

## Item 14

### Questions on Notice

#### 1. Update on Share Bike Dumping Measures

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

##### Question

1. How many designated share bike parking areas exist across the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
2. Which share bike operators have added parking areas to their apps, and which have not?

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#### 2. City Waste Residential Trial with Goterra

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

##### Question

1. If successful, when will the program be rolled out to all City of Sydney residents?
2. Can the trial be expanded beyond the 22,000 current participants within 12 months, given landfill capacity issues by 2030?
3. What is the cost of the 12-month trial for the current participants?

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#### 3. DA Approval Times in the City of Sydney

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

##### Question

1. How many active Development Applications (DAs) are awaiting processing in the City of Sydney?
2. What is the average DA processing time, and how does this compare to other Local Government Areas?
3. How many DAs have been withdrawn after lodgement in the City of Sydney?

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#### **4. Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras 2025**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

##### **Question**

1. With the TOGA development on Oxford Street set to finish by November 2025, what actions are planned for Mardi Gras 2025?
2. Are there any other planned scheduled works on Oxford Street during Mardi Gras?

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#### **5. Recycle It Saturday**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

##### **Question**

How many residents used the Recycle It Saturday service in the last 12 months, and how much waste was recycled using the program?

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#### **6. Maddox Street Pedestrian Refuge**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

##### **Question**

1. How many days did the community consultation on the Maddox Street pedestrian refuge last and what date was the community notice delivered to residents?
2. How long after the consultation letter was sent were the works completed?
3. How many objections were received about the Maddox Street pedestrian refuge?
4. Were nearby small businesses consulted before the refuge installation? If so, how many and were any responses were received?

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**7. Tobacconists Across the City of Sydney LGA**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

**Question**

How many tobacconists are currently in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, and how many new ones are expected in the next 12 months?

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**8. Waste Processing Facilities in the City of Sydney**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

**Question**

Can you provide a breakdown of the dedicated waste processing facilities in the Sydney Local Government Area and indicate the types of waste they process?

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**9. City of Sydney Burial Sites**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

**Question**

1. How many cemeteries are there within the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
2. What is the current capacity and available space in cemeteries within the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
3. Are there plans to expand existing cemeteries or develop new ones in the City of Sydney in the future?

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**10. A Fresh Start For Local Government Apprentices, Trainees And Cadets - Round One Grants**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

**Question**

1. How much money, if any, did the City of Sydney apply for in the NSW Government's A Fresh Start For Local Government Apprentices, Trainees And Cadets - Round One Grants?

2. How much money, if any, is the City of Sydney planning to receive from the NSW Government's A Fresh Start For Local Government Apprentices, Trainees And Cadets - Round One Grants?
3. How many Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets, if any, is the City of Sydney planning to train as a result of the NSW Government's A Fresh Start For Local Government Apprentices, Trainees And Cadets - Round One Grants?

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## **11. Active Transport Fund Grants**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

### **Question**

Has the City of Sydney applied or plans to apply for funding from the Federal Government's Active Transport Fund to support new or upgraded bike and walking paths?

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## **12. City of Sydney Staff Numbers Breakdown**

By Councillor Wilson

### **Question**

The 2023/24 Annual Report Statutory Returns states that as of 14 February 2024 the City had 2,128 staff including permanent full-time, permanent part-time, casual and fixed term contract. Can you please provide the break down for each employment type:

1. Permanent full-time.
2. Permanent part-time.
3. Casual.
4. Fixed-term contract. (For fixed term contract can you also provide the average length of contract.)

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## **13 Where and How Council Banks Our Funds**

By Councillor Thompson

### **Question**

1. Which State policies, strategies, plans or other documents guide where Council can bank our funds or otherwise invest?

2. Which City of Sydney policies, strategies, plans or other documents currently guide where Council can bank our funds or otherwise invest?
3. Under Council's investment policies and strategies, what obligations are there for Council to bank or invest in ethical businesses?
4. What obligations are there for Council *not* to bank or invest in banks or invest in organisations which fund social or environmentally harmful activities, such as coal mining?
5. Do Council's current policies prevent Council banking or otherwise investing in organisations which fund social or environmentally harmful activities, such as coal mining? Please provide details.

In relation to *Item 5 - Investments Held as at 31 October 2024* and *Item 6 – Review of the Investment Policy and Strategy*, of the 11 November 2024 meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee:

6. Exactly how much money, expressed as a dollar figure, is banked with institutions that fund or support socially or environmentally harmful programs or organisations?
  - (a) Of that amount, how much, expressed as a dollar figure, is banked with Westpac Banking Corporation?
  - (b) Of that amount, how much, expressed as a dollar figure, is banked with Commonwealth Bank of Australia?
  - (c) Of that amount, how much, expressed as a dollar figure, is banked with National Australia Bank?
  - (d) Of that amount, how much, expressed as a dollar figure, is banked with Australian and New Zealand Banking Group?
  - (e) Of the remaining amount banked with institutions that support socially or environmentally harmful programs and organisations, what are they and how much do each of them have, in terms of the City's funds, banked with them, expressed as a dollar figure?
  - (f) What is the amount of money banked, expressed as a percentage of total funds banked by the City of Sydney, that sits within aforementioned institutions?
7. Exactly how much money, expressed as a dollar figure, is banked with institutions that do not fund or support socially or environmentally harmful programs or organisations?
  - (a) What are the names of the institutions these funds sit within?
  - (b) How much do each of the institutions have in City of Sydney funds, expressed as a dollar figure?
8. What is the full list of Approved Deposit Taking Institutions under the Banking Act? Of these institutions, which ones do not engage, fund or support any socially or environmentally harmful programs?
9. Where can the public access a copy of the City's Investment Policy and Strategy?

10. Is it possible for Council to bank a larger percentage of Council's funds with institutions that do *not* fund or support socially or environmentally harmful programs or organisations, taking into account legislation and regulation, direction and guidelines implemented by the Minister for Local Government for which we would still need to comply?
  - (a) If yes, would Council need to amend current policies and strategies to facilitate this?
  - (b) If not, why?
11. Are there different rules or requirements for how Council banks or invests its restricted funding and its unrestricted funding?
12. Where can Councillors access relevant legislation, regulation, direction and guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government and the Minister for Local Government that pertain to our ability to store and invest Council funds?

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#### **14. Narrowing of Erskineville Footpaths**

By Councillor Thompson

##### **Question**

In relation to the recent narrowing of footpaths in Erskineville to install garden beds and the discrimination complaint lodged against Council to the Australian Human Rights Commission:

1. What footpaths have been affected by the recent work? Could you please supply a map outlining which footpaths have been changed by the recent works?
2. Were the works compliant with Transport NSW's Walking Space Standard?
3. Where the works compliant with the City of Sydney's Disability and Inclusion Strategy?
4. What are the minimum disability access standards for footpath upgrades included in Council strategies or plans?
5. Does the City of Sydney's Disability and Inclusion Strategy include a requirement that footpath upgrades improve or maintain disability access? Is this commitment included in any other Council strategies or plans?
6. Does the City of Sydney's Disability and Inclusion Strategy include a requirement that footpath upgrades meet Transport NSW's Walking Space Standard? Is this commitment included in any other Council strategies or plans?
7. What plans are there to restore the footpaths?
8. What plans are there to otherwise respond to the recent community concerns?
9. If there are no plans to amend the footpaths, why not?

10. What steps are being taken to ensure that future footpath upgrades are not too narrow?

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## 15. Grants Funding Allocation and Recommendations

By Councillor Thompson

### Question

At the November 2024 meeting of Council Committees, Councillors considered a number of recommendations from staff, that grant funding be allocated. This included:

- *Item 3 – Grants and Sponsorships – Environmental Grants*, of the 11 November 2024 meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee,
- *Item 4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants*, of the 11 November 2024 meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee,
- *Item 4 - Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants* (food insecurity) of the 11 November 2024 meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee,
- *Item 3 – Grants and Sponsorships – Economic Grants*, of the 11 November 2024 meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee:

In relation to these grant recommendations:

1. What grant funding was proposed to be moved from one grant fund, to a different grant fund? Please provide details.
2. What, in the opinion of the staff, is the reason that only 12 applications were received for the Green Building Grants this cycle?
3. What steps are taken to advertise and broadcast the grants to all eligible residential apartments and stratas within the Local Government Area?
  - (a) Were applicants who were eligible but not successful in previous years contacted and encouraged to reapply?
  - (b) Are there changes to this process that could be implemented to encourage increased uptake of this grant stream? If so, what are they?
4. In relation to the creative grants, including festivals grant funding, what funding was recommended by staff (in total):
  - (a) For for-profit organisations?
  - (b) For not-for-profit organisations?

5. In relation to the creative grants, including festivals grant funding, who were eligible to receive funding, but *not* recommended for funding because there was not enough funding available or allocated:
  - (a) How many were not-for-profit organisations?
  - (b) What was the total that these not-for-profit organisations requested?
6. In relation to the creative grants, major festivals funding, what funding was proposed for SXSW Sydney Pty Ltd?
  - (a) Cash
  - (b) In kind
7. What are the outcomes purported to be achieved for our community and Council?
8. How much money has the City contributed to SXSW Sydney Pty Ltd in the past?
9. What were the outcomes achieved with this historical funding and how were they measured?
10. Where can reports or evaluations be accessed, outlining the outcomes achieved by SXSW from previous Council funding?
11. Have other organisations, applied for Council funding to support their participation in SXSW before?
  - (a) If yes, please provide details?
  - (b) Was this funding granted? If not, why not.
12. Has the NSW Government or Destination NSW requested, either formally or informally, that the City of Sydney help fund SXSW?
13. Has the NSW Government or Destination NSW previously funded SXSW?
  - (a) If so, how much, expressed as a dollar figure, broken down by financial year?
  - (b) Is there any indication that the NSW Government or Destination NSW is about to reduce their contributions to SXSW?
14. In relation to the cultural and economic grants, why were programs recommended for funding for UNSW and USYD over smaller community organisations and groups given their sizeable cash reserves and income stream?



15. In relation to the social grants, proposed to help address food insecurity:
- (a) How many applications were received from not-for-profit organisations?
  - (b) How many of these were eligible and recommended for funding?
  - (c) What was the total recommended for funding?
  - (d) How many were eligible but not recommended for funding, due to the size of the funding pool?
  - (e) What was the total amount requested from groups who were eligible for funding, but not recommended for funding?

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## 16. Gambling Advertising

By Councillor Ellsmore

### Question

As advised in answers to Questions on Notice to the October 2024 Council meeting, on the 17 October 2024, the City of Sydney instructed QMS to remove gambling advertisements from City of Sydney screens.

1. What were the nature and description of these advertisements?
2. What organisation or business was the advertising for?
3. Was the advertising for a greyhound race?
4. Was the advertising for the 'Wentworth Millions' greyhound race at Wentworth Park?
5. How many unique advertisements were removed?
6. What was the date the removed advertisements first displayed?
7. What is total number of hours the removed advertisements were displayed for before being removed, if known.

In 2023 QMS screens featured advertising for Crown and Star, the two large casino complexes that are based in the City of Sydney. Examples of this advertisements were reported to the City of Sydney by the Office of Councillor Ellsmore.

8. Does the City of Sydney consider these to be gambling advertising?
9. Did the City of Sydney take any action in relation this advertising?

On 2 November 2024, City of Sydney street furniture featured advertising by the Sydney Everest Carnival, a horse race. The advertisements featured a web URL for the Australian Turf Club. The URL took visitors to a web page which featured details on how to gamble on the horse race, alongside advertising by Star Casino and TAB.

10. Does the City of Sydney consider this advertising to be gambling advertising?
11. Did the City of Sydney take any action in relation this advertising?
12. Is the City of Sydney aware of when and where promotions for the Sydney Everest Carnival were featured on the City of Sydney street furniture?
13. Under Council's agreement with QMS that gambling not feature on City street furniture, how many breaches are required before enforcement or penalty provisions are applied?

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## 17. Live Work Artist Spaces

By Councillor Ellsmore

### Question

1. How many artist live-work spaces are owned or managed by the City of Sydney?
2. What the locations of the artist live-work spaces?
3. What was the cost of establishing the artist live-work spaces?
4. What is the estimated annual cost to council to provide the artist live-work spaces?
5. Is the City of Sydney developing any additional artist live-work spaces? If yes:
  - (a) Where are these located
  - (b) When are they due to become available, and
  - (c) What is their value?
6. Is the creation of any additional artist live-work spaces including in the Council's current Long Term Financial Plan? If yes, please provide details.
7. Does the City of Sydney have any current Voluntary Planning Agreements or other arrangements with private developers, which will deliver additional artist live-work spaces? If yes:
  - (a) Where are these located
  - (b) When are they due to become available, and
  - (c) What is their value?

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