

Item 8

Questions on Notice

1. Covid-19 Vaccination in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Forster

Question

As at 27 August 2021, Covid-19 vaccination rates in the City of Sydney were 52.9 per cent and 31.9 per cent for first and second dose respectively. This is well below the state average of 65.4 per cent and 35.4 per cent.

On 16 August 2021, Council unanimously endorsed a motion to endorse a public health promotion campaign aimed at reducing vaccine hesitancy and increasing vaccination rates across the Local Government Area including the implementation of measures such as prioritising frontline workers, seeking support for more walk-up vaccination clinics and extending the City's activities to support increased testing and vaccinations.

What has the City done to date to reduce vaccine hesitancy and increase vaccination rates across the Local Government Area?

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2. Small Business Compliance Breaches

By Councillor Vithoukias

Question

How many small businesses have been issued breaches in regards to compliance from April 2020 to August 2021?

Please provide breakdowns:

- (a) month by month from April 2020 to August 2021;
- (b) type of business;
- (c) type of breaches; and
- (d) how much total revenue was raised from these breaches.

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3. Non-Residential Roll Deadline

By Councillor Vithoukas

Question

The NSW Electoral Commission website states "the residential roll, roll of non-resident owners of rateable land and roll of occupiers and ratepaying lessees closes at 6pm, Monday, 25 October 2021.

The City of Sydney website states "applications and all changes of details must be received by the City by 27 September 2021 to ensure they can be processed in time for the 2021 election. After close of rolls on 25 October 2021, The City will pass electoral details of each eligible non-resident to the NSW Electoral Commission for verification. The details of those verified will be added to the authorised electoral roll for the 2021 election."

1. Why does the City close applications and changes to the non-residential roll one month prior to the NSW Electoral Commission?
2. What processes does the City undertake during the month from 27 September 2021 to 25 October 2021?
3. How many applications for the non-residential roll have been received from 1 January 2021 to 31 August 2021?
4. Once an application is received, what steps take place for each application until 27 September 2021?

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4. 2021 Local Government Elections Preparations

By Councillor Phelps

Question

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the NSW Government postponed the September 2020 Local Government elections to 4 September 2021. The NSW Government further postponed the Local Government elections until 4 December 2021.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What extra preparations are required to hold the Local Government Elections on 4 December 2021?
2. If the Covid-19 situation has not adequately improved to hold the elections, what is the expected response from the Office of Local Government?
3. What additional preparations and costs are involved in the election being postponed?

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5. Indoor Air Quality Monitoring and Ventilation

By Councillor Phelps

Question

Monitoring indoor air quality is vitally important as we continue to deal with from the Covid-19 pandemic and prepare for the risk of future airborne pandemics.

Particularly since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the impacts of poor ventilation in indoor settings, such as offices, has been increasingly recognised because of the airborne transmission of Covid-19, particularly in inadequately ventilated spaces.

It is a core responsibility of the City of Sydney as an employer to ensure that employees and members of the public are protected as much as possible against Covid-19 and other airborne viruses.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What the City is doing in city-owned buildings to monitor indoor air quality and improve ventilation?
2. How has the City considered indoor air quality and ventilation when making decisions since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 on employees returning to work in the office?
3. What moves have been made to include ventilation standards in future development applications?

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6. Pandemic Leave and Stand Downs for City Staff

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. Broken down by month, how many City staff have had their hours reduced since lockdown began in June 2021?

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