

## Item 11

### Questions on Notice

#### City of Sydney Road Conditions

1. By Councillor Forster

#### Question

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

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

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#### Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre

2. By Councillor Forster

#### Question

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

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### **Bicycle Related Works Budget**

3. By Councillor Forster

#### **Question**

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

Can you please explain this variance?

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### **Capital Works Projects Budget Increases**

4. By Councillor Forster

#### **Question**

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

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

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

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## **Commencement of Live Streaming**

5. By Councillor Phelps

### **Question**

Changes to the legislation in the Model Code of Meeting Practice requires all local governments in NSW to live stream all Council, Committee and other public meetings by December 2019 so Council activities are readily accessible by constituents.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide:

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

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

6. By Councillor Phelps

### **Question**

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

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide:

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

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## High Impact Busking Pitt Street Mall

7. By Councillor Phelps

### Question

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

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

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

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## Waterloo Estate

8. By Councillor Phelps

### Question

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

At this meeting, Council agreed to:

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

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

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

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### **City of Sydney Library Funding**

9. By Councillor Scott

#### **Question**

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

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### **City of Sydney Planning Controls**

10. By Councillor Scott

#### **Question**

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

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

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## Community Venue Hire

11. By Councillor Chung

### Question

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

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

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## Outsourced Waste Collection

12. By Councillor Scott

### Question

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

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## City Waste Targets

13. By Councillor Scott

### Question

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

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

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

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## City Waste Diversion

14. By Councillor Scott

### Question

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

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

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

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## City Waste Target Funding and Waste Diversion Auditing

15. By Councillor Scott

### Question

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

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

2. Has any of the City's waste been allocated to the business case for Cleanaway's proposed waste to energy facility in Western Sydney? If so, how much (per tonne, and percentage), broken down by year?
3. Please explain the mechanisms the City has to control and audit what happens to its waste once it is collected by our outsourced waste provider? Please explain what auditing has been undertaken to date.

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## City Cleansing Staff Wages and Conditions

16. By Councillor Scott

### Question

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

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