

## Item 11.6

### Notices of Motion

#### LGBTIQA+ Housing in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that:
- (i) Shelter NSW recently launched a report on the housing needs of the LGBTIQA+ community across the City of Sydney;
  - (ii) the research was supported through a grant from Council;
  - (iii) the report finds that:
    - (a) LGBTIQA+ people are disproportionately impacted by the housing crisis, experiencing higher rates of housing insecurity and homelessness;
    - (b) LGBTIQA+ people experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and disadvantage in the housing market; and
    - (c) many LGBTIQA+ people feel unwelcome or unsafe in mainstream housing services, shelters or aged care facilities;
  - (iv) while acknowledging the significant work that the City of Sydney does to ensure that the inner city is a safe and welcoming space for LGBTIQA+ people, including the recent grant to establish a cooperative for trans women in Darlinghurst, the report notes that the City of Sydney's currently policies and strategies do not include a focus on LGBTIQA+ housing needs; and
  - (v) the report recommends that Council consider:
    - (a) improving data collection to inform the picture of the housing needs of LGBTIQA+ people;
    - (b) developing a toolkit of resources for Council, community housing providers and others on how to advocate for the housing needs of LGBTIQA+ people;
    - (c) developing a LGBTIQA+ focused housing policy, and/ or updating Council's policies to ensure intersectional LGBTIQA+ housing needs are considered;
    - (d) supporting the development of a LGBTIQA+ specific or specialist housing service, potentially through seed funding; and
    - (e) supporting the creation of an LGBTIQA+ 'foyer' housing project in the City of Sydney; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to refer the report to the Housing for All Working Group for consideration and for advice to Council about opportunities to respond to the report's findings.

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