

Item 14.7

Notices of Motion

Local Youth Services and Programs

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) young people are the lifeblood of our city. They are our future leaders and youth culture contributes to our city's vibrancy and dynamism in many ways;
- (ii) not all young people in the City of Sydney have the same opportunities and support and some experience greater adversity;
- (iii) ensuring that young people are engaged, supported and valued is one of the most important investments we can make in the future of our city;
- (iv) the City's approach is set out in our Youth Action Plan 2017-2027 and the City embeds youth development principles in many areas of our work;
- (v) youth services and programs play a vital role in supporting young people, particularly those facing systemic barriers;
- (vi) the City provides a range of youth programs and events which are developed and delivered in ways that support equitable access and outcomes for all young people and promote inclusive participation;
- (vii) there are many other services, organisations and government agencies working in our local area to support young people. Each have different catchments, focuses, skills and resources;
- (viii) the City provides substantial funding and in-kind support to a range of services and projects for young people. Furthermore, the City provides sector support through the coordination of a quarterly Youth Services Interagency and the Connect Sydney program;
- (ix) the dedication and skills of youth workers and the vital role they play in supporting young people; and
- (x) supporting young people is a whole-of-community responsibility and all levels of government have a role to play; and

- (B) Council commend staff for their ongoing work to ensure young people are engaged, supported and valued, including recent commitments to:
- (i) undertake a mapping of youth services in the City of Sydney to identify existing supports and programs for young people and to help identify gaps; and
 - (ii) convene a round table meeting with local youth services to discuss current and ongoing funding challenges and opportunities for sustainable delivery of services across the City of Sydney.

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