

Item 9

Report of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee - 22 July 2024

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee of Monday 17 July 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she is the Deputy President of the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI) Board and the Chair of CareSuper. CareSuper has offices on level 20/6-10 O'Connell Street, Sydney NSW 2000. ACSI has several members who live and work within the City of Sydney. Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she applies her judgement to the decisions as a Councillor for the City of Sydney.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Vincent Lim, Ray Seeto and Raymond Tai who are associated with the grant recipient, attended a fundraiser hosted by the Clover Moore Independent Team this year. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant, and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed the grant with the recipient or the individuals.

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Vincent Lim, Ray Seeto and Raymond Tai who are associated with the grant recipient, attended a fundraiser hosted by the Clover Moore Independent Team this year. Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant, and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed the grant with the recipient or the individuals.

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Vincent Lim, Ray Seeto and Raymond Tai who are associated with the grant recipient, attended a fundraiser hosted by the Clover Moore Independent Team this year. Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant, and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed the grant with the recipient or the individuals.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Vincent Lim, Ray Seeto and Raymond Tai who are associated with the grant recipient, attended a fundraiser hosted by the Clover Moore Independent Team this year. The Lord Mayor considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant, and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed the grant with the recipient or the individuals.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Vincent Lim, Ray Seeto and Raymond Tai who are associated with the grant recipient, attended a fundraiser hosted by the Clover Moore Independent Team this year. Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant, and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed the grant with the recipient or the individuals.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee.

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.3

Public Exhibition - Economic Strategy 2025-2035

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the finalisation of the Economic Development Strategy 2013-2023 and the ten years of significant achievements under the guidance of the Tourism Action Plan, Retail Action Plan and Tech Start-Ups Action Plan, as outlined in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that the Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035, including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035; and
- (E) Council note the Engagement Report summarising consultation for the development of the draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035, as shown at Attachment C to the subject report.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers

Creel Price (CEO, Investible and Greenhouse Climate Tech Hub), Matt Jones (Chair, City of Sydney's Business, Economic Development and Covid Recovery Advisory Panel) and Eamon Waterford (Committee for Sydney) addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on Item 9.3.

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.4

Grants and Sponsorship - Haymarket Activation Grant

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Haymarket Activation Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Haymarket Activation Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Speaker

Kevin Cheng (Haymarket Alliance) addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on Item 9.4.

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.5

Adoption – Child Safety Policy

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the Child Safety Policy as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the obligations of Councillors, as "City employees" for the purpose of the Child Safety Policy, to:
 - (i) conduct themselves appropriately around children while performing duties of their role;
 - (ii) report known or suspected instances of child abuse; and
 - (iii) report inappropriate behaviour by any City employees;
- (C) Council note that under the National Redress Scheme the Lord Mayor may be requested to provide a direct personal response if this is requested by a survivor; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Child Safety Policy to correct any drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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