

Item 14.5**Notices of Motion****Extension of No Fee for Hiring Community Spaces**

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 12 December 2022, Council unanimously resolved to provide free use of the City's community spaces for community groups for incorporated and unincorporated associations whose membership base is within the City of Sydney Local Government Area (noting parties and groups that do not correctly represent the City's Inclusion and Equity principles are not included);
- (ii) since this approval, community groups within the City of Sydney could apply for community space venue hire and have 100 per cent of the hiring and insurance fees waived;
- (iii) the venue hire can be used for a range of community meetings, events and gatherings;
- (iv) the fee waiver is imperative to small, underfunded community groups within the City of Sydney; and
- (v) the fee waiver will lapse on 30 June 2024, if not extended for a further fiscal year; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) renew the existing fee waiver for community space hire, starting on 30 June 2024;
- (ii) include in the upcoming draft budget to be submitted to Council for endorsement the free use of community spaces for the upcoming 2024/2025 fiscal year; and
- (iii) note Council's intention to continue this program and incorporate funding for this program into the City's current 10 year forward plan.

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