Item 10

Questions on Notice with Answers

1. Town Hall Square

By Councillor Weldon

Question

At the February 2025 meeting, Council reaffirmed support for a Town Hall Square and resolved to investigate options to accelerate the delivery of Town Hall Square for Council's consideration as part of the 2025/26 budget that will include a full project scope and costings, and for demolition to start this term.

1. Over the last 5 years, how much has the City spent on maintenance and renewal of buildings which are likely to be demolished?

2. The Woolworths at Town Hall is the only major supermarket serving residents in the city centre. As part of the project scope, will the City be engaging with Woolworths to consider options for retaining the supermarket in part and/or finding an alternate site in the city centre?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. $36,489,532 has been spent on maintenance and renewal works for the past 5 years plus the current financial year to date. The $36M spend is across 6 buildings, comprising $16M in routine maintenance and compliance and $20M in renewal/replacement work.

2. A meeting has recently been held between the City’s Executive and senior Woolworths staff and discussions are ongoing.

2. Aquatic and Leisure Centre Asset Renewal and Upgrade Plan

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Can the Chief Executive Officer please provide an update on when the Asset Renewal and Upgrade Plan will be completed, which was noted by Council in the September 2023 Council Resolution on the contract extension for the City’s Aquatic and Leisure Centres.

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

As noted in the Information Relevant To Item 6.6 Memorandum, circulated 4 April 2025 the response regarding the proposed future works and costings for the aquatic centres, the Asset Renewal and Upgrade Plan (now referred to as the Aquatic Centres Long Term Renewal and Investment Plan) is currently in progress and is expected to be completed later this year.

3. Lift Outages in Town Hall House

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Can the Chief Executive Officer please outline:

1. How many outages of the lifts have occurred in Town Hall House over the past 6 months?

2. How long each outage occurred for and the reason behind each outage?

3. Ventia's role in managing the Town Hall House lifts

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. A total of 22 outages have occurred in the past 6 months.

2. The duration of lift downtime varied depending on the nature of the failure. Minor malfunctions, such as the presence of foreign debris in the lift door tracks, resulted in an average downtime of approximately 2 hours. In contrast, more complex failures, such as the necessity for a custom-manufactured lift drive from Germany, extended downtime to as long as 12 weeks. Additional faults encompassed, but were not limited to, issues with brake switches, controllers, and drive units.

3. Ventia is responsible for recording work orders, liaising with the designated City stakeholders, and coordinating with the contracted vertical transport service provider to ensure the maintenance, assessment, and rectification of vertical transport assets.