

Item 14

Questions on Notice with Answers

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

With the increase in the popularity of using share bikes, share bike parking causing clutter on the footpath as they wait for their next trip is a growing problem in the City of Sydney.

We have identified 126 share bike parking areas across Pyrmont, Circular Quay, Ultimo, Chippendale and Forest Lodge.

We have negotiated with operators to designate these bike parking areas as mandatory through their apps.

- Pyrmont – 20
- Circular Quay – 8
- Ultimo – 32
- Chippendale – 46
- Forest Lodge – 20

Both Lime and HelloRide have implemented restrictive “designated” parking geofencing in these suburbs. These are the only bike share providers currently operating in the City of Sydney.

Although we don't have suburb specific complaint information, we can see that at an Local Government Area? level complaints regarding share bikes causing obstructions when parked by users at the end of their trip, have decreased since the implementation of restrictive parking geofencing from share bike operators.

FY2023/24: We received an average of 22 contacts per month regarding poorly parked share bikes.

The City implemented the first designated bike parking areas in November 2023

FY2024/25: We received an average of 6 contacts per month (year to date) regarding poorly parked share bikes.

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The trial is planned to end by January 2026. Trial results will be reported via CEO Updates and briefings as required.

The timeline for expanding this program to all City of Sydney residents is unknown - dependent on when the food scraps recycling service will be expanded to all residents, the results of the insect farming trial and appropriate procurement processes.

The processing module will service all of the households that are currently participating in our food scraps recycling service. Currently there are approximately 22,000 households that have access to the service.

There are limited places still available for apartment buildings to join the food scraps recycling service and new apartment buildings are gradually added to the service overtime as buildings register their interest. This will continue throughout the insect farming trial period.

The insect farming trial is estimated to cost \$220,610. This includes processing fees (per tonne), works required to site, the processing unit and a monthly equipment rental fee.

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. On average, how long does each DA take to be processed, and how does this compare to other Local Government Areas?

3. How many DAs have been withdrawn after lodgement in the City of Sydney?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. There are currently 240 Development Applications (DAs) under assessment. There are a further 258 development related applications also being assessed including Modifications and Review applications to previous DA approvals, outdoor dining applications and minor heritage works exemptions.
2. The NSW Planning Portal Council League Table, which is publicly available, tracks and ranks all Councils by their DA assessment times, the City of Sydney's average for financial year 2024-25 up to 31 October 2024 is 87 days – please see <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/faster-assessments-program/council-league-table>
3. Since start of the 2024 calendar year, the City has determined 960 DAs and 70 DAs have been withdrawn by the applicant.

4. Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras 2025

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

Question

With the TOGA development on Oxford Street not completed until November 2025, what actions are planned to activate the City of Sydney for Mardi Gras 2025?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

In June 2023, Council approved \$340,000 in cash funding and \$70,776 in value-in-kind funding through the Festival and Events sponsorship grant program for the 2025 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival. The funding will contribute to the activation of the City throughout the festival period, including the delivery of the Mardi Gras Parade and Party and other signature events such as Fair Day and the Flag Raising Ceremony. The value-in-kind funding includes street banner hire fee waiver for 96 banner poles along Oxford Street, Taylor Square and Darlinghurst Road and venue hire fee waiver for Sydney Town Hall. During the Mardi Gras Festival, the City also installs 286 x Progress Pride banners in various locations across the City which are in addition to the 18 x Progress Pride Banners that have been permanently installed in Taylor Square North.

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Over the last 12 months there have been 4 Recycle It Saturday events in partnership with Waverley and Woollahra councils, attended by a total of 3,321 attendees. Of these, 2,298 (69%) were City of Sydney residents.

70.78 tonnes has been recycled through the Recycle It Saturday events in the last 12 months?

Current results show that the quarterly frequency suits both current demand for the service and available resources. The majority of the items that are accepted at the Recycle It Saturday events can also be recycled outside of event times at these services:

[Ultimo Recycling Pop-Up](#) - open Tuesdays 2pm to 7pm

[Doorstep Recycling Service](#) - weekly collection of items from the resident's doorstep

[Recycling stations](#) - located in 17 customer service and community centres around the local government area.

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, what responses were received?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Community engagement about the pedestrian refuge has occurred on two occasions for the following number of days:
 - 33 days - Erskineville and Alexandria Traffic and Transport Study (which recommended the pedestrian refuge). Letter sent 29 May 2023.
 - 14 days - Design Plan for the Pedestrian Refuge. Letter sent 15 May 2024.
2. Approximately 18 months after the initial community engagement letter and 5 months after the second letter.
3. The community engagement specifically for the Design Plan for the Pedestrian Refuge generated a total of 7 responses, with 3 objections.
4. Yes. The community engagement letter for the Erskineville and Alexandria Traffic and Transport Study was sent to approximately 7000 properties within the study catchment. The community engagement letter for the Design Plan for the Pedestrian Refuge was sent to all properties within a 50m radius of the proposed refuge. The 3 submissions objecting to the Design Plan for the Pedestrian Refuge consisted of:
 - One objection expressing that it would be better to install a pedestrian crossing (which would still result in loss of parking).
 - One from a nearby property and business owner who considered that the loss of parking would adversely affect businesses without having many improvements to pedestrian safety.
 - One response concerned that the loss of parking would impact nearby small business and did not consider the pedestrian refuge would benefit pedestrian safety.

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Tobacconists are required to register with NSW Health – please see <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-to-be-a-tobacco-e-cigarette-retailer#:~:text=Before%20you%20start%20selling%20tobacco,apply%20for%20an%20RIN%20online>. The City of Sydney does not have records of the number of tobacconists. Tobacconists are a type of retail premises and do not require a separate approval from councils.

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

There are no dedicated large scale waste processing facilities in the City of Sydney local government area. It is understood there are a small number of operators processing their own waste under a NSW EPA licence exemption e.g. Goterra insect processing in Barangaroo for food waste. NSW does not publish named operators that hold an exemption on their website.

There are 3 non-putrescible (dry waste only) waste transfer facilities (facilities that accept and aggregate waste or recycling for onward transport to processing facilities) in our local government area.

- Bingo Industries Recycling Centre 76 Burrows Road (accepts construction and demolition waste, mattresses, vegetation, polystyrene) Bingo's main NSW processing facility is located in Eastern Creek.
- Visy Alexandria Dry Recyclables Transfer Facility 85 Burrows Road (accepts mixed recycling from households and commercial businesses) Visy's main NSW processing facilities are located in Smithfield and Tumut. The City uses this facility for residential yellow bin mixed recycling (dry waste).
- Australian Metal Co Pty 15 Bourke Road, Alexandria (ferrous and non ferrous metals) metals will likely be sold onto open market note: website is no longer active so not sure if they are still operating.

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. There are no operational cemeteries, with available plots, within the City of Sydney Local Government Area.
2. Refer response to part 1 above.
3. Large scale cemeteries are State Significant Development. Minor works are enabled through exempt and complying provisions. City staff are not aware of any proposals to develop new cemeteries in the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City of Sydney applied for 12 apprentices, cadets and trainees to commence with us in late January 2025. The program, *Building Critical Skills in Sydney*, aims to cultivate a skilled local workforce in building certification, cybersecurity, digital media design, engineering, horticulture, parks management, and surveying. Through hands-on training and mentorship, participants will gain essential skills, reducing outsourcing costs, improving service delivery across public spaces and infrastructure.

In Round One Grants, we applied for:

No.	Type	Position title	Annual salary
2	Cadetship	Building Surveyor	\$81,503
1	Cadetship	Cyber Security Analyst	\$81,503
1	Cadetship	Digital Designer	\$81,503
1	Cadetship	Engineer	\$81,503
1	Apprenticeship	Apprentice Horticulturalist	\$51,123
1	Traineeship	Trainee Parks and Leisure Projects Officer	\$51,123
1	Cadetship	Surveyor	\$81,503
4	Traineeship	Trainee Childcare Assistant	\$69,451
12		TOTAL	\$579,212

It is anticipated that we will receive support for 8 positions in total, in Round One.

The NSW Government Program will fund:

- 100% of the applicable award wage for a new apprentice, trainee or cadet.
- 15% of on-costs. (Note the on-cost rate will not be increased as any additional allocation will take from the number of positions that can be funded.)

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?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Yes, the City will put in an application for the Australian Government's Active Transport Fund. Though we note that the total available funding is \$100 million over 4 years across Australia, with all state governments and 500 local councils able to apply.

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.)

X113776

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The total number of employees within the City of Sydney as of 14 February 2024 (Annual Reporting of Labour statistics prescribed reporting date) comprise:

Permanent full-time	1,559
Permanent part-time	213
Casual	252
Fixed term	104
TOTAL	2,128

The length of fixed term contract for 104 employees varies, depending on nature of their engagement and requirements set out in the City of Sydney Award and the Local Government Act. 1993

The Chief Executive Officer is appointed via Office of Local Government Senior Staff Contract for 5 years. All other fixed term employees are engaged to special projects of limited duration (including our significant events), or primarily to replace temporary vacancies occasioned by long term leave (parental, long service, or unplanned personal/carer's leave). Our casual employees deliver irregular and unsystematic work, supporting events (such as New Year's Eve) and activities that occur periodically throughout the year.

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

X113778

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The documents that *guide where Council can bank funds or otherwise invest* are set out in the Investment Policy (see below).
- Australian Accounting Standards
 - Office of Local Government – Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial
 - Reporting
 - Office of Local Government Circulars
 - Office of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines
 - Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
 - Local Government Act 1993
 - Minister's Investment Order (gazetted)
 - Trustee Act 1925 (NSW)
2. The Investment Policy and Investment Strategy.

3. As noted in the Investment Policy, subject to compliance with legislation and investment policy objectives and parameters, the City preferences investment securities and financial institutions that meet our socially responsible investments (SRI) criteria, while also meeting the overall investment selection criteria detailed in the Investment Policy.

SRI status may be in respect of the individual investment, the issuer of the investment, or both, and should be endorsed by an accredited environmentally and socially responsible industry body or institution.

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4. Refer response to part 3 above.
5. No. Refer response to part 3 above for more details.
6. The amount invested with individual institutions is shown in Attachment B to Item 5 - Investments Held as at 31 October 2024 of the 11 November 2024 meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee. All amounts are denominated in Australian Dollars, and are correct at 31 October 2024. There is currently no definitive, universally accepted list of institutions which do not engage, fund or support any socially or environmentally harmful programs. In respect of fossil fuel connected lending by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions, a publicly available listing provided by advocacy group 'Market Forces' has been referred to in sections 6 and 7 of this response

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- (a) \$268.7M, noting that as at 31 October 2024, this total includes \$41.7M of funds 'held at bank' and \$80.0M held in sixteen tranches in Green Tailored deposits with Westpac, which meet Climate Bonds Initiative Programmatic Certification.
- (b) \$41.4M.
- (c) \$214.7M
- (d) \$23.0M

- (e) With reference to the listing prepared by advocacy group Market Forces, at 31 October 2024, the City holds funds with ING (\$100.0M) and Macquarie Bank (\$14.0M), who are listed as “funding fossil fuels and their subsidiaries”.
- (f) The Investments Held as at 31 October 2024 report to Council shows (in Attachment B) the total amounts held with individual institutions, expressed in dollars and as a percentage of the overall portfolio.

7.

- (a) At 31 October 2024, the City holds funds with the following institutions, listed by the Market Forces advocacy group as having “no record of funding fossil fuels since 2016”.

- Bank of Australia - \$9.5M
- Bank of Queensland – \$28.0M
- Bendigo and Adelaide Bank – \$13.0M
- Great Southern Bank – \$6.5M
- Suncorp Bank – \$ 91.5M
- Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd – \$7.3M
- Northern Territory Treasury Corporation – \$10M

The Northern Territory Treasury Corporation is not listed on the Market Forces group website, however the NT Treasury Corporation bonds prospectus notes that “These monies help fund the Territory’s infrastructure requirements, such as housing, transport, health and education services.”

- (b) Included in response to 7(a) above.

8. APRA provide a list at the following link:

<https://www.apra.gov.au/register-of-authorized-deposit-taking-institutions>

As noted at part 7. above, there is currently no definitive, universally accepted list of institutions which do not engage, fund or support any socially or environmentally harmful programs. The City makes assessments of institutions when considering placing an investment both at an individual product and institutional level. The listing provided by Market Forces is available at the following link:

<https://www.marketforces.org.au/info/compare-bank-table/>

9. Where can the public access a copy of the City’s Investment Policy and Strategy? Via the City’s website:

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies/investment-policy>

<https://meetings.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/documents/s87526/Attachment%20B%20-%202024-25%20Investment%20Strategy.pdf>

10. As detailed at part 3. above, the City currently gives preference to these institutions when making investment decisions, under the framework set out in the Investment Policy.
 - (a) The City could, subject to the limitations of Ministerial Investment Orders, amend the Investment Policy to loosen criteria applied to investment decisions – in particular, credit risk and liquidity risk parameters – to increase investment limits with certain institutions, and/or increase the number of institutions it invests with.

Depending on what additional criteria were adopted in the policy, beyond increased risks described above, such changes may also negatively impact investment returns, noting that market factors also play a significant role in available rates of return and individual institutions' capacity to accept funds.

- (b) If not, why? Refer part 10(a) above
11. No.
12. The Office of Local Government website contains links to relevant information:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/council-finances/investments/>

Details of relevant legislation can be found at the following links:

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1993-030>

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2021-0460>

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-1925-014>

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?

X113778

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The matter is the subject of a confidential conciliation process, and a confidential CEO Update will be prepared.

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?

X113778

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Details were reported in the November Committee reports; please see the budget section of each report.
2. Applications require the approval and input from owner corporations at Annual General Meetings and/or strata committee meetings. This process can be slow and take considerable effort from individuals and therefore can limit the number of applications received.
3. Please see Information Relevant To Item 7.3 - Grants and Sponsorship – Environmental Grants
 - (a) All applicants can select to subscribe to the grants mailing list when they apply. Applicants can receive feedback on their applications and are encouraged to reapply if eligible.
 - (b) Please see Information Relevant To Item 7.3 - Grants and Sponsorship – Environmental Grants.
4.
 - (a) Out of a total of 37 applications recommended, 11 for profit organisations were recommended to receive a total of \$145,000 in cash and \$112,612 value-in-kind (venue hire fee waiver and street banner) for 2024/25. Details are included in the Committee report for Item 8.4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants.
 - (b) Out of a total of 37 applications recommended, 23 not for profit organisations were recommended to receive a total of \$561,600 in cash and \$100,655 value-in-kind (venue hire fee waiver and street banner) for 2024/25. Details are included in the Committee report for Item 8.4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants.

Additionally, out of a total of 37 applications recommended, the remaining 3 applications were from Sole Traders or Individuals auspiced by eligible not for profit organisations, who were recommended to receive a total of \$45,000 in cash and \$0 value-in-kind (venue hire fee waiver and street banner) for 2024/25. Details are included in the Committee report for Item 8.4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants.

5.
 - (a) 31 not for profit organisations were not recommended for funding but were eligible to apply.
 - (b) The details are included in the Committee report for Item 8.4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants.
6. Details were reported in the November Committee reports, please see the budget section of each report.
 - (a) The details are included in the Committee report for Item 8.4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants.
 - (b) The details are included in the Committee report for Item 8.4 – Grants and Sponsorships – Creative Grants.
7. Please see Information Relevant To Item 8.4 - Grants and Sponsorship – Creative Grants.
8. Please see Information Relevant To Item 8.4 - Grants and Sponsorship – Creative Grants.
9. Please see Information Relevant To Item 8.4 - Grants and Sponsorship – Creative Grants.
10. Outcomes are reported through acquittal reports, noting that, to date, the City of Sydney has only funded SXSW in 2023 and 2024. Only one acquittal has been received and the second is due shortly.
11. The City has received applications from organisations wishing to participate in SXSW however we do not currently collate reporting in this area and would require more time to respond.
12. The City of Sydney was not approached by the NSW Government or Destination NSW. It was approached by SXSW directly.
13.
 - (a) The City of Sydney is aware that the NSW Government provides funding to SXSW but the details are held commercially in confidence.
 - (b) The City of Sydney has not been made aware of this.
14. All applications are assessed and ranked according to their merit and how well they meet the assessment criteria. The current funding guidelines and who is eligible to apply has been approved by Council at the June 2024 Council meeting.
15.
 - (a) 24 eligible applications were received.
 - (b) The details are included in the Committee report Item 9.4 - Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants (food support).

- (c) The details are included in the Committee report Item 9.4 - Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants (food support).
- (d) The details are included in the Committee report Item 9.4 - Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants (food support).
- (e) The details are included in the Committee report Item 9.4 - Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants (food support).

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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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The advertisement was promoting the purchase of tickets to attend the Million Dollar Chase event being held on 18 October 2024 at Wentworth Park.
2. Greyhound Racing NSW hosts the Million Dollar Chase event
3. People attending the event can witness greyhound races.
4. The advertisement stated the event was to be held at Wentworth Park.
5. 2.
6. 14 October 2024
7. Approximately 3.5 days
8. Yes, as the advertising displayed images referencing gambling.
9. Yes, when the City became aware of the advertisement, the City addressed the performance issue with QMS in accordance with the contract terms.
10. No.
11. No.
12. 21 to 28 October 2024 on various screens in the Local Government Area.
13. The contract is not structured to apply enforcement or penalty provisions for a certain count of breaches. Each breach is required to be considered in accordance with contract performance provisions and the performance of QMS Media continues to be managed.

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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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Through the Live/Work Artist Space program, the City manages six 1-bedroom apartments in Darlinghurst and one 3-bedroom apartment in Waterloo.
2. (1) 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst
(2) Caretakers flat at rear of Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street Waterloo
3. (1) The six 1-bedroom apartments in Darlinghurst are long-term City-owned properties and commenced use as a Creative Live Work Space in 2013. Minor works only were required to refresh the apartments prior to offering the spaces through the Creative Live Work Space program.
(2) The one 3-bedroom apartment in Waterloo is a former caretakers residence connected to the Waterloo Library (former Town Hall) and commenced use as a Creative Live Work Space in 2016. The apartment was refreshed prior to offering the space through the Creative Live Work Space program.
4. See Operational Plan 2024-25, page 97, adopted by Council on 24 June 2024.
5.
 - (a) One 3-bedroom unit at 247 Bulwara Rd Ultimo.
 - (b) The unit was leased at market rates. The tenant has recently vacated the property, and a refresh of the property is now being completed prior to making the unit available through the Creative Live Work Space program in 2025.
 - (c) This unit is part of a larger building which is leased through the City's Accommodation grants program. There is not stand-alone value for the space.

6. There are no current plans for creation of any additional artist live-work spaces included in the current Long Term Financial Plan. However, subject to Council endorsement of the Cultural Strategy 2025-2035, proposals are being considered to be put forward as part of the annual budget process.
7. A studio apartment at the City of Sydney Creative Studios on Bathurst Street was delivered through a Voluntary Planning Agreement. This space is a Live/Work space managed by Brand X who manage the City of Sydney Creative Studios on behalf of the City of Sydney.

There are no current Voluntary Planning Agreements or other arrangements with private developers which will deliver additional artist live-work spaces.