE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL (Post Election) / Councillor Induction
MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER	• RECESS
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October 2020, inclusive</b>	
MONDAY 5 OCTOBER	• RECESS - (Labour Day Public Holiday)
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER	• LGNSW CONFERENCE
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER	• LGNSW CONFERENCE
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER	• LGNSW CONFERENCE
MONDAY 19 OCTOBER	• BRIEFINGS (11.00am)
MONDAY 19 OCTOBER	• COMMITTEES
MONDAY 26 OCTOBER	• COUNCIL
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER	• RECESS
MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER	• BRIEFINGS
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER	• COMMITTEES
MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER	• COUNCIL
MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER	• BRIEFINGS
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER	• COMMITTEES
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER	• COUNCIL
MONDAY 21 DECEMBER	• RECESS
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 21 December 2020 to Wednesday 27 January 2021, inclusive</b>	

**Item 5        Matters for Tabling****5.1 Disclosures of Interest**

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

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 Thalís and Angela Vithoukás.

At the commencement of business at 2.08pm those present were -

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

**Adjournment**

At 2.59pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

At the resumption of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 3.17pm, those present were –

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

Following the adjournment, Councillor Forster returned to the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 3.18pm, during discussion and before the vote on Item 6.3.

Following the adjournment, Councillor Vithoukás returned to the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 3.20pm, during discussion and before the vote on Item 6.4.

Councillor Forster left the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 3.21pm, prior to discussion of Item 6.5, and returned at 4.19pm, during discussion and before the vote on Item 6.6. Councillor Forster was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee during discussion or voting on Item 6.5.

Councillor Scott left the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 4.29pm, during discussion and before the vote on Item 6.8 and did not return.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 4.37pm.

## **Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee**

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Thalís –

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 10 February 2020 be received, with Item 6.1 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.2 to 6.4, 6.6 and 6.7 being adopted in globo, and Items 6.5 and 6.8 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 6.1**

#### **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Christine Forster disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.5 on the agenda, as she is employed as the Senior Media Advisor in the Corporate Affairs department of Woodside Energy, the largest Australian natural gas production company. Councillor Forster stated that it is a clear conflict for her to vote on a resolution that she or her fellow employees must seek alternative employment outside of the fossil fuel industry, and that she would be stepping out for this item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any other matter 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**

#### **2019/20 Quarter 2 Review - Delivery Program 2017-2021**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the financial performance of Council for the second quarter, ending 31 December 2019, including the Quarter 2 Net Surplus of \$58.2M and the full year Net Surplus forecast of \$54.5M, as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the Quarter 2 Capital Works expenditure of \$86.1M, and full year forecast of \$245.0M, and approve the proposed adjustments to the adopted budget including bringing forward \$6.8M of funds into 2019/20 capital budget, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) note the Information Services capital expenditure of \$6.0M, net of disposals, and a full year forecast of \$18.5M;
- (D) note the Quarter 2 Plant and Assets expenditure of \$6.4M, net of disposals, and the full year forecast of \$18.7M;
- (E) note the Quarter 2 Property Divestment proceeds of \$25.5M, and the full year forecast net Property Acquisitions of \$131.7M,

- (F) note the operational performance indicators and Quarter 2 achievements against the Operational Plan 2019/20 objectives, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (G) 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 2, as detailed in Attachment D to the subject report; and
- (H) note the Environmental Sustainability Progress Report, as shown at Attachment E to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

S096187

### **Item 6.3**

#### **Investments Held as at 31 December 2019**

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 December 2019 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X020701

### **Item 6.4**

#### **Investments Held as at 31 January 2020**

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 January 2020 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X020701

### **Item 6.5**

#### **Sustainable Sydney 2050 Update - Environment and Resilience (Strategic Directions 1 and 5 - A Leading Environmental Performer and a Resilient City)**

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

It is resolved that Council note the Sustainable Sydney 2050 Update - Environment and Resilience (Strategic Directions 1 and 5 - A Leading Environmental Performer and A Resilient City) report and suggested targets that pertain to these strategic directions.

#### **Speakers**

Mr Jonathan Cartledge, Mr Roger Tompkin and Ms Julie Moffat addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.5.

Carried unanimously.

X012101

**Item 6.6****Exemption from Tender - Data Analysis and Platform Services - Resilient Sydney Platform**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender for the provision of the Data Analysis and Reporting CCAP tool - Resilient Sydney Platform with Kinesis Pty Ltd, for the contract sum and contingency as stated in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report, for a period of two years, with the option of an extension of one year;
- (B) Council note the reasons that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders are:
  - (i) the Data Analysis and Reporting CCAP tool - Resilient Sydney Platform is a unique service offering;
  - (ii) the unavailability of other providers of the CCAP software;
  - (iii) the cost to invite tenders and to implement a potential alternative proprietary solution would provide an uneconomical result for the City and its partner metropolitan councils using the tool, especially in the cost of staff time to all parties;
  - (iv) there is a need for urgent action in the context of the climate emergency and implementing an alternative solution would result in an opportunity loss of staff time and a delay in 33 organisations taking action; and
  - (v) using the Kinesis CCAP tool is the only way to provide a continuous and comparable dataset;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contract with Kinesis Pty Ltd for provision of hosting, access and ongoing development of the metropolitan environmental foot-printing data analysis and reporting platform on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option referred to in clause (A), if appropriate, and negotiate the price to extend the contract accordingly.

Carried unanimously.

X027335

## **Item 6.7**

### **Tender - Sydney Town Hall Facades Stage 3 Stonework Contract**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer A for Sydney Town Hall Facades Stage 3 Stone Contract for the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contract relating to the tender.

Carried unanimously.

X013343.003

## Item 6.8

### Tender - Living Colour Floral Display Program

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer D for Living Colour Floral Display Program Part A for the price and contingency sum outlined in Confidential Attachments A and B to the subject report for a period of three years, with the option of an extension of two years if appropriate;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option referred to in clause (A), if appropriate, and negotiate the price to extend the contract accordingly.

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council defer accepting the tender offer of Tenderer D for Living Colour Floral Display Program Part A;
- (B) Council hire an independent expert to analyse the sustainability principles of the Living Colour Floral Display Program, including:
  - (i) the current and potential increased use of perennials and native Australian plants in the program;
  - (ii) the option of permanent container planting;
  - (iii) the feasibility of plastic-free containers;
  - (iv) the water usage and efficiency;
  - (v) the environmental impact of transporting the plants before and after their usage in the program; and
  - (vi) the overall carbon footprint of the project;
- (C) the findings of this analysis be reported back to Council;
- (D) Council re-evaluate the tender with the added criteria of maximising the sustainability and permanence of the project; and
- (E) the tender be returned to Council for approval.

Following clarification of the tender process by the Chief Executive Officer, and pursuant to clause 8.8 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Chair (the Lord Mayor) ruled the amendment to be out of order.

The motion was carried unanimously.

X027207

**Item 7 Report of the Environment Committee**

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Jess Miller

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Scully, Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Robert Kok, Prof Kerryn Phelps AM, Prof Philip Thalys and Angela Vithoulkas.

At the commencement of business at 4.38pm those present were -

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

Councillor Forster left the meeting of the Environment Committee at 4.40pm, prior to discussion of Item 7.2, and did not return. Councillor Forster was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Environment Committee during discussion or voting on Item 7.2.

The meeting of the Environment Committee concluded at 4.49pm.

**Report of the Environment Committee**

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the report of the Environment Committee of its meeting of 10 February 2020 be received, with Item 7.1 being noted and the recommendation set out below for Item 7.2 being adopted.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 7.1**

**Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Christine Forster disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, as she is employed as the Senior Media Advisor in the Corporate Affairs department of Woodside Energy, the largest Australian natural gas production company. Councillor Forster stated that it is a clear conflict for her to vote on a resolution that she or her fellow employees must seek alternative employment outside of the fossil fuel industry, and that she would be stepping out for this item.

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

The Environment Committee recommended the following:-

## **Item 7.2**

### **Climate Emergency Response**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) receive and endorse the Climate Emergency Response report; and
- (B) note that Chapter 5 of the July 2019 to December 2019 Environmental Sustainability Progress Report (Green Report) contains updated information about climate related observations and events which supplements the City's 2015 Adapting for Climate Change strategy following a review in 2019.

Carried unanimously.

X018592

## **Item 8 Report of the Cultural and Community Committee**

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Scully, Councillors Craig Chung, Jess Miller, Prof Kerry Phelps AM, Prof Philip Thalís and Angela Vithoukas.

At the commencement of business at 5.03pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scully, Thalís and Vithoukas.

### **Apologies**

Councillor Scott 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 Kok -

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Order of Business**

The Cultural and Community Committee agreed, for the convenience of the public present, that the Order of Business be altered such that Items 8.3 and 8.4 be brought forward and dealt with before Item 8.2.

### **Sub-Committees**

Meetings of the following Sub-Committees of the Cultural and Community Committee commenced at the times shown below.

The Healthy Communities Sub-Committee, with the Lord Mayor as Chair, commenced at 5.07pm.

The Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee, with Councillor Kok as Deputy Chair, commenced at 5.28pm.

Councillor Miller left the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee at 5.31pm during discussion and before the vote on Item 8.2, which had been deferred to the end of the meeting, and did not return.

The meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee and all its Sub-Committees concluded at 5.31pm.

**Report of the Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Thalís –

That the report of the Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee of its meeting of 10 February 2020 be received, with Item 8.1 being noted and the recommendation set out below for Item 8.2 being dealt with as shown immediately following the item.

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 Cultural and Community Committee.

The Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee recommended the following:

**Item 8.2****Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship - Diversity Council Australia - Counting Workplace Culture**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Thalís –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash sponsorship of \$40,000 (excluding GST) and venue hire fee waiver up to the value of \$5,000 (excluding GST) to Diversity Council Australia Limited to conduct the proposed "counting culture" research in partnership with the City of Sydney; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer a sponsorship agreement in relation to the sponsorship described in (A) above.

Carried unanimously.

X027391

**Report of the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee**

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

That the report of the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee of its meeting of 10 February 2020 be received, with the recommendations set out below for Items 8.3 and 8.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

The Healthy Communities Sub-Committee recommended the following:

### **Item 8.3**

#### **Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions 2020 - 2023**

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

It is resolved that Council approve:

- (A) the establishment of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas outlined in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) the establishment of the timed alcohol prohibited areas outlined in Attachment C to the subject report; and
- (C) the establishment of the temporary alcohol-free zones outlined in Attachment C to the subject report.

#### **Speakers**

Superintendent Gavin Wood and Superintendent Paul Carrett addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) on Item 8.3.

Carried unanimously.

X021620

### **Item 8.4**

#### **Grants and Sponsorship - Wesley Edward Eagar Centre and Improving Affordable Housing Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons**

Note – the recommendation of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the memorandum dated 14 February 2020 from the Chief Operating Officer, circulated prior to the meeting).

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

It is resolved that:

Council approve a \$1,000,000 (excluding GST) cash grant to Wesley Community Services Limited for the redevelopment of the Wesley Edward Eagar Centre referred to in Attachment A to the subject report, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) if all necessary funding has not been secured by Wesley Community Services Limited for the agreed value of the project within 18 months of Council approval of the grant, Council reserves the right to withdraw the grant offer;
- (ii) the grant funds are to be paid when a Construction Certificate has been awarded;
- (iii) if Wesley Community Services Limited does not complete the redevelopment referred to in Attachment A to the subject report by 30 June 2025, the City reserves the right to require the \$1,000,000 (excluding GST) grant to be repaid;

- (iv) the property supported though this grant will be used as crisis housing, transitional housing, social housing and/or affordable housing in perpetuity, unless Council exercises a right under paragraph (iii) above, or paragraph (vi);
  - (v) the City will require a caveat or similar instrument over the land title to protect the land use referred to in paragraph (iv) unless the grant funds are repaid in accordance with paragraphs (iii) or (vi); and
  - (vi) if the use of the land referred to in paragraph (iv) above changes from the provision of crisis accommodation, transitional housing, social housing and/or affordable housing in the future, the grant will be repaid by Wesley Community Services, less building depreciation;
- (B) Council note a development application was approved with conditions in October 2019 for the Wesley Edward Eagar Centre redevelopment referred to in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve a \$150,000 (excluding GST) cash grant to St George Community Housing Limited, subject to the applicant working with the City on the proposed position description, evaluation criteria, including an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person on the recruitment panel and identifying key stakeholders;
- (D) Council note that all funding approved in this report is to be drawn from the City's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund (when it occurs this expenditure will further reduce the monies that have been set aside in the City's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, established as per Council's resolution of 29 June 2015 following the sale of the Harold Park affordable housing site); and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer grant agreements with Wesley Community Services Limited related to the project described in clause (A) and St George Community Housing Limited related to the project described in clause (C).

### **Speakers**

Reverend Keith Garner AM and Mr Milan Ostojic addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) on Item 8.4.

Carried unanimously.

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**Item 9 Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee**

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Prof Philip Thalís

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Scully, Councillors Craig Chung, Robert Kok, Prof Kerry n Phelps AM and Angela Vithoukás.

At the commencement of business at 5.31pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Kok, Phelps, Scully, Thalís and Vithoukás.

**Apologies**

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

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

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

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

That the apologies from Councillors Forster, Scott, and Miller be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 6.40pm.

**Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee**

Moved by Councillor Thalís, seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 10 February 2020 be received, with Item 9.1 being noted, and the recommendations set out below for Items 9.2 to 9.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

## **Item 9.1**

### **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 9.2**

### **Post Exhibition - Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Draft Local Housing Strategy**

Note – the recommendation of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the memorandum dated 17 February 2020 from the Director City Planning, Development and Transport, circulated prior to the meeting).

Moved by Councillor Thalys, seconded by Councillor Scully -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the matters raised in submissions to the public exhibition of City Plan 2036: Draft City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy - Technical Paper as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council endorse City Plan 2036: Draft City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, as shown at Attachments B1 to B6 to the subject report, for referral to the Greater Sydney Commission for their support under section 3.9(3A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 subject to;
  - (i) the amendment to the 'Collaborate and plan for a shared vision' key move as described in the Information Relevant to Item 9.2 Memorandum dated 17 February 2020; and
  - (ii) the amendment to various sections of the draft Planning Statement to clarify affordable and social housing targets as described in this Information Relevant To Item 9.2 Memorandum dated 17 February 2020;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make City Plan 2036: City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, as shown at Attachments B1 to B6 to the subject report, if the Greater Sydney Commission provides support under section 3.9(3A) of the Act without requiring any changes be made or with minor changes that do not alter the targets or intent of the priorities or actions of the planning statement;

- (D) Council adopt Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy - Technical Paper, as shown at Attachment D and Attachment E respectively to the subject report, subject to the amendment to various sections of the draft Housing Strategy to clarify affordable and social housing targets as described in the Information Relevant to Item 9.2 Memorandum dated 17 February 2020, and if required, refer it to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for their approval;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments to City Plan 2036: City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, as shown at Attachments B1 to B6 to the subject report, and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy - Technical Paper, as shown at Attachment D and Attachment E respectively to the subject report, to correct any drafting errors or to ensure it is consistent with any direction given by the Greater Sydney Commission in assuring the City Plan 2036, so long as the direction does not alter the intent, priorities or actions of City Plan 2036; and
- (F) Council note the intended program for implementation of the planning statement and update of the planning controls as described in the subject report.

### Speakers

Ms Elizabeth King, Ms Katrina Richards, and Ms Jeanette Brokman addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 9.2.

Carried unanimously.

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### Item 9.3

#### **Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020 - Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012: Central Sydney - Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the relevant local plan-making authority with a request for a Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination and for not less than 28 days;
- (C) Council seek authority from the relevant local plan making authority, to exercise the delegation of the relevant local plan making authority of all their functions under Section 3.31 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan as amended by Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020 following receipt of the Gateway Determination, including to correct any minor drafting errors;

- (E) Council approve the draft amendments to the Competitive Design Policy shown at Attachment C to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the Planning Proposal for a period of at least 28 days;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the draft amendments to the Competitive Design Policy before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (G) Council approve the Draft Development Control Plan: Central Sydney, as shown at Attachment D to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the draft Planning Proposal for a period of at least 28 days;
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Draft Development Control Plan: Central Sydney before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (I) Council approve the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 shown at Attachment E to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the draft Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, for a period of at least 28 days; and
- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Chung, seconded by Councillor Forster –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the relevant local plan-making authority with a request for a Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination and for not less than 28 days;
- (C) Council seek authority from the relevant local plan making authority, to exercise the delegation of the relevant local plan making authority of all their functions under Section 3.31 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan as amended by Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020 following receipt of the Gateway Determination, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (E) Council approve the draft amendments to the Competitive Design Policy shown at Attachment C to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the Planning Proposal for a period of at least 28 days;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the draft amendments to the Competitive Design Policy before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (G) Council approve the Draft Development Control Plan: Central Sydney, as shown at Attachment D to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the draft Planning Proposal for a period of at least 28 days;

- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Draft Development Control Plan: Central Sydney before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (I) Council approve the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 shown at Attachment E to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the draft Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, for a period of at least 28 days subject to the following amendments to the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020:

Where the Plan refers to a contributions levy of 3%, this be replaced with words to the effect of:

Where the value of the new development is:

From \$0 – \$249,999, the contribution levy shall be 0%

From \$250,000 – \$499,999 the contribution levy shall be 1%

From \$500,000 – \$999,999 the contribution levy shall be 2%

Over \$999,999 the contributing levy shall be 3%;

- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make the amendment referred to in clause (I), to make all consequential amendments to the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 arising from the amendment referred to in clause (I) and minor amendments to the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors.

The amendment was lost on the following show of hands –

Ayes (4) Councillors Chung, Forster, Phelps and Vithoukaskas

Noes (6) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully and Thalys.

Amendment lost.

The substantive motion was carried unanimously.

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### **Speakers**

Ms Jeanette Brokman addressed the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 9.3.

### **Point of Order**

During discussion on Item 9.3, Councillor Vithoukaskas raised a point of order stating that she had only asked questions and had not spoken to the motion.

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) did not uphold the point of order.

### **Misrepresentation**

During discussion on Item 9.3, Councillor Chung stated that he had been misrepresented in respect to comments made by Councillor Scott, and clarified his position accordingly.

## **Adjournment**

At this stage of the meeting, at 9.10pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thalís –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 10 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 9.24pm.

## **Item 9.4**

### **Fire Safety Reports**

Moved by Councillor Thalís, seconded by Councillor Scully -

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 to G of 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 30-32 Beaconsfield Street, Alexandria as detailed in Attachment B;
- (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 54 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point as detailed in Attachment C;
- (E) 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 4 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay as detailed in Attachment D;
- (F) 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 22 Allen Street, Pyrmont as detailed in Attachment E;
- (G) 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 23-31 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point as detailed in Attachment F; and
- (H) 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 23 Hughes Street, Potts Point as detailed in Attachment G.

Carried unanimously.

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**Item 10 Questions on Notice****Lord Mayor's Picnic**

1. By Councillor Phelps

**Question**

A resident has raised a concern about the way in which disabled children and their families were treated at the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Picnic. The event is a free, catered event for 1,000 children with additional needs and their support persons in the Royal Botanic Gardens to enjoy the 9pm family fireworks on New Year's Eve. The Royal Botanic Gardens hosts another, fee-paying picnic on New Year's Eve as well, charging \$360 per person.

A parent of disabled children has contacted my office, claiming that they were turned away from the Lord Mayor's Picnic, being told that it had been cancelled, without explanation, while the fee-paying event hosted by the Royal Botanic Gardens proceeded.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. Whether the Lord Mayor's Picnic was cancelled, and under what circumstances?
2. What (if any) notice children with additional needs and their support persons were given?
3. Did the Royal Botanic Gardens New Year's Eve picnic proceed? If so, why did it proceed while the picnic for disabled children was cancelled?

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**Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

The Lord Mayor's Picnic finished earlier than expected due to severe wind localised at the event site. This caused the stage to move and become unsafe for the continuation of stage programming. Ongoing wind soon after resulted in wind limits being reached for the safe use of marquees on site, meaning all other activities had to be shut down early. Guests were asked to leave the site for safety reasons.

The event took place for two hours before it was ended early as it became unsafe to continue. It was not possible for staff to give advance notice of this situation.

Several events in the Royal Botanic Garden were able to proceed as wind-speeds measured locally at each site were below the required safety thresholds. These events were managed by the Royal Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands Trust and not the City of Sydney.

The maximum wind-speeds in which City of Sydney event sites are able to continue operating is determined based on the types of structures/infrastructure installed on site, and in consultation with our engineers and suppliers.

The Lord Mayor's Picnic ended early as it had become unsafe to continue due to the high winds localised at the event site.

## **WestConnex Activist Groups**

2. By Councillor Phelps

### **Question**

The City has objected on many occasions to the WestConnex project.

The City has funded protests against the WestConnex project.

The City designed an alternative proposal, developed by expert transport planners, based on the original design for the project.

Could the Chief Executive Officer advise on the following:

1. How much money has been spent on WestConnex Activist Groups, protests and advertising – including but not limited to Fix NSW Transport Coalition and WestConnex Action Group (WAG) – since 2015 (not including traffic studies)?
2. What reports have been received on the use of Council funds?
3. How much was spent on the City's proposed alternative WestConnex plan including council staff time and external consultants?

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### **Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

Since 2015, the City has provided four grants to various WestConnex related projects. An additional four projects have been provided through Lord Mayoral Minutes.

These eight projects total \$122,800 in funding and all except one that are required to acquit their funding have. City staff are working with the remaining recipient to finalise their activity report.

The campaign and grants to community groups provided a strong platform to raise awareness within the community of the issues relating to the WestConnex project. They provided a mechanism to support the community to provide feedback on their concerns about the project and for the City to advocate its position to the NSW Government. Community groups have also been able to provide affected communities with information on how to report and seek resolution of construction-related issues such as noise, dust or work hours breaches.

The total costs for the Westconnex campaign totalled \$266,749 including the above grants, campaign costs, producing the WestConnex alternative proposal and staff costs.

### **Domestic Waste Charge and Take Up of Smaller Bins**

3. By Councillor Scott

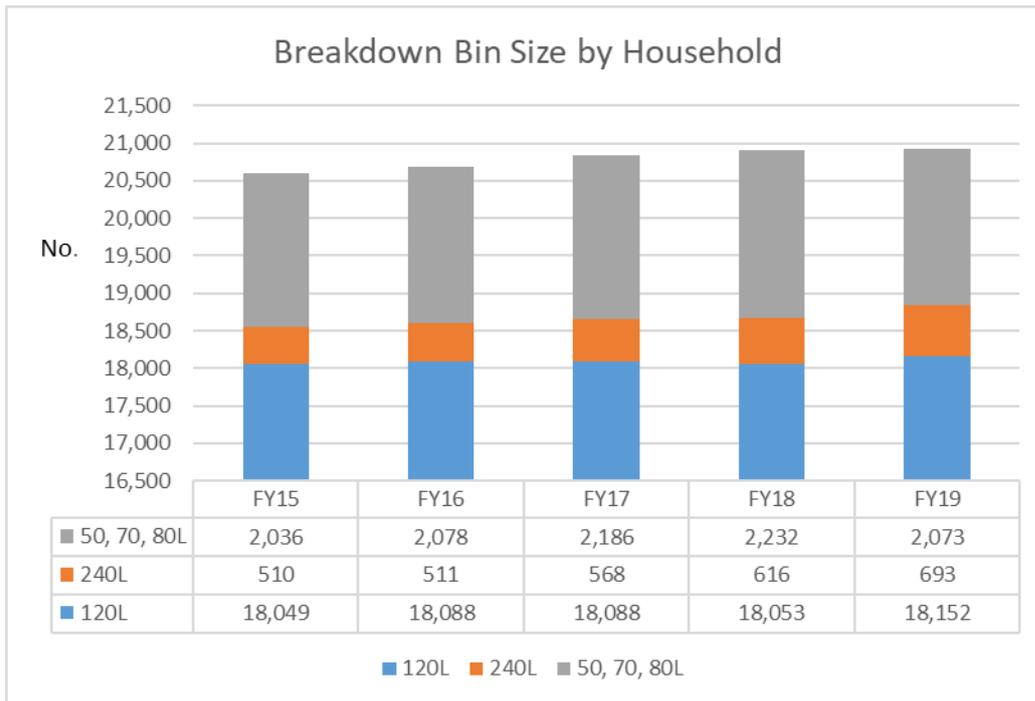
#### **Question**

1. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the number of households paying the following domestic waste charge rates:
  - (a) \$987
  - (b) \$491
  - (c) \$323
2. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the total council revenue generated by the Domestic Waste Charge.
3. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail how this revenue was expended by council.
4. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the number of households with the following bin sizes:
  - (a) 50 litre
  - (b) 70 litre
  - (c) 80 litre
  - (d) 120 litre
  - (e) 240 litre

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#### **Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

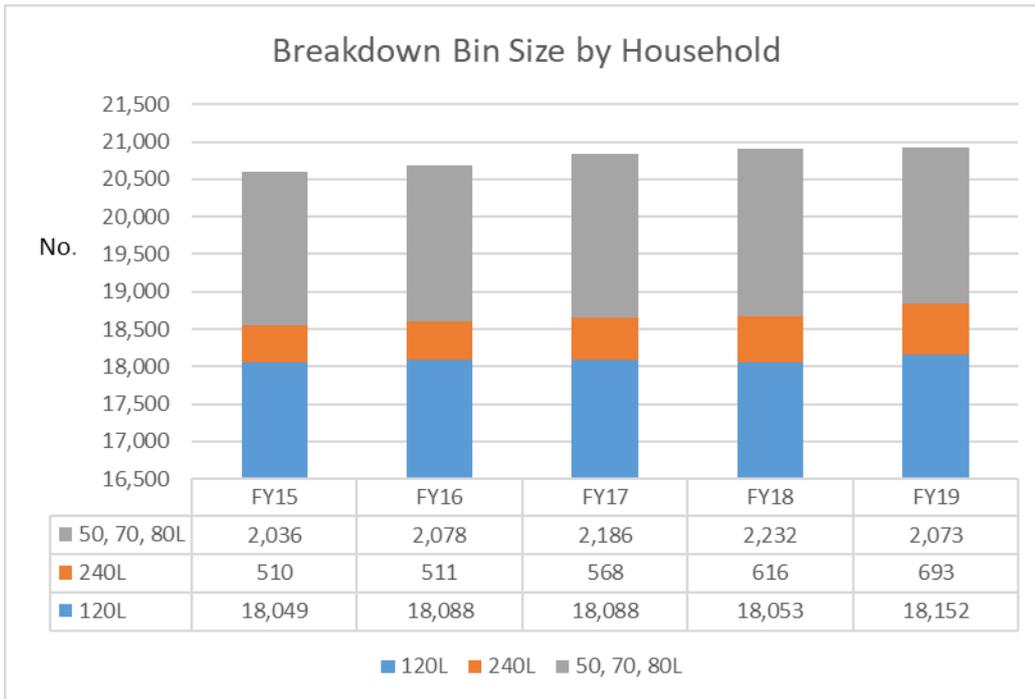
1. Charges relate to the bin size allocated to single dwelling households:
  - (a) 240L Bin - \$987
  - (b) 120L Bin - \$491
  - (c) 50L / 70L / 80L Bins - \$323



2. Domestic Waste Charge revenue (includes all single use households and multi-unit households):
  - (a) FY2015/16 - \$39M
  - (b) FY2016/17 - \$43M
  - (c) FY2017/18 - \$47M
  - (d) FY2018/19 - \$50M
  
3. Expenditure funded by the Domestic Waste Charge (DWC) encompasses all costs associated with the collection and processing of domestic waste streams. Waste education programs are also funded from the DWC.

The City's external auditors review the DWC annually to ensure that money collected is expended in accordance with legislative requirements.

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The numbers quoted are based on single dwelling households and exclude residents in strata lots.

### City of Sydney Councillor and Council Staff Travel

4. By Councillor Phelps

#### Question

Analysis has found that a long-haul flight generates more carbon emissions than the average person in dozens of countries around the world produces in a whole year.

The City of Sydney has shown a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.

It was the first local council in Australia to be certified as carbon neutral under the national carbon offset standard.

The City ensures information about its carbon neutral programme - including offset certificates - is transparent and available for public scrutiny on its website. Offsets are purchased and retired in arrears at the end of the reporting period. And each year the City purchases offsets to ensure it remains 100 per cent carbon neutral.

But this environmental commitment is only declared for travel the City of Sydney pays for.

Considering the City does not pay for the majority of the many international trips City of Sydney councillors take, could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How many kilograms of CO2 were generated in 2017-18 by international and domestic trips not paid for but taken by City of Sydney councillors?
2. If this "unpaid" international and domestic travel was neutralised in line with the City's national carbon offset standard?

3. How do these CO2 emissions impact the City's reporting of its carbon footprint?
4. The City of Sydney doesn't disclose what the international travel expenses are for staff. Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:
5. How many kilograms of CO2 were generated in 2017-18 by international and domestic trips taken by City of Sydney staff?
6. If international and domestic travel of City of Sydney staff was neutralised?
7. How do these CO2 emissions impact the City's reporting of its carbon footprint?

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**Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

In 2017/18 the City's total emissions were 39,653 tonnes CO2e, however, the City purchased 42,000 tonnes CO2e of offsets as a conservative approach to ensure any estimated emissions source are adequately covered.

The City purchases offsets at the end of each calendar year based on an independently reviewed emissions inventory, including business travel.

The offsets are selected based on the type of standard, value for money, meeting criteria of the Climate Active program (formerly the National Carbon Offset Standard), and co-benefits (such as environmental and social).

The prices of offsets varies significant from below \$1 to more than \$20 per tonne CO2e. The City aims to purchase a blend of offsets each year to balance spend against other social and environmental benefits.

Business travel paid for by the City amounted to 37 tonnes CO2e in 2017/18, or 0.1 per cent of the City's total annual emissions.

To date the City has not quantified or offset emissions for "unpaid" travel in line with the accounting procedures (financial and operational control) in setting an emissions boundary under the Australian Government Climate Active program through which the City has been certified carbon neutral each year since 2011.

Given the relative number of "unpaid" travel flights made by the City and that they are fewer than the number of paid travel flights, the likely impact to the City's carbon footprint would be relatively minor.

## City of Sydney Waste Management

5. By Councillor Phelps

### Question

In 2019, the City implemented some service changes as a result of the appointment of Cleanaway, the City's current Domestic Waste Collection Provider, effective from 1 July 2019.

The City's former mixed waste processing plant was closed in 2018, and no longer has access to a mixed waste processing plant.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. Where is the City's recycling and mixed waste going?
2. What exactly happens to the City's discarded plastic, paper, card, metal and glass once it's emptied from the yellow bins?
3. What exactly happens to the City's mixed waste once it's emptied from the red bins?
4. What actions have been taken by the City to achieve its own target of "zero waste" by 2030?
5. The City of Sydney Council has had the steepest lift in the average amount it charges for waste management in the 2019-2020 financial year, raising fees by 12.5 per cent. What is this increase being spent on?
6. What indicators have City staff been using to inform their reports on the City's response to waste recovery and management?

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### Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Items placed in the yellow recycling bin go to Visy's Material Recovery Recycling Facility located in Smithfield NSW via a waste transfer facility at St Peters NSW.

Waste from residential red bins goes to the SUEZ advanced waste treatment facility at Eastern Creek NSW.

2. Materials collected in the yellow recycling bins are delivered to Visy's Material Recovery Recycling Facility located in Smithfield NSW.

Details of where these materials go are provided in the following link:

<https://www.visy.com.au/recycling/about>

3. Information on the SUEZ advanced waste treatment facility at Eastern Creek is provided on their website, please see: <https://www.suez.com.au/en-au/who-we-are/suez-in-australia-and-new-zealand/our-facilities/arrt-facilities>.

Although the mixed waste organic output is no longer applied to land as a soil amendment the facility still accepts and processes the waste. Further details were provided in the 25 January 2019 and 18 October 2019 CEO Updates.

4. Details of progress towards our targets and actions undertaken by the City to achieve our targets are provided in the City's Green Report: <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/environmental-plans-reports#page-element-dload>

5. The approved increase of the Domestic Waste Charge in the FY2019/20 was to provide for the following anticipated expenditure:
  - (a) Additional waste education programs.
  - (b) An anticipated increase in waste processing costs of over 20 per cent related to the EPA's decision to suspend the use of Mixed Waste Organic Materials.
  - (c) An anticipated increase in recycled material costs due in large part to the China National Sword Policy.
  - (d) The provision of additional waste collection services to increase diversion rates, including the Food Scraps Trial and extended e-waste community collection events.
6. The City is provided with monthly invoices from all our waste and recycling processing contractors with details of the tonnages delivered by City of Sydney. Each contractor also provides a monthly facility recycling and disposal rate which the City applies to each material or waste stream.

**Item 11      Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions**

There are no Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

**Procedural Motion**

Following Item 3.1, at 10.09pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) and seconded by Councillor Scully –

That, as it was now after 10.00pm, and in accordance with clause 16.3(a) of the Code of Meeting Practice, the remaining items of business on the agenda (Items 12.1 to 12.8 inclusive) be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukas

Noes (1) Councillor Chung.

Motion carried.

At 10.10 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City of Sydney held on Monday 9 March 2020 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.