Item 12

Questions on Notice

1.   NSW Government Kerbside Charging Grant Program – Round 1 Outcome

By Councillor Jarrett

In 2023, the NSW Government announced an investment of $10 million, with $3 million to a Kerbside Charging Grant program to support local governments and Charge Point Operators (CPOs) to install electric vehicle (EV) kerbside chargers across metropolitan NSW.

The grant process encouraged Charging Point Operators (CPOs) to apply, but only proposals with support from the relevant Council were eligible.

The City received and assessed several proposals and determined to support eight proposed pole-based chargers.

Question

1.   How many proposals from Charging Point Operators did the City receive and assess?

2.   Why were Councillors not given a breakdown of the assessment criteria, how the proposal did/did not meet the criteria and the outcome of each proposal?

3.   Can Councillors be given the above-mentioned breakdown of each proposal?

4.   According to the Daily Telegraph article 'Hundreds of new kerbside chargers coming. Here's where you will be able to power up your EV', the Inner West Council is receiving 136 new chargers, with Randwick and Waverley receiving 83 and 70 respectively. Given the City's position as the leading Council in Australia, why are we only proceeding with eight proposals when other, smaller Councils, are supporting hundreds of proposals?

5.   Has the City considered the impacts only approving such a small number of new EV chargers will have on our sustainability targets?

6.   If so, can Councillors receive this information?

7.   If not, why not?

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2. Harry Noble Reserve Update

By Councillor Jarrett

The City's website details that 'the City is preparing a detailed design for the upgrade of this park and playground. Works are expected to start in mid-2024 and take approximately six months to complete.'

Question

1. It is now mid-2024, has the City prepared the necessary design for the upgrade of the Harry Noble Reserve?

2. If not, why not?

3. If so, when is the City going to put the design and recommendation to Council?

4. What is the new expected timeframe for the starting time of the works?

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3. Asbestos in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. According to the City's website (14 June 2024) the following parks still have asbestos clean-up underway: Belmore Park (west side), Blackwattle Bay Park, Cook + Phillip Park, Harold Park, Observatory Hill Park, Wentworth Park, and Victoria Park. What is the estimated time frame for the complete removal of asbestos in each of these parks?

2. According to the City's website (14 June 2024) the following parks have asbestos removal plan finalised or in development: Giba Park, John Street Reserve, Minogue Reserve, Munn Reserve and Stewart Street Reserve. What is the estimated time frame for the complete removal of asbestos in each of these parks?

3. How much contract work time has it taken for contractors to clear asbestos in affected parks since February 2024? What is the number of contractors that have been assigned to help with the removal of asbestos since February 2024? Broken down by month, what is the total cost of the City funded asbestos removal?

4. Will the Council provide more frequent asbestos testing considering the scale of the recent asbestos crisis?

5. What is the current provision we have made for the removal process of asbestos found in City of Sydney parks and garden beds?

6. What financial year/s has this provision been made in the City's budget?

7. As of 18 June 2024, how much money has the City spent in the remediation process of asbestos removal in parks?

8. As of 18 June 2024, how much money has the City spent in the remediation process of asbestos removal in garden beds?

9. As of 18 June 2024, what has been the most expensive park for asbestos removal? How much was spent on this park?

10. What is the total provision for the cost of asbestos clean up, from recycled mulch? Over how many years?

11. What is the date that all asbestos laid by City contractors in our parks and garden beds will be removed in the City?

12. What is the City of Sydney's current risk from the extended exposure period, considering the first confirmed exposure was on 12 February 2024?

13. What is the public risk from the extended exposure period, considering the first confirmed exposure was on 12 February 2024?

14. Has the City considered these risks, and how have they been mitigated? Has the City sought external and independent advice on these risks, and how to mitigate them? If so, who, when and at what cost?

15. How will the City continue to consider and mitigate these risks post asbestos clean up?

16. Are there any penalties for the Council that has been imposed, or threatened to be imposed, by regulators?

17. We understand the City has established the Asbestos Incident Management Team. How many members of staff are in this team? What is the cost of the staff time dedicated to this?

18. Has the City been offered any assistance by any Government or other organisations to assist in the clean-up of the asbestos found in the City of Sydney parks and garden beds? If yes, have these offers been accepted? If no, why have these offers been declined?

19. Does the City have an asbestos exposure register? If no, why not?

20. If the City does not have an asbestos exposure register, will it create one for members of the community who have been exposed to asbestos for a long period of time?

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4. Snap Send Solve Reporting Process

By Councillor Scott

Question

The City of Sydney currently use the Snap Send Solve app, for residents to report issues to Council.

1. How are issues classified as complete when an issue is reported in Snap Send Solve? How is this audited?

2.   What are the three main issues reported by City of Sydney residents through the Snap Send Solve app?

3.   Broken down by month, what is the average time of resolution? What is the longest outstanding issue?

4.   Broken down by month, how many reports have been made for city of Sydney issues via 'Snap Send Solve' over the past 12 months?

5.   Broken down by month, of these reports, how many have been completed and incomplete?

6.   Broken down by month, how many reports have been made in the past 12 months regarding missed waste collection?

7.   Broken down by month, of these reports, how many have been solved?

8.   Broken down by month, of these reports, how many have been left unattended?

9.   Please detail the process of prioritisation for issues reported in Snap Send Solve?

10.   What is the cost for the City of Sydney using Snap Send Solve as a reporting mechanism?

11.   Can all forms of rubbish dumping be selected in the Snap Send Solve reporting mechanism? If no, why not?

12.   Can all bins (red, yellow and green) be selected as a 'missed collection service' in Snap Send Solve? If no, why not?

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5.   Soft Plastic Recycling in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

Following the collapse of Australia's largest soft plastic recycling program in 2022, City of Sydney residents do not have opportunity to recycle soft plastics. The City's website currently outlines soft plastics such as plastic bags, bread bags, wrappers, chip packets or bubble wrap must go in the red bin.

In early 2024, five Melbourne supermarkets across 12 suburbs returned to recycling soft plastics through a trail with one yellow bin placed outside of their storefront (https://wastemanagementreview.com.au/soft-plastics-recycling-trial-starts-in-12-melbourne-suburbs/).

In light of this:

1.   What does the process for recycling soft plastics look like in the City of Sydney?

2.   Are there any cost-free ways for residents to recycle their soft plastics? If yes, please outline the cost-free ways.

3. Does the City have any plans to bring back soft plastic recycling? If yes, what are these plans and their corresponding timeframes?

4. What is the process of setting up a soft-plastics recycling zone in the City?

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6. City of Sydney Aquatic Centre Funding

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. What are the current entry prices for a City of Sydney resident at City owned aquatic centres?

2. Has this cost increased over the last five years?

3. If yes, by how much? Please provide a breakdown year by year of the increases, if any.

4. Have the City increased fees for senior citizens entering City owned aquatic centres over the past five years?

5. If yes, by how much?

6. Is there a difference in cost for ratepayers and non-ratepayers of the City of Sydney?

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7. FOGO Food Recycling in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. How many residents currently have FOGO?

2. What is the current cost of the City's FOGO service?

3. What is the cost for the City of Sydney to have FOGO across all residential properties?

4. What is the estimated timeframe for which the food scraps recycling service will be available for all City of Sydney residents?

5. What are the restricted areas for the food scraps recycling service within the City of Sydney?

6. What are the main restrictions to ensuring the FOGO roll out is the same as the Inner West?

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8. City of Sydney Plaque Removal

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. What is the City's annual expenditure or budget for the removal of plaques, broken down by financial year since 2004?

2. Has this cost increased over the last five years?

3. If yes, by how much? Please provide a breakdown year by year of the increases, if any.

4. What is the process of selection for the removal of a plaque. Please detail the selection and removal process.

5. Please list, broken down by year, since 2004 how many City plaques have been removed. Please detail why each was removed, the original wording of the plaque, the location and cost.

6. Has there been an increase in removal over the last five years?

7. If yes, by how much? Please provide a breakdown year by year of the increases, if any.

8. Has the City ever removed an existing plaque for the installation of another?

9. If yes, please detail each instance, outlining why it was replaced, the old and new wording, location, and the cost of re-installation for each instance.

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