

Minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 15 September 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 2:10pm, those present were –

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

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 2:47pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 18 August 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

Public Exhibition - Draft Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2025-2035

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2030 Actions Summary Table as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, the achievements delivered during that period, and the intention to finalise the Leave Nothing to Waste Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2030 following final Council adoption of the Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2025-2035;
- (B) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2025-2035 as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that the draft Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2025-2035, including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2025-2035.

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

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the motion be amended such that clause (B) read as follows –

- (B) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2025-2035 as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, subject to the following amendment:
 - (i) include an extra action Item in Direction 5: Build Resilient Waste and Circular Systems:

Explore opportunities to work with the NSW Government, commercial business organisations and commercial waste collection companies to better coordinate commercial waste collections in the Sydney CBD.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.)

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Item 4**Project Scope - Green Park Renewal**

The Environment and Climate Change Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 22 September 2025.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Environment and Climate Change Committee was as follows –

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the project scope for the Green Park, Darlington renewal, as described in the subject report and shown in the Concept Plan as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation tender and construction; and
- (B) note the estimated financial implications as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 4 on the agenda of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on 15 September 2025.

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Speakers

Georgina Brown (What is a Home) and Mary Willcox (Cana Communities) addressed the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Item 4.