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**Present**

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

Members Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor HY William Chan, Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Shauna Jarrett, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5.02pm, those present were:

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director People, Performance and Technology, Director City Planning, Development and Transport, Director Legal and Governance, Director City Life, Director Strategic Development and Engagement and Director City Services were also present.

**Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer**

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

**Webcasting Statement**

The Chair (the Lord Mayor), advised that in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice, Council meetings are audio visually recorded and webcast live on the City of Sydney website. The Chair (the Lord Mayor) asked that courtesy and respect be observed throughout the meeting and advised those in attendance to refrain from making defamatory statements.

Councillor Davis left the meeting of Council at 5.57pm prior to discussion on Item 6.7, and returned at 5.58pm, after the vote on Item 6.7. Councillor Davis was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 6.7.

Councillor Davis left the meeting of Council at 6.08pm prior to discussion on Item 9.3, and returned at 6.09pm, after the vote on Item 9.3. Councillor Davis was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 9.3.

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of Council at 6.08pm prior to discussion on Item 9.3, and returned at 6.09pm, after the vote on Item 9.3. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 9.3.

Councillor Davis left the meeting of Council at 6.13pm prior to discussion on Item 10.4, and returned at 6.16pm, after the vote on Item 10.5. Councillor Davis was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Items 10.4 and 10.5.

**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, 15 May 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## Item 2 Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

### Statement of Ethical Obligations

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

### Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that a grant to Fitness Australia Limited is recommended for funding under the Innovation and Ideas Grant program. The grant application was made by Mariana Ivantsoff, a former employee at the Office of the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she did not have any contact of discussion about the application with Mariana or anyone from Fitness Australia Limited.

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that he has been involved in the Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT (SECNA) Ltd in its activities since 2021, and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the organisations was in previous years.

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a pecuniary interest in Item 6.7 on the agenda, in that she has engaged with the Redfern Community Centre Music Studio through her role as Chairwoman for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ) in 2022 for the ASSIPJ Recognition Day events.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she has known and worked with people from the following organisations:
  - 107 Projects Incorporate, having used the venue previously for Silver Siren's event;
  - Antenna Documentary Institute Limited, having worked with staff in the past in the film and television industry;
  - Redfern Women: Our Stories of the Black Movement (Elizabeth Margaret Muldoon), having personally know four of the co-authors such as Brownyn Penrith (Mudgin-Gal), Dulcie Fowler, Linda Coe and Ann Weldon though community, cultural and social activities;

- K'AINGA the Commonwealth, as an acquaintance of Michael Dagostino, Director Museums and Cultural Engagement, Chau Chak Wing Museum, who wrote the support letter for the grant;
- Glebe Public School, having volunteered at the school over the past years; and
- Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation: Yabun Festival, as a member who has also chaired one of their general meetings.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because of her past grass roots community work and within the ASSIPJ organisation which she chairs.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that as Chairwoman for ASSIPJ, she received a scholarship in 2020 to continue to engage in volunteer, cultural and community events with Tranby Aboriginal Co-Operative Limited and the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) as the auspice for The Wayside Chapel Foundation. She is currently a long-term resident living in Uniting Church housing care in Bowman Street, Pyrmont. She also completed her master's degree and thesis at University of Technology Sydney under the scholarship program in 2020.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that she has known these organisations and staff through her capacity as Chairwoman for ASSIPJ engaging in grass roots, cultural and community engagements with various events.
  - Acon Health Limited;
  - Addison Road Centre for Art's Culture, Community and Environment Ltd;
  - Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited; and
  - Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she was not involved in the grant application process or approval process.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that she knows Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd through her community and advocacy work within her role as Chairperson for ASSIPJ, such as Sugar Festival and ASSIPJ Recognition Day event.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 10.5 on the agenda, in that she knows Scarred Trees Ministries (Larissa Minnecon) through her community and advocacy work within her role as Chairperson for ASSIPJ.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.



Councillor Robert Kok made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that Fitness Australia Limited was recommended for a grant. Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was not aware of their application for the grant and the recommendation until the Committee paper became available, and he did not discuss these grants with the recipient. Councillor Kok did not have any contact with the applicant nor had they contacted him about their grant application.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that Malaysia Fest and K.W Cheng & H Wong Wing Kee were recommended for a grant. Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstance because he was not aware of their application for the grant and the recommendation until the Committee paper became available, and he did not discuss these grants with the recipient. Councillor Kok did not have any contact with the applicant nor had they contacted him about their grant application.

Councillor Linda Scott made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3.2 on the agenda, in that she is the President of Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and as such, sits on the Environmental Ministers meetings. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she represents all 537 councils equally.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3.4 on the agenda, in that she is the President of ALGA and has also received correspondence from ACON regarding this matter. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she represents all 537 councils equally.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.2 on the agenda, in that she is the President of ALGA, which Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is a member of. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she represents all 537 councils equally.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.3 on the agenda, in that she is the President of ALGA, which the City has an association with, via their membership of LGNSW. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because ALGA is the national peak body for all councils, and acts in accordance with the interests of all councils.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she is a member of Mardi Gras. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she does not hold any executive or government positions.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that she is acquainted with the CEO of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation who will be the charity partner for Sydney Christmas 2023. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not had any conversations or engagement on this matter.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary disclosure in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that this item includes recommendations to Council for approval of cash and value-in-kind support for the Business Sector Support Program Grant program. She has a professional association with Supply Nation (Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Office Limited), one of the applicants recommended for funding, having participated in and contributed to the organisation's past conferences and programs. Councillor Weldon considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as she did not have any involvement in the assessment of grants and prior to the report, she had no knowledge of Supply Nation's application.
- a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that this item includes recommendations to Council for approval of cash and value-in-kind support for the Creative Grant Program. Her mother, Ann Weldon, is a participant in the Redfern Women: Our Stories of the Black Movement project led by Elizabeth Margaret Muldoon. As a participant, it's possible that she will be remunerated. This item also includes recommendations to Council for approval of cash and value-in-kind support for Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program. Councillor Weldon served as the Deputy Chairperson of the NSW Australia Day Council which provides advice to the Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding the NSW Government's Australia Day programs. The Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2024-26 Australia Day in Sydney events have been recommended for funding under the Tier 2 – Major Festivals and Events stream.

Councillor Weldon stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Adam Worling made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that The Australian Retailers Association is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his business AWPR and the fashion clients he represents, he has communicated regularly with The Australian Retailers Association. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with the Australian Retailers Association about the grants process.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that IMG is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his business AWPR and the fashion clients he represents, he has communicated regularly with IMG. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with IMG about the grants process.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Settlement Services International is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his ongoing work with the not-for-profit Thread Together, he has communicated with SSI. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with Settlement Services International about the grants process.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that ReLove is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his ongoing work with the not-for-profit Thread Together, he has communicated with ReLove. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with ReLove about the grants process.

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

**Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor****Item 3.1 Vale Fabian LoSchiavo****Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

I wish to inform Council of the passing of Fabian LoSchiavo, social activist and devout Anglo-Catholic on 11 May 2023.

Fabian was born on 15 December 1949 and grew up in Eastwood. He attended Catholic schools in Eastwood and Bathurst where he discovered he had a vocation. After leaving school, he sought to fulfill it with the Vincentians in Campbelltown and Perth and later with the Premonstratensians at their seminary in St Norbert's Abbey, Green Bay Wisconsin, before returning to Australia in 1972.

Fabian was however faced with contradictions between his faith and his sexuality. His attempts to seek a "cure" failed, including through long-discredited aversion therapy.

After studying at the University of NSW, he joined the NSW State Archives, until his retirement in 2012.

In the early 1970s, he became involved in gay groups and joined the Anglican church, becoming a parishioner of the progressive and inclusive St Luke's Enmore.

For the following 50 years, Fabian actively integrated his religious life with his identity as a gay man and in doing so, carved a space in which LGBTIQ+ people of faith could be open and visible.

In 1977, St Luke's elected Fabian to the Sydney Diocesan Synod, which was a position he held into the 1980s. As a Synod member he attempted to persuade the Diocese to adopt an open, inclusive and accepting position on homosexuality against fierce opposition. In 1983, Synod blocked debate on Fabian's motion which stated, "Synod is of the opinion that homosexuality is not a bar to any ministry of this Church", instead referring it to a Synod committee.

On 24 June 1978, Fabian took part in a street march in support of gay and lesbian rights on the morning of the first Mardi Gras carrying a sign reading "Gay, Free and C of E." That night the first Mardi Gras ended with 53 people being arrested in Kings Cross. Soon after he joined a Gay Solidarity Group and along with other lesbian and gay Anglicans formed AngGays in 1979.

Fabian had a love of music and singing, which featured in both his religious observance and activism. He was a mainstay of the St Luke's parish choir, founding member of the Sydney Gay Liberation Choir, and a vocalist with the camp country gospel band, Eve and the Forbidden Fruits. He was also an accomplished piano accordionist, a talent he used in his best-known alternate persona, Mother Inferior, later Mother Abyss of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

The Order of Perpetual Indulgence was established in the United States in 1979 in response to the AIDS crisis. In 1981, Fabian and others established a Sydney Chapter of the Order, which soon became a feature of rallies, protests and community events.

In 1983, soon after the AIDS crisis became a major challenge facing the gay male community, Fabian led the Order in providing pastoral care within and beyond the lesbian and gay communities.

The Order's effective use of satire led to Fabian developing other characters to expose the hypocrisy, sexism and racism within organised religion. He performed them not just within the LGBTIQA+ community but at events and fundraisers. In July 1988, he brought several of his characters together in a one man show at the Performance Space in Redfern. It skewered the worst aspects of organised religion in the same way Max Gillies exposed politics and the late Barry Humphries laid bare Australian social mores.

One of Fabian's lesser-known talents was sewing, a skill he used in both his activism and religious faith. He sewed flags and banners for protests and conferences and shortened the robes of Father Jeff Parker, after he became rector of St Luke's in 2019.

He continued to be a St Luke's parishioner long after he moved to Malabar riding his bicycle to attend communion, teach Sunday school, help in its opportunity shop and perform at church functions. Father Parker appointed him as his rector's warden, the highest lay position in a parish.

After retiring in 2012, he became increasingly involved in the local Malabar community, always willing to mind and walk dogs of his friends and neighbours.

He was a regular Mardi Gras participant in his various guises and was featured in the 2022 ABC telecast as Father Brown riding his bicycle.

He also achieved his vocation, through the liberal Catholic Holy Celtic Church International, being ordained Rev Dom Fabian.

Fabian will be remembered by both the LGBTIQA+ and St Luke's parish communities for his bravery, creativity, warm-heartedness and sense of humour. His contributions to queer culture, social justice and inclusiveness within organised religion will long be celebrated.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Fabian LoSchiavo and his significant contribution to social justice including LGBTIQA+ community activism and his Anglican parish community;
- (B) Council express its condolences to his family; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to convey Council's condolences to Fabian LoSchiavo's family.

## **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE AO**

Lord Mayor

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to Fabian LoSchiavo.

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## **Item 3.2 Collective Action on Waste**

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

To Council:

On 18 May 2023, I hosted around 140 Mayors, Councillors, General Managers/Chief Executive Officers and management staff from Greater Sydney and Metropolitan Councils for the Metropolitan Sydney Mayoral Summit on Waste.

We also welcomed representatives from Local Government NSW, the NSW Environmental Protection Authority, the Greater Cities Commission, and the Western and Northern Regional Organisations of Councils, the Macarthur Strategic Waste Alliance, and The Parks.

The summit was convened by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) on behalf of Resilient Sydney, which the City supports.

The summit highlighted the critical need for all councils to work together to bring real change to manage our waste into the future, while we transition to a more circular economy.

#### **The challenge**

Reducing waste and its impact on the environment is one of the key actions councils can take to lower our emissions.

Across the Sydney metropolitan area, 55 per cent of household and commercial waste goes to landfill each year. This results in loss of valuable resources, costing businesses and households more than \$750 million in waste levies each year.

Alarming, by 2034, data shows there will be no capacity at existing landfill sites in NSW. The development pipeline for new facilities like the proposed Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre near Goulburn can take up to ten years to be fully operational.

The time has long passed when councils collected rubbish and transported it to a landfill where it would slowly rot away. Achieving the overhaul of the industry that is needed requires strategic input from Mayors, Councillors, General Managers/Chief Executive Officers and Council officers.

Industry-wide challenges include a limited number of suppliers, a lack of processing infrastructure and a shortage of readily accessible waste collection and transfer sites.

These challenges mean all Sydney councils face rising costs, increasing truck movements and resource recovery rates that are static at best. Few available options exist for increased efficiency or resource recovery improvements, or to reduce landfill.

The original drivers of public health and hygiene have been supplemented by the need to reduce pollution, lower carbon emissions, and recover and re-use resources. Collecting waste is just part of the picture; councils must make strategic decisions about where this waste will go.

The last 20 years have seen significant positive change. Recycling has been introduced for glass, hard plastics, paper and cardboard. There are separate collections for mattresses, electronic waste, tyres, clothing, mobile phones, batteries, and chemicals. Landfills capture methane to generate energy. There will soon be collections for food waste and/or food and garden organics.

Unfortunately, waste processing and disposal have not kept pace with the growing population, and waste generation rates continue to increase. Most Sydney councils must pay to haul recyclable materials and waste far outside their local area, and new transfer capacity is difficult to secure due to cost and availability of appropriately zoned land.

Data shows that we will not be able to meet NSW and Commonwealth targets with our current systems. Even with the highest efficiencies, progress in domestic waste collection and recovery will be impossible without major changes. These transitions will be expensive.

The waste levy on landfill is an incentive to recycle, but in a failing market just adds to the costs that Council must charge the community.

In NSW, only around seven per cent of around \$800 million collected in annual waste levy revenue comes back to councils and the waste industry through contestable grants to fund improvements. Councils do not receive a fair share of funding despite being asked to meet government targets and transition to a circular economy.

### **The City of Sydney**

The City of Sydney local government area alone produces 5,500 tonnes of waste every day comprising household, commercial, construction and demolition waste, which contributes to about eight per cent of the City's total greenhouse gas emissions.

While recycling our waste is important, the market for recycled products has not kept up with demand. We collaborated on the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's Paving the Way program and together created a market for one-third of our domestic glass collections.

Since initiating our food scraps recycling trial in 2019, we have collected more than 1,500 tonnes of food scraps from about 20,000 houses and apartments which saved 738 cubic metres of landfill space and 1,284 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, we produced 64,500 kilowatt hours of energy, 7.9 tonnes of fertiliser and 239 tonnes of compost.

We are now researching new ways to process food scraps using more cost-effective technology. We will soon begin a trial involving insects that not only recycles food and organics, but produces a protein, which can be substituted for animal feed or other protein uses.

Councils need to collaborate, to influence, and to leverage our collective purchasing power. Building a strong, green and circular economy brings opportunities for job creation and economic growth.

It is encouraging to hear at a meeting of Australia's Environment Ministers on 9 June 2023, they agreed to shift towards a safer, circular economy. They also agreed to support stronger and clearer protections under environment and heritage legislation. I look forward to seeing swift action based on these commitments.



I am recommending that Council resolve to take strategic action on waste by:

- calling on the Commonwealth Government to expedite bans on materials that cannot be recycled or recovered, and to increase extended producer responsibilities;
- calling on the NSW Government to set the waste levy at an appropriate level and reinvest it into waste initiatives and improving approval processes and licencing procedures;
- working with other Greater Sydney and Metropolitan councils to coordinate our advocacy, communications and collective buying power to bring the benefits of scale, efficiency and industry confidence; and
- working with the other tiers of government to ensure the delivery of infrastructure solutions locally to reduce waste hauled long distances or to landfill.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) councils have a key role to play in reducing waste and its impact on the environment; and
- (ii) across the Sydney metropolitan area, 55 per cent of household and commercial waste goes to landfill each year, resulting in loss of valuable resources, costing businesses and households more than \$750 million in waste levies each year;

(B) Council work with other Greater Sydney and Metropolitan councils on:

- (i) reducing waste;
- (ii) improving environmental outcomes where waste has to be processed; and
- (iii) finding solutions for the residue that is left;

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy and the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water with a copy of the subject Lord Mayoral Minute requesting their commitment to taking strategic action on waste alongside other levels of government; and

(D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier, the NSW Treasurer, and the NSW Minister for Climate Change, Energy and the Environment, requesting that the NSW Government reinvest 100 per cent of the revenue from its waste levy for council and industry initiatives that:

- (i) accelerate the transition to a circular economy;
- (ii) build the waste infrastructure needed to meet the growing pressures of population growth, loss of landfill capacity and a lack of competition in the sector; and
- (III) educate and support communities to reduce waste.

**COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE AO**

Lord Mayor

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

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

Variation. At the request of Councillor Scott, and by consent, the Minute was varied by the addition of clauses A(iii) to (vi) to read as follows –

- (iii) the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) continues to advocate for \$100 million per year for four years for local governments to reduce kerbside waste collection, contamination and increase resource recovery;
- (iv) on the basis of ALGA's advocacy, the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water has committed \$10 million to the national waste education campaign;
- (v) in March 2022, the City resolved for the Chief Executive Officer to present an options paper to Council and decide on the delivery of FOGO within this term; and
- (vi) the City of Sydney's 'Leave Nothing to Waste' Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2030 identified improving recycling outcomes and promoting innovation to avoid waste as priority areas;

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

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### **Item 3.3 Food Insecurity**

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

To Council:

Across Australia, we are wasting millions of tonnes of food each year, while record numbers of people go hungry.

In the City of Sydney, food waste makes up 14 per cent of commercial waste and 35 per cent of domestic waste. This represents more than 95,000 tonnes of food waste each year going to landfill, generating the equivalent of 200,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

The City encourages households to reduce food waste and is researching new ways to process food scraps using more cost-effective and environmentally sustainable technology. Redirecting surplus food to those in need is another important step we can take to reduce emissions while also ensuring every person in the City has enough food to eat.

We are all aware of the food shortages experienced across Australia during Covid. Homeless people, social housing tenants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, older people, people with disability, international students and temporary visa holders were particularly hard hit. This is why the City spent \$3.1 million, and worked with over 60 businesses and community organisations, on food relief between 2020 and 2022.

Shockingly, food relief organisations tell me that demand for free food is now far higher than in Covid, with employed people on low incomes joining the queues of people who can't afford to eat. As people struggle to pay their bills amid the cost-of-living crisis, they forgo food in order to pay for housing, health and heating.

According to FoodBank's 2022 Hunger Report, over two million Australian households had experienced severe food insecurity in the preceding 12 months. And the situation is only getting worse.

OzHarvest says that demand for free food has never been so high. The majority of charities they service have seen a 73 per cent increase in people needing help, with over a third of clients seeking food relief for the first time. These charities report they could take between 25 per cent and 50 per cent more food in order to cope with demand. In 2020, OzHarvest distributed 27,000 kilos of food a month, whereas they're now distributing 46,000 kilos of food a month. At Waterloo Market, demand has risen from 1,500 people a week during Covid to 2,000 people a week now, and they are on track to deliver 880,000 free meals this financial year.

The Girls and Boys Brigade in Surry Hills provides free food to children after school and free dinners for families. Eighty per cent of their families live in social housing and the rest are at risk of homelessness because of rising living costs. Over the past year, demand for their food program has increased by almost 150 per cent. Many families who used to access their pantry service to stock up on free food once or twice a week are now accessing it daily.

First Nations Response is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation providing culturally appropriate food support. Requests for help have doubled since late 2022, and they are now supporting over 250 elders and families each week.

At Addison Road's Camperdown Food Pantry, demand for food has increased 32 per cent in the past year. Though social housing tenants from Camperdown, Waterloo and Redfern make up most of their customers, they are increasingly seeing low-income workers whose capacity to buy food has decreased as their rents have increased, including nurses.

Up until a few months ago, St Canice's Kitchen in Kings Cross regularly fed up to 130 people a day. That number has now increased to between 160 and 220 a day, and they are anticipating 300 a day by the end of the year. They want to expand their services to provide take away meals for people when they are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays, but they are already struggling to keep up with demand.

Food relief organisations rely on a mix of surplus and discounted food to ensure they meet the nutritional requirements of the people they serve. They also need transport, storage and equipment to collect and deliver the food at a low temperature in accordance with food safety requirements. This all costs money, and yet government funding and personal donations for food relief organisations are down, resulting in significant funding shortfalls and an inability to meet demand.

I share the disappointment of food relief organisations that the Federal Government ignored their pleas for help in this year's budget. I also share their hope that the NSW Government will step up when they deliver their budget in September, noting last year's Parliamentary Inquiry into Food Production and Supply in NSW urged the Government to introduce ongoing funding programs for food relief organisations.

The City is currently developing a Sustainable Food Systems Policy and Action Plan that will enable us to work collaboratively with stakeholders and prioritise actions to address food insecurity in a wholistic way across the City of Sydney. This will consider areas including resilience, economic participation, growing food in cities, indigenous food systems governance, and community programs and education. The Policy and Action Plan will be ready for Council and community consideration early in 2024.

However, our neighbours who are currently going hungry cannot wait. They need help now. This is why I am asking the Chief Executive Officer to consider what emergency financial support can we provide to food relief organisations as they seek to feed people across the City of Sydney. I also intend to write to the Prime Minister, Treasurer, NSW Premier and NSW Treasurer asking them to join us in providing financial support to alleviate hunger across our respective jurisdictions.

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) in the City of Sydney, food waste makes up 14 per cent of commercial waste and 35 per cent of domestic waste. This represents more than 95,000 tonnes of food waste each year going to landfill, generating the equivalent of 200,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
  - (ii) redirecting surplus food to those in need is an important step we can take to reduce emissions while also ensuring every person in the City has enough food to eat;
  - (iii) during Covid, the City spent \$3.1 million, and worked with over 60 businesses and community organisations, on food relief;
  - (iv) food relief organisations are reporting a significant increase in demand for free food, with a number of employed people on low incomes seeking food relief for the first time; and
  - (v) to the best of our knowledge, the Federal and NSW Governments are yet to commit to new funding for food relief organisations amid the current cost-of-living crisis;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate options for financial support for food relief organisations operating in the City of Sydney and report back to Council; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Prime Minister, Treasurer, NSW Premier and NSW Treasurer asking them to provide urgent and ongoing financial support for food relief organisations amid the cost-of-living crisis.

## COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

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

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

Variation. At the request of Councillor Ellsmore, and by consent, the Minute was varied, such that clause (B) read as follows:

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate options for financial support for food relief organisations and, where relevant, other community-based initiatives that provide access to low-cost food including cooperatives and mutual aid groups, which are operating in the City of Sydney and report back to Council.

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

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### **Item 3.4 Proposal for a Statewide LGBTIQA+ Local Government Safety Summit**

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

To Council:

I am shocked by the alarming increase in attacks targeting LGBTIQA+ events by far-right hate groups in NSW and Victoria. Many have occurred in local government venues, putting attendees and Council staff at risk.

In Victoria, over 10 LGBTIQA+ events have been cancelled, postponed, or shifted online due to violent threats from far-right groups. They include a drag storytime event planned to mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia in Melbourne's southeast. The City of Monash cancelled the event after anti-LGBTIQA+ protesters disrupted a Council meeting in April 2023, and it received violent threats presenting risks to the safety of staff, attendees and Council facilities.

There have been reports of similar violent disruptions and attacks being experienced in Sydney, Newcastle, Goulburn and other regional centres. In February 2023, a police guard was required due to protests and a reported bomb threat at a drag storytime event at Manly Library in Sydney. On 20 May 2023, an LGBTIQA+ poetry workshop was disrupted at the Newcastle City Library by far-right protesters in a coordinated attack.

During WorldPride, a group of around 30 men held an unauthorised protest march in Newtown, reportedly intimidating others and attempting to enter LGBTIQA+ venues. The men belong to "Christian Lives Matter" which frequently features posts critical of LGBTIQA+ activism and pride on its Facebook page. Videos of the vandalism of the WorldPride mural outside Wynyard station and the rainbow stairs outside Pitt Street Uniting Church have also been posted.

In response to these growing threats, Nicolas Parkhill AM, the Chief Executive Officer of ACON, wrote to me inviting the City of Sydney to co-host a statewide LGBTIQA+ Local Government Safety Summit jointly with ACON and Local Government NSW. The summit would bring together councils, NSW Government agencies including police and emergency services and LGBTIQA+ community organisations and researchers.

The aims of the summit are to:

- raise awareness about the escalating threats of violence and intimidation targeting the LGBTIQA+ community events, particularly those involving trans and gender diverse people;
- foster collaboration and dialogue among local councils, Local Government NSW, community representatives, and stakeholders to collectively address these safety concerns;
- develop a coordinated response plan to mitigate risks and improve safety measures for LGBTIQA+ community events;
- empower local councils to implement targeted strategies, policies, and initiatives that support the safety and well-being of LGBTIQA+ people and events within their respective jurisdictions;
- strengthen community resilience and promote a culture of inclusivity, diversity, and acceptance across NSW; and

- share the efforts of local councils that are supportive of LGBTIQ+ community events and their strategies for safeguarding their communities.

The summit will provide an opportunity for participating councils and community groups to issue a joint public statement condemning the violence that has occurred and setting out a coordinated response plan to combat future threats of violence.

ACON is proposing that the summit be a one-day, in person event at a City of Sydney venue. ACON will develop a comprehensive program of presentations and workshops focused on mitigating risk, enhancing safety and sharing case studies highlighting the great work of Councils already responding to these challenges.

On 1 August 2005, Council unanimously adopted a comprehensive resolution in support of the LGBTIQ+ community which included the following:

“Council, recognising that violence and harassment remains a major issue of concern for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, will actively work with relevant gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender organisations and government agencies and organisation to end such violence and harassment.”

I strongly support the City of Sydney co-hosting this summit, which is consistent with and progresses this resolution.

The City continues to host and support a wide range of programs and events for the LGBTIQ+ communities. They include Liberate!, an exhibition in Customs House celebrating 45 years of community-led social change, including a series of panel conversations, online Pride Amplified Storytime videos, a panel discussion on how HIV is represented in the media in Australia titled ‘Positive Musings: Reflections of HIV in Modern Australia’ at Customs House, and Queer as Fiction, a fun and engaging hour of Queer storytelling at Green Square Library.

The City also celebrates Wear it Purple Day each year, and last year this was marked by a roller derby workshop in Glebe and a three-part online inclusivity training workshop series, and Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Last year, the City worked with community partners to deliver a ceremony and candlelit vigil on the ground of the University of Sydney to mark the day. Fortunately, these programs and events have all taken place without incident. It is our responsibility to ensure that we are able to continue hosting and supporting these events without putting our staff and community at risk.

The City also supports LGBTIQ+ community groups through our grants and sponsorship program. Since 2017, the City has granted nearly \$5.2 million in cash to 158 projects where LGBTIQ+ communities are a primary or secondary beneficiary. This includes, support of the annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade and Festival, support of Sydney WorldPride in 2023 and a two-year commitment to support an LGBTIQ+ museum in Darlinghurst.

## **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the City of Sydney is a proud supporter of the LGBTIQ+ community and is committed to working with relevant organisations and NSW government agencies to end violence and harassment experienced by them;
- (B) Council endorse ACON's proposal for a NSW LGBTIQ+ Local Government Safety Summit;
- (C) Council agree in principle to co-host this summit with ACON at a suitable City of Sydney venue; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to consider what support the City can provide for this summit with a report to be provided to Council.

## **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE AO**

Lord Mayor

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

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

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the City of Sydney is a proud supporter of the LGBTIQ+ community and is committed to working with relevant organisations and NSW government agencies to end violence and harassment experienced by them;
- (B) Council further note that the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has:
  - (i) received a letter from ACON proposing an LGBTIQ+ Local Government Safety Summit;
  - (ii) sought an Australian Federal Police briefing; and
  - (iii) raised the matter with the Federal Minister for Local Government;
- (C) Council note Victorian councils held a Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Summit which Local Government NSW participated in;
- (D) Council endorse ACON's proposal for a NSW LGBTIQ+ Local Government Safety Summit;
- (E) Council agree in principle to co-host this summit with ACON at a suitable City of Sydney venue; and
- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to consider what support the City can provide for this summit with a report to be provided to Council.



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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the City of Sydney is a proud supporter of the LGBTIQA+ community and is committed to working with relevant organisations and NSW government agencies to end violence and harassment experienced by them;
- (B) Council further note that Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has:
  - (i) received a letter from ACON proposing an LGBTIQA+ Local Government Safety Summit;
  - (ii) sought an Australian Federal Police briefing; and
  - (iii) raised the matter with the Federal Minister for Local Government;
- (C) Council note Victorian councils held a Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Summit which Local Government NSW participated in;
- (D) Council endorse ACON's proposal for a NSW LGBTIQA+ Local Government Safety Summit;
- (E) Council agree in principle to co-host this summit with ACON at a suitable City of Sydney venue;
- (F) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to ACON in support of prioritising community-led solutions to address violence and harassment; and
- (G) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to consider what support the City can provide for this summit with a report to be provided to Council.

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

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**Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer**

**Item 4.1 Audit Risk and Compliance Committee Independent Expert Recruitment**

**Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

The Office of Local Government published the Draft Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit in Local Government in NSW (the "Draft Guidelines") in December 2022. Council have been advised that compliance with these Draft Guidelines is required by 1 July 2024. The Draft Guidelines have not yet been finalised pending the making of empowering regulations. The Office of Local Government is not able to advise when these regulations will be made.

One of the independent members of the City's Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee will complete their term of appointment to the Committee in November 2023.

In consultation with the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, it is recommended that Council endorse updated position descriptions which reflect the requirements of the Draft Guidelines. This will enable the conduct of an expression of interest process to identify appropriate candidates for new independent members. This process will be conducted by the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the requirements of the Draft Guidelines. The recommended appointments will be reported back to Council for endorsement in accordance with the Draft Guidelines.

Following the resignation of Jess Scully from Council in April 2023, Council is required to appoint a new Council representative on the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Once the regulations are made and the Draft Guidelines are finalised, staff will submit an updated Audit Risk and Compliance Committee Charter for Council endorsement.

**MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the draft position descriptions for independent members and independent chairs as shown at Attachment A to the subject memorandum, for the purposes of enabling the conduct of a public expression of interest process;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, to undertake a recruitment process for independent members in accordance with the draft position descriptions, by way of a public expression of interest process;
- (C) Council note that recommendations in relation to the appointment of new members of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee will be the subject of a future report to Council for endorsement; and
- (D) Council appoint Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as Council's representative on the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the draft position descriptions for independent members and independent chairs as shown at Attachment A to the subject memorandum, for the purposes of enabling the conduct of a public expression of interest process;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, to undertake a recruitment process for independent members in accordance with the draft position descriptions, by way of a public expression of interest process;
- (C) Council note that recommendations in relation to the appointment of new members of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee will be the subject of a future report to Council for endorsement; and
- (D) Council appoint Councillor Robert Kok as Council's representative on the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Carried unanimously.

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## **Item 4.2 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2023 - Nomination of Delegates**

### **Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

This memorandum seeks Council's consideration of the nomination of Councillors as voting delegates to the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, to be held from Sunday 12 to Tuesday 14 November 2023 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse in Parramatta.

The conference is the main policy-making event for the local government sector. Delegates will vote on motions which determine the policies and priorities for Local Government NSW and the sector.

The draft conference program is not yet available. Information will be available in the coming months.

Councillors will receive email notifications directly from Local Government NSW, but should direct questions or requests to Secretariat, who will coordinate and manage all arrangements with Local Government NSW on behalf of Councillors, including conference registrations and voting registrations.

#### **Registration as a Voting Delegate**

The City of Sydney will be entitled to register up to 10 voting delegates for motions. It is proposed that Council nominates the Lord Mayor and all Councillors as voting delegates.

Voting delegates may not appoint a proxy to attend or vote at formal business sessions on their behalf. Registrations for voting on motions will be managed by Secretariat.

#### **Conference Program/Motions**

The conference will include discussion and debate on a range of motions from councils relating to current and emerging policy issues facing local government in NSW.

All members can put forward motions to be considered at the conference, which should be strategic, affect members state-wide, and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions.

Members submitting motions are encouraged to be familiar with the Local Government NSW Policy Platform, at: <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/policy-platform>. The purpose of this Policy Platform is to consolidate the numerous policies and positions of Local Government NSW – as determined by members – into a single document for ease of reference for members and stakeholders.

Members are asked to submit motions by 15 September 2023. The latest date for submission of motions and inclusion in the conference business paper is 14 October 2023.

The full conference business paper is expected to be available one week prior to the conference.

## **Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy**

Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Scott and Scully were the City of Sydney delegates at the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference held in the Hunter Valley.

Expenditure incurred for the conference totalled \$12,328.21. The Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy provides for Councillors to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference at the City's expense. Funds are available in the draft 2023/24 operating budget to cover registration fees, travel and other reasonable expenses incurred by Councillors.

### **MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer

### **Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council appoint the Lord Mayor and all Councillors as its voting delegates at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse Parramatta from Sunday 12 to Tuesday 14 November 2023;
- (B) Council note all registration fees, travel costs and other reasonable expenses associated with the attendance of Councillors at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be met by the City in accordance with the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy; and
- (C) Council note that a spouse, partner or other person may accompany a Councillor at the conference, and the City will meet any associated ticket costs.

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council appoint the Lord Mayor and all Councillors as its voting delegates at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse Parramatta from Sunday 12 to Tuesday 14 November 2023;
- (B) Council note all registration fees, travel costs and other reasonable expenses associated with the attendance of Councillors at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be met by the City in accordance with the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy; and
- (C) Council note that a spouse, partner or other person may accompany a Councillor at the conference, and the City will meet any associated ticket costs.

Carried unanimously.

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## **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.

### **5.2 Petitions**

#### **(a) Plunkett Street Students**

The following Petition, of which notice was given by Councillor Scott, was tabled.

Please can we have a hamster wheel in our new playground in Woolloomooloo? We can all play in it together.

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

It is resolved that the Petition be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

#### **(b) Getiela Park Lighting and Sound**

The following Petition, of which notice was given by Councillor Jarrett, was tabled.

We write to the City of Sydney to express our concerns with the current amenity around Getiela Park regarding lighting and sound issues.

Residents of Alexandria have contacted Council to discuss lighting along Park Road and Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield which impacts the amenity of surrounding residents at night. Residents regularly raise the lights are too bright at hours after night-time use and have noted that the lights often do not get turned off, leading to individuals accessing the Sportsfield after hours, disrupting residents ability to sleep.

Furthermore, the use of the Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield after hours was raised with Council and the resulting significant noise complaints. The use of the Sportsfield at times exceeding 10:00PM with no noise mitigation strategies in place has impacted residents.

However, the City of Sydney has not adequately responded to these issues raised by the Alexandria community. As a result, residents are requesting:

- (a) that the City of Sydney investigate amending lighting times and/or dimming the lights around in Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and Park Road during after park use;
- (b) that the City of Sydney commission an external sound consultant to investigate the sound around Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and Getiela Park to determine whether the installation of noise mitigation measures are beneficial for the Alexandria community; and
- (c) that the City of Sydney commit to the installation of more public toilet facilities near the Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and Getiela Park.

Moved by the Councillor Jarrett, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

It is resolved that the Petition be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

S044250

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

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore AO

(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillors HY William Chan, (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Lyndon Gannon, Shauna Jarrett, Robert Kok, Linda Scott, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 2.05pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Councillor Davis left the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 2.45pm, prior to discussion on Item 6.7, and returned at 2.47pm, after the vote on Item 6.7. Councillor Davis was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 6.7.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 2.59pm.

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

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

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of Monday 19 June 2023 be received, with Items 6.1 and 6.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.4 to 6.6 inclusive and Items 6.8 to 6.13 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Items 6.3 and 6.7 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 6.1**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 8 May 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.



## Item 6.2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.7 on the agenda, in that she has engaged the Redfern Community Centre Music Studio through her role as Chairwoman for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ) in 2022 for the ASSIPJ recognition day events.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in item 6.3 on the agenda, in that she is the President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which the City has an association with, via their membership of Local Government NSW.

Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because ALGA is the national peak body for all councils, and acts in accordance with the interest of all councils.

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

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

## Item 6.3

### Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2023/24 - Adoption

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community, and staff responses, on the exhibited suite of the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the proposed changes to the documents, including fees and charges, as incorporated within the Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy, and set out in Attachment D to the subject report;
- (C) Council adopt the Operational Plan 2023/24, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) Council adopt the Resourcing Strategy 2023, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (E) Council adopt the draft Operating and Capital Budgets and future years' forward estimates as reflected in the Operational Plan 2023/24 and Resourcing Strategy 2023 including:
  - (i) Operating income of \$674.2M, operating expenditure before depreciation of \$559.2M for an Operating Result of \$115.0M, and a Net Surplus of \$96.0M after allowing for interest income, depreciation and capital contributions;
  - (ii) Capital Works expenditure of \$203.4M; including a capital contingency of \$8.0M;
  - (iii) Plant and Assets net expenditure of \$14.0M;
  - (iv) Capital Works (Technology and Digital Services) of \$19.7M; and

- (v) Net Property Acquisitions of \$189.5M;
- (F) Council adopt the Rates Structure, Domestic Waste Management Charges, Stormwater Charges and User Fees and Charges discussed within the subject report and included within the Operational Plan 2023/24; and
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor editorial and document design corrections prior to publication.

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

That the motion be amended such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community, and staff responses, on the exhibited suite of the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the proposed changes to the documents, including fees and charges, as incorporated within the Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy, and set out in Attachment D to the subject report;
- (C) Council bring forward an additional \$10 million to the Diverse and Affordable Housing Fund within the Operational Plan 2023/24;
- (D) Council adopt the Operational Plan 2023/24, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (E) Council adopt the Resourcing Strategy 2023, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (F) Council adopt the draft Operating and Capital Budgets and future years' forward estimates as reflected in the Operational Plan 2023/24 and Resourcing Strategy 2023 including:
  - (i) Operating income of \$674.2M, operating expenditure before depreciation of \$559.2M for an Operating Result of \$115.0M, and a Net Surplus of \$96.0M after allowing for interest income, depreciation and capital contributions;
  - (ii) Capital Works expenditure of \$203.4M; including a capital contingency of \$8.0M;
  - (iii) Plant and Assets net expenditure of \$14.0M;
  - (iv) Capital Works (Technology and Digital Services) of \$19.7M; and
  - (v) Net Property Acquisitions of \$189.5M;
- (G) Council adopt the Rates Structure, Domestic Waste Management Charges, Stormwater Charges and User Fees and Charges discussed within the subject report and included within the Operational Plan 2023/24; and
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor editorial and document design corrections prior to publication.

The amendment was lost on the following show of hands –

Ayes (3) Councillors Ellsmore, Scott and Weldon

Noes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok and Worling.

Amendment lost.

The substantive motion was carried unanimously.

X084366

### **Speakers**

Barry Melville (Radio 2RPH) addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.3.

### **Item 6.4**

#### **Investments Held as at 31 May 2023**

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 May 2023 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X020701

### **Item 6.5**

#### **Contract Variations - Pymont Community Centre Upgrade**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve additional contract contingency for the construction contract with Belmadar Pty Ltd for construction of the Pymont Community Centre Upgrade works, as outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) approve additional contract contingency for the head design consultant contract with Welsh and Major Architects Pty Ltd for additional design and construction stage services for the Pymont Community Centre Upgrade works, as described in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (C) approve the additional funds sought for the Pymont Community Centre Upgrade works as detailed in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

X038743

## **Item 6.6**

### **Contract Variation - Major Services Agreement (IT) for Public Access IT and Facilities and Services**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a contract variation to extend the original contract for Public Access IT Services for a period of six months;
- (B) Council approve the additional funds sought as outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the variation to the contract to give effect to the resolutions above.

Carried unanimously.

X006467.004

## **Item 6.7**

### **Exemption from Tender and Contract Variation - Redfern Community Centre Music Studio**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the contract to Last Minute Productions Pty Limited to operate the Redfern Community Centre Music Studio;
- (B) Council note the reasons a satisfactory outcome would not be achieved by inviting tenders is due to the following extenuating circumstances:
  - (i) sufficient time is required to undertake the procurement process and to allow for a transition period associated with any future supplier without a risk of a gap in service to the community, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander communities;
- (C) Council approve the variation to extend the original contract with Last Minute Productions Pty Limited to operate the Redfern Community Centre Music Studio for a period of up to 12 months, and to increase the total contract value, as detailed at Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) Council note that the revised total contract value for this contract is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report and there are sufficient funds allocated in the draft 2023/24 operating budget for the contract extension and increase to overall contract value; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the variation to the contract to give effect to the resolutions above.

Carried unanimously.

X031225.001

**Item 6.8****Tender - Reject and Negotiate - T-2021-632 - Digital Asset Management System**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council decline to accept the tender offers received for the Digital Asset Management System project for the reasons set out in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council does not invite fresh tenders, as it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitably qualified vendor(s) over and above those that have responded to this tender;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract on terms that are appropriate in relation to the subject matter of the tender;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (E) Council be informed of the successful vendor via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

X096102.003

**Item 6.9****Exemption from Tender, Contract Variations and Revised Project Scope - Woolloomooloo Playground**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the revised scope of work for improvements to Woolloomooloo Playground as described in the subject report and shown in the revised concept design at Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of design, documentation and construction;
- (B) Council note the forecast costs and financial implications as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the additional project budget for the Woolloomooloo Playground project as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report;
- (D) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the existing head design consultancy contract with Spackman Mossop Michaels Pty Limited and head construction contract with Quality Management & Constructions Pty Limited to expand the scope of each contract to include the revised scope of work endorsed by this report;
- (E) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders because:
  - (i) a competitive process has already been undertaken in relation to the provision of these head design consultancy and head construction services; and
  - (ii) there will be time and value for money implications if a separate tender process was undertaken for the provision of the additional scope of works;

- (F) Council approve:
- (i) a contract variation with Spackman Mossop Michaels Pty Limited for the provision of the additional head design consultancy services for the price outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report; and
  - (ii) a contract variation with Quality Management & Constructions Pty Limited for the provision of the additional head construction services for the price outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officers to finalise, execute and administer the contract variations with Spackman Mossop Michaels Pty Limited and Quality Management & Constructions Pty Limited to give effect to the resolutions above;
- (H) Council note the revised total contract sums for the contracts with Spackman Mossop Michaels Pty Limited and Quality Management & Constructions Pty Limited as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report; and
- (I) Council endorse the Pring Street / Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo school drop off area as described in the subject report and shown in the revised concept design at Attachment B to the subject report for preparation of concept design options for consultation and a further report to Council.

Carried unanimously.

X025427.001

## **Item 6.10**

### **Exemption from Tender and Contract Variation - T-2020-443 - Head Design Consultant - City Recital Hall Upgrade Works**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for City Recital Hall Upgrade works for the Head Design Consultancy;
- (B) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for this work because:
  - (i) the consultant is already engaged, and work is well underway; and
  - (ii) the time and cost implications to tender and potentially contract with another head design consultant will not provide value for money for the Council;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to vary the contract with the Head Design Consultant relating to City Recital Hall Upgrade works to give effect to this approval; and
- (D) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

X030208.001

**Item 6.11****Exemption from Tender - IT Licence, Subscription, Maintenance and Support Contracts**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender for the provision of the maintenance, support, subscription and licencing of the software applications, platforms and hardware appliances upon the expiry of the current agreements, for the respective extension period along with the optional extension, if appropriate, as listed in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report, noting that because of extenuating circumstances, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders;
- (B) Council note the reasons why a satisfactory outcome would not be achieved by inviting tenders differ for each application, platform or appliance and include:
  - (i) a lack of availability of alternative suppliers;
  - (ii) high costs and/or extensive business disruption associated with a transition to a new provider; and
  - (iii) cost to take the arrangement to market would be disproportionate to the potential value of change;
- (C) Council note that the detailed reasons as to why a satisfactory result will not be achieved by inviting tenders are outlined further in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) Council enter into the subscription, licencing, maintenance and support agreements with the suppliers upon the expiry of the current agreements for the respective extension period along with the optional extension, if appropriate, as listed in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer (including exercising options, if appropriate) the subscription, licencing, maintenance and support agreements with the relevant suppliers as listed in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

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## **Item 6.12**

### **Tender - T-2022-715 - Sydney Christmas Infrastructure Services 2023-2027**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender of Tenderer A for Sydney Christmas Infrastructure Services 2023-2027 for the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachments A and B to the subject report for a period of five years;
- (B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for Sydney Christmas Infrastructure Services 2023-2027 is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

Carried unanimously.

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## **Item 6.13**

### **Tender - T-2023-992 - Microsoft Enterprise Agreement**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer A for T-2023-992 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement in accordance with the approved annual budget for a period of three years;
- (B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for T-2023-992 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

Carried unanimously.

X096889



**Item 7 Report of the Business and Economic Development Committee****PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore AO

(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillors HY William Chan, (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Lyndon Gannon, Shauna Jarrett, Linda Scott, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3.00pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

The meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee concluded at 3.11pm.

**Report of the Business and Economic Development Committee**

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

That the report of the Business and Economic Development Committee of its meeting of Monday 19 June 2023 be received, with Items 7.1 and 7.2 being noted, and Item 7.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 7.1****Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Chan –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee of Monday 14 November 2022, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## Item 7.2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that a grant to Fitness Australia Limited is recommended for funding under the Innovation and Ideas Grant Program. The grant application was made by Mariana Ivantsoff, a former employee at the Office of the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she did not have any contact or discussion about the application with Mariana or anyone from Fitness Australia Limited.

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that he has been involved in the Social Enterprise Council of NSW and ACT (SECNA) Ltd in its activities in 2021, and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the organisations was in previous years.

Councillor Shauna Jarrett disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that she is a member of CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited. The CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited's Expo'24, Supporting Women Run Business, Better Business Program has been recommended for a grant of \$34,250 under the City of Sydney's Business Sector Support Grant Program.

Councillor Jarrett considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she did not have any other relationship with the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited other than being a member.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that Fitness Australia Limited was recommended for a grant.

Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was not aware of their application for the grant and the recommendations until the committee paper became available, and had not discussed these grants with the recipient. Councillor Kok did not have any contact with the applicant nor had they contacted him about their grant application.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that she has worked with Supply Nation – not necessarily receiving an income – but certainly has a relationship with them. She noted that they are not listed as Supply Nation in the Committee papers.

Councillor Weldon considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not had any contact or discussion with Supply Nation about their grant application.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that The Australian Retailers Association is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his business AWPR and the fashion clients he represents, he has communicated regularly with The Australian Retailers Association.

Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstance because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and have not spoken with The Australian Retailers Association about the grants process.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee.

The Business and Economic Development Committee recommended the following:

### **Item 7.3**

#### **Grants and Sponsorship - Business Sector Support and Innovation and Ideas**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

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

That the motion be amended such that clause (C) read as follows –

- (C) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report, subject to the removal of the recommended grant to the Sydney Western Harbour Business Improvement District Ltd.

The amendment was lost on the following show of hands –

Ayes (1) Councillor Ellsmore

Noes (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Amendment lost.

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

Ayes (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Ellsmore.

Substantive motion carried.

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**Item 8 Report of the Housing For All Committee****PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore AO  
(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore  
(Deputy Chair)

Councillors HY William Chan, (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Lyndon Gannon, Shauna Jarrett, Robert Kok, Linda Scott, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3.12pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

The meeting of the Housing For All Committee concluded at 3.29pm.

**Report of the Housing For All Committee**

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the report of the Housing For All Committee of its meeting of Monday 19 June 2023 be received, with Items 8.1 and 8.2 being noted, and Item 8.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 8.1****Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing For All Committee of Monday 20 June 2022, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## Item 8.2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Housing For All Committee.

## Item 8.3

### Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Affordable Housing Program Update - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012, Sydney Local Environmental Plan (Green Square Town Centre) 2013, Sydney Local Environmental Plan (Green Square Town Centre - Stage 2) 2013, Draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program 2022 and Draft Affordable Housing Contributions Interim Distribution Plan

Note – the recommendation of the Housing For All Committee was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the Information Relevant To Memorandum dated 22 June 2023 from the Director City Planning, Development and Transport, circulated prior to the meeting).

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Scott -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the matters raised in response to the public exhibition of Planning Proposal: City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Update and draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Amendment 2022 and draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Interim Distribution Plan, as described at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal: City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Update, shown at Attachment B to the subject report, as amended, to be made as a local environmental plan under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, subject to the making of minor amendments to align the planning proposal with the resolution at (C);
- (C) Council approve the draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Amendment 2022, shown at Attachment C to the subject report, as amended, noting that it will come into effect on the date of publication of the subject local environmental plan, in accordance with Clause 20 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, subject to the following amendment as underlined:
  - (i) ***amendment of Section 2.1.6 – Satisfying a contributions requirement by dedicating dwellings, to read at the second dot-point “affordable rental dwellings are owned by government or a nominated and Recommended and Eligible CHP or as otherwise provided for in any distribution plan adopted by Council”;***
  - (ii) ***amendment of Section 2.1.6 – Satisfying a contributions requirement by dedicating dwellings, to read at the last paragraph “Appendix C details the process for dedicating dwellings for affordable housing unless otherwise provided for in any distribution plan adopted by Council”;***

- (iii) ***amendment of Section 2.9.1 – How in-kind contributions are to be used, to read “In-kind contributions of affordable housing dwellings are to be given/dedicated, free of cost, to a Recommended CHP, or as otherwise provided for in any distribution plan adopted by Council as identified in a Distribution Plan. Where dedication is in accordance with this Program, ~~in~~ in the circumstances that no Recommended CHP is willing to accept the inkind contribution, then it may instead be given/dedicated by the developer to another Eligible CHP according to the terms of any planning agreement. In-kind contributions are to remain affordable housing in perpetuity and to be owned and managed by the receiving CHP in accordance with this Program.”***
- (D) Council approve the draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Interim Distribution Plan, shown at Attachment D to the subject report, as amended, noting it will not commence until 1 July 2024;
- (E) Council note that following further research and stakeholder consultation it is intended that a final distribution plan will be reported to Council prior to 1 July 2024; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments to Planning Proposal: City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Update, the draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Amendment 2022 and the draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Interim Distribution Plan, to correct any drafting errors or inconsistencies, prior to finalisation.

Carried unanimously.

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## **Item 9 Report of the Cultural and Creative Committee**

### **PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore AO

(Chair)

Councillor Lyndon Gannon

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillors HY William Chan, (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Shauna Jarrett, Robert Kok, Linda Scott, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3.49pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Councillor Davis left the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee at 3.53pm, prior to discussion on Item 9.3, and returned at 4.13pm, after the vote on Item 9.3. Councillor Davis was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 9.3.

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee at 3.53pm, prior to discussion on Item 9.3, and returned at 4.13pm, after the vote on Item 9.3. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 9.3.

The meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee concluded at 4.15pm.

### **Report of the Cultural and Creative Committee**

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

That the report of the Cultural and Creative Committee of its meeting of Monday 19 June 2023 be received, with Items 9.1 and 9.2 being noted, and Items 9.3 and 9.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 9.1**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee of Monday 14 November 2022, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.



## Item 9.2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that he has been involved in the following organisations: University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022; NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet as an Australia Day Ambassador since 2021; Destination NSW's Vivid Sydney as a speaker for Vivid Ideas in 2023; NSW Architects Registration Board as a registered architect since 2020; and TEDxSydney Limited as a speaker in 2019.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the NSW Department Premier and Cabinet, Vivid Sydney and TEDxSydney are and were on a voluntary basis. Councillor Chan's registration with NSW Architects Registration Board is a professional membership and he is not currently a contractor with UTS.

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she has known and worked with people from the following organisations:
  - 107 Projects Incorporated, having used the venue previously for Silver Siren's event;
  - Antenna Documentary Institute Limited, having worked with staff in the past in the film and television industry;
  - Redfern Women: Our Stories of the Black Movement (Elizabeth Margaret Muldoon), personally knows four of the co-authors such as Bronwyn Penrith (Mudgin-Gal), Dulcie Fowler, Linda Coe and Ann Weldon through community, cultural and social activities;
  - K'AINGA the Commonwealth, is an acquaintance of Michael Dagostino, Director Museums and Cultural Engagement, Chau Chak Wing Museum, who wrote the support letter for the grant;
  - Glebe Public School, having volunteered at the school over the past years; and
  - Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation Yabun Festival, as a member and chaired one of their general meetings.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because her past grass-roots community work and withing the organisation of the Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ), which she chairs.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that as Chairwoman for ASSIPJ, she received a scholarship in 2020 to continue to engage in volunteer, cultural and community events with Tranby Aboriginal Co-Operative Limited and The United Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) as the auspice for The Wayside Chapel Foundation. She is currently a long-term resident living in Uniting Church housing care on Bowman Street, Pyrmont. She also completed her master's degree and thesis at University of Technology Sydney under the scholarship program in 2020.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, where Malaysia Fest, and K.W Cheng & H Wong Wing Kee were recommended for a grant.

Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was not aware of their application for the grant and the recommendations until the committee paper became available and he has not discussed these grants with the recipients. He has not had any contact with the applicants, nor have they contacted him about their grant application.

Councillor Linda Scott made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she is a member of Mardi Gras. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she does not hold any executive or government positions.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that she is acquainted with the CEO of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation who will be the charity partner for Sydney Christmas 2023. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not had any conversations or engagements on this matter.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in relation to the Tier 2: Major Festivals and Events grants. She was most recently Deputy Chair of the NSW Australia Day Council, reporting to the Department of Premier and Cabinet specifically.

Councillor Weldon stated that she would leave the meeting and would not be voting on this item.

Councillor Adam Worling made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that IMG is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his business AWPR and the fashion clients he represents, he has communicated with IMG with regards to their Annual Australian Fashion Week. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with IMG about the grants process.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Settlement Services International is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his ongoing work with the not-for-profit Thread Together, he has communicated regularly with Settlement Services International. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with Settlement Services International about the grants process.

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

The Cultural and Creative Committee recommended the following:

### **Item 9.3**

#### **Grants and Sponsorship – Cultural Grants**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Creative Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Creative Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

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## **Item 9.4**

### **Major Events and Festivals Charity Partners - 2023/2024**

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Kok -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the appointment of Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Limited (ABN: ABN 72 003 073 185) as the charity partner for Sydney Christmas 2023, with the option to extend to 2024;
- (H) Council approve the appointment of National Breast Cancer Foundation, (ABN: 37 144 841 707) as the charity partner for Sydney New Year's Eve 2023, with the option to extend to 2024;
- (I) Council approve the appointment of Settlement Services International Limited (SSI) (ABN: 38 031 375 761) as the charity partner for Sydney Lunar Festival 2024, with the option to extend to 2025; and
- (J) authority to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements with Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Limited, National Breast Cancer Foundation and Settlement Services International Limited to establish their charity partner status for the respective events.

Carried unanimously.

X088695.003

**Item 10 Report of the Resilient Communities Committee****PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore AO

(Chair)

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillors HY William Chan, Lyndon Gannon, Shauna Jarrett, Robert Kok, Linda Scott, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 4.16pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Councillor Davis left the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee at 4.19pm, prior to discussion on Item 10.4, and returned at 4.22pm, after the vote on Item 10.5. Councillor Davis was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion and voting on Items 10.4 and 10.5.

The meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee concluded at 4.22pm.

**Report of the Resilient Communities Committee**

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the report of the Resilient Communities Committee of its meeting of Monday 19 June 2023 be received, with Items 10.1 and 10.2 being noted and the recommendations set out below for Items 10.3 to 10.5 inclusive being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 10.1****Confirmation of Minutes**

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee of Monday 8 May 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## Item 10.2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that she has known the following organisations and staff through her capacity as Chairwoman for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ), engaging in grass-roots, cultural and community engagements and various events:
  - Acon Health Limited;
  - Addison Road Centre for Art's Culture, Community and Environment Ltd;
  - Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited; and
  - Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she was not involved in the grant application process or approval process.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that she knows Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd through her community and advocacy work within her role as Chairperson for ASSIPJ, such as Sugar Festival and ASSIPJ Recognition Day event.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 10.5 on the agenda, in that she knows Scarred Trees Ministries (Larissa Minniecon) through her community and advocacy work within her role as Chairperson for ASSIPJ.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that ReLove is recommended for a community services grant. In the past, due to his ongoing work with the not-for-profit Thread Together, he has communicated with ReLove.

Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with ReLove about the grants process.

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

The Resilient Communities Committee recommended the following:

### **Item 10.3**

#### **Public Exhibition - City of Sydney Resilience Strategy**

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Kok -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Resilience Strategy 2023-2028 (the Strategy), as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note that the Resilience Strategy including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Resilience Strategy.

Carried unanimously.

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### **Item 10.4**

#### **Grants and Sponsorship - Community Grants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value in kind recommendations for the Community Services Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash or value in kind grant for the Community Services Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash recommendation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

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**Item 10.5**

**Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program – Annual Performance Review and Lease Renewals 2023 and Grant of Licence to Scarred Trees Ministries**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the continuation of the current Accommodation Grant leases and licences for the 68 lease holders that have satisfactorily completed their annual performance review for the 2022 calendar year and are continuing in the Program;
- (B) Council note that Darlinghurst Theatre Company at Creative Spaces – Suites 3.02 and 3.03, Level 3,101-115 William St, Darlinghurst, Digital Storytellers Limited at Creative Spaces – Suite 3.01, Level 3,101-115 William St, Darlinghurst, and We Are Warriors at Suite 2, Ultimo Community Centre, 525 Harris Street, Ultimo were not required to complete an annual performance review and are continuing in the Program;
- (C) Council approve the new lease for the Junction Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated for suites 1,2 and 3 at St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026 on the following rental subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy (Rounded)</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	\$40,685	65%	\$26,304	\$14,381
Year 2 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$41,906	65%	\$27,094	\$14,812
Year 3 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026	\$43,163	65%	\$27,906	\$15,256



- (D) Council approve the new lease for the Goodstart Early Learning Limited for 277-279 Bourke Street Darlinghurst from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028 on the following rental subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	\$298,673	0%	\$0.00	\$298,673
Year 2 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$307,633.19	0%	\$0.00	\$307,633.19
Year 3 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026	316,862.19	0%	\$0.00	316,862.19
Year 4 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027	\$326,368.05	0%	\$0.00	\$326,368.05
Year 5 1 July 2027 – 30 June 2028	\$336,159.09	0%	\$0.00	\$336,159.09

- (E) Council approve the new lease for the Goodstart Early Learning Limited for 7 Chapman Road Annandale from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028 on the following rental subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	\$336,724	0%	\$0.00	\$336,724
Year 2 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$346,825.72	0%	\$0.00	\$346,825.72
Year 3 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026	\$357,230.49	0%	\$0.00	\$357,230.49
Year 4 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027	\$367,947.41	0%	\$0.00	\$367,947.41
Year 5 1 July 2027 – 30 June 2028	378,985.83	0%	\$0.00	378,985.83

- (F) Council approve the new lease for the Goodstart Early Learning Limited for 4 Huntley Street Alexandria from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028 on the following rental subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	\$332,304	0%	\$0.00	\$332,304
Year 2 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$342,273.12	0%	\$0.00	\$342,273.12
Year 3 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026	\$352,541.31	0%	\$0.00	\$352,541.31
Year 4 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027	\$363,117.55	0%	\$0.00	\$363,117.55
Year 5 1 July 2027 – 30 June 2028	\$374,011.08	0%	\$0.00	\$374,011.08

- (G) Council approve the new lease and increased rental subsidy for Milk Crate Theatre for Office 3 Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028 on the following rental subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	\$24,950	79%	\$19,711	\$5,240
Year 2 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$25,699	79%	\$20,302	\$5,397
Year 3 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026	\$26,469	79%	\$20,911	\$5,559
Year 4 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027	\$27,264	79%	\$21,538	\$5,725
Year 5 1 July 2027 – 30 June 2028	\$28,081	79%	\$22,184	\$5,897

- (H) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Tree Ministries to licence Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John’s Road, Glebe NSW 2037 from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates outgoings and utilities:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value (approximate)</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy (Rounded)</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024	\$56,232	100%	\$56,232	\$0

- (I) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the lease agreements with the Junction Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated for suites 1,2 and 3 at St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe, Goodstart Early Learning Limited at 277-279 Bourke Street Darlinghurst, 7 Chapman Road Annandale and 4 Huntley Street Alexandria and Milk Crate Theatre at Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria and the licence agreement to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries for Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe NSW 2037 on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipients will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

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**Item 11 Report of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee**

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore AO

(Chair)

Councillor HY William Chan

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillors (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Lyndon Gannon, Shauna Jarrett, Robert Kok, Linda Scott, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 4.23pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

**Adjournment**

At 5.43pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Gannon –

That the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee be adjourned for ten minutes.

Carried unanimously.

At the resumption of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee at 5.56pm, those present were –

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Councillor Jarrett left the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee at 5.43pm, after the vote on Item 11.5, and did not return following the adjournment.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee concluded at 7.52pm.

**Point of Order**

During discussion of Item 11.5, at 5.31pm, Councillor Davis raised a point of order, stating that Councillor Weldon had made an unfavourable personal remark.

The Deputy Chair (Councillor Chan) upheld the point of order.

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

Moved by Councillor Chan, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the report of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee of its meeting of 19 June 2023 be received, with Items 11.1 and 11.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 11.3 to 11.5, 11.7, 11.8, 11.10 and 11.11 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Items 11.6 and 11.9 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 11.1**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Chan, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee of 8 May 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 11.2**

#### **Statement of Ethical Obligations and 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.

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

### **Item 11.3**

#### **Grants and Sponsorship - Environmental Grants**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Green Building Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Green Building Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

## **Item 11.4**

### **Post Exhibition – Urban Forest Strategy, Street Tree Master Plan and Tree Management and Donation Policy**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community on the exhibited draft Urban Forest Strategy, draft Street Tree Master Plan, and the draft Tree Management and Donation Policy, as shown at Attachment F to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Urban Forest Strategy, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council adopt the Street Tree Master Plan, with the recommended amendments as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (D) Council rescind the existing Tree Donation Policy and Tree Management Policy, as shown at Attachments D and E to the subject report;
- (E) Council adopt the Tree Management and Donation Policy, as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Urban Forest Strategy, Street Tree Master Plan, and the Tree Management and Donation Policy in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Urban Forest Strategy, Street Tree Master Plan, and the Tree Management and Donation Policy in order to update technical details and approve tree species updates following localised community consultation; and
- (H) Councillors be informed of any amendments made under (G) above.

Carried unanimously.

X087075, X085710, X085711

#### **Speaker**

Anthony Estorffe addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee on Item 11.4.



## Item 11.5

### Post Exhibition - Electrification of Transport in the City - Strategy and Action Plan

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions and feedback received through the public exhibition period as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan, incorporating amendments, as shown at Attachments A and B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the proposed expenditure in the 2023/24 budget on leadership actions consistent with the Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

Carried unanimously.

X093358

### Speakers

Francis O'Neill (Bicycle NSW), Elizabeth Elenius (Pymont Resident Action Group) and Svetlana Rodgers addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee on Item 11.5.

## Item 11.6

### Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment

Note – the recommendation of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the Information Relevant To Memorandum dated 22 June 2023 from the Director City Planning, Development and Transport, circulated prior to the meeting).

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the matters raised in response to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland, Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland and Draft Planning Agreement: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the Chief Executive Officer will, in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, prepare and exhibit an amended draft planning agreement, to that shown at Attachment D to the subject report, to be prepared in accordance with the public benefit offer dated 16 June 2023, shown at Attachment A to the subject Information Relevant To Memorandum;

- (C) subject to the execution of a planning agreement, generally in accordance with the public benefit offer dated 16 June 2023, at Attachment A to the subject Information Relevant To Memorandum, Council approve the Planning Proposal: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland shown at Attachment B to the subject report, as amended following public exhibition, to be made as a local environmental plan under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (D) Council approve Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland shown at Attachment C to the subject report, as amended following public exhibition, noting the development control plan will come into effect on the date of publication of the subject local environmental plan, in accordance with Clause 20 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor variations to the Planning Proposal: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland and Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012: 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland to correct any minor errors prior to finalisation; and
- (F) Council note that the planning agreement will be signed by the Chief Executive Officer under existing delegation.

Carried on the following show of hands:

Ayes (9)            The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott and Worling

Noes (1)            Councillor Weldon.

Motion carried.

### **Speakers**

James Luo (Kimberley Estate Strata Committee), Jane Grusovin, and Matthew Lennartz (Meriton) addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee on Item 11.6.

### **Adjournment**

At this stage of the meeting, at 6.42pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 7.02pm.

**Item 11.7****Project Scope - Phillip Street to College Street Cycleway**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the concept design for the Phillip Street to College Street Cycleway as shown in Attachment B to the subject report for detailed documentation and construction tender; and
- (B) note the estimated project costs as detailed in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

X091807.006

**Item 11.8****Traffic Treatment - Proposed Closure of Liverpool Street to Traffic at Oxford Street, Darlinghurst**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the use of traffic treatments to close Liverpool Street to vehicular traffic at Oxford Street; and
- (B) endorse the conversion of Liverpool Street to a two-way street between Oxford Street and Yurong Street.

Carried unanimously.

X039659.002

## **Item 11.9**

### **Public Exhibition – Update to Access Strategy and Action Plan - Continuing the Vision**

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Access Strategy and Action Plan, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note that the Access Strategy and Action Plan, including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Access Strategy and Action Plan.

Carried unanimously.

X095505

#### **Speaker**

Davis Haertsch (Walk Sydney) addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage, Environment and Planning Committee on Item 11.9.

## **Item 11.10**

### **Fire Safety Reports**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Report Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B to C of the subject report;
- (C) note the contents of Attachment B and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 39-43 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point at this time; and
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 18-32 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

Carried unanimously.

S105001.002

**Item 11.11****Approved Variations to Development Standards Reported to the Department of Planning and Environment**

It is resolved that the subject report be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

S040864

**Item 12      Local Planning Panel - Appointment of Members**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**Item 13      Questions on Notice****1. City of Sydney's Operational Plan 2023/24 – Community Centres**

By Councillor Jarrett

**Question**

1. What are the total expenses being spent on community centres in the 2023/24 Operational Plan?
2. What is the breakdown of the City's total expenditure on each individual community centre in the 2023/24 Operational Plan?
3. How many City of Sydney staff are employed to work in community centres in the 2023/24 Operational Plan?
4. How many City of Sydney staff were employed to work in community centres in:
  - (a) 2022
  - (b) 2021
  - (c) 2020
  - (d) 2019
  - (e) 2018
5. What are the future staffing levels in each community centre for:
  - (a) 2023/24
  - (b) 2024/25
  - (c) 2025/26

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**Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

1. \$11.8M of direct operational costs. In addition, there will be some works carried out for painting and repairs where required. This does not include capital upgrade costs.

2.

<b>Community Centre</b>	<b>Total Direct Expenses \$M</b>
Surry Hills Community Facility Centre	0.2
St Helens Community Centre	0.2
Reginald Murphy Centre	0.3
Ron Williams Centre	0.2
Cliff Noble Centre	0.3
Community Venue Admin across all venues	0.5
King George V & Gym	2.1
Ultimo Community Centre	1.1
Pymont Community Centre	0.8
Juanita Neilsen Centre	0.8
Redfern Community Centre	1.1
119 Redfern Street Centre	0.3
Sports Programs	0.4
Area East Youth & Community Services	0.9
Pine St Creative Arts Centre	0.9
City Spaces Admin across all centres	1.5

3. 68.97 FTE.

4.

(a) 56.54.

(b) 52.87.

(c) 57.38.

(d) 55.18.

(e) 53.87.

5.

(a) 68.97.

(b) 68.97.

(c) 68.97.



## 2. Legal Advice

By Councillor Jarrett

The Lord Mayor indicated at the 15 May 2023 Council meeting that the City of Sydney had received legal advice pertaining to the legality of the Council's endorsement of providing Council facilities in support of the 'yes' campaign for the Voice Referendum to Parliament.

### Question

1. Who does the City engage to provide external legal advice?
2. How much does the City spend on engaging external legal advice annually?
3. What criteria needs to be met for the City to decide to engage external legal advice on a matter?
4. Who provided the legal advice to the City that the Lord Mayor mentioned regarding the Voice Referendum to Parliament at the 15 May 2023 Council meeting?
5. Why weren't Councillors provided the legal advice regarding the Voice Referendum to Parliament prior to the Council meeting at the 15 May 2023?
6. Can Councillors be provided with the legal advice the City obtained in relation to the legality of the Council's endorsement of providing Council facilities in support of the 'yes' campaign for the Voice Referendum to Parliament?

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### Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Legal advice and representation in proceedings is provided by a mixture of internal solicitors, external solicitors engaged from a panel appointed by Council through a tender process and other external advisors (for example, barristers and expert witnesses) engaged on an as needs basis.
2. Expenditure varies from year to year depending on the nature of legal proceedings, transactions and other matters requiring advice during a given year. External legal fees incurred in 2021/22 totalled \$2,248,297. For 2022/23 \$1,819,762 has been incurred (as at 31 May 2023).
3. Staff acting under delegation determine the best approach to provision of legal advice in the circumstances of each request. Factors that are relevant in determining whether to obtain external legal advice or representation in proceedings include availability of internal solicitors, whether a specialised area of law is involved and the urgency of the requirement for advice.
4. In accordance with usual processes for reports to Council, internal solicitors reviewed and provided input on the draft memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer prior to presentation to Council.
5. No separate written legal advice was prepared in relation to this memorandum. Legal staff commented on the content of the memorandum.

Legal staff are working closely with relevant staff across the organisation to awareness of legal requirements, particularly given the recent amendments to the Commonwealth legislation as noted in the memorandum.

Local Government NSW has published advice to all Councils to assist with compliance with legislative requirements during the referendum period at <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/Public/News/News23/05/0522-Referendum-Communications-and-Authorisations.aspx>, which is consistent with the City's position and approach. Staff are also continuing to monitor and follow advice provided by the Australian Electoral Commission.

6. See above.

### **3. City of Sydney's Operational Plan 2023/24 - Staff**

#### **City of Sydney's Operational Plan 2023/2024 - Staff**

By Councillor Jarrett

#### **Question**

1. How many full time or full-time equivalent staff are employed by the City?
2. How many full time or full-time equivalent staff are employed in the:
  - (a) Office of the CEO;
  - (b) Chief Finance Office;
  - (c) Chief Operating Office
  - (d) City Services;
  - (e) City Life;
  - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport;
  - (g) Legal and Governance;
  - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement; and
  - (i) People, Performance and Technology?
3. How many part time staff are employed in the:
  - (a) Office of the CEO;
  - (b) Chief Finance Office;
  - (c) Chief Operating Office
  - (d) City Services;
  - (e) City Life;
  - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport;
  - (g) Legal and Governance;
  - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement; and

- (i) People, Performance and Technology?
4. How many employees are remunerated or have a contract which is valued between \$120,000-\$200,000 per financial year in the:
- (a) Office of the CEO;
  - (b) Chief Finance Office;
  - (c) Chief Operating Office;
  - (d) City Services;
  - (e) City Life;
  - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport;
  - (g) Legal and Governance;
  - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement; and
  - (i) People, Performance and Technology?
5. How many employees are remunerated or have a contract valued over \$200,000 per financial year in the:
- (a) Office of the CEO;
  - (b) Chief Finance Office;
  - (c) Chief Operating Office;
  - (d) City Services;
  - (e) City Life;
  - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport;
  - (g) Legal and Governance;
  - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement; and
  - (i) People, Performance and Technology?
6. What is the average number of hours worked by:
- (a) Full time or full-time equivalent employees; and
  - (b) Part time employees?
7. What is the average number of hours working in the office by:
- (a) Full time or full-time equivalent employees; and
  - (b) Part time employees?
8. How many hours were spent on attending conferences in the 2022/23 reporting period by:
- (a) Full time or full-time equivalent employees; and

- (b) Part time employees?
- 9. What was the 2022/2023 cost of internal and external training?
- 10. What is the projected 23/24 cost of internal and external training in the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024?
- 11. How many consultants did the City employ over the course of 2023/24 and what was the cost to the City of Sydney?
- 12. How many contract staff did the City employ in 2023/24?
- 13. How many staff did it take to administer the 2023/24 Operational Plan?
- 14. How many staff were involved in constructing and administering the Fees and Charges outline within the 2023/24 Operational Plan?

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**Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

- 1. As at 31 March 2023, the City employed 1,796 employees representing a total of 1,708.9 full time equivalents. Of the 1,796 employees 1,552 were full time (86.4 per cent).
- 2. Of the 1,796 employees, the breakdown per Division was as follows:
  - (a) Office of the CEO
    - (i) CEO Support: 4 employees (4.0 full time equivalents)
    - (ii) Council, Councillor and Lord Mayor support: 47 employees (42.8 full time equivalents)
  - (b) Chief Finance Office  
55 employees (53.9 full time equivalents)
  - (c) Chief Operating Office  
121 employees (118.4 full time equivalents)
  - (d) City Services  
667 employees (657.2 full time equivalents)
  - (e) City Life  
340 employees (296.3 full time equivalents)
  - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport  
233 employees (225.1 full time equivalents)
  - (g) Legal and Governance  
40 employees (37.7 full time equivalents)
  - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement  
92 employees (86.4 full time equivalents)

- (i) People, Performance and Technology  
197 employees (187 full time equivalents).
3. Of the 1,796 employees, 244 were part time (13.6 per cent).
  4. As at 31 March 2023, 387 employees were remunerated in the City's salary bands of Band 7, 8 and 9 (remuneration between \$132,000 per annum to \$198,000 per annum). Distribution per Division was as follows:
    - (a) Office of the CEO: 11 employees
      - (i) CEO Support: 0
      - (ii) Council, Councillor and Lord Mayor support: 10
    - (b) Chief Finance Office: 18 employees
    - (c) Chief Operating Office: 77 employees
    - (d) City Services: 46 employees
    - (e) City Life: 39 employees
    - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport: 77 employees
    - (g) Legal and Governance: 18 employees
    - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement: 43 employees
    - (i) People, Performance and Technology: 58 employees.
  5. As at 31 March 2023, 39 employees were remunerated in the City's salary bands of Band 10 (remuneration starting at \$201,000 per annum) or above (Senior Executive Staff).
    - (a) Office of the CEO: 2 employees
    - (b) Chief Finance Office: 3 employees
    - (c) Chief Operating Office: 9 employees
    - (d) City Services: 4 employees
    - (e) City Life: 3 employees
    - (f) City Planning, Development and Transport: 5 employees
    - (g) Legal and Governance: 4 employees
    - (h) Strategic Development and Engagement: 5 employees
    - (i) People, Performance and Technology: 7 employees.
  6. The City of Sydney Award prescribes the number of hours worked by full-time employees as 36.25 hours per week for Salaried employees, and 38 hours per week for Wages employees.  
Part time employees work individual patterns agreed with each employee.

7. The City has deployed a modern workplace flexibility program that offers flexible working opportunities to employees. For office workers, the predominant arrangement is three days in the office (onsite) and two days remote.
8. From 1 June 2022 until 31 March 2023, 126 employees attended conferences. The City does not measure conference attendance in hours.
9. The City allocated \$1.2 million for Learning and Development (including internal and external training) in the 2022/3 budget.
10. The City has allocated \$1.9 million for Learning and Development (including internal and external training) in the 2023/4 budget.
11. The City has allocated a budget of \$6.2 million for consultancies in the 2023/24 financial year, across the entire organisation, for the provision of expert advice on a range of specific subjects including transport and traffic specialists, site audits, arboriculture advice, heritage studies, property transactions, and research to support our efforts on resilience and our vulnerable communities.

The budget does not equate to a specific number of consultants, the number engaged will vary dependent on the scope and range of expert advice required during the year.

12. As at 31 March 2023, the City engaged 264 agency contractors throughout the organisation.
13. Council develops an annual Operational Plan that includes the program and project actions, budget, rates, fees and charges required under the Local Government Act 1993. The plan is developed with the input of staff from across the organisation, which is then reviewed by senior staff and the Executive to ensure that it aligns with current strategies, proposed resourcing allocations, and accords with the annual operating and capital budgets.

The development of the draft plan commences in February and is completed for the Council to review in May, public exhibition and comment, prior to adoption in late June.

The Operational Plan is administered and coordinated by a small team that is responsible for the overall production of the Integrated Planning and Reporting suite of documents each year, and the reporting of progress back to Council each quarter.

14. The individual fees and charges have been developed over many years, to reflect the services that Council provides its community, and are enhanced whenever new services and initiatives are introduced.

The annual review and/or amendment of the individual fees are prepared by the staff who have operational control of these specific services across the organisation. The draft fees are input and coordinated through the use of an online tool, for review and recommendation by their managers, and ultimately the relevant Executive directors.

The process runs concurrently with the development of the operational budget every year, as it is obviously a key input to the draft income projections, that contribute to the funding of council's operations.

#### 4. Roslyn Street Upgrade

By Councillor Gannon

##### Question

With respect to the Roslyn Street, Potts Point works planned in the City's 2023/24 Capital Works Program:

1. When will work commence?
2. When are works expected to be complete?
3. What upgrades are taking place?
4. Can a map of upgrades be provided?

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##### Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

###### Footpath access improvement works

It is proposed for the west side of Roslyn Street, between Ward Avenue and Roslyn Gardens, to remove redundant bollards and remove the "No Stopping" signs from the footpath and replace them with yellow line markings. The proposal was considered at the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) meeting on 15 June 2023. A copy of the report (including the concept plan) can be accessed via City's website <https://shorturl.at/cntGJ>

If endorsed, the yellow line markings are expected to be installed within four weeks of the meeting.

###### Traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements

It is proposed for the intersection of Roslyn Street and Roslyn Gardens, to:

- Install a raised pedestrian crossing and remove the existing pedestrian refuge in Roslyn Gardens (eastern leg).
- Raise the existing pedestrian crossing in Roslyn Street (southern leg).
- Convert the existing "Give-Way" restriction to a "STOP" restriction for southbound vehicles in Roslyn Street approaching Roslyn Gardens (northern leg).

The City is currently consulting the community on the proposed treatments, and it is scheduled for consideration by the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee at its July 2023 meeting. If endorsed, construction works are expected to commence within 2023/24.

## 5. Soft Plastic Processing

By Councillor Scott

On 3 April 2023, City staff advised that the current doorstep recycling service does not currently pick up soft plastics. This was due to the City being unable to find a suitable soft plastics processor to recycle the collected soft plastics from the collection service. The City advised that they manage the processing arrangements for each stream collected from the collection service, including soft plastics. The City stated that it was “looking into available processors that may be available to recycle soft plastics from residents”.

### Question

1. What have been the efforts of the City of Sydney to engage with Soft Plastic processors?
2. Have potential soft plastic processors been identified? If not, why?
3. What are the city’s plans to process soft plastics in the future?

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### Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. City staff have been developing a Request for Quotation (RFQ) to find a suitable service provider to recycle soft plastics from the City’s residential recycling programs.
2. Yes, as part of the development of the RFQ, possible soft plastics’ processors have been identified and will be invited to respond to the RFQ.
3. It is planned that the RFQ will be ready to go to market in the near future. Once the procurement process is completed and a suitable processor is confirmed, the City expects to be able to restart collecting soft plastics through our residential recycling programs.

## 6. Discussions with the NSW Government about Future Public Housing and Public Land Development in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

### Question

1. In an answer to a Question on Notice tabled at the 13 March 2023 Council meeting, it was advised that the City initiated discussions with the Land and Housing Corporation (or LAHC) concerning eight sites owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation in the Pyrmont Peninsula.

Since answers to those questions were tabled, have City staff had any discussions or correspondence with the Land and Housing Corporation about these sites?

If yes, please provide details.

2. In an answer to a Question on Notice tabled at the 3 April 2023 Council meeting, it was advised that the City had discussions and/or correspondence with NSW Government representatives about two planned development applications regarding State-owned or controlled land in NSW, including any pre-DA requests.



Since answers to those questions were tabled, have City staff had any additional discussions or correspondence with NSW Government representatives about these potential projects?

If yes, please provide details.

3. Since April 2023, have City staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about any other planned or future development applications or development projects, relating to State-owned or controlled land in NSW, including any pre-DA requests?

If yes, please provide details.

4. Since April 2023, have City staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about any other planned or future development applications or development projects, regarding public housing, including any pre-DA requests?

If yes, please provide details.

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

1. No further discussions or correspondence.
2. No further discussions or correspondence.
3. Venues NSW briefed Council on 13 June 2023 about a modification for number of events taking place at the Allianz Stadium. This will be a state significant development determined by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Pre-state significant development discussions continue with Sydney Local Health District and the University of Sydney for the Sydney Biomedical Accelerator, a joint venture project spanning over University of Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital land.

Pre-development application discussions with Property and Development NSW regarding public domain upgrades to Shakespeare Place, north of the Mitchell Library, and surrounding public domain are to commence soon. The land to be developed is part owned by Council, the Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust and the State.

City staff have received a request for comments on the *secretary's environmental assessment requirements* for the refurbishment and upgrade of the Rydges Hotel in The Rocks, owned by Place Management NSW.

Three additional applications for digital billboards on land owned by Sydney Trains have been referred to City staff by the Department of Planning and Environment for comment (two on Cleveland Street and one on the Western Distributor).

4. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment briefed Council on 1 May 2023 about the rezoning of Land and Housing Corporation's site at Explorer Street, Eveleigh. City staff continue to advise the Department through working groups and workshops.

Bridge Housing (Community Housing Provider) have consulted with City staff regarding their plans to develop the Land and Housing Corporation Elizabeth Street site. They will be providing 103 public housing dwellings along with affordable housing and keyworker housing. All applications will be state significant development determined by the Department of Planning and Environment.

## **7. Status of State Government Redevelopment Projects in the City of Sydney - June 2023**

By Councillor Ellsmore

### **Question**

1. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where the NSW Government is the landowner or proponent?

Please provide details.

2. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where Land and Housing Corporation is the proponent?

Please provide details.

3. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where the Transport Asset Holding Entity is the proponent?

Please provide details.

4. What development applications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where other NSW Government entities or agencies are known to be the landowner or proponent?

Please provide details.

5. Of the development applications and other proposals which the City of Sydney is currently assessing, what are the scheduled or estimated decision dates?

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

The City has assessed the planning proposal for the Hunter Street Metro site. The planning proposal has been approved by Council and Central Sydney Planning Committee and is with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation.

The City is currently assessing 24 development applications and 23 modification applications where an NSW Government entity is either the applicant, owner, or part-owner.

There are a further six development related applications under assessment where the owner is a state agency:

- Four applications for pre-DA advice
- One subdivision certificate related to a development application (S/2022/24 related to D/2021/1443)
- One Heritage Exemption Works application (solar panels at a Land and Housing Corporation property Wigram Road Glebe)

Please see further details below.

Application	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Suburb	Lodgement Date
D/2017/503/A	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM	ZETLAND	10/01/2022
D/2017/1156/J	BUILT DEVELOPMENT GROUP PTY LTD	ALPHA DISTRIBUTION MINISTERIAL HOLDING CORPORATION	SYDNEY	15/09/2022
D/2022/469/A	SYDNEY TRAINS	BSREP WYNYARD PLACE RETAIL LANDOWNER PTY LIMITED	SYDNEY	14/06/2023
D/2022/471/A	SYDNEY TRAINS	BSREP WYNYARD PLACE RETAIL LANDOWNER PTY LIMITED	SYDNEY	14/06/2023
D/2022/472/A	SYDNEY TRAINS	BSREP WYNYARD PLACE RETAIL LANDOWNER PTY LIMITED	SYDNEY	14/06/2023
D/2021/776/B	QMS MEDIA PTY LTD	TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY of NEW SOUTH WALES	SYDNEY	15/06/2023
D/2021/795/A	QMS MEDIA PTY LTD	THE STATE of NEW SOUTH WALES	SYDNEY	15/06/2023
D/2022/123/A	QMS MEDIA PTY LTD	THE STATE of NEW SOUTH WALES	HAYMARKET	15/06/2023
D/2022/470/A	SYDNEY TRAINS	BSREP WYNYARD PLACE RETAIL LANDOWNER PTY LIMITED	SYDNEY	14/06/2023
D/2018/517/N	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM	ZETLAND	18/04/2023
D/2022/568/A	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM	ZETLAND	02/05/2023
D/2015/1466/A	GEORGE JOVICIC PTY LTD*	BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY and LENDLEASE MILLERS POINT PTY LTD and INFRASTRUCTURE NSW	BARANGAROO	21/04/2023
D/2020/724/A	Mario Mourad	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	THE ROCKS	26/05/2023
D/2016/1557/A	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM and MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS & SERVICES	ZETLAND	23/03/2023
D/2021/493/C	LAND HOUSING CORPORATION	NEW SOUTH WALES LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION	GLEBE	27/04/2023
D/2021/665/F	MIRVAC COMMERCIAL SUB SPV PTY LIMITED	MIRVAC COMMERCIAL SUB SPV PTY LIMITED and TELSTRA CORPORATION LTD and ALPHA DISTRIBUTION MINISTERI	SYDNEY	07/12/2022
D/2021/1245/C	DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION AND TRAINING	THE COUNCIL of THE CITY of SYDNEY	ZETLAND	16/03/2023
D/2021/909/B	MARKHAM REAL ESTATE PARTNERS (KSW) PTY LTD	TRANSPORT FOR NSW and THE OWNERS - STRATA PLAN NO 68959 and THE COUNCIL of THE CITY	SYDNEY	06/06/2023

Application	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Suburb	Lodgement Date
		of SYDNEY		
D/2018/517/O	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM	ZETLAND	22/05/2023
D/2018/517/P	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM	ZETLAND	06/06/2023
D/2020/1441/A	Maria Filardo	THE STATE of NEW SOUTH WALES	SYDNEY	21/02/2023
D/2021/895/B	Sophie Canaris	NEW SOUTH WALES LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION	WOOLLOOMOOLOO	02/05/2023
D/2017/939/D	Mario Mourad	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	HAYMARKET	17/01/2023
D/2023/473	LENLEASE IMT (LLITST ST) PTY LIMITED	INFRASTRUCTURE NSW	BARANGAROO	06/06/2023
D/2023/203	JONES LANG LASALLE NSW PTY LTD	GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW	SYDNEY	16/03/2023
D/2022/1261	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	THE ROCKS	08/12/2022
D/2023/475	WDS HOTELS PTY LTD	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	THE ROCKS	06/06/2023
D/2023/216	JEN RETAIL PROPERTIES LIMITED	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	HAYMARKET	30/03/2023
D/2023/84	COMPLETE TRADE	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	THE ROCKS	10/02/2023
D/2022/1310	John Stefanatos	MINISTER ADMIN TECH FURTHER EDUCATION COM ACT 1990	ULTIMO	15/12/2022
D/2023/285	BOATING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	SYDNEY	13/04/2023
D/2023/424	AS HOLDINGS PTY LTD	TRANSPORT FOR NSW	SYDNEY	22/05/2023
D/2023/411	Janice Dart	PLANNING MINISTERIAL CORPORATION	DARLINGHURST	30/05/2023
D/2023/21	NEW SOUTH WALES LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION	NEW SOUTH WALES LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION	GLEBE	24/01/2023
D/2023/292	Giovanni Cirillo	THE STATE of NEW SOUTH WALES	SYDNEY	17/04/2023
D/2022/548	MIRVAC GREEN SQUARE PTY LTD	LANDCOM and MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS & SERVICES	ZETLAND	23/06/2022
D/2023/97	THE TRUSTEE FOR LANDREAM PYRMONT UNIT TRUST	THE COUNCIL of THE CITY of SYDNEY and TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY of NEW SOUTH WALES	PYRMONT	16/02/2023
D/2023/190	Mr Tong Xie	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	HAYMARKET	15/03/2023
D/2023/468	ADIDAS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	TRANSPORT FOR NSW	SYDNEY	02/06/2023
D/2023/467	ADIDAS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	TRANSPORT FOR NSW	SYDNEY	02/06/2023

Application	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Suburb	Lodgement Date
D/2023/326	BUILT PTY LIMITED	ALPHA DISTRIBUTION MINISTERIAL HOLDING CORPORATION	SYDNEY	21/04/2023
D/2023/448	AUSTRALIAN POSTAL CORPORATION	TRANSPORT FOR NSW	SYDNEY	26/05/2023
D/2022/945	BUILT DEVELOPMENT GROUP PTY LTD	ALPHA DISTRIBUTION MINISTERIAL HOLDING CORPORATION	SYDNEY	15/09/2022
D/2023/381	THE FOX HOLE BAR PTY LIMITED	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	THE ROCKS	09/05/2023
D/2023/152	FERMIN NAVASCUES PROJECT MANAGEMENT	MINISTER of EDUCATION TRAINING & YOUTH AFFAIRS	MOORE PARK	02/03/2023
D/2019/280	OOH! MEDIA ASSETS PTY LTD	PLACE MANAGEMENT NSW	SYDNEY	22/03/2019
D/2023/364	ON STAGE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY	BARANGAROO	03/05/2023

Determination times for applications vary based on several factors including the complexity of the proposal, the quality of the supporting documents from the applicant, and whether amended plans or additional information is required to be sought from the applicant. Many applications are required to be exhibited for public consideration and comment. City staff may also need to refer to government agencies for advice on an application, and in some cases seek concurrence or agreement on general terms of approval with multiple state agencies such as Roads and Maritime Services, Water NSW or the Heritage Council, before being able to determine an application.

## 8. Register of Public Dwellings Owned by the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

On 15 May 2023, Council resolved a motion to create a public register of city-owned properties including their address, property classification, zoning and part or whole vacancy status.

### Question

1. Has the public register been created? If so, where has it been published?
2. Which of the dwellings on the register are vacant?

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### Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City produces a Land Register every six months which includes information on property address, property classification, zoning, and number of leases. The City is currently developing an updated register to add the vacancy status as resolved by Council. The Land Register can be found at <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council-governance-administration/open-access-information>. It was last modified on 16 February 2023.

**Item 14      Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions**

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

## **Item 15 Notices of Motion**

### **Item 15.1 Taylor Square – Pedestrianisation and Upgrade Feasibility Study**

By Councillor Gannon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Taylor Square is the heart and soul of the Oxford Street precinct;
- (ii) Oxford Street is undergoing a mass revitalisation, with new businesses and developments appearing from Hyde Park to the Victoria Barracks, and a new cycleway and extended footpaths to start construction later this year;
- (iii) soon, the Oxford Street cultural precinct will be home to a new cultural institution, with Australia's first pride museum, Qtopia, establishing its permanent home in the former Darlinghurst Police Station; and
- (iv) that to foster cohesive cultural spaces, people must be prioritised over cars;

(B) Council note:

- (i) there is an opportunity to upgrade Taylor Square alongside the multiple other developments happening in its vicinity;
- (ii) that linking the National Art School, Qtopia, Taylor Square and Oxford Street with a pedestrianised square would create a fantastic public space for residents; and
- (iii) that this section of road has been closed previously for public events, such as the Glitter Festival; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the feasibility of pedestrianising sections of Forbes, Foley and Bourke Streets in the vicinity of the planned Qtopia Museum; and
- (ii) report back to Council with the feasibility study's findings.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Gannon. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Jarrett –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Taylor Square is the heart and soul of the Oxford Street precinct;
- (ii) Oxford Street is undergoing a mass revitalisation, with new businesses and developments appearing from Hyde Park to the Victoria Barracks, and a new cycleway and extended footpaths to start construction later this year;
- (iii) soon, the Oxford Street cultural precinct will be home to a new cultural institution, with Australia's first pride museum, Qtopia, establishing its permanent home in the former Darlinghurst Police Station; and
- (iv) that to foster cohesive cultural spaces, people must be prioritised over cars;

(B) Council note:

- (i) one of the transformative project ideas in Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050: Continuing the Vision is a proposal to revitalise the precinct. This includes:
  - (a) recognising and renewing the National Art School as a key cultural institution for the area;
  - (b) relocating the law courts away from Taylor Square to open the historic Darlinghurst Courthouse complex for public and cultural use and open the National Art School to Oxford Street, the public and our communities; and
  - (c) opening the frontage to Oxford Street and Taylor Square to connect this major cultural hub to the wider precinct, including the planned Qtopia museum, and elevate it as a major cultural destination;
- (ii) in addition to any funding contributed by the City of Sydney, upgrading the Taylor Square precinct requires the commitment and investment of the NSW Government, alongside the multiple other developments happening in its vicinity; and
- (iii) that this section of road has been closed previously for public events, such as the Glitter Festival; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the feasibility of pedestrianising sections of Forbes, Foley and Bourke Streets in the vicinity of the planned Qtopia Museum; and
- (ii) report back to Council with the feasibility study's findings.

Carried unanimously.

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## Item 15.2 Getiela Park

Moved by Councillor Jarrett, seconded by Councillor Davis –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield, consisting of basketball courts and sports fields, is a shared-use recreation facility developed by the Department of Education and the City of Sydney;
- (ii) the City entered into an agreement with the Department of Education in 2018, and School Infrastructure NSW designed and delivered the project;
- (iii) the NSW Department of Planning approved the Alexandria Park Community School redevelopment in February 2019;
- (iv) since the completion of the Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts upgrade, the sports field and courts have been extremely well utilised by local sports groups with consistent bookings after hours on weekdays and for several hours per day on the weekend;
- (v) whilst the local residents support the use of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts, they have extreme concerns about the current conduct and operation of the facilities during the usage of the field and courts including:
  - (a) the current noise levels and anti-social behaviour exhibited by many of the current sports teams hiring the use of the field and using the courts;
  - (b) the operating hours of the field and courts;
  - (c) the light pollution and operating hours of the lights on the field and courts; and
  - (d) the height of the school fence and lack of security and enforcement of the field and courts;
- (vi) City staff have met with residents of the area to discuss the impacts of the usage of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts on the liveability of the area and have come to several agreements regarding determining the appropriateness of groups who hire the field and enforcement of the Conditions of Use; and
- (vii) the residents have explicitly expressed to both City staff and Councillors that even with the small changes made to the use of the field, the current operation of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts is unsustainable and unbearable, with more changes needing to be assessed and implemented immediately to create a balance between the liveability and recreational use of the area; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) write to and liaise with the Department of Education to discuss investigating an increase in the height of the fence surrounding Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield to reduce the number of people accessing the field and courts after the designated hours of use and to allow use of the Alexandria Park Community School bathrooms during operating hours to reduce anti-social behaviour and/or the installation of toilet/change facilities that are available during the relevant hours;

- (ii) commission an external sound consultant to conduct acoustic testing at Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield on:
  - (a) a weekday evening during training on the field;
  - (b) the weekend during a men's football match;
  - (c) the basketball courts on a weekday evening; and
  - (d) the basketball courts on the weekend

to ensure that the noise level and pollution is not exceeding residential noise limits and to determine whether the installation of a noise mitigation sound barrier wall would be beneficial for the residents surrounding the area;

- (iii) investigate the possibility of a reduction in the operation hours of the Sportsfield and basketball courts on weeknights to 8pm rather than 10pm in order to preserve the wellbeing of the residents in the area;
- (iv) investigate the feasibility of reducing the intensity/dimming the lighting during the evening operation of the field and basketball courts and the possibility for installing reflectors to reduce spill light on both the field and courts to limit the disruption on residential sleep patterns;
- (v) review and amend the City of Sydney's Gatiela Synthetic Sportsfield Conditions of the Use to reflect the findings of the above recommendations; and
- (vi) report back to Council on all investigations mentioned above in a timely manner.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield, consisting of basketball courts and sports fields, is a shared-use recreation facility developed by the Department of Education and the City of Sydney;
- (ii) the City entered into an agreement with the Department of Education in 2018, and School Infrastructure NSW designed and delivered the project;
- (iii) the NSW Department of Planning approved the Alexandria Park Community School redevelopment in February 2019;
- (iv) since the completion of the Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts upgrade, the sports field and courts have been extremely well utilised by local sports groups with consistent bookings after hours on weekdays and for several hours per day on the weekend;
- (v) whilst the local residents support the use of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts, they have extreme concerns about the current conduct and operation of the facilities during the usage of the field and courts including:
  - (a) the current noise levels and anti-social behaviour exhibited by many of the current sports teams hiring the use of the field and using the courts;
  - (b) the operating hours of the field and courts;

- (c) the light pollution and operating hours of the lights on the field and courts; and
  - (d) the height of the school fence and lack of security and enforcement of the field and courts;
- (vi) City staff have met with residents of the area to discuss the impacts of the usage of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts on the liveability of the area and have come to several agreements regarding determining the appropriateness of groups who hire the field and enforcement of the Conditions of Use;
- (vii) City staff have also:
- (a) met with and written to sporting clubs asking them to reduce noise levels and be respectful of neighbours;
  - (b) reduced the sports field and court lighting levels to 75 lux;
  - (c) investigated increasing the fence height and will report to the Department of Education;
  - (d) added two additional security patrols at 11pm and 1am, every night;
  - (e) visited to assess noise and found it to be consistent with other sports fields;
  - (f) organised for additional access to the accessible toilet within the school, in addition to the public toilet that is open next to the sportsfield until 10pm; and
  - (g) investigated reducing weekday hours from 10pm to 9pm; and
- (viii) the residents have explicitly expressed to both City staff and Councillors that even with the small changes made to the use of the field, the current operation of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts is unsustainable and unbearable, with more changes needing to be assessed and implemented immediately to create a balance between the liveability and recreational use of the area; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate resident concerns about noise, lighting, fence height, hours of use, after-hours access, and lack of toilets at Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and report back to Council via the CEO Update on actions taken.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

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### **Extension of Time**

During discussion on this matter, pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.29 of the Code of Meeting Practice, it was –

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 15.3 Support for Sydney Street Festival – Newtown**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Newtown Festival was a much-loved community fair, organised by local not for profit organisation the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre;
- (ii) earlier this year, the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre announced that it will no longer hold a Newtown Festival. Originally established as a way both to bring the community together and to fundraise to support the important work of the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, the festival had grown very large and began running at a loss;
- (iii) the loss of the Newtown Festival leaves the suburb of Newtown without an annual community festival or major community event to celebrate the neighbourhood of Newtown;
- (iv) the City of Sydney has a Sydney Streets program where major streets, including high streets, are closed once or twice a year to traffic, to celebrate neighbourhoods. Streets included in the annual program are selected following consultation; and
- (v) to date, a Sydney Streets event has not been scheduled for Newtown;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the suburb of Newtown is partly in the Inner West Council area, and partly in the City of Sydney Council area. King Street is the border between the two Councils; and
- (ii) like the City of Sydney, the Inner West Council has a strong program of community festivals and events to celebrate and promote local neighbourhoods and businesses, some of which include main street closures;

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Mayor of the Inner West Council, to discuss the possibility that the two Councils could coordinate to organise a Sydney Streets closure or similar event in Newtown; and

(D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to

- (i) assess options for a Sydney Streets, or similar event, to be held in Newtown in the future; and
- (ii) provide advice to Council.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Ellsmore. Subsequently, it was –

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Jarrett –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Newtown Festival was a much-loved community fair, organised by local not for profit organisation the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre;
- (ii) earlier this year, the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre announced that it will no longer hold a Newtown Festival. Originally established as a way both to bring the community together and to fundraise to support the important work of the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, the festival had grown very large, meaning more and more resources and staff time is needed to manage bookings, logistics, security, fencing and insurance, stretching the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's team and finances, and the festival began running at a loss;
- (iii) the loss of the Newtown Festival leaves the suburb of Newtown without an annual community festival or major community event to celebrate the neighbourhood of Newtown;
- (iv) the City of Sydney has a Sydney Streets program where major streets, including high streets, are closed once or twice a year to traffic, to celebrate neighbourhoods and support local businesses. Streets included in the annual program are selected following consultation; and
- (v) to date, a Sydney Streets event has not been scheduled for Newtown;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the suburb of Newtown is partly in the Inner West Council area, and partly in the City of Sydney Council area. King Street is the border between the two Councils; and
- (ii) like the City of Sydney, the Inner West Council has a strong program of community festivals and events to celebrate and promote local neighbourhoods and businesses, some of which include main street closures; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) assess options for a Sydney Streets, or similar event, in consultation with local communities, businesses and other stakeholders including Inner West Council, as required, to be held in Newtown in the future; and
- (ii) provide advice to Council via CEO Update.

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

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**Item 15.4 Congratulations to the Lord Mayor on her Appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Kok –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 5 June 2023, Lord Mayor Clover Moore was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia;
- (ii) the Lord Mayor's appointment honoured her service to local government, the Parliament of NSW, and the community of Sydney;
- (iii) the Lord Mayor has been Sydney's Lord Mayor since 2004 as well as an independent NSW MP between 1988 and 2012;
- (iv) in the Australian honours system appointments to the Order of Australia confer the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service; and
- (v) nominations for awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia come directly from the community; and

(B) Council congratulate the Lord Mayor on her monumental achievement.

Carried unanimously.

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Note – following speeches and voting on this item, all Councillors, staff and members of the public present acknowledged the Lord Mayor's appointment by round of applause, and a standing ovation from Councillors.

## Item 15.5 Scope and Plan for the Sydney Special Entertainment Precinct

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW Government has introduced special entertainment precincts to provide a different way for councils to manage amplified noise from licensed premises;
- (ii) the introduction of the precincts aims to revive live music and entertainment, activate local businesses and the night time economy, creating more places for the community to enjoy;
- (iii) venues within the precinct are encouraged to provide live entertainment and will have an extension on both their trading hours and outdoor dining as an incentive to prioritise arts and culture over pokies;
- (iv) a special entertainment precinct is a defined area where sound from licenced venues with amplified music is managed by a council through its noise management plan. This lets councils more easily support live music and performance in the precinct;
- (v) any requirements on amplified music that would normally be in place under the NSW Liquor Act 2007 will not apply in the precincts, including any licence conditions on amplified music;
- (vi) a council identifies a precinct by amending its local environmental plan and publishing the noise management plan on their website. A precinct may be a single venue, streetscape or other defined area;
- (vii) in late 2022, the Inner West council trialled the special entertainment precinct concept in a section of Enmore Road from Edgeware Road to King Street;
- (viii) one owner within the precinct stated, "We hired more artists, and with great live bands, drag shows and comedies free of charge, our bar has been ever more popular among punters. This trial has been a win for all";
- (ix) the Inner West Council has just voted unanimously at its latest meeting on 15 March 2023, to make the precinct permanent;
- (x) a report released by the council showed that 100 per cent of Enmore Road businesses that completed its survey about the precinct classification were in favour of it coming on full-time, while 91.3 per cent of visitors indicated support and 63 per cent of local residents were in favour;
- (xi) Councillor Scott has advocated for a special precinct around the Metro Theatre on George Street as a key to unlocking Sydney's creative and entertainment spaces; and
- (xii) former Councillor Scully said an area around York, Clarence and Kent streets in the CBD would be ideal spot to pilot such a precinct as it had already demonstrated a sophisticated new nightlife offering; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a proposal for Council to consider a special entertainment precinct in the City of Sydney.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Chan, seconded by Councillor Kok –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW Government has introduced special entertainment precincts which:
  - (a) enable Councils to manage amplified sound through precinct noise management plans; and
  - (b) encourage live music and entertainment through incentives such as trading hour extensions and outdoor dining; and
- (ii) action by the City will deliver the benefits of special entertainment precincts, but with greater flexibility, through:
  - (a) the City's Late Night Trading Development Control Plan providing one additional trading hour to dedicated performance venues and venues on nights they host performance, creative and cultural uses; and
  - (b) finalisation and implementation of the City's draft Entertainment Sound Management Development Control Plan; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate a proposal for Council to consider a special entertainment precinct in the City of Sydney.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok and Worling

Noes (2) Councillors Scott and Weldon.

Amendment carried.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

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## Item 15.6 Amend the City of Sydney Act 1988 to Remove Double Votes

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney Act 1988 (the Act) determines the eligibility of non-residential voters for elections of the City of Sydney Local Government;
- (ii) the Act relates to the enrolment of voters and voting at elections for the City of Sydney Council;
- (iii) in 2014, the City of Sydney Act 1988 was amended to make it compulsory for local non-resident owners, occupiers and ratepaying lessees to enrol and vote;
- (iv) the amendment also increased the number of votes given to corporations and partnerships from one to two;
- (v) in the 2012 election prior to the amendment, 1,709 eligible non-residents enrolled to vote in the City of Sydney;
- (vi) in the 2016 election almost 23,000 non-residents were enrolled to vote;
- (vii) the Act states that, “If a corporation is the sole owner, ratepaying lessee or occupier of any rateable land, the corporation may submit a nomination in writing to the general manager of the names of 2 natural persons to be enrolled as electors instead of the corporation”; and
- (viii) the current City of Sydney voting system is unlike any other council in the world; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Local Government to advocate for the City of Sydney Act 1988 to be amended to remove all amendments introduced by the City of Sydney Amendment (Elections) Act 2014 and revert to the position immediately prior to the introduction of that amending Act.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Kok, and by consent, the motion was varied, such that it included an additional clause (A)(ix) as follows:

- (ix) the Lord Mayor has written to the Minister for Local Government urging him to urgently repeal the 2014 amendments to ensure their anti-democratic features are removed prior to the 2024 City of Sydney elections.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling

Noes (2) Councillors Gannon and Jarrett.

Motion carried.

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**Point of Order**

During discussion on Item 15.6, Councillor Davis raised a point of order, stating that Councillors were speaking whilst Councillor Ellsmore had the floor.

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) upheld the point of order.

## Item 15.7 Electrify Sydney

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in 2008 the City of Sydney launched Sustainable Sydney 2030 - The Vision;
- (ii) the Vision set a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the entire local government area by 70 per cent below 2006 levels by 2030;
- (iii) the Vision planned for trigeneration to supply 70 per cent of Sydney's electricity needs by 2030;
- (iv) by using trigeneration, the City's reduction targets rely upon the use of gas which produces greenhouse gases;
- (v) accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere lead to a heating of the earth's surface, creating shifting seasons, rising sea-levels, disappearing Arctic sea-ice and more intense heat waves;
- (vi) the Vision's plans means that key city services such as Town Hall and Community pools still rely on gas for power;
- (vii) in 2021 the City released the Environmental strategy 2021-2025;
- (viii) the new strategy's key measures include phasing out natural gas from our operations and using alternative water sources to keep our parks green;
- (ix) a City of Sydney survey found that almost 100 per cent of residents wanted climate action;
- (x) the Albanese Government's Rewiring the Nation plan will enable \$4.7 billion from the Commonwealth to join with \$3.1 billion from the NSW Transmission Acceleration Facility, to help NSW realise its Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and increase reliability across the east coast grid;
- (xi) after the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)'s advocacy, the Federal Labor Government announced last week the creation of a new \$100 million Community Upgrades Fund;
- (xii) the fund will support local government to invest in local clean energy solutions such as upgrading public sporting, community and cultural facilities to deliver clean energy solutions; and
- (xiii) the fund will save our community's money and increase our resilience to climate change; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to bring to Council a proposal by the end of 2023 to electrify Sydney. This plan will explore:
- (i) how the City can incentivise residents to transition their power from gas to electricity;
  - (ii) how the City will transition its own services including pools and Town Hall to electrical power; and
  - (iii) how the City can ensure and aid CBD commercial properties to transition to electrical power.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Kok –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in 2008 the City of Sydney launched Sustainable Sydney 2030 - The Vision;
- (ii) the Vision set a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the entire local government area by 70 per cent below 2006 levels by 2030;
- (iii) the Vision planned for trigeneration to supply 70 per cent of Sydney's electricity needs by 2030 because at that time, gas was a lower emissions source of energy than electricity;
- (iv) by using trigeneration, the City's reduction targets rely upon the use of gas which produces greenhouse gases;
- (v) accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere lead to a heating of the earth's surface, creating shifting seasons, rising sea-levels, disappearing Arctic sea-ice and more intense heat waves;
- (vi) the rapid increase in availability, and decrease in price, of renewable electricity has meant that it is now the most effective strategy, and we have adapted our plan accordingly
- (vii) in 2021 the City released the Environmental Strategy 2021-2025;
- (viii) the new strategy's key measures include phasing out natural gas from our operations and using alternative water sources to keep our parks green;
- (ix) it is estimated that natural gas use by the City will reduce by 40 per cent within the next two years as we transfer to electricity, with further reductions occurring progressively after that;
- (x) the City's proposed Net Zero Performance Standards for new developments:
  - (a) set 'financially viable' energy intensity levels, which are more easily achieved with electricity;
  - (b) establish an electrification pathway for the refurbishment of existing developments; and
  - (c) require the purchase of renewable energy;

- (xi) the City's Better Building Partnership has released a [best-practice electrification toolkit](#) for asset and facilities managers to accelerate electrification across national commercial office portfolios;
  - (xii) through Smart Green Apartments and Green Building Grants the City identifies building electrification opportunities as part of the Energy Action Plans for Owners Corporations;
  - (xiii) the City's GreenPower campaign supports residents and business to transition to clean energy;
  - (xiv) as part of Resilient Sydney, the City has made available data, tools and capacity building to Sydney metropolitan councils to build the business case for community wide electrification;
  - (xv) a City of Sydney survey found that almost 100 per cent of residents wanted climate action;
  - (xvi) the Albanese Government's Rewiring the Nation plan will enable \$4.7 billion from the Commonwealth to join with \$3.1 billion from the NSW Transmission Acceleration Facility, to help NSW realise its Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and increase reliability across the east coast grid;
  - (xvii) after the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)'s advocacy, the Federal Labor Government announced last week the creation of a new \$100 million Community Energy Upgrades Fund;
  - (xviii) the fund will support local government to invest in local clean energy solutions such as upgrading public sporting, community and cultural facilities to deliver clean energy solutions; and
  - (xix) the fund will save our communities money and increase our resilience to climate change; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide Council with a progress report via the CEO Update on:
- (i) how the City is incentivising residents to transition their power from gas to electricity;
  - (ii) how the City is transitioning its own services including pools and Town Hall to electrical power; and
  - (iii) how the City is supporting CBD commercial properties to transition to electrical power.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8)            The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok and Worling

Noes (2)            Councillors Scott and Weldon AM.

Amendment carried.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

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## Item 15.8 Increasing Developer Contributions for Affordable Housing

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Scott –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) local councils can require affordable housing contributions to be paid when development or rezonings are being undertaken in their local government area;
- (ii) the City of Sydney was one of the first councils in NSW to establish an affordable housing levy. To date, the City of Sydney has collected, and passed on to a community housing provider (CHP), over \$378 million in affordable housing contributions, supporting the development of more than 1,500 new affordable, including low and very low income, homes;
- (iii) the City of Sydney is one of the few councils to impose an affordable housing levy across the whole council area;
- (iv) the City of Sydney affordable housing levy is generally one per cent of floor space for non-residential development, and three per cent of floor space for residential development. At the June 2023 Council meeting, Council will consider a planning proposal which would establish the one per cent and three per cent rate consistently across the Local Government Area;
- (v) in a selected number of areas (including the Botany Road corridor) where land is proposed for rezoning which would significantly increase its value, the City of Sydney may impose a higher levy through planning controls;
- (vi) establishing and changing an affordable housing levy requires the approval of the NSW Government. Councils can only impose an affordable housing contribution or levy through the Council's Local Environmental Plan, which must be approved by the Minister for Planning;
- (vii) under the relevant legislation (the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979):
  - (a) councils can require the contributions to be in the form of the dedication of land free of cost to be used for the purpose of providing affordable housing, or the payment of a monetary contribution to be used for the purpose of providing affordable housing, or both. The City of Sydney's scheme currently only gives Council to ability to require monetary contributions, through developers can choose to dedicate land; and
  - (b) councils can only impose 'reasonable' contributions, having regard to the extent of the need in the area for affordable housing, the scale of the proposed development, and what other contributions the developer is required to make; and
- (viii) the City of Sydney has been working through bodies such as the South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and Resilient Sydney to support councils seeking to develop an affordable housing levy for their local council areas;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) since the City of Sydney established its affordable housing levy scheme, the affordable housing crisis has significantly worsened;
- (ii) there is a strong case to be made that the rate of affordable housing levy in the City of Sydney Council should be higher than the current rate;
- (iii) examples of recent affordable housing levies established or proposed by other Councils include:
  - (a) Randwick City Council - affordable housing contribution in the city centre is five per cent of the total floor area of the development used for residential purposes;
  - (b) Byron Shire Council – up to 30 per cent contribution uplift rate for greenfield investigation areas, and a six per cent for residential and two per cent for non-residential total gross floor area in the Byron Bay Town Centre;
  - (c) Inner West Council – 50 per cent of the increase in residual land value from value uplift; and
  - (d) Parramatta Council – developer contributions equivalent to 50 per cent of the land value uplift outside of the CBD, with 10 per cent of the value uplift to go toward affordable housing; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) prepare advice about the process for Council to update the affordable housing levy, through Council planning instruments and policies; and
- (ii) include in the advice to Council:
  - (a) how to update City of Sydney planning controls to give Council the power to require affordable housing contributions to be either in the form of a monetary contribution, or in the form of land or buildings;
  - (b) options to increase the affordable housing levy in residential and non-residential development;
  - (c) options to increase the affordable housing levy where there is a rezoning that would increase the value of land (also known as 'value uplift capture'); and
  - (d) other opportunities to ensure that affordable housing is prioritised in new developments, through planning agreements.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Chan, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) local councils can require affordable housing contributions to be paid when development or rezonings are being undertaken in their local government area;
- (ii) the City of Sydney was one of the first councils in NSW to establish an affordable housing levy. To date, the City of Sydney has collected, and passed on to a community housing provider (CHP), over \$378 million in affordable housing contributions;
- (iii) as at June 2022, the City has contributed to 2,759 Affordable Housing dwellings either built, in the pipeline or expected. This includes:
  - (a) 1,376 dwellings from the City's levies,
  - (b) 228 from subsidised land sale (on sites in Zetland, Redfern, Alexandria and Surry Hills),
  - (c) 483 from our Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund (for projects in Darlinghurst, Chippendale, and Surry Hills); and
  - (d) 672 dwellings through other means such as Voluntary Planning Agreements (projects in Glebe and Waterloo) and our planning controls (Botany Road Precinct);
- (iv) a further 1,950 Affordable Housing dwellings will result from our expanded Local Government Area-wide levy scheme, which commenced on 1 July 2021;
- (v) the City of Sydney is one of the few councils in NSW to impose an affordable housing levy across the whole council area;
- (vi) the City of Sydney affordable housing levy is generally one per cent of floor space for non-residential development, and three per cent of floor space for residential development. At the June 2023 Council meeting, Council considered a planning proposal which would establish the one per cent and three per cent rate consistently across the Local Government Area. Increasing the Affordable Housing contribution in Ultimo and Pyrmont will deliver approximately 250 additional Affordable Housing dwellings;
- (vii) in a selected number of areas (including some sites in the Botany Road corridor) where rezoning results in a residential floor space uplift, a higher Affordable Housing contribution applies;
- (viii) establishing and changing an affordable housing levy requires the approval of the NSW Government. Councils can only impose an affordable housing contribution or levy through the Council's Local Environmental Plan, which must be approved by the Minister for Planning;



- (ix) under the relevant legislation (the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979):
    - (a) councils can require the contributions to be in the form of the dedication of land free of cost to be used for the purpose of providing affordable housing, or the payment of a monetary contribution to be used for the purpose of providing affordable housing, or both. The City of Sydney's scheme currently gives Council the ability to require Affordable Housing contributions, and developers can choose to either make a financial contribution or build Affordable Housing dwellings on site; and
    - (b) councils can only impose 'reasonable' contributions, having regard to the extent of the need in the area for affordable housing, the scale of the proposed development, and what other contributions the developer is required to make; and
  - (x) the City of Sydney has been working through bodies such as the South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and Resilient Sydney to support councils seeking to develop an affordable housing levy for their local council areas;
- (B) Council further note:
- (i) since the City of Sydney established its affordable housing levy scheme, the affordable housing crisis has significantly worsened; and
  - (ii) there is a strong case to be made that more Affordable and Social Housing is desperately needed in the City; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) review the City's Affordable Housing contribution rates, including what changes could deliver more Affordable Housing in our area such as rate increases, changes to City policies, planning controls and rezoning proposals; and
  - (ii) report back to Council via the CEO Update.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Kok, Jarrett and Worling

Noes (3) Councillors Ellsmore, Scott and Weldon.

Amendment carried.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

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## Item 15.9 Ending Loneliness in the City Forum

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Davis –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) loneliness is about feelings of isolation or a lack of social connection that effects our mental health, our physical health, our quality of life and our sense of community;
- (ii) loneliness is an increasingly common experience in Sydney, and around the world, particularly since the Covid pandemic. It is estimated one in four people in Sydney experiences loneliness;
- (iii) the importance of community connection, and addressing social isolation and loneliness, is identified in a number of Council policies and plans. This includes the City of Sydney Council's Community Strategy Plan which has a target that by 2050 community cohesion and social interaction will have increased. This is based on at least 75 per cent of the local resident population feeling part of the community, agreeing most people can be trusted and believing that when needed, they can get help from their neighbours;
- (iv) other targets and outcomes in the Community Strategy Plan include that everyone has equitable and affordable access to community and cultural facilities and programs, supporting social connection and wellbeing;
- (v) on 8 June 2023, an 'Ending Loneliness in the City Forum' was held at Sydney Town Hall. The event was attended by sixty people and around twenty organisations including resident action groups, community organisations, health researchers and health services, homelessness services, and architects;
- (vi) hosted by Deputy Mayor Sylvie Ellsmore, speakers included the CEO of Wayside Chapel Jon Owen, Executive Officer of Inner Sydney Voice and Council for the Ageing Marika Kontellis, research fellow at the University of Sydney's Matilda Centre Dr Marlee Bower, representative of the Coalition of Caring for Community Centres Melanie Tait, and student leader at the Sydney Alliance Eliza Putnis; and
- (vii) the forum aimed to stimulate conversation about loneliness, what is known about loneliness; what works to prevent loneliness; and what opportunities exist to address loneliness in the City of Sydney;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) a report detailing the outcomes of the forum and key discussion points is being drafted and will be circulated for feedback, before being finalised and circulated to Council;
- (ii) some of the key notes or suggestions from the forum included:
  - (a) loneliness effects everyone, but people are particularly impacted at points of transition in their lives. This is one reason why young people, older people and new mothers are groups particularly impacted by loneliness;
  - (b) although loneliness does not discriminate, poverty and inequality can exacerbate the risk of feeling lonely. Public housing tenants are another group particularly impacted by loneliness and social isolation;

- (c) people living close together may in fact be more isolated. Apartment buildings can be lonely places to live;
- (d) the interplay between economic inequalities and the built environment can exacerbate loneliness especially for low marginalised and low socioeconomic groups;
- (e) well-maintained natural spaces and well-designed, inclusive, and accessible public spaces allow for both planned and unexpected social interactions;
- (f) community leaders and community-led groups play a key role in supporting community connection;
- (g) Council is supporting a number of programs that increase community connection and address loneliness;
- (h) responses to loneliness that work include those that aim to connect neighbourhoods, and are place-based. Place-based responses to loneliness should be co-designed with local communities;
- (i) having access to a place or space that the community feels safe and has ownership of is very important. This can include spaces such as churches, community centres, neighbourhood centres, libraries, men's sheds and town halls;
- (j) everyone should have access to a local space like this, which the community feels ownership of, in their neighbourhood;
- (k) local councils have a key role to play in addressing loneliness, being the level of government closest to the community, and the custodian of many of the spaces where communities come together and connect;
- (l) the availability of staffed community centres that are accessible, inclusive and within walking distance of every neighbourhood are critical to building social cohesion and community pride;
- (m) sport is a key way for communities to connect. The costs of sport fees or hiring sport fields facilities can be a barrier;
- (n) there are lessons that can be learnt from other jurisdictions who have developed strategies to address loneliness, particularly the UK. Other Councils across Australia have developed ending loneliness strategies, including the City of Monash in Melbourne who initiated a five-year Loneliness Framework in 2020; and
- (o) there was interest in continuing the discussion about solutions to address loneliness in the City; and

(C) Council thank the panel members for contributing to the discussion about loneliness.

Carried unanimously.

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At 8.56 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City  
of Sydney held on Monday 21 August 2023 at which  
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.