

Item 15.3

Notices of Motion

Waste Collection in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 11 April 2022 Councillor Gannon moved a Notice of Motion:
 - (a) that something urgently must be done to improve waste collection services in Potts Point and the Kings Cross locality; and
 - (b) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to report to Council via the CEO Update of immediate options for consideration to alleviate the current waste situation in the Potts Point area;
- (ii) on 26 May 2022 an article by Michael Koziol “Out of Control Big Stink as Bins Overflow in Central Sydney”, published in the Sydney Morning Herald reported that:
 - (a) Council is under growing pressure to fix an “out of control” waste problem in Central Sydney;
 - (b) community Facebook pages were overflowing with irate residents demanding urgent action;
 - (c) Deputy Lord Mayor Scully stated that an investigation was underway by Council staff and urged people to be patient;
 - (d) Councillor Scott received complaints people about unsatisfactory waste collection services from across the City of Sydney and Councillor Gannon stated that he “constantly” received complaints from residents and “the situation is definitely not getting better”; and
 - (e) a community member Dominic Cudmore suggested “a delegation of residents should visit Local Government Minister Wendy Tuckerman and seek an intervention”;
- (iii) many businesses and residents are concerned about delays and “no shows” by waste collection services. A number of Councillors, including myself, have received representations from those concerned and photographs showing overflowing rubbish bins and piles of waste rotting in the streets across the City of Sydney Local Government Area;
- (iv) the poor performance by Council on waste management is the most immediate and primary issue of concern in the City;

- (v) that waste collection services have become worse during 2022; and
 - (vi) the risk of a public health emergency due to unsanitary conditions is real;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) report back to Council via the CEO Update on the progress and expected dates of completion of the proposed actions to manage waste in Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay and Rushcutters Bay as listed in the 31 May 2022 CEO Update;
 - (ii) meet with the City's waste collection contractors to identify and implement immediate steps to improve waste management across the City of Sydney, with the meeting to take place prior to the next Council meeting and agreed steps be reported to Council via the CEO Update; and
 - (iii) report to Council via the CEO Update on the incidence and location of vermin infestations in the City of Sydney and other serious risks to public health resulting from the current garbage collection crisis.

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