

Item 11

Questions on Notice

1. Planting Trees on Streets with Heritage Listed Buildings

By Councillor Jarrett

Constituents have expressed concerns that the draft Street Tree Master Plan 2022 has failed to consider the heritage character and listing of some Sydney streets whilst selecting tree species.

Question

Is the presence of heritage listed buildings on a street considered by the City of Sydney during the tree species selection process? If so, how is the most suitable tree species determined for streets with heritage listed buildings?

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2. Commercial Partners and Advertising on City of Sydney Platforms

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

The City's communication channels such as the City of Sydney What's On newsletter feature commercial advertisements from partnerships.

1. What are the policies or procedures that guide Council entering into commercial partnerships for festivals and events?
2. Which Council online and print platforms are available to promote commercial businesses – website, email, newsletters?
3. In the last 12 months, which online, email and print City of Sydney Council platforms have been used to promote commercial partnerships?
4. In the last 12 months, which of the City of Sydney's free newsletters or What's On newsletter type-platforms included commercial advertising (online, email and hardcopy)?
5. In the last 12 months, what kind of commercial advertising was included in the City of Sydney's free newsletters or What's On newsletter type-platforms (online, email and hardcopy)?

6. What income was derived in the current financial year (2022/23) from featuring commercial advertising or partnerships on the following City's platforms:
 - (a) Council's website;
 - (b) Council email newsletters;
 - (c) Council print newsletters; and
 - (d) Other council communications?
7. What income was derived in the previous financial year (2021/22) from featuring commercial advertising or partnerships on the City's platforms:
 - (a) Council's website;
 - (b) Council email newsletters;
 - (c) Council print newsletters; and
 - (d) Other council communications?
8. How does Council assess the commercial value of the advertising or partnerships it provides through its Council platforms (website, email, newsletters)?
9. Who decided on the commercial partners or approves what advertising is allowed?
10. By what criteria are commercial partners chosen?
11. By what criteria is commercial advertising permitted?
12. Where in the Council budget papers are the costs and income/revenue which relate to commercial advertising or private partnerships using Council platforms included (please provide details of specific council documents and relevant line items)?

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3. Stewart Street Mobility Parking Space

By Councillor Jarrett

Question

The Stewart Street Association has requested a permanent, shared mobility parking space in the current mobility parking space on Stewart Street, Paddington due to a change in circumstances regarding the allocated space no longer being required.

1. What capacity is there for Council to allocate general mobility parking spaces in the event a household mobility parking space becomes vacant?
2. Can the mobility parking space on Stewart Street be re-allocated into the general-purpose resident's pool as a mobility parking space?

3. What guidelines are in place to ensure that mobility parking spaces are in place for residential streets in the City of Sydney generally to ensure our city is accessible?

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4. Joynton Park Grass and Lighting

By Councillor Jarrett

Question

The six-month trial of lighting in Joynton Park that commenced in April 2022 has now concluded.

1. Has a date been announced for removal of the temporary fence on the grass in Joynton Park? If so, what is this date?
2. Is an update available regarding the outcome of the park lighting trial following the removal of this lighting in October?
3. If successful, why hasn't the City of Sydney installed regular lighting in the months after its completion?
4. Why did the City of Sydney remove the lighting before announcing the results of the trial?
5. Has any additional community consultation occurred, or will additional community consultation occur regarding the potential installation of permanent lighting?

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5. Discussions with Federal Government regarding Social and Affordable Housing Funding

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

In October 2022, the Federal Government released the National Housing Accord, a plan to engage all levels of government, institutional investors and the construction sector to help tackle the nation's housing problem.

1. What has Council assessed as to the potential to partner with the Federal Government to deliver more social and affordable housing in the City of Sydney?
2. How can Council best leverage the commitments made by the Federal Government to increase social and affordable housing in the City of Sydney?
3. Has Council communicated with the Federal Government about opportunities to partner to deliver additional social and affordable housing in the City of Sydney?
4. Within Council, who is tasked with leading discussions with the Federal Government?
5. What have been the outcomes of these discussions to date?

6. If Council has not entered into discussions, when do you expect Council to do so?
7. Has the Council explored collaborating with the Federal Government to deliver social and affordable housing projects, either by monetary contributions, logistical support, or both? Please provide details.

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6. City of Sydney Waste Disposal

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. In the last five years, has the City withheld payment for waste services at any time from any external providers? If so, when, how much and what for?
2. If not, will the City consider this option in future? If not, why not?
3. Has the City sought any contract amendments from Cleanaway since 2019?
4. Have Cleanaway sought any contract amendments from the City since 2019?
5. What are the additional costs that the City has incurred as a result of increased waste complaints?
6. Please detail, broken down by month since 2018, how many complaints of missed collection the City has received?
7. Please detail, broken down by month since 2018, how many requests for bulk collection the City has received? Of these, how many have been collected on the day booked? How many have been missed? How many have been delayed?
8. What other metrics does the City collect on waste and recycling collection services? How are these monitored?

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7. Waste Management in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Weldon

Question:

1. How many missed waste and recycling collections were reported to the City of Sydney in each of the preceding 12 months (January 2022 to January 2023)?
2. How much did the City of Sydney expend on waste management services (combined in-house and contracted services) in each of the last five years (FY2017/18, FY2018/19, FY2019/20 and FY2020/21 and FY2021/22)?

3. What was the number of full time/part time staff employed by the City of Sydney engaged in collecting waste in each of the last five years (FY2017/18, FY2018/19, FY2019/20 and FY2020/21 and FY2021/22)?
4. What is the number of full time/part time staff currently employed by the City of Sydney engaged in collecting waste?
5. Since the execution of the City's major contract with Cleanaway, have any fulltime/part time City of Sydney employees been engaged in collecting waste which is the responsibility of Cleanaway as part of its contract signed with the City of Sydney?
6. If the answer to 5 is yes:
 - (a) On how many occasions and on what dates have City of Sydney employees collected waste that is part of the contract obligations of Cleanaway?
 - (b) What are the terms under which City of Sydney employees are doing work that is part of the contract obligations of Cleanaway?
7. Were any privately operated waste collection companies engaged by City of Sydney prior to the execution of the contract with Cleanaway?
8. If the answer to 7 is yes:
 - (a) What is the name and nature of those private services?
 - (b) What were the services provided to City of Sydney by each of the companies?
 - (c) What was the value of the contracts with City of Sydney with each of the companies?
 - (d) Which private companies, aside from Cleanaway, are currently providing services to City of Sydney for waste related issues and what is the nature of these services?
9. Has the Chief Executive Officer met with Cleanaway management since the Council meeting in August 2022 to discuss their performance on waste related matters?
10. If the answer to 9 is yes on how many separate occasions and on what dates did the meetings occur?
11. How many rat traps or other rat eradication devices are currently in place in the City of Sydney?
12. Which areas of the City of Sydney are most affected by rat infestation based on number of rat eradication devices installed?

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8. Current Waste Management Services in the City

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. Currently, who collects residential or domestic waste in the City of Sydney Local Government Area:
 - (a) General waste (red bin);
 - (b) Recyclables (yellow bin);
 - (c) Soft plastics;
 - (d) Other recyclables (other, for example clothes which can be donated and reused through a booked pick up service);
 - (e) Organic waste (not including food organics) (green bin);
 - (f) Food organic waste;
 - (g) Bulky house clean-up;
 - (h) White goods;
 - (i) Illegal dumping;
 - (j) Mattress collections;
 - (k) Other residential waste not captured by the above.
2. Are there different arrangements for particular types of residential dwellings which are common in the City of Sydney Local Government Area – for example, public housing, social housing, and/or mixed commercial and residential towers? If yes, please provide details.
3. Currently, who is responsible for collecting waste from public bins in City of Sydney's parks and streets?
4. Currently, who is responsible for commercial waste in the City of Sydney?
5. Currently, who is responsible for processing, managing and/ or disposing of waste in the City of Sydney:
 - (a) General waste (red bin);
 - (b) Recyclables (yellow bin);
 - (c) Soft plastics;
 - (d) Other recyclables (other, for example clothes which can be donated and reused through a booked pick up service);
 - (e) Organic waste (not including food organics) (green bin);

- (f) Food organic waste;
 - (g) Bulky house clean-up;
 - (h) White goods;
 - (i) Illegal dumping;
 - (j) Mattress collections;
 - (k) Other residential waste not captured by the above.
6. What contracts or other commercial arrangements are in place for the collection of residential or domestic waste in the City of Sydney, in relation to:
- (a) General waste (red bin);
 - (b) Recyclables (yellow bin);
 - (c) Soft plastics;
 - (d) Other recyclables;
 - (e) Organic waste (not including food organics) (green bin);
 - (f) Food organic waste;
 - (g) Bulky house clean-up;
 - (h) White goods;
 - (i) Illegal dumping;
 - (j) Mattress collections;
 - (k) Other residential waste not captured by the above.
7. What are the key terms – including at least the name of organisation contracted and the term of the contracts – for the types of waste collection listed above at 6? If a contract for collection of residential or domestic waste covers multiple types of waste, please specify this.
8. What contracts or other commercial arrangements are in place in relation to: processing, managing and/or disposing of waste in the City of Sydney, for the different types of waste listed above at 6?
9. What are the key terms –including at least the name of organisation contracted and the term of the contracts – for the types of waste collection listed above. If a contract for collection of residential or domestic waste covers multiple types of waste, please specify this.

9. Recent Industrial Action in Relation to Waste Services

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What industrial action has impacted the City of Sydney's waste collection services in the last three months?
2. Which specific Council waste collection services have recently been impacted by industrial action in the last three months:
 - (a) General waste (red bin);
 - (b) Recyclables (yellow bin);
 - (c) Soft plastics;
 - (d) Other recyclables (other, for example clothes which can be donated and reused through a booked pick up service);
 - (e) Organic waste (not including food organics) (green bin);
 - (f) Food organic waste;
 - (g) Bulky house clean-up;
 - (h) White goods;
 - (i) Illegal dumping;
 - (j) Mattress collections;
 - (k) Other residential waste not captured by the above.
3. Who is the industrial action between? If more than one dispute, please note this.
4. Is the City aware of the reasons for the industrial action? Please provide details.
5. What was the date of:
 - (a) The first strike, or industrial action, impacting residential waste pickup?
 - (b) The second strike, or industrial action, impacting residential waste pickup?
 - (c) The third strike, or industrial action, impacting residential waste pickup?
 - (d) Any following strikes or industrial action impacting waste pickup, of which the City is aware?
6. What streets – or suburbs if individual streets are not known – have been impacted by missed waste collection, over the last few months? Include details for each strike or industrial action.
7. What action has the Council taken to address the missed residential waste collection?

8. What future action is the Council proposing?

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10. Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What decisions have the Council made in relation to food organics and garden organics (FOGO)?
2. What are the dates of those decisions? Please provide a timeline.
3. When will the outcomes of the City's trial in relation to FOGO be available?
4. When will the draft FOGO strategy be released?

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11. Council Decisions Regarding Waste Management

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What is the date of the decisions by Council to move from Council-run or in house services, to engage a private contractor to collect:
 - (a) General waste (red bin);
 - (b) Recyclables (yellow bin);
 - (c) Soft plastics;
 - (d) Other recyclables (other, for example clothes which can be donated and reused through a booked pick up service);
 - (e) Organic waste (not including food organics) (green bin);
 - (f) Food organic waste;
 - (g) Bulky house clean-up;
 - (h) White goods;
 - (i) Illegal dumping;
 - (j) Mattress collections;
 - (k) Other residential waste not captured by the above.

2. What decisions did the elected Council make on the 23 October 2017 to change the way its waste was collected / managed?
3. What advice or information was provided to Council for consideration when making the decision?
4. Was a business case or cost benefit analysis was provided to Council, in relation to the decision by Council to move to a private contract or outsource waste collection? Please provide details.
5. What dates was an Expression of Interest conducted for residential waste services? Include key dates.
6. What dates of the elected Council relate to this Expression of Interest?
7. What date was the residential waste contract with Cleanaway entered into?

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