

**Item 13****Questions on Notice****1. Jan Gehl's Sydney Visit**

By Councillor Jarrett

**Question**

1. Did the City of Sydney fund Mr Gehl's trip to Sydney for his upcoming November 2023 visit?
2. And if so, what was the cost and from which fund was it drawn?

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**2. City of Sydney Grants Assessment**

By Councillor Jarrett

As per the City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Policy, all grant applications are assessed by at least three relevant City of Sydney employees, including those with knowledge and experience relevant to the grant application. Recommendations are then made to Council for approval.

**Question**

1. Are the City of Sydney employees chosen to assess grants taken only from the designated grants team or from a wider sector of staff?
2. Are the relevant employees required to make declarations of interests?
3. If so, how often?
4. What are the criteria to be selected as a City of Sydney grants assessor?
5. How does the City of Sydney ensure there are no inherent biases occurring during the grants assessment process from the assessors considering they are employees of the City and not an independent panel?

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### 3. Use of the Sydney Town Hall by NSW Police

By Councillor Ellsmore

#### Question

1. On 21 October 2023, the NSW Police were provided with access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House. Councillors were advised that this was for policing in relation to the Palestinian solidarity march that was moving from Town Hall to Belmore Park. Please provide details regarding the following:
  - (a) For what purpose did the Police seek access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
  - (b) For how long and on what terms did the Police use the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
  - (c) Were the Police granted access to use any other spaces in the Sydney Town Hall? If yes, please provide details.
  - (d) How did the request come to the City of Sydney? For example, who did it come from, was it in the form of a letter, email or a verbal request, and who did the request come to?
  - (e) Who made the decision to grant the Police access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
  - (f) Within Council, who was consulted before the decision was made to grant the Police access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House? Were any elected Councillors consulted prior to the decision being made?
  - (g) Under what policies and delegations was the decision made to grant the Police access to Council facilities?
  - (h) Under what policies and delegations was the decision made to permit use of the Marconi Room, Town Hall House for policing activities?
  - (i) Under what policies and delegations was the decision made to permit use of the Marconi Room, Town Hall House for policing of protests?
  - (j) Did the Police pay a fee for the use of the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
  - (k) What would it normally cost to hire or use the Marconi Room, Town Hall House space used by the Police? Under what policies and delegations were decisions made about whether or not to charge Police fees for use of the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
2. Since 21 October 2023, the NSW Police have used the Marconi Room, Town Hall House on a number of occasions during protests. Please provide details regarding the following, for the period after 21 October 2023:
  - (a) How many times have the Police been given access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?

- (b) On what dates and for what reasons have the Police been given access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
  - (c) What rooms and for what periods have the Police been given access to the Marconi Room, Town Hall House?
  - (d) What fees or payments have the Police made to the City of Sydney for use of the Marconi Room, Town Hall House? If fees were not paid, what is the value of the fees waived.
3. Does the City of Sydney have a policy regarding use of Council facilities by the Police?
4. Does the City of Sydney have a policy regarding use of Council facilities to police democratic protests?
5. What recent Council decisions have been made regarding protecting the right to peaceful protest?
6. What policies or procedures does the Council have in place in relation to encouraging and protecting the right to peaceful and democratic protest in or near Council facilities including the Sydney Town Hall?
7. In the last three years:
  - (a) When have the Police been given access to the Sydney Town Hall or other Council facilities for police activities? Please provide details.
  - (b) When have the Police been given access to the Sydney Town Hall or other Council facilities for activities relating to policing protests? Please provide details.

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#### **4. Future Rates Income**

By Councillor Gannon

##### **Question**

What consideration has been made with respect to future rates income in light of falling CBD commercial property values?

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## 5. Status of State Government Redevelopment and Rezoning Projects in the City of Sydney - November 2023 Update

By Councillor Ellsmore

### Question

1. In answers to Questions on Notice tabled at the September 2023 Council meeting, about current state significant planning proposals within the City of Sydney Local Government Area, a detailed table was provided. Since the answers to Questions on Notice in September 2023, could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:
  - (a) Are there updates on the status of these projects?
  - (b) Are there any additional development applications, modifications or other form of planning proposals?  
  
If yes, please provide details or updates in text or in the form of an updated table.
2. Since September 2023, have City staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about any new, future or additional development applications or state significant proposals on public land in the Local Government Area, including pre-DA discussions?
3. If yes:
  - (a) Which NSW Government agencies or representatives sought information or attended and meetings?
  - (b) What sites were discussed?
  - (c) What did the NSW Government advise was its intention in relation to each site?
  - (d) What advice or information did Council provide?

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## 6. Status of Public Housing Redevelopment Plans in the City of Sydney - November 2023 Update

By Councillor Ellsmore

### Question

1. In answers to Questions on Notice tabled at the August 2023 and September 2023 Council meetings, Council advised the following development applications, modification applications and/or planning proposals relating to public housing in the City of Sydney Local Government Area are proposed or underway:
  - (a) Explorer Street South, Eveleigh
  - (b) 14-36 Wentworth Park Road Glebe
  - (c) 82 Wentworth Park Rd Glebe

- (d) 17-31 Cowper St Glebe
- (e) Waterloo Estate (South)
- (f) 600 Elizabeth Street Redfern

What is the current status of each of these proposals or developments?

2. Are there any current developments which have been approved and are underway, but not yet completed, in relation to sites containing public housing? If yes, please provide details.
3. In relation to Explorer Street, Eveleigh:
  - (a) What discussions, briefings or meetings have been held between the City of Sydney and Council representatives, since August 2023?  
  
Please provide details including when meetings were held, which Council representatives attended, and what was discussed.
  - (b) Was Council's advice sought from Land and Housing Corporation or Department of Planning and Environment regarding the rezoning proposal?  
  
If yes, when was advice sought, and what was the detail of the advice provided?
  - (c) Have there ever been any discussions between Council, Land and Housing Corporation or Department of Planning and Environment regarding the percentages and tenure mix of affordable, social and public housing that Council would expect for a rezoned site?  
  
If yes, please provide details regarding who was involved in discussions, and what advice was provided.
  - (d) Have there ever been any discussions between Council, public housing tenants or local resident groups regarding the proposed rezoning of Explorer Street?  
  
If yes, please provide details.
4. In relation to 14-36 Wentworth Park Road Glebe, in answers to Questions on Notice tabled at the September 2023 Council meeting, Council advised that pre-DA advice had been sought by Land and Housing Corporation in relation to a proposal to demolish existing dwellings and construct new flats.
  - (a) Has the NSW Government sought any further advice in relation to this property since September? If yes, please provide details.
  - (b) Is Council aware of the status of the proposed redevelopment of this site? If yes, please provide details.
  - (c) Has Council provided any advice in relation to tenure mix for this property? If yes, please provide details.
5. In relation to 82 Wentworth Park Road Glebe, when is this development application proposed to be considered by the Local Planning Panel?

6. In answers to Questions on Notice tabled at the September 2023 Council meeting, Council provided an update in relation to eight (8) public housing sites in Pyrmont, six (6) of which the NSW Government had identified as 'capable of change'. Under the most updated version of draft planning controls being developed by the City of Sydney for Pyrmont, has the City identified any public housing sites in Pyrmont as capable of change, or proposed for rezoning or redevelopment?

If yes, please provide details.

7. Since September 2023, have any public housing sites in other parts of the Local Government Area been identified for potential planning changes, arising from other City of Sydney's strategic planning processes or reviews?

If yes, please provide details.

8. Since September 2023, is the City of Sydney aware of any further proposals for the redevelopment of public housing in the Local Government Area (other than those noted above), that are not yet lodged but in early stages of planning, including consultation pre lodgement?

This includes expressions of interest for public housing sites which are the rezoning of the former NSW Government's public call for rezoning proposals for public housing sites.

9. Have there been any discussions between Council and the NSW Government in relation to changes to Council planning controls in relation to public housing in the Local Government Area generally (i.e. not related to one specific site) in the last three months? If yes, please provide details.
10. In the last three months, has the City of Sydney provided any communications to residents, including public housing tenants, in relation to the proposed redevelopment of public housing sites? If yes, please provide details.

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## **7. Lord Mayor's Roundtable**

By Councillor Scott

### **Question**

The Lord Mayor held a roundtable of City community groups on 1 November 2023.

1. Who was invited?
2. How were all Councillors invited?
3. Were City staff involved?
4. Please detail the staff time, and cost of staff time, dedicated to the event.

5. What topics were covered?
6. Were any requests made to staff? If so, please detail.
7. What is the protocol for City staff attending Lord Mayoral and Councillor events, and resourcing them? What is the budget allocation for this?

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## **8. Reported Bike Crashes**

By Councillor Scott

### **Question**

1. How many daily cycling trips occur on Oxford Street, on average each day? How is this measured?
2. Please list the top ten locations of reported bike crashes in the Sydney Local Government Area, from highest to lowest.
3. Please list the top ten causes of reported bike crashes in the Sydney Local Government Area, from highest to lowest.
4. Please list the top ten locations of reported bike fatalities in the Sydney Local Government Area, from highest to lowest.
5. Please list the top ten causes of reported bike fatalities in the Sydney Local Government Area, from highest to lowest.

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## **9. EV Chargers in Paddington**

By Councillor Scott

### **Question**

1. When will the City install or facilitate EV chargers in Paddington?
2. Where, and when will it be available for public use?

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## 10. Apartments

By Councillor Scott

### Question

What progress has the City made to amend the Sydney Development Control Plan (DCP) to ensure no reduction in the number of apartments be allowed?

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