

Minutes of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee - 10 March 2025

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

At the commencement of business at 4.19pm those present were -

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

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee at 4.20pm, prior to discussion on Item 3, and returned at 4.22pm, after the vote on Item 3. Councillor Arkins was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 3.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

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

The meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee concluded at 4.22pm.

Item 1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee of Monday 10 February 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in they have known Ian Roberts, Board Member of Qtopia, for many years and Ian has previously been a candidate for Labor for the City of Sydney in the past.

Councillor Arkins stated they will not be voting on this matter.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee.

The Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee recommended the following:

Item 3**Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Grant - Qtopia Ltd (Support for Free Sundays)**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a \$100,000 (excluding GST) cash grant to Qtopia Ltd from forecast operational savings across the City Life 2024/25 budget. If the savings are not available any shortfall will be sought from the CEO's contingency fund;
- (B) Council note that payment of this grant will only be made once the previous grant to support free entry on a Sunday has been satisfactorily acquitted;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the grant agreement with Qtopia Ltd on appropriate terms and conditions in relation to acquittal of grant funds and pre-conditions to payment of grant tranches as outlined in the subject report; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor changes to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok, and carried unanimously.)

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