

Item 7

Report of the Business and Economic Development Committee - 14 March 2022

Item 7.1

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that she is employed by the University of Sydney.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because her work for the university is not related to the Tech Central Innovation Precinct.

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that he is currently employed by the University of Sydney as an academic at the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

Councillor Chan stated that he considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because the recipient of the financial contribution is for the Camperdown Ultimo Alliance and not related to his teaching position at the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

During discussion on Item 7.2, Councillor Chan disclosed a further less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item, in that he is a former employee of Cox Architecture, and during his employment there he worked on the shortlisted architectural competition entry for the Atlassian Central building, the anchor tenant of Tech Central. The project client was Atlassian and involved the Greater Sydney Commission.

Councillor Chan stated that he considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because the project was not the winning scheme of the competition and so it did not proceed, and he is no longer an employee of Cox Architecture since 2020 and has no relevant relationship to Atlassian or the Greater Sydney Commission.

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that she is a mentor for the University of Sydney's Dalyell mentoring program.

Councillor Scott stated that she considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she is a mentor on a volunteer basis for this organisation and is not employed by the University of Sydney.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that he is a member of the University of Sydney China Studies Centre Advisory Board.

Councillor Kok stated that he considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action because as far as he is aware the Centre is not involved in Tech Central.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee.

The Business and Economic Development Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.2

Tech Central Innovation Precinct - Progress Update

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the current and upcoming work of the City of Sydney in the Tech Central innovation precinct;
- (B) Council approve the ongoing financial contribution to the University of Sydney of \$50,000 (exclusive of GST) per year for two years as the City's contribution towards the cost of an officer to provide secretariat and coordination support for the Camperdown Ultimo Alliance, which is coordinated and managed by University of Sydney;
- (C) Council approve the financial contribution of \$39,000 (inclusive of GST) as the City's contribution towards the Camperdown Structure Plan, which is coordinated and managed by Inner West Council; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and administer contracts with the University of Sydney in respect of the contribution referred to in (B) above and Inner West Council in respect of (C) above.

(Note – at the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Scully, and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers

Glenn Wightwick (University of Technology Sydney), Teresa Anderson (Sydney Local Health District), Greg Robinson (University of Sydney) and Jeanette Brokman (Chippendale Residents Interest Group) addressed the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee on Item 7.2.