

Minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 10 March 2025

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling (Deputy Chair).

At the commencement of business at 2.52pm, those present were –

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson, Weldon and Worling.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Thompson was attending the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Adjournment

At 3.54pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

At the resumption of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee at 4.12pm, all Councillors were present.

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 4.18pm.

Item 1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 10 February 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommended the following:

Item 3**Planning For a Food Organics Recycling Service to All Households**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that a food organics (FO) service has been determined as the optimal service type for recycling of food scraps in City of Sydney households;
- (B) endorse implementation of a FO service to all City households and continue providing a separate garden organics service in line with the NSW Government mandate for councils to provide food and garden organics (FOGO) services to all households by 2030;
- (C) endorse progression to the next stage of service rollout planning; and
- (D) note that suitable service collection and processing methods and service levels will be reported back to Council for consideration.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 4**Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway**

The Environment and Climate Change Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 17 March 2025.

Officer's Recommendation

The officer's recommendation to the Environment and Climate Change Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the revised concept design for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway project, as described in the subject report, and shown in Attachment D to the subject report for proceeding to design development, documentation and construction tender;
- (B) note the estimated project costs as detailed in Confidential Attachment F to the subject report; and
- (C) note that the City has design stage funding from the NSW Government and that the City will apply for construction stage funding.

Officer's Report

The officer's report on this matter can be found at Item 4 on the agenda of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on 10 March 2025.

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Speakers

Peter Holt (HWL Ebsworth Lawyers), Polly Seidler (Contec Properties), David Brown and Geoff Alexander addressed the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Item 4.

Item 5**Project Scope - New Public Toilet Building, Landscape Works and Umpire's Room at Jubilee Park and Oval and New Automated Public Toilet at Bicentennial Park East**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the project scope for works at Jubilee Oval as described in the subject report for the purposes of proceeding with documentation, required planning approvals, and tender for construction works;
- (B) endorse the installation of an automated public toilet at Bicentennial Park East (subject to feasibility investigations, community consultation and inclusion in the Long Term Financial Plan); and
- (C) note the financial implications for the demolition and construction works at Jubilee Oval and installation of the automated public toilet at Bicentennial Park East as outlined in Confidential Attachment E to the subject report.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 6**Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Panel - Terms of Reference and Membership**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse and adopt the revised Terms of Reference of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Panel, as contained in Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) appoint Asa Wahlquist as a community representative of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Panel, who represents a local community organisation involved in managing and protecting local biodiversity, for a term effective immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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