

Minutes of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee - 5 May 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 4:16pm those present were -

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

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.

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended his apologies for his inability to attend the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee.

The meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee concluded at 4:19pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee of Monday 31 March 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that I know Mikie Leung, Co-Creator at Digital Storytellers. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she was not aware of this recommendation until the Committee Papers were published, and have not had any communication with Mikie Leung about this item.

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

Accommodation Grants Program - 101-115 William Street, Darlinghurst

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the provision of an Accommodation Grant to Impact Policy Pty Ltd for Level 1 East, 101-115 William Street Darlinghurst to lease the space for a 5-year term (which includes an early termination clause) from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030 on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Rental Subsidy	Rental Subsidy Value	Rent Payable
Year 1 1 July 2025- 30 June 2026	\$114,577	100%	\$114,577	\$0
Year 2 1 July 2026- 30 June 2027	\$118,014	100%	\$118,014	\$0
Year 3 1 July 2027- 30 June 2028	121,554	100%	121,554	\$0
Year 4 1 July 2028- 30 June 2029	\$125,201	100%	\$125,201	\$0
Year 5 1 July 2029- 30 June 2030	\$128,597	100%	\$128,597	\$0

- (B) Council note that the impact of water ingress to Level 3 of 101-115 William Street Darlinghurst has resulted in tenants not being able to occupy Level 3 of the building and approve the relocation of current accommodation grant tenant Digital Storytellers Limited from Suite 3.01 on Level 3 to Level 2 East for the remainder of its approved term;
- (C) Council note Level 1 and Level 2 101-115 William Street Darlinghurst were previously leased as commercial office spaces but will now be made available as part of the Accommodation Grants Program;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer:
- (i) the lease agreement with Impact Policy Pty Ltd for the premises known as Level 1 East, 101-115 William Street Darlinghurst; and
 - (ii) lease documentation required to relocate Digital Storytellers Limited from Suite 3.01, Level 3, to Level 2 East 101-115 William Street, Darlinghurst for the remainder of their lease term, on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and

- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipients 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 Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Worling and carried unanimously.)

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