

## Item 11

### Questions on Notice

#### 1. Status of Public Housing Redevelopment in the City of Sydney as at 8 April 2024

By Councillor Ellsmore

##### Question

In answers to Questions on Notice provided to the 11 March 2024 Council meeting, Council was provided with updates on the status of development and potential development relating to public housing sites in the City of Sydney, including:

- 14-36 Wentworth Park Road Glebe;
- 82 Wentworth Park Road Glebe;
- 17-31 Cowper Street, Glebe;
- Explorer South, Eveleigh;
- 600 Elizabeth Street, Redfern; and
- The Waterloo Estate.

Since the information provided to the 11 March 2024 Council meeting, is Council aware of:

1. Any updates in relation to the development or potential development of these sites; or
2. Any additional public housing sites for which development is being explored? This includes pre-DA inquiries.

If yes, please provide details.

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#### 2. City of Sydney Accessibility Upgrades of Community Spaces

By Councillor Ellsmore

##### Question

1. Under the City of Sydney's current budget (2023/24):
  - (a) What is the capital works budget, for upgrades of Council owned property?
  - (b) Is there a specific budget for upgrades to community facility upgrades to increase disability access? If yes, please provide details.

2. How does the City of Sydney undertake assessments of whether public spaces and buildings it owns are disability accessible?
3. The City of Sydney maintains an Accessibility Map, which identifies 25 Council venues that are accessible.
  - (a) What Council venues has the Council identified as accessible?
  - (b) What Council venues has the Council identified as not currently accessible?
  - (c) What Council venues has the Council identified require an upgrade or works to increase disability accessibility?
4. Is there a timetable, program of works or plan for upgrading access to the Council's community centres to make them accessible or improve accessibility? If yes, please provide details.
5. Is there a timetable, program of works or plan for upgrading access to the Council's other venues to make them accessible or improve accessibility? If yes, please provide details.
6. In 2022/23 and 2023/24, what upgrades have been made to Council's:
  - (a) Community facilities to improve disability access?
  - (b) Other venues to improve disability access?

Please include details of the facility, the budget and briefly what upgrades were made.

7. Under the City of Sydney's long term financial plan, which of the Council-owned community facilities are proposed to be upgraded, or works undertaken, to improve disability access:
  - (a) In 2023/27 (i.e., over the next four years)?
  - (b) In 2028/33 (i.e., over the next ten years)?

Please list the name of the facility and the budget specified in the long-term financial plan, or included in another budget document if detailed there.

8. Within the City of Sydney's budget relating to works for parks, footpaths, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other public spaces:
  - (a) Is there specific provision for disability upgrades to be made?
  - (b) Are there targets to achieve or improve disability accessibility?

If yes, please provide details.

9. Where can information about the City's current program of works to maintain and/ or upgrade community facilities be found (including, in what documents is this information detailed)?

### 3. D/2024/83 - 136 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst - Disability Access

By Councillor Gannon

#### Question

1. With respect to D/2024/83 (136 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst) what external accessibility reports were commissioned as part of this Development Application (DA)?
2. The City's Development Application Assessment report states the DA is accessible design compliant while there is no disability access available. It is noted that "alternative arrangements in the form of QR codes will be provided within the main Qtopia centre at 301 Forbes Street. This is considered an acceptable approach and meets the provisions of the DDA." What is the rationale for this?
3. What documentation does the City have for this to be an acceptable solution for disability access?
4. How many other organisations have previously approached the City of Sydney to activate these sites, both formally and informally?
5. What investigation works have previously been done in relation to making these sites comply with disability access standards?
6. What were the outcomes of these investigations?

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### 4. Perry Park

By Councillor Scott

Perry Park in Alexandria has been temporarily closed whilst the synthetic sports field is upgraded. Following the completion of the synthetic field.

#### Question

1. What are the new community opening hours for Perry Park?
2. What is the process of community members booking Perry Park for hire?
3. What is the process for selecting what community groups/professional organisations will be allocated access to Perry Park?
4. What is the final completion date for the synthetic sports field upgrade?

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## 5. Erskineville Oval

By Councillor Scott

The Alexandria Rovers Rugby League Football Club begin their training at the Erskineville Oval in three weeks. In light of this:

### Question

1. Has asbestos been found in any pipes located in the Erskineville Oval?
2. How long has Erskineville Oval been empty for?

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## 6. Shared Zones, Paddington

By Councillor Scott

In August 2023, Council approved the installation of Shared Zones:

- Seymour Place, Paddington between South Dowling and Selwyn Streets; and
- Church Street, Paddington between South Dowling and Selwyn Streets.

In the 15 September 2023 CEO Update, all voting members (City of Sydney, Transport for NSW, NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC and Representative for the Member of Sydney) unanimously supported the recommendations.

### Question

1. Are there any other Committee members that need to approve the Shared Zone prior to starting construction?
2. What is the confirmed construction timeline for the shared zones?
3. When will the residents of Paddington expect both shared zones to be completed?

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## 7. Public Defibrillator Installation

By Councillor Scott

### Question

1. How many Automated External Defibrillators (AED) do the City of Sydney provide in open space for community use?
2. How many AEDs does the City of Sydney have in Council-owned properties such as community halls, public gardens and libraries?

3. What is the cost of installing one AED?
4. Noting previous Council concerns in 2016, in the past year, how many AEDs have been stolen/vandalised on Council-owned property?

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## **8. Temporary Fencing**

By Councillor Scott

According to the Fees and Charges – Revenue Policy adopted 26 June 2023, Hoarding Occupation Fee - forming a work/storage compound area cost \$15.52 per m2/week in Zone 1 (City Centre) or \$7.76 per m2/week in Zone 2 (non-City Centre).

A temporary structure includes tents, marquees, stalls, hoardings, scaffolding and any other structure that is not permanent.

### **Question**

1. How much does the City of Sydney spend per year on temporary fencing?
2. How much does will it cost the City of Sydney to purchase all its own fencing for hire?
3. How many events use temporary fencing per year?

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## **9. Asbestos Negligence Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

By Councillor Scott

On 26 February 2024, the Daily Telegraph reported “a spokesperson for the City of Sydney said workers were not made to wear PPE while erecting fences earlier this month as they were not directly handling the mulch”.

In this same article, Barry Robson, Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia President, said the lack of ensuring all workers were in PPE appropriate to the handling of mulch was comparable to “negligence”.

### **Question**

1. What steps have been taken to ensure as Councillors we are upholding our legal obligations in a case of negligence in the case of workers not wearing appropriate PPE?
2. Is wearing appropriate PPE compulsory on all asbestos exposed sites?
3. If yes, when was this requirement put in place?

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## 10. Asbestos Compensation Fund

By Councillor Scott

### Question

1. Will the City of Sydney have an asbestos compensation fund, if a complainant is found to have an asbestos related injury/disease in the future from the February 2024 asbestos contamination in garden beds and parks within the City of Sydney?
2. If no, what are the steps to creating an asbestos compensation fund?
3. What are the liabilities for Councillors and City Staff if we do not have an asbestos compensation fund?

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