

Item 11**Questions on Notice with Answers****1. Brown Street Community Hall Accessibility Timing**

By Councillor Scott

Question

In March 2024, Councillor Scott moved a motion to improve the accessibility in Brown Street Community Hall, requesting the Chief Executive Officer to outline the steps required to include the Brown Street Community Hall in a future whole of-building upgrade program to ensure full compliance with current accessibility standards and to abide by the current heritage listing.

The City has advised accessibility upgrades to the Brown Street Community Hall are currently funded in the outer years of the 10-year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). A review of works required and feasibility to make the hall accessible will commence in FY25.

Noting this:

1. What is the current timeframe for the completion of the Brown Street Community Hall accessibility upgrades?
2. Is it possible to provide an interim solution to ensure members of the community can access the hall currently?
3. If no, why not?
4. Has there been a reduction in Brown Street Community Hall usage due to the current lack of accessibility?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Accessibility upgrades to the Brown Street Community Hall are currently funded in the outer years of the 10-year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)..
2. No.
3. It is not possible to provide an interim solution to comply with current accessibility standards as major building works are required including adding a lift and accessible toilets. Heritage considerations will also influence options.

4. Brown Street Community Hall is located behind the Newtown Library at 8-10 Brown Street, Newtown. The main library hall is accessible with step free entry, but entry to the Brown Street Community Hall is via stairs. Brown Street Community Hall hosts a variety of regular community hirers who use the space for wellness activities, small group meetings and discussions, along with a significant number of self-help group meetings. The space is used most evenings and weekends by regular hirers. Hirers who require an accessible venue are directed to Erskineville Town Hall and other local accessible venues to meet their needs.

In July 2023, there were 39 bookings, including 24 instances of self-help group meetings. In July 2024, there were 37 bookings, with 24 instances of self-help group bookings.

2. Bartlett Lane Bins Update

By Councillor Jarrett

On Monday 22 April and Wednesday 24 April 2024, community pop-up sessions were held by City staff to address the ongoing systemic issues around the Bartlett Lane community bins scheme.

Question

1. Has the Council finalised their observations and community consultation on the Bartlett Lane bins scheme?
2. If not, why not?
3. If so, what is the City's final recommendation? Will the community bins scheme continue or will the City be implementing individual bins?
4. Could a CEO Update be prepared to outline this information?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Yes. The City ran an online survey from 30 May to 21 June 2024. We heard from 42 out of 47 households and the result was clear with 81% of households voting to keep the shared bins. We sent a letter and email to the residents on 5 July 2024, outlining the results and next steps.
2. Not applicable.
3. The City will keep the community bins scheme and make the following improvements based on resident feedback:
 - Replace the existing bins with new lighter bins that are easier to open
 - Review the positioning of bins in the lane and paint new line markings
 - Add new shared green bins at each end of the lane
 - Organise regular cleaning of all shared bins

- Check and change the three rat bait stations every two weeks.

After replacing the bins and painting new line markings, the area will be monitored for six weeks to assess how the improvements are working and consider whether further changes are needed.

4. A CEO Update will be provided following the finalisation of new line markings, cleaning routine and delivery of new bins.

3. Share Bikes Letter

By Councillor Scott

On 12 July 2024, a letter was sent from the Lord Mayor regarding Share Bikes.

Question

1. Where was this letter delivered to?
2. Were all residences in the City provided the letter? If not, why not?
3. What was the cost of the printing and delivery of the Share Bikes letter?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. All residences in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, businesses outside of the CBD and City of Sydney community facilities (e.g. libraries, community centres).
2. We aim to deliver this letter to all residences. To achieve the highest level of successful delivery possible, we utilise a combination of Australia Post and City of Sydney letterbox delivery services.
3. \$21,035.75 + GST.

4. IT Tenders in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. When was the last time an IT tender has been through a competitive, multiple party tender process?
2. How many IT tenders in the last 15 years (broken down, year by year) have not gone through the competitive, multiple party tender process?
3. What percentage of all IT Tenders in the last 15 years (broken down, year by year) have gone through the competitive, multiple party tender process?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. 10 May 2024 – Council Chamber AV and Lighting.
2. The City's IT department performs annual reviews including market scans of applications, platforms and appliances, where applicable and appropriate and will form part of the refresh lifecycle of the City's five year technology roadmap. These products perform within an ecosystem of integrated platforms and systems. In most cases, these systems cannot simply be swapped out for alternate products.

The table below shows all IT arrangements since 2019 that have gone through an exemption process.

Council has approved these engagements for an exemption from tender as a satisfactory outcome would not be achieved by inviting tenders due to:

- high costs and/or extensive business disruption associated with a transition to a new provider; and/or
- upgrades or changes to service requirements are planned to be implemented within the next five years; and/or
- cost to take the arrangement to market would be disproportionate to the potential value of change; and/or
- a lack of availability of alternative suppliers.

Procurement Method	Approval Authority	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Exemption from Tender	Council	23	1	2	14	18	17

3. The table below shows all IT arrangements since 2019 that have gone through a competitive process:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Competitive Process	31%	90%	78%	33%	40%	15%

5. Sydney City News

By Councillor Scott

In July 2024, the City published 'Sydney City News'.

Question

1. The news noted "since 2004 we have delivered budget surplus every year" in light of this:
 - (a) Broken down year by year, over the last 20 years how many City budgets forecast a surplus?

- (b) Broken down year by year, over the last 20 years how many city budgets forecast a deficit?
- 2. The news noted “more than 5,213 new affordable rental homes in perpetuity in our local area by 2026”, in light of this, what are the locations for the new 5,213 affordable houses?
- 3. The news noted “3,263 affordable homes either built or in the pipeline”, in light of this, what are the locations for the 3,263 affordable homes?
- 4. The news noted “2,029 affordable and social housing dwellings have been provided or are being constructed in the City of Sydney”, in light of this:
 - (a) How many of these dwellings have been completed?
 - (b) Of the completed dwellings, how many are vacant?
 - (c) Of the dwelling still under construction, what is the timeline of completion for each?
 - (d) Broken down by suburb, where are the location for these dwellings?
- 5. The news noted “\$15.9 million to improve community centres... \$7.5 million on Green Square Public School shared community spaces and \$4.8 million on the development of the Huntley Street Recreation Centre”, in light of this:
 - (a) Where will the additional \$3.6 million be allocated?
 - (b) In what year will the Green Square Public School shared community space be complete?
 - (c) In what year will the Huntley Street Recreation Centre be complete?
- 6. The news noted “Victoria Street and Erskineville Road are next in line” for precinct enhancements. In light of this:
 - (a) In what year will the Victoria Street precinct enhancements begin?
 - (b) In what year will the Victoria Street precinct enhancements be complete?
 - (c) In what year will the Erskineville Road Street precinct enhancements begin?
 - (d) In what year will the Erskineville Road precinct enhancements be complete?
- 7. The news noted “plans to fund and deliver a Creative Land Trust”, in light of this what is the funding allocated, broken down year by year, for a 10 year forward estimate?
- 8. The news noted the City will be “expanding the EV charging network”, in light of this:
 - (a) How many EV chargers will be provided to the City?
 - (b) Where will these EV chargers be located?
 - (c) When will these EV chargers be delivered, broken down by each new charger?

9. The news noted due to the WestConnex affected Sydney Park “with avenues of tress removed... remediated with new tree and shrub planting”, in light of this:
 - (a) How many trees were removed for the WestConnex?
 - (b) How many trees were re-planted to compensate for this loss?
 - (c) We understand due to the offset replacement planting within the City’s streets and parks 59 trees were planted in Alexandria as of 13 May 2024. Were all these trees for Sydney Park?
10. How much has it cost to print and deliver the Sydney City News?
11. Where was the Sydney City News delivered to?
12. Were all residences in the City provided the brochure? If not, why not?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Refer table below – surplus Operating Results were budgeted in all but two years (deficit budgets were due to budgeted contribution payments for the CBD to South East Light Rail project). Actual Operating Results from Continuing Operations, as reported in the audited Annual Financial Statements, were in surplus for all financial years (noting that 2023/24 is subject to finalisation and audit).

Financial Year	Adopted Budget (\$M)		Actual (\$M)
2004/05	72.8		109.6
2005/06	64.8		107.9
2006/07	62.9		103.2
2007/08	61.7		82.6
2008/09	68.8		104.1
2009/10	50.3		79.6
2010/11	54.4		114.1
2011/12	71.6		99.8
2012/13	72.1		113.8
2013/14	21.8		96.7
2014/15	55.0		210.5
2015/16	23.6		112.1

2016/17	30.6	144.0
2017/18	27.8	217.1
2018/19	(0.6)	94.5
2019/20	36.5	105.7
2020/21	(22.5)	195.6
2021/22	27.3	65.0
2022/23	77.1	183.2
2023/24	96.0	TBC*

Continued operating surpluses are identified in the City's Long Term Financial Plan as the major funding source for the capital works program. The capital works program delivers new and upgraded assets, as well as the replacement and renewal of existing City assets to ensure our public facilities are kept in good working order.

2. Note this should be to 2036 (not 2026). The count includes the following:
 - 1,464 affordable housing dwellings already built in the local area. These are provided across the whole of the City.
 - 565 affordable housing dwellings where there is a lodged, approved or under construction development application (DA), to be provided on sites in Waterloo (2), Zetland, Barangaroo, Alexandria, and Surry Hills.
 - 1,294 affordable housing dwellings where planning is underway but does not yet have a DA lodged. These are expected on sites in Rosebery, Alexandria, Ultimo, Glebe, Potts Point, Darlinghurst, Redfern and Waterloo.
 - 1,950 projected to be delivered under the levy – location not known at this time.
3. Refer above.
4.
 - (a) As at 30 June 2023, 1,464 affordable housing dwellings already built in the local area.
 - (b) As at 30 June 2023, there were 9,691 social housing dwellings in the local area.
 - (c) The City is not the owner or manager of affordable housing and does not have access to data about vacancies.
 - (d) Most projects where there is a lodged or approved DA or where construction has already commenced will complete by 2027.

- (e) Of the projects where there is a lodged or approved DA or where construction has already commenced, dwellings are expected to be completed in the following suburbs:

Waterloo	98
Zetland	28
Barangaroo	48
Alexandria	106
Surry Hills	10
Alexandria	275

5.

- (a) Improvements to a number of spaces including the Darlington Activity Centre, Ron Williams Community Centre, and Redfern Community Centre.
- (b) Green Square Public School shared community space is scheduled to be complete in mid-2025.
- (c) As per the report to the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee report on 22 July 2024, construction completion is scheduled for mid-2026.

6. Planning for the Victoria Street Public Domain upgrade (Kings Cross Road to Oxford Street) will commence this financial year and the project is expected to be completed by the 2029/30 financial year. Firm dates when works will occur on site are yet to be determined. It is anticipated that site works may commence in 2026.

Planning for the Erskineville Road Public Domain upgrade is also anticipated to commence this financial year, and it is anticipated that site works may commence in 2026.

7. Subject to confirmation of matched NSW Government support, Council approved a payment of \$250,000 + GST to be sourced from the 2024/25 General Contingency Fund, to the Committee for Sydney to fund and manage a feasibility study into a Creative Lands Trust in Sydney. This is the only funding allocated to the Creative Lands Trust project to date.

8. Refer to the CEO Update circulated on 31 May 2024.

9.

- (a) 319 trees were removed due to the WestConnex project. None of these trees were listed on our Register of Significant Trees

- (b) 205 trees were planted in 2023 as part of the upgrade to the eastern edge of Sydney Park interfacing with Euston Road.

A further 173 trees were planted in Sydney Park in 2022 as part of a tree planting project in our iconic parks.

- (c) The 59 trees previously advised to have been planted in Alexandria were specific to the offset planting associated with the Light Rail project and are in addition to the quantities listed in (b) above.

- 10. \$48,411.48 + GST.
- 11. All residences in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, businesses outside of the CBD and City of Sydney community facilities (e.g. libraries, community centres).
- 12. We aim to deliver Sydney City News to all residences. To achieve the highest level of successful delivery possible, we utilise a combination of Australia Post and City of Sydney letterbox delivery services.

6. Council Investments as of June 2024

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

- 1. Of the total cash investments of \$764.1M held by the City of Sydney as of 30 June 2024, how much in total is considered 'unrestricted'?
- 2. Of the City's cash investments which are considered 'unrestricted', what amounts have been earmarked for specific activities or projects? Please provide details including:
 - (a) What are these activities or projects for which 'unrestricted' cash investments are earmarked, and how much has been earmarked for each?
 - (b) When or over what timeline will these activities or projects require funding? (that is, when will the funding be needed)?
 - (c) In what report or document is this list of activities or projects for which 'unrestricted' funding is earmarked reported?
- 3. What is the amount of developer contributions within the City's total cash and investments?
- 4. What is the amount of affordable housing contributions in the development account of any of the City's total cash and investments?
- 5. How much of the City's total cash and investments has been earmarked for affordable housing, including grants for affordable housing? Please provide details.
- 6. What is the value of Council's commercial property investments, as of 30 June 2024?
- 7. What amounts, if any, within the cash and investments are earmarked to purchase commercial investment properties?

8. Under Council's investment policies, what return on investment or yield does the Council aim to achieve, with its commercial property investments? In what documents are these details outlined?
9. Other than cash and commercial properties, what other investments does the council have? What is the value of these investments? Where can information about these investments be found?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. At 30 June 2024, externally restricted cash and investments totalled \$89.2M, internally restricted cash and investments totalled \$238.6M. Of the \$764.1M total cash and investment balance, unrestricted cash and investments total \$436.3M
2. The City's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) sets out details of the amounts, services, facilities, activities, capital works and acquisitions that will be funded by the City's accumulated cash and future revenue streams. The LTFP includes all sources of restricted and unrestricted funds, both known and estimated over the ten years of the plan. Within the LTFP, specific projections are made in respect of the utilisation of internal and external restrictions. Essentially, any Council activity not funded by specifically restricted funds will be funded by current or future unrestricted cash.

It must be recognised that the City does not restrict all of the funds that are required to satisfy its known and projected commitments, including much of its capital works program. In a year when the City receives less revenue or funds than budgeted, this impacts our surplus and the cash available to fund future programs, and the overall funding and commitments are therefore re-balanced as part of the annual budget and LTFP each year. The converse is true, in years where revenues exceed budgets (e.g. interest revenue), however in rising interest rate environments it is worth noting that the costs of programs and capital works also tend to rise which absorbs the additional funding.

3. The balance of unspent developer contributions held as cash/investments at 30 June 2024 is \$46.6M. These contributions are held as (externally) restricted funds. External restrictions represent cash holdings that have not yet been discharged in accordance with the conditions of their receipt.
4. At 30 June 2024, the balance of the City's Supported Accommodation, Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, which is held as internally restricted funds, is \$9.2M
5. Of the \$9.2M balance of the Supported Accommodation, Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, \$7.0M has been committed via Council resolution as summarised below
 - Indigenous Residential College, UTS (ROC 9 March 2020) - \$1.0M
 - RJ Williams Redevelopment, Glebe – Wesley Community Services (ROC 14 December 2020) - \$3.0M
 - William Booth House, Surry Hills – Salvation Army (ROC 14 December 2020) - \$3.0M

The LTFP (adopted by Council in June 2024) incorporates a further cash transfer of \$5.0M being added to the Supported Accommodation, Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, and forecasts additional funds of \$4.6M arising from the proceeds from the sale of surplus properties.

The total funds available within the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, would then total \$11.8M. This represents the current balance of \$9.2M less the \$7.0M of grants already committed, plus the \$5.0M of new funds and the \$4.6M of estimated sale proceeds. The LTFP forecasts that all of these funds will be expended over the 10 year life of the plan.

6. Subject to confirmation as part of the annual external audit, the value of the City's Investment Property holdings at 30 June 2024 (as advised by the City's external valuer) is \$530.9M.
7. The City's Long Term Financial Plan includes allowances to acquire property to meet the City's future requirements including open space and recreational needs, corporate and community needs and properties suitable as long-term investments generating revenue. As detailed in response to part 2 above, expenditure on services, facilities, activities, capital works and acquisitions contained within the LTFP will be funded by a combination of current accumulated cash and future revenue streams.

The Long Term Financial Plan (adopted in June 2024) makes allowance for \$168.8M of future commercial property acquisitions. The budget is only a provisional funding source, should appropriate properties that meet the Council's needs, risk and return become available in the market. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council makes all decisions with regard to the acquisition and divestment of properties from the portfolio.

8. Property investments are long term investments. There are no equivalent yield measures for commercial properties as long term returns include the capital growth over long time periods.
9. The City does not hold investments of any other type.

7. Value and Cost of Lighting Installation and Maintenance

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. As reported to the elected Councillors at Item 7 of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee Report from 22 July 2024, the previous tender for Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance ('lighting maintenance') was in 2011.
 - (a) What was the value and length of the contracts entered into, under this tender?
 - (b) What was the original estimated value of the previous tender?
 - (c) Which companies received work under this previous tender?
 - (d) What was the total value of work completed under this previous tender?

- (e) What the total value of work completed under this previous tender, per company who completed work?
 - (f) Do any of the companies that completed work under this previous tender have current contracts or tender for work with the City of Sydney? If yes, please provide details.
2. Item 7 of Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee Report from 22 July 2024 recommends that Council enter into a contract with Tenderer B for the Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance:
- (a) What is the proposed length of these contracts?
 - (b) How long did it take Council to prepare this tender?
 - (c) How much did it cost Council to prepare this tender?
 - (d) What dates was the tender advertised?
3. What options were considered before the tender for the Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance was released, or in the evaluation of the tender responses received?
- (a) Did the Council consider the costs and benefit of undertaking these services in house i.e. with directly employed Council staff?
 - (b) Did the Council consider the costs and benefits of directly purchasing these services?
 - (c) Did the Council consider the costs and benefits of extending existing contracts?
 - (d) Did the Council consider the costs and benefits of undertaking an Expression of Interest on term shorter than six years?
- In all cases above, how can elected Councillors access this information/ analysis/ advice?
4. The Council undertakes some Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance works using Council staff.
- (a) How many Council staff (FTE) are currently directly employed by Council to undertake lighting and electrical maintenance?
 - (b) What is the cost or budget of to Council for directly employing staff to undertake lighting and electrical maintenance?
 - (i) In 2021/22
 - (ii) In 2022/23
 - (iii) In 2023/24
 - (iv) In 2024/25
 - (v) Projected for 2025/26

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1.

- (a) In 2012, the City entered into a three-year contract with GE UGL Joint Venture for \$7,186,381.44 excluding GST for the supply, installation and warranty maintenance of LED Luminaires.
- (b) The City of Sydney has no record of the original estimated value of the previous tender as this was not part of procurement process at that time.
- (c) This was a Joint Venture between GE Lighting Australia Pty Ltd and UGL Infrastructure Pty Ltd.
- (d) The total value of work completed by the Joint Venture under this contract was \$6,495,031.
- (e) The City of Sydney does not have any records that distinguish how much work was completed by each member of the joint venture.
- (f) The joint venture remains responsible for warranty repairs for any LED Luminaires that remain within the warranty period.

2.

- (a) Refer to the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee from 22 July 2024 (Item 7).
- (b) The tender was developed over a 12 month period.
- (c) The City of Sydney does not have records for the total cost of preparing this tender.
- (d) Refer to the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee from 22 July 2024 (Item 7).

3.

- (a) Yes, the option of using directly employed staff was considered. The work requires high numbers of people for short intermittent periods within a year, and is also not consistent over the term of the contract. This option was not considered viable as directly employed staff would not have continued and relevant work.
- (b) Yes, the option of directly purchasing the services was considered. This approach requires the City to operate as the principal contractor. This option was not considered viable as the City of Sydney would be exposed to high WHS and financial risk.
- (c) No, the option of extending the prior contract was not considered as it expired in 2015.
- (d) Yes, the option of conducting an Expression of Interest was considered. The City did not conduct an Expression of Interest and proceeded directly to a Tender for a three-year contract term plus a two year and one year option, based on market analysis undertaken when the procurement was being planned.

4.

- (a) The City of Sydney has five FTE associated with lighting and electrical maintenance work.
- (b) The budget for directly employing five staff to undertake lighting and electrical maintenance is below. Note that these amounts are for the operations staff, and they exclude oncosts and other provisions such as plant, equipment, materials and facilities that are required for staff to operate.
 - (i) In 2021/22 - \$478, 062
 - (ii) In 2022/23 - \$471,045
 - (iii) In 2023/24 - \$526,567
 - (iv) In 2024/25 - \$537,416
 - (v) Projected for 2025/26 - \$556,225 (subject to award negotiations).

8. Council Recent Contracting Decisions

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. At its meeting of 29 July 2024, staff reports recommend Council variously enter into a range of contracts, approve tenders, or approve panels for future council work.
 - (a) What is the total value of the tenders proposed to Council, at the 29 July 2024 meeting?
 - (b) For each of the tenders proposed, which line items in the Council's annual budget, four year deliver program and long term financial plan do the following relate:
 - (i) Tender - T-2023-1124 - Minor Landscape Works Panel
 - (ii) Tender - T-2023-973 - LED Luminaires and Smart Controls Supply
 - (iii) Tender - T-2023-1107 - Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance
 - (iv) Tender - T-2023-1009 - Construction - Gunyama Park Stage 2 and George Julius Avenue North
 - (v) Tender - T2023-1062 - Head Contractor - Hyde Park Lighting, Electrical, CCTV Upgrade and Associated Works and Contract Variation - Head Design Consultant
 - (vi) Tender - T-2021-609 - Huntley Street Recreation Centre Construction and Contract Variation - Head Design Consultant
 - (vii) Tender - T-2023-1041 - Reject and Negotiate - Sydney Park Brick Kilns Precinct Upgrade and Contract Variation - Head Design Consultant

(viii) Tender - T-2023-1166 - Reject and Negotiate - English Library Materials

2. Considering other Council meetings this year,
 - (a) What is the value of the tenders considered at the June 2024 Council meeting?
 - (b) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the May 2024 Council meeting?
 - (c) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the April 2024 Council meeting?
 - (d) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the March 2024 Council meeting?
 - (e) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the February 2024 Council meeting?
3. In relation to any of the tenders presented to Council in 2024, was a business case considered which compared the cost of Council directly undertaking work through staff employed by Council, with the cost of private contracting?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1.
 - (a) The total value of tenders proposed for approval at the 29 July 2024 Council meeting is \$213,274,685.
 - (b)
 - (i) Asset Renewal (Rolling Programs) - Open Space & Parks (page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).
 - (ii) The tender relates to capital program budgets within the long term financial plan (page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).
Chiefly, Asset Renewal (Rolling Programs) - Public Domain.

In addition, the following capital programs may utilise this contract where lighting and/or smart control supply is required:
 - Asset Enhancement – Public Domain
 - Asset Renewal – Open Space & Parks
 - Asset Enhancement – Open Space & Parks.
 - (iii) Of the proposed contract total:
 - Approximately 30% is anticipated to be delivered as capital works (via Asset Renewal (Rolling Programs) - Public Domain - page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).

- Approximately 70% is anticipated to be delivered as ongoing annual maintenance expenditure (as part of Operating Expenditure – Infrastructure maintenance – page 42 of LTFP, page 52 of Resourcing Strategy).
- (iv) Asset Renewal (Rolling Programs) – Open Space & Parks (page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).
- (v) Asset Renewal (Rolling Programs) – Open Space & Parks (page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).
- (vi) Asset Enhancement – Properties – Community, Cultural & Recreational (page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).
- (vii) Noting that it is recommended that Council reject and negotiate in respect to this tender, the associated project is budgeted within Asset Renewal (rolling programs) – Properties Assets (page 52 of LTFP, page 62 of Resourcing Strategy document).
- (viii) Plant and Asset Acquisitions – Books & Library Resources (page 53 of LTFP, page 63 of Resourcing Strategy document).

2.

- (a) \$14,861,831.
- (b) \$1,352,566,831.
- (c) \$4,582,673.
- (d) \$37,422,480.
- (e) Nil.

3. No. The City has utilised a delivery model over the long term incorporating contracting of major capital works and not test the sourcing strategy for individual projects via individual business cases.

Our service provision approach and any associated procurement are informed by the Resourcing Strategy approved by Council.

The City does have internal arrangements that apply early in the procurement process to ensure City staff do consider the many possible ways a service may be delivered. This includes, where applicable, considering options for employing staff to deliver the services or directly appointing service providers for a service.

The large capital works procurements are complex and require specialist skills and industry knowledge. The City currently does not have the capacity or capability to undertake delivery of these works. Given the nature and diversity of works within the LTFP the City would not be able to provide suitable ongoing work for each of the specialist areas required for the above procurements. This would result in difficulties in sourcing and retaining technical, profession and trade staff for self-delivery of these projects, and ultimately extending delivery timeframes and increased cost.

9. Alexandria Park Community School Pedestrian Safety

By Councillor Scott

Question

Alexandria Park Community School is a growing school, in the City of Sydney. There are three main entrances to the school and there have been increasing reports of concern with pedestrian safety.

In line with the City's 'A City for Walking' strategy and action plan' and the City's 'Cycling Strategy and Action Plan', walking and cycling is encouraged over the use of cars.

In light of this, what strategies does the City have in place, broken down year by year, to facilitate changes to increase the safety of children, pedestrians and cyclists entering and exiting from Alexandria Park Community School?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City of Sydney has ongoing communication with local schools, to ensure any new issues can be quickly discussed and considered. City staff have had several meetings with the Principal of the Alexandria Park Community School and the Department of Education since 2020 regarding access for children and carers, and about the drop-off and pick-up arrangements for the school as part of its redevelopment works occurring at their site.

The City's Road Safety Officer has reached out to all local school Principals (including Alexandria Park Community School), as a contact for sharing road safety education information, materials and to assist schools promote road safety within their community. This includes community toolkits such as the "School Zone newsletter" issued each school term with road safety reminders.

The following infrastructure projects are some of the forthcoming works currently within the City's Capital Works Program, around Alexandria Park Community School. Project priority and funding are reviewed annually.

- 2024/25 - Upgrade of the existing pedestrian crossing on Buckland Street at Phillip Street. This includes raising the surface level and the incorporation of a bicycle crossing.
- 2024/25 - A new continuous footpath treatment across Phillip Street, just north of Buckland Street.
- 2025/26 - A new pedestrian crossing on Wyndham Street near Power Avenue to provide access across Wyndham Street from Alexandria Park.
- 2025/26 - A new separated cycleway on the north side of Fountain Street between Belmont Street and Lawrence Street,
- 2025/26 - A new continuous footpath treatment across Belmont Street, just west of Fountain Street.
- 2025/26 - A new signalised intersection at Lawrence Street and Fountain Street, incorporating both bicycle and pedestrian signals.