

Item 11

Questions on Notice

1. Lighting in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Has the lighting review of on and off path areas at Waterloo Park been completed? If not, what is the timeline for its completion?
2. Has more on and off path lighting been installed in Waterloo Park? If not, what is the timeline for its installation?
3. Has the lighting review of on and off path areas at Joynton Park been completed? If not, what is the timeline for its completion?
4. Has lighting been installed at Joynton Park? If not, what is the timeline for its installation?
5. Has the review of the City's lighting policy been completed? If not, what is the timeline for its completion?

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2. Safer Cladding in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. How many fire safety notices for either the removal and replacement of flammable cladding has the City issued? Can this data be provided broken down by:
 - (a) Suburb; and
 - (b) Year.
2. How many plans of management relating to the removal and replacement of flammable cladding are currently in place?
3. How many plans of management relating to the removal and replacement of flammable cladding are currently required?
4. How many disputes over the replacement of flammable cladding are currently in progress?
5. How many buildings have had their flammable cladding removed or replaced?

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3. Racism Not Welcome

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Since the passing of a Notice of Motion to endorse the #RacismNotWelcome campaign in February 2021 how many street signs have been installed? Where have those signs been installed?
2. What other actions has the City taken to support the #RacismNotWelcome campaign?

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4. Green Square Post Office

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Has a suitable space in Green Square and Redfern/Waterloo for a future post office been located?
2. What is the current timeline for a post office opening in Green Square or Redfern/Waterloo?

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5. Youth Employment

By Councillor Scott

Question

In July 2020, the Chief Executive Officer was requested to investigate opportunities for the City to employ additional numbers of school leavers and unemployed young Australians in apprenticeships and traineeships through a Notice of Motion passed unanimously at Council.

Since that request how many young people has the City employed broken down by:

- (a) Number of school leavers;
- (b) Number of unemployed young Australians;
- (c) Number employed in apprenticeships;
- (d) Number employed in traineeships;
- (e) Number employed in casual positions;
- (f) Number employed in permanent positions;
- (g) Number employed in full-time positions; and
- (h) Total number of young people employed.

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6. Pandemic Leave and Stand Downs for City Staff and Contractors

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Broken down by year, how many City staff have been stood down under the Splinter Award, and for how long?
2. Please detail how many City of Sydney staff have accessed vaccination leave in 2021.
3. In 2020 and 2021, please detail how many staff of City contractors have been stood down as a result of Covid-19 lockdowns, and for how long? Please detail a breakdown by the City's top three contractors (by quantum) and the remainder.

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7. Belgravia Leisure

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. What would the cost to the City of Sydney be, per week, to pay Belgravia staff, broken down by casuals and other employees?
2. Please attach a copy of all current City contracts with Belgravia Leisure, and detail the actual annual quantum expended by the City, broken down by year under these agreements.

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8. Green Square School

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. When was the last valuation of the site to be entered into the proposed Project Development Deed? What was the valuation quantum?
2. Please detail the compensation (in kind or otherwise) the City will be provided for this land, proposed to be provided to Department of Education under the Project Development Deed.
3. Please detail, broken down by year, other land transfers to the NSW Government for public benefit uses, since 2011, and the monetary or in-kind public benefit or otherwise that the City has received.
4. Please detail, broken down by year, land transfers from the NSW Government to the City of Sydney for public benefit uses, since 2011, and the monetary or in-kind public benefit or otherwise that the City has received.
5. Is there asbestos present in the site of the proposed new Green Square primary school site? If so, please detail how this will be removed and remedied safely, noting the early education and care centre in close proximity.

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9. Community Consultation for the Botany Road Precinct

By Councillor Phelps

Question

In July 2021, the City of Sydney considered a planning proposal which aims to incentivise commercial development to strengthen the economic role of the Botany Road Precinct.

This is a particularly significant precinct to local communities, particularly to the inner city First Nations community. It is important that thorough community consultation and engagement occurs throughout the finalisation of the proposal, and in the approval of future Development Applications in the area.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What community consultation has been done on this proposal?
2. What community consultation will be done on this proposal?
3. How will the community be notified that the proposal is on public exhibition?
4. Which community stakeholders will be engaged by the City during the exhibition and finalisation of this proposal?
5. Will there be any mandatory community engagement requirements for developers as part of this proposal?
6. Will there be any mandatory First Nations engagement requirements as part of this proposal?

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10. Greening Sydney Strategy

By Councillor Phelps

Question

The Greening Sydney Strategy 2021 aims to achieve a “greener, cooler, more resilient city” and will do so by planting trees to cover 40 per cent of the city in greenery by 2050.

In previous efforts to green Sydney, the City of Sydney has planted hundreds of Plane Trees. While this species provides effective canopy, they have been banned in the City of Melbourne since 2019 due to their impacts on the native ecosystem, inability to withstand increasingly hot temperatures and negative health effects.

Professor Tim Flannery stated in a Sydney Morning Herald article that Plane Trees are “foreign weeds ... about as much use to our wildlife as concrete posts” and the “Which Plant Where” research points to native trees as more effective in withstanding rising temperatures.

The community response to this strategy included over 20 submissions requesting Council to discontinue the planting of Plane Trees and embrace more native species.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How has the Council previously selected which trees will be planted in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
2. How will the City of Sydney decide upon which tree species are to be planted throughout the City?
3. Which external Arborists has the City consulted in the past to determine which tree species to plant? Which of these experts were First Nations people?
4. Of the new trees planted, how many will be Plane trees?
5. Of the new trees planted, how many will be native trees?
6. What consideration is being given to native animal and bird species in the selection of trees?

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