

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life

THROUGH: Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 9.3 – Grants - Ad Hoc Grant - Bridge Housing Limited /PCYC - Capital Works Funding

For noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide Councillors with further information about community consultation around proposed community facilities as part of the Waterloo South redevelopment and service provision.

Background

At the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 17 August 2026, further information was sought regarding community consultation about and use of proposed community spaces in Waterloo.

Community consultation

The Waterloo Partnership is the consortium selected by the NSW Government to lead the Waterloo Renewal Project. The Partnership is led by Stockland, and includes community housing providers Birribee Housing, Link Wentworth, and City West Housing, working alongside Homes NSW to deliver the renewal project in Waterloo South.

During August 2026, the Waterloo Partnership is delivering the following community engagement activities on the detailed plans for Waterloo South:

- Three pop-up coffee cart engagements on Friday 7 August, Saturday 15 August, and Thursday 20 August 2026

- Two tenant only workshops titled 'apartment living' and 'neighbourhood life' (which includes community spaces, public art, shops, and services) on Tuesday 11 August and Tuesday 18 August 2026 and
- One local service provider roundtable on Wednesday 26 August 2026.

Bridge Housing has advised the City of Sydney that they consulted with local community service providers including Redfern Legal Centre, Weave Youth and Community Services, and the Women's and Girls Emergency Centre in developing plans for the new community facility to replace the previous East Sydney PCYC. Four design jams were held with local Aboriginal community representatives and community feedback incorporated into the final design.

Service provision - PCYC facility

The City of Sydney will continue to work with Bridge Housing and PCYC to ensure that future service provision includes a range of programs and services that will support the whole community including free school holiday programs, free and discounted room hire and a range of sport, fitness and recreation activities. In addition, the City will work to ensure that services complement programs and services the City of Sydney offers in the Redfern area.

Future City owned community facilities within the Waterloo South project

City of Sydney staff will soon commence developing the brief for the City owned community facilities which are required to be delivered as part of the Waterloo South project. The City of Sydney is aware of community fatigue around this project and the brief will, therefore, be informed by a review of broader consultation already undertaken and will be based on current and future needs. This includes consultation undertaken as part of the Waterloo Human Services Action Plan and upcoming consultation as outlined in this memo.

Further information will be provided to Councillors via the CEO Update.

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