

Item 11.5

Notices of Motion

Budget Support for the City's Housing for All

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney's Community Strategic Plan (Delivering Sustainable Sydney 2030–2050) includes 'Housing for all' as one of the City's ten Strategic Directions. The City's vision under this Strategic Direction is "for a city where everyone has a home (and) social, affordable, and supported housing is available";
- (ii) the City has established targets of 7.5 per cent affordable housing and 7.5 per cent social (including public) housing across the Local Government Area by 2036 (maintained to 2050). The benchmark for affordable housing was 1.1 per cent in June 2021. Since 2021 housing affordability has gone backwards significantly in the Local Government Area;
- (iii) in the draft 2023/24 City of Sydney budget, due to be approved for exhibition at the 15 May 2023 Council meeting, \$3.9 million of the City's \$559.2 million operating expenditure (or 0.7 per cent) is earmarked to progress the 'Housing for all' Strategic Direction; and
- (iv) the Draft Operational Plan 2023-2024, Summary of income and expenditure by Principal Activity, notes "a number of Principal Activities are largely of an advocacy and facilitation role for the City (such as Housing for all) and not one of direct service provision. As a result, the proposed budget does not reflect substantial operational costs (particularly salaries expenditure) incurred indirectly in delivering this Principal Activity..."; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) prepare advice to the Council about opportunities for the City of Sydney Council to expand its work supporting housing affordability, including through staffing, project funding and/ or direct support; and
- (ii) provide options at the June 2023 Council meeting, for consideration as part of the final 2023/24 budget.

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