

Item 11.9

Notices of Motion

Extension of Food Relief Grant Funding

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney's contribution of \$1M to OzHarvest, alongside the City of Sydney OzHarvest Food Relief Appeal, has provided significant support for the continuation of their critical work to support those touched by poverty;
- (ii) the City's Meals on Wheels program has supported over 1,000 meals being provided to City communities in the most recent quarter;
- (iii) OzHarvest and 60 other organisations operating in the City of Sydney are working to ensure their food relief reaches those most vulnerable in the local area, providing access to fresh, nutritious food during the ongoing pandemic and economic crisis;
- (iv) accessing affordable, nutritious food is becoming harder for vulnerable people and the current economic situation is forcing many into hardship for the first time; and
- (v) the economic recession resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to be ongoing at least in the short to medium term, and access to food relief will continue to be an urgent need in the Sydney local government area; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the ongoing financial support OzHarvest, Meals on Wheels and other organisations providing food relief may need for the foreseeable future in the City of Sydney; and
- (ii) report back to Council via CEO Update on the outcomes of those discussions as well as possible additional City funding measures required to continue to support the provision of fresh, nutritious food during the ongoing pandemic and economic crisis.

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