

Item 9**Questions on Notice with Answers****Construction Timeline for Multi-Purpose Synthetic Field at Crescent Park, Annandale**

1. 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.

On 18 November 2019, Council was provided with a draft timeline for delivery of this field.

Council was recently notified that the City has recently applied for the Federal Government stimulus funding for this project, should this be successful a revised program will be developed for this project with a view to complete it sooner than that proposed in the above Council reports.

Can the Chief Executive Officer advise on:

1. When is the stimulus funding expected to be decided on by the Federal Government?
2. If the federal funding is approved, when is the Crescent Park synthetic turf project likely to go ahead?
3. Given the Council is bringing forward \$23 million in capital works, will the Crescent Park synthetic turf project be one of the projects that will be fast tracked?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The list of projects submitted by the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) has been considered by the Federal Government. The Federal Government has not specifically advised the timeline for making a decision.

The Multi-Purpose Synthetic Field at Crescent Park is not part of the suite of capital works brought forward by Council as a stimulatory measure. This project is scheduled for delivery in 2022.

Central Sydney Planning Framework – Heritage Floor Space

2. By Councillor Phelps

Question

On Monday 9 December 2019, a Lord Mayoral Minute was endorsed by Council, which outlined a way forward between Lord Mayor Clover Moore and the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to ensure future growth occurs where it respects special places, spaces and parkland, and is highly sustainable, resilient and responsive to climate change. With the significant investment in transport infrastructure, Central Sydney must support more jobs, while maintaining quality of life.

On 17 February 2020, Council endorsed a draft Central Sydney planning framework of documents.

Further changes were made to the draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 on 30 March 2020. The new Central Sydney planning documents were put on exhibition from 1 May to 10 July 2020.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. If the Heritage Floor Space Scheme is being abandoned in the proposed changes to Central Sydney Planning Controls?
2. If there can be an extension to the deadline for feedback from the community about the changes to the Central Sydney Planning Controls?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. There is no proposed change to Heritage Floor Space scheme as part of the Central Sydney Planning Framework. It will continue to apply to accommodation floor space under the local environmental plan.
2. The City has carried out an extended 13-week consultation period, which concluded on 10 July 2020. Extensions have been provided where requested.

Moore Park Road Cycleway

3. By Councillor Phelps

Question

Following a Lord Mayoral Minute of 15 May 2020, pop-up cycleways were identified by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the City as part of a solution to ease demand for public transport as the NSW Government eases restrictions on business activity following the Covid-19 lockdown.

There has been significant community opposition to the City of Sydney and Transport for NSW proposal for a temporary cycleway along Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street between Lang Road, Paddington and Bourke Street, Surry Hills due to the adverse impact the pop-up cycleway will have on the local community, including a mass loss of parking spaces and a lack of consultation before construction began on the temporary cycleway.

In June 2017, Council unanimously resolved to endorse the concept design and scope of works for the Bondi Junction to City Walking and Cycling Improvements project that included a separated cycleway along Moore Park Road. This proposal, which involved no loss of parking, was widely supported by local residents. The final design for this proposal is still in development and its construction is dependent on funding by the NSW Government.

In the 17 July 2020 CEO Update, Councillors were informed that, while no decision has been made on this scheme, Transport for NSW are reviewing the viability of the 2017 cycleway proposal. This is due to the consulted version of the cycleway carrying a high level of risk as it will require deep excavation near critical Sydney water and power services and would require several years of nightworks. This means the cost estimates significantly exceed the upper limit of the Transport for NSW unding business case.

There is currently an open consultation on the Council website on the pop-up cycleways which closes at 5pm on Monday 31 August 2020.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. When did the City become aware that the NSW Government had no intention with proceeding with the consulted design for a permanent cycleway on Moore Park Road?
2. What briefings have been provided to Council on the technical feasibility of the consulted cycleway?
3. What plans will be made public on the technical feasibility of the consulted cycleway?
4. How is the City planning to provide notice for a consultation on making the temporary pop-up cycleways permanent?
5. Will the City be conducting an addressed mail out to residents and ratepayers in the areas impacted by the temporary pop-up cycleways, notifying them of the public exhibition and consultation in relation to any proposal to make the temporary pop-up cycleway permanent?
6. Given that the Moore Park Road temporary pop-up cycleway has been implemented within the Furber Road Conservation Area and the Paddington South Heritage Conservation Area, will the City be conducting a heritage impact study and provide a Statement of Heritage Impact in relation to any proposal to make the temporary pop-up cycleway permanent?
7. Will previously provided feedback on the pop-up cycleway be considered?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The NSW Government has not made a decision whether or not to proceed – they are still assessing the business case.
2. There have been no briefings to Council on technical aspects of the detailed design.

3. The City has detailed designs for the 2017 concept. These designs are technically feasible.
4. All residents will be notified of the consultation process by the City's standard consultation process which includes letterbox drop to all residents.
5. Yes.
6. Yes.
7. Yes.

City Apprentices Employment

4. By Councillor Scott

Question

The City is an incredibly large employer; how many apprentices or trainees does the City currently employ broken down by:

1. How many apprentices or trainees does the City currently employ overall?
2. How many are in their 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, etc?
3. How many people have completed their vocational trade studies with the City?
4. How many apprentices are employed in which trade sectors?
5. What percentage of the above-mentioned cohorts are female?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The City currently employs three apprentices in City Greening and Leisure and two trainees via the ArtsReady program.

The City has 23 young people participating the City's entry-level employment program (which includes apprenticeships, traineeships, interns, graduates and cadets).

2. Of the 23 young people participating the City's entry-level employment program, three are first year apprentices.
3. Between 2013 and 2020, seven apprentices completed their vocational trade qualifications with the City. In addition, since 2013, 17 young people have completed their Certificate III vocational qualifications with the City via the AFL SportsReady traineeship program.
4. There are three apprentice gardeners. One position is an identified position for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

5. The three current apprentices are male.

In the current cohort of 23 young people participating the City's entry-level employment program, 47 per cent are female (11).

Affordable Housing Supported by City Funding

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

Please update the council on the number of affordable housing dwellings supported by City funding, broken down by.

1. Suburb.
2. Which dwellings are completed and currently inhabited?
3. Which dwellings are completed and empty?
4. Provide an update on the City's plan to house people in these empty dwellings.
5. Which dwellings are in development?
6. Please provide a timeline for when the dwellings in development will be completed.

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City does not directly provide affordable housing, however, does facilitate it through the collection of affordable housing contributions that are passed to City West Housing who build, own and manage the housing over the long term. In addition to contribution schemes applied through the planning framework, the City uses other mechanisms to increase the amount of affordable housing in the local government area, including:

- preferential zoning for affordable rental housing on land zoned B7 – Business Park, where residential development is not otherwise permitted. This keeps land affordable for community housing providers and government who are seeking to purchase land in these areas to develop affordable rental housing;
- planning agreements for affordable rental housing outcomes when changes are being made to planning controls, for example, in Harold Park when it was rezoned in 2009 and for Bay Street, Glebe in 2014; and
- material support for the provision of affordable rental housing, including a contribution of approximately \$24 million over the last 10 years. This has included grants to nongovernment organisations, as well as granting or selling land below cost to community housing providers.

Of the affordable housing that the City has provided material support for there is:

- 182 affordable dwellings built on land sold below cost to community housing providers. These dwellings are in Zetland and Forrest Lodge (Harold Park);
- 240 affordable dwellings in the development pipeline on land below cost to community housing providers. These dwellings are in Redfern and Alexandria;
- 42 affordable dwellings built with funds allocated through the City's Affordable and Diverse Fund. These dwellings are in Darlinghurst; and
- 53 affordable dwellings in the development pipeline with funds allocated through the City's Affordable and Diverse Fund. These dwellings are in Chippendale.

It is estimated that housing in the development pipeline could be completed within two years, noting the City has no direct control over the progress of individual development projects.

The City is not the owner or manager of any affordable housing in the local government area and therefore does not have access to information in relation to vacancy rates.

Budget for Climate Change

6. By Councillor Scott

Question

Please update the Council on the 2020/21 budget allocations for action on dangerous climate change.

1. What plans are currently in action?
2. What plans haven't started yet?
3. What is the timeline for these plans, started or not, to be completed?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City continues to implement climate change related actions as per the City's:

- Environmental Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021 (<https://bit.ly/2ZP75cT>);
- Climate Emergency Response <https://bit.ly/2Bq9HVM>
- Community Recovery Plan <https://bit.ly/2CrwZL3>
- 2017-2021 Delivery Program (Section 6 A Leading Environmental Performer) and 2020/21 Operational Plan (Section 5, Strategic Direction 2 A Environmental Leadership).

The status of these action is reported in the bi-annual Green Report (<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-updates/environmental-plans-reports>).

In addition environmentally related action in the 2020/21 Operational Plan will be reported bi-annually to Council.

Local Procurement

7. By Councillor Scott

Question

Please update the Council on the City's procurement spending broken down by:

1. City of Sydney.
2. States.
3. Australian.
4. International.
5. Financial year: 2018, 2019, 2020.

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

This information will take some time to compile and will be provided to Councillors via the CEO Update.

Public Access to City Facilities

8. By Councillor Scott

Question

Please update the Council on how many days each City facility is open to the public broken down by:

1. Those with a City community grant. Please advise how much the City has granted them.
2. Financial year: 2018/19 and 2019/20.
3. Suburb.

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City's Operational Plan and the City of Sydney website summarise the programs and activities that take place within City run facilities, including libraries, community centres, recreational centres, aquatic centres and venues for hire. A summary of some of our Accommodation Grant recipients is also included in the Operational Plan. The 2019/20 Operational Plan will be provided to Council for the August Council meeting (as part of the 2019/20 Quarter 4 Review).

Our standard opening hours for each City run facility is usually found on the City's website, however, currently the website only lists the City's Covid-19 opening hours.