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Present

The Right Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair)

Members 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.

At the commencement of business at 5:01pm, those present were:

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

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Director Finance and Procurement, Acting Executive Director City Services, Executive Director City Planning, Development and Transport, Executive Director Legal and Governance, Executive Director City Life, Executive Director People, Performance and Technology, and Executive Director Strategic Development and Engagement were also present.

Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and opening prayer.

Webcasting Statement

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice, Council meetings are audio visually recorded and webcast live on the City of Sydney website. The Chair (the Lord Mayor) asked that courtesy and respect be observed throughout the meeting and advised those in attendance to refrain from making defamatory statements.

Photos/Recording in the Council Chamber During Meetings

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) provided a reminder that photos/personal recordings in the Council Chamber are not permitted during Council meetings. This is in accordance with clauses 14.31-14.35 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Order of Business

Council agreed that the order of business be altered such that Item 13.1 be brought forward and considered prior to Item 4, for the convenience of the public present.

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of Council at 5:57pm, prior to discussion and the vote on Item 8.3. Councillor Weldon returned at 5:58pm, following the vote on that item. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 8.3.

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of Council at 6:01pm, prior to discussion and the vote on Item 9.3. Councillor Arkins returned at 6:03pm, following the vote on Item 9.3. Councillor Arkins was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 9.3.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council of Monday, 25 August 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2 Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Statement of Ethical Obligations

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins made the following disclosures:

- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that Norma Ingram, founding and current board member of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care, is someone they have known for many years and has previously been a candidate for Labor on the City of Sydney and for the State electorate of Newtown in the past.

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

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.6 on the agenda, in that there are residents in 180 Pitt Street, Waterloo who are members of the Labor Party (NSW Branch).

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they were not contacted by the residents regarding this item.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that the Property Industry Foundation has a relationship with the End Street Sleeping Collaboration. Last Council term, Councillor Ellsmore had 2 meetings with Dominic Sullivan, co-chair of the End Street Sleeping Collaboration, one of which was with then Councillor, Jess Scully. On these occasions, he mentioned the potential development of an app to connect homelessness services with owners of vacant properties. One of the speakers at committee, Mendel Kastel, is also a board member of the End Street Sleeping Collaboration.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not spoken to Dominic Sullivan recently, and she was not aware of the End Street Sleeping Collaboration's relationship with the Property Industry Foundation, or that the Property Industry Foundation had applied for a grant from the City of Sydney for these purposes.

Councillor Zann Maxwell made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that Aunty Norma Ingram is the Chair of Wyanga Aged Care, an organisation who are receiving this grant. Aunty Norma Ingram is also a Sydney Labor member.

Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because Aunty Norma did not make any representation to him in relation to this item and was unaware it was coming to Council.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.6 on the agenda, in that there are residents who are Labor Party members that live at 180 Pitt Street, Waterloo.

Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because none of the branch members have contacted him in relation to this item.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 8.3 on the agenda, in that she is a Board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, the recipient of the proposed grant.

Councillor Weldon stated that she would 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 Council.

Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor

Item 3.1 Vale Susan (Sue) Margaret Barker

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

I wish to inform Council of the passing of community leader, Susan (Sue) Margaret Barker, on 27 August 2025.

Sue, a proud Wiradjuri woman, was born at the Women and Children's hospital at Camperdown on 25 November 1952. Her early life, being raised by a single mother along with her 6 siblings in the Yennora and Guildford areas, was tough. Yet these early struggles meant that she would go the extra mile for others.

She studied at Ultimo Tafe NSW and the University of Western Sydney, becoming a Youth and Social Worker advocating for women and children living with mental illness, young people in crisis, women escaping domestic violence and women adjusting to life after prison. She dedicated her adult life to building communities, supporting individuals who struggled to support themselves, and challenging the bureaucracy that stifled support for those that need it most.

Sue ran the Glebe Community Drug and Alcohol support groups out of Glebe Town Hall for many years, becoming a much-loved local identity. She led conferences on supporting women escaping domestic violence and supporting people struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and helped countless women and children to rebuild their lives, find community and be proud.

The Glebe community came to know "Auntie Sue" through Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings at Glebe Fire Station, on the streets of Glebe or through chats over her front yard fence.

Sue is survived by her children, Melissa, Natasha and Brett, 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, all of whom she greatly impacted.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Susan (Sue) Margaret Barker and her significant contribution to the Glebe community, survivors of domestic violence and drug dependence, and Indigenous youth;
- (B) Council express its condolences to Sue's children, Melissa, Natasha and Brett, her 7 grandchildren and her 17 great grandchildren; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Barker family to convey Council's condolences.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

That the Minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to Sue Barker.

Item 3.2 More Action to Support Sydney's Nightlife

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

On 9 September 2025, the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission ('the Commission') published its report, [Review of regulatory barriers impeding a vibrant 24-hour economy](#) ('the Report').

When he launched the Report, the Minister for the Night-Time Economy (John Graham) observed that for a long time night-time policy had a "moral tinge", was more about "keeping people safe from themselves" and motivated by a belief that "nothing good happens after dark". He said that the NSW Government had "worked hard to rebuild our night-time economy", through its "vibrancy reforms" but there was more work to do "to harness its full potential". The Commission's report and recommendations may inform future tranches of these reforms.

The Report's 55 recommendations are grouped into three broad areas:

- Making it easier to open and run night-time businesses, with recommendations for continued development of Special Entertainment Precincts, proportionate regulation for low-risk development and adapting the planning system for new and evolving business models.
- Getting around and home safely, including recommendations to make public transport at night more predictable, accessible and frequent.
- Understanding and promoting the State's night-time economy with recommendations for better communication with enforcement agencies, Councils and businesses, strengthening public perceptions of nightlife and addressing data gaps to improve decision making.

City of Sydney action

The City has a strong history in identifying issues impacting the night-time economy and in implementing measures to address these which are aligned to the Report's recommendations.

Our 2019 amendments to the Late Night Trading Development Control Plan (DCP) provided a "framework for fun" by establishing new late-night trading areas, enabling low-impact venues to trade later and provided incentives for licenced premises to provide live entertainment. Our 2021 Open and Creative Reforms have enabled shops to trade until 10pm in the city centre and on village high streets without requiring a development application.

We streamlined outdoor dining approvals, and since 2020, we have waived outdoor dining application and licensing fees offering support worth \$20 million. We have now made this fee waiver permanent. Almost all businesses with outdoor dining have told us it is beneficial, or crucial, to their business - more than half have had an increase in turnover of around 20%. Many have employed new staff or increased staff hours – an estimated 200 jobs have been created from our free outdoor dining.

Our \$32 million upgrade of Crown Street is creating a more attractive streetscape with more space for outdoor dining and for displaying goods on the footpath. The City has also spent over \$300 million transforming George Street into a pedestrian boulevard, which has attracted \$8 billion of private investment and is now enticing crowds of people sitting and walking, eating and drinking, shopping and chatting with friends.

This year, we made further DCP changes to safeguard live entertainment venues. New residential development near existing venues or 24-hour late-night trading areas are now required to be built to a standard that protects residents from existing noise. Likewise, new or substantially changed venues need to be built to a standard that provides existing residents reasonable amenity.

To further incentivise venues, we have enabled earlier and later trading hours and extended trial periods for longer trading hours to reduce the need for a development application (DA).

Work is now under way to enable our existing late-night trading areas to become Special Entertainment Precincts, unlocking additional benefits for nightlife businesses. This includes additional liquor licence hours and discounted liquor licence fees. It creates opportunities for more areas to benefit from a diverse and vibrant night-time offering, while also providing greater certainty for businesses.

The City is doing this work in line with the NSW Government's Guidelines which requires us to carry out sound studies and develop precinct management plans with a framework around compliance and sound management. As they prepare these plans, staff will consider managing waste, cleansing and anti-social behaviour as well as encouraging a diverse range of night-time activities which are accessible, inclusive and affordable for everyone. The City will prepare a draft Planning Proposal and DCP that will be reported to Council in early 2026.

We have also taken action to improve safety at night and to promote Sydney's nightlife, consistent with the Report's recommendations. The City has introduced initiatives such as the Oxford Street Pride Charter, PrideVis security vests, and late-night safety walks with NSW Police to promote inclusion, safety, and trust with LGBTIQA+ communities. It also coordinates a Pride Care Space during Mardi Gras, providing young people with hydration, nutrition, and support services.

The Report

I have long advocated to State Governments for many of the reforms recommended in the Report, including harmonising liquor licensing and planning approval processes and improvements to late night public transport.

I welcome recommendations to increase the frequency of and access to public transport at night. I strongly suggest the NSW Government trials later services so everyone, including workers, can get home safely and affordably when venues close, especially on weekends and in high-activity areas such as Oxford Street and the city centre.

Vehicle speeds are generally higher at night in the City Centre and main streets, yet the Report overlooks measures like 30km/h limits in late-night precincts that could support activation and improve safety.

Many of the Report's recommendations are likely to have significant implications for Councils if adopted including those relating to development approval processes, length of trial periods, heritage uses and zoning changes. It is important that we fully understand these implications, and where necessary the NSW Government engages with Councils before they are adopted.

The Report explicitly acknowledges that many impacts on nightlife and the night-time economy are outside the scope of its review. These include staff shortages, higher costs of operating businesses at night, cost of living, and the competing attraction of staying at home. Nor does it address the need for additional funding to support many of the proposed initiatives which rely on local Councils, precinct-based groups and local businesses supporting and delivering outcomes.

Even so, the Report makes an important contribution to identifying actions to further revitalise our nightlife. In welcoming it, we are committed to continuing to work with the NSW Government, nightlife businesses and the community to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a way that deliver social, cultural and economic benefits without having adverse or unintended impacts.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council welcome the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission report, Review of regulatory barriers impeding a vibrant 24-hour economy and commend the Minister for the Night-Time Economy, the Hon. John Graham MLC for commissioning this review;
- (B) Council note that the City of Sydney has implemented measures to make it easier for businesses to trade at night, improve safety at night and promote Sydney's nightlife consistent with many of the Report's recommendations and is currently working to enable our existing late-night trading areas to become Special Entertainment Precincts, unlocking additional benefits for nightlife businesses;
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to:
 - (i) the Minister for the Night-Time Economy commending him for commissioning the Report and informing him that the City is willing to work with the NSW Government in implementing the Report's recommendations in a way that delivers social and economic benefits without having adverse or unintended impacts;
 - (ii) the Minister for Transport requesting him to implement the Report's recommendations to improve frequency of and access to public transport at night, as well as trialling later public transport services especially on weekends and in high-activity areas;
 - (iii) the Minister for Roads requesting her to consider lowering speed limits to 30km/h in late night precincts to support activation and improve safety; and
 - (iv) the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Gaming and Racing requesting them to proceed with implementing the Report's recommendations relating to harmonising and integrating liquor licensing and development approval processes and offering the City of Sydney as a trial area for that to happen; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) review the Report's recommendations and provide Council with advice on the implications for local government if the recommendations are adopted; and
 - (ii) liaise with the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission, the Office of the 24 Hour Economy Commissioner and any other relevant NSW Government agencies requesting them to address any issues arising from this review.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

That the Minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

S051491

Adjournment

At this point in the meeting, at 5:25pm, the Chair (the Lord Mayor) adjourned the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of clause 14.21 of the Code of Meeting Practice, due to the disorderly behaviour of members of the public.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 5:26pm.

Procedural Motion

It was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the business of Council continue following the adjournment due to disorder.

Carried unanimously.

Procedural Motion

At this stage of the meeting, at 5:27pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

That the Order of Business be altered such that Item 13.1 be brought forward and considered before Item 4, for the convenience of the public present.

Carried unanimously.

Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer

Item 4.1 Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer

To Council:

Sections 231(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) provide:

- (1) the councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor;
and
- (2) the person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

At the extraordinary Council meeting of 10 October 2024, Councillor Zann Maxwell was elected Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately and ending on 30 September 2025.

Payment of Fees

Section 249(5) of the Act provides:

- (5) a council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

On 5 June 2000, Council resolved to:

"Pay Councillors the maximum of the range (as determined annually by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal) as a matter of standing policy.

Pay the Lord Mayor the maximum of the range (in addition to the fee as a Councillor) - as a matter of standing policy (less the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee).

Pay the Deputy Lord Mayor, in addition to the fee as a Councillor, an amount equal to 10 per cent of the mayoral fee actually paid to the Lord Mayor as a matter of standing policy."

Call for Nominations

Nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor are now invited. Nominations must be made in writing by 2 or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). Nomination forms will be provided to Councillors.

Conduct of Election

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 provides the method of conducting an election for Deputy Lord Mayor (further details on election procedures will be provided to Councillors). The last time the Deputy Lord Mayor's position was contested the method of voting selected by the Council was open, exhaustive voting.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2026;
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

MONICA BARONE PSM

Chief Executive Officer

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2026;
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

Carried unanimously.

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At this stage of the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called upon the Manager OCEO to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Manager OCEO announced that one duly completed, written nomination had been received, namely –

Councillor Jess Miller (nominated by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Maxwell).

Councillor Miller indicated acceptance of her nomination.

There were no other nominations.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Jess Miller duly elected to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately and ending on 30 September 2026.

Note - the Chair (the Lord Mayor) congratulated Councillor Miller on her election as Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillor Maxwell on his term as Deputy Lord Mayor.

Item 4.2 Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings - 2026, 2027 and 2028**Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

This memorandum requests that Council approve the draft schedules of meetings for 2026, 2027 and 2028.

The draft schedules of meetings for 2026 (Attachment A), 2027 (Attachment B) and 2028 (Attachment C) have been prepared based on a 2-week meeting cycle (Council Committees and Council). The draft schedules propose 10-meeting cycles for 2026, 2027 and 2028.

Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that "the council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month", with "year" meaning the period from 1 July to the following 30 June (the financial year).

To ensure compliance with the provisions of section 365, the draft schedules of meetings provide for:

- (a) 5 meetings in the first half of 2026, 2027 and 2028 (to enable a total of 10 meetings for each financial year); and
- (b) 5 meetings of Council held in the second half of 2026, 2027 and 2028 (to enable a total of 10 meetings for each financial year and on the basis that a further 5 meetings of Council will be scheduled for the first half of 2029).

It is noted that:

- (a) in drafting the schedule, the Local Government Election scheduled for 9 September 2028 has been taken into account (with an extraordinary meeting of Council to take place following the election); and
- (b) the Annual Conference of Local Government NSW is generally held in late November each year.

It is appropriate for Council to now determine a program of meetings for 2026, 2027 and 2028 to enable all interested parties to plan their commitments (to the end of the current Council term).

It is proposed that authority be delegated to the Lord Mayor to determine any required changes to the schedule (such as an adjustment of dates to accommodate the Local Government NSW annual conference), with Councillors to be notified as soon as practicable and the City's website updated accordingly.

The City's website will be updated with the 2026, 2027 and 2028 meeting dates if endorsed by Council.

Councillor workshops and information sessions, intended to accommodate such matters as strategy development, external presentations, professional development and other non-meeting agenda items, will be scheduled and separately distributed to Councillors.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) adopt the draft schedules of meetings for 2026, 2027 and 2028 as shown at Attachments A, B and C to the subject memorandum; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Lord Mayor to determine any required changes to the schedules, with Councillors to be notified as soon as practicable and the City's website updated accordingly.

MONICA BARONE PSM

Chief Executive Officer

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

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) adopt the draft schedules of meetings for 2026, 2027 and 2028 as shown at Attachments A, B and C to the subject memorandum; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Lord Mayor to determine any required changes to the schedules, with Councillors to be notified as soon as practicable and the City's website updated accordingly.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 4.3 Grant Recipient Change of Entity - 2024/25 Community Services Grant Program

Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer

To Council:

On 24 June 2024, Council approved grant funding as part of the Community Services Grant Program.

This grant program supports projects and programs that help increase social cohesion and inclusion, develop healthy and resilient communities, and support participation in civic life.

City staff have been made aware of the need to amend one of the grants that was approved to account for a requested change of recipient. The grant in question is a total of \$150,000 in cash and \$71,759 in Value in Kind (venue hire and street banner pole hire) over 3 years (2024 - 2026) awarded to the University of Sydney (ABN 15 211 513 464) to support the annual Sydney Peace Prize ceremony and lecture to be held in Sydney Town Hall.

On 11 August 2025, the City was advised that Sydney Peace FDN Ltd has become an independent public company and, therefore, has requested a change of grant recipient from the University of Sydney (ABN 15 211 513 464) to Sydney Peace FDN Ltd (ABN 43 687 466 075).

Sydney Peace FDN Ltd is an Australian Public Company, Limited By Guarantee and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). As an Eligible Not For Profit Organisation, Sydney Peace FDN Ltd remains eligible to receive funding through the Major Grants category and City of Sydney staff are satisfied that providing the funds to this entity is required to ensure delivery of the project.

The project, grant funding amount, and criteria for funding remain the same.

In accordance with the resolution of Council of 24 June 2024 that approved this grant funding, Council is required to approve any change to the identity of a grant recipient.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council approve the change of grant recipient for the Sydney Peace Prize project as part of the Community Services Grant Program, from the University of Sydney (ABN 15 211 513 464) to Sydney Peace FDN Ltd (ABN 43 687 466 075).

MONICA BARONE PSM

Chief Executive Officer

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

It is resolved that Council approve the change of grant recipient for the Sydney Peace Prize project as part of the Community Services Grant Program, from the University of Sydney (ABN 15 211 513 464) to Sydney Peace FDN Ltd (ABN 43 687 466 075).

Carried unanimously.

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Item 5 Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

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

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6 Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee**PRESENT**

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Jess Miller, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 2:00pm those present were -

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

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 2:09pm.

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 15 September 2025 be received, with Items 6.1 and 6.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.3 and 6.5 being adopted in globo, and Item 6.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 18 August 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommended the following:

Item 6.3

Investments Held as at 31 August 2025

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 August 2025 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 6.4

Adoption - Public Interest Disclosure Policy

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the Public Interest Disclosure Policy, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Public Interest Disclosure Policy in order to update the contact information from time to time in Annexure A, correct any minor drafting errors and to finalise design and accessible formats for publication.

Carried unanimously.

S121629.035

Item 6.5

Land Classification - 895-901 Bourke Street, Waterloo

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the classification of 895-901 Bourke Street, Waterloo (being proposed Lot 103 in the Plan of Subdivision of Lot 1 in DP 1304819), which is to be transferred to Council for future public purposes, as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW); and
- (B) note that the operational classification is an interim measure to support operational management until the land can be re-classified as community land and included within the Generic Plan of Management.

Carried unanimously.

X106765.006

Item 7 Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee**PRESENT**

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Adam Worling
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Jess Miller, Matthew Thompson and Yvonne Weldon AM.

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.

Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of its meeting of 15 September 2025 be received, with Items 7.1 and 7.2 being noted, and Items 7.3 and 7.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.1**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 7.2**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 7.3

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

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

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, 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;
- (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.

Carried unanimously.

X087085

Item 7.4

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.

At the meeting of Council, the staff recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

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.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Ellsmore, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read 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;
- (B) note the submissions received at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on 15 September 2025, and note that during the detailed design phase:
 - (i) a meeting will be arranged with members of the people sleeping rough community who use the park to seek feedback about the park design; and
 - (ii) the project team will seek input from the local community of people sleeping rough in the park about the potential inclusion of a memorial plaque on seat/s to acknowledge those who had strong ties to the park community who have passed away; and
- (C) note the estimated financial implications as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

X099771.002

Speakers

Georgina Brown (What is a Home) and Mary Willcox (Cana Communities) addressed the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Item 7.4.

Item 8 Report of the Equity and Housing Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Zann Maxwell
(Deputy Chair)

Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Jess Miller, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 2:48pm those present were -

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

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee at 2:50pm, prior to discussion on Item 8.3, and returned at 2:57pm, after the vote on Item 8.3. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 8.3.

The meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee concluded at 3:17pm.

Report of the Equity and Housing Committee

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

That the report of the Equity and Housing Committee of its meeting of 15 September 2025 be received, with Items 8.1 and 8.2 being noted, and Items 8.3 and 8.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At this point in the meeting, at 5:51pm, the Chair (the Lord Mayor) adjourned the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of clause 14.21 of the Code of Meeting Practice, due to the disorderly behaviour of members of the public.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 5:53pm.

Procedural Motion

It was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Maxwell –

That the business of Council continue following the adjournment due to disorder.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee of Monday 18 August 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 8.3 on the agenda, in that she is a Board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, the recipient of the proposed grant.

Councillor Weldon stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that last Council term, she had 2 meetings with Dominic Sullivan, co-chair of the End Street Sleeping Collaboration, once with then Councillor, Jess Scully. On these occasions, he mentioned the potential development of an app to connect homelessness services with owners of vacant properties. One of the speakers at committee, Mendel Kastel, is also a board member of the End Street Sleeping Collaboration.

Councillor Ellsmore 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 that there had been progress on the development of this application, that this work was being supported by the Property Industry Foundation, or that the Property Industry Foundation had applied for a grant from the City of Sydney for these purposes.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee.

The Equity and Housing Committee recommended the following:

Item 8.3**Grants and Sponsorship - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash grant to Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council for \$3 million to support the preparation of a development application and construction to develop 36-38 George Street, Redfern for residential accommodation for members of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council as determined by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council;
- (B) Council note the request from Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council is at Attachment A to the subject report and financial details are at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report;

- (C) Council note that the grant may be withdrawn if the project materially changes from the current proposal as outlined in Attachment A to the subject report, or if a development application is not lodged within 12 months; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (i) finalise negotiations, execute and administer the grant agreement with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council in accordance with clauses (A) and (B); and
 - (ii) otherwise administer all matters relating to this grant.

Carried unanimously.

X105028.013

Speaker

Nathan Moran (CEO, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council) addressed the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on Item 8.3.

Item 8.4

Grants and Sponsorship - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Property Industry Foundation Meanwhile Use Housing

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash grant to the Property Industry Foundation for \$140,000 over 2 years (\$70,000 per annum) to support their meanwhile use housing project; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (i) finalise negotiations, execute and administer the grant agreement with the Property Industry Foundation in accordance with clause (A); and
 - (ii) otherwise make decisions and administer the other conditions relating to this grant.

Carried unanimously.

X105028.024

Speakers

Mendel Kastel (CEO, Jewish House), Jeanne-Vida Douglas (Property Industry Foundation) and Terry Petry (CFO, Property Industry Foundation) addressed the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on Item 8.4.

Item 9 Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee**PRESENT**

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillors Olly Arkins, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Jess Miller, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:18pm those present were -

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

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 3:19pm before discussion and the vote on Item 9.3, and did not return.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 3:28pm.

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of its meeting of 15 September 2025 be received, with Items 9.1 and 9.2 being noted, and 9.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that Norma Ingram, founding and current board member of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care, is someone they have known for many years and has previously been a candidate for Labor on the City of Sydney and for the State electorate of Newtown in the past.

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

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that Aunty Norma Ingram is the Chair of Wyanga Aged Care, an organisation who are receiving this grant. Aunty Norma Ingram is also a Sydney Labor member.

Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because Aunty Norma did not make any representation to him in relation to this item and was unaware it was coming to Committees.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Item 9.3

Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Ad Hoc Grant - Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program

The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 22 September.

Note – the recommendation of the Community Services and Facilities Committee was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the Information Relevant To Memorandum dated 19 September 2025 from the Executive Director City Life, circulated prior to the meeting).

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve an Ad Hoc cash grant of up to \$100,000 to Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (ABN 98 732 869 630) to contribute to the repair the roof of its facility at 35 Cope Street, Redfern, with funding to be sourced from the 2025/26 General Contingency Fund;
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Commonwealth Ministers for Aged Care and Seniors, Housing and Indigenous Australians and the NSW Government Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Families and Communities, Housing and Seniors seeking financial contributions from their governments towards repairing the roof of the Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc facility;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (G) 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 recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10 Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee**PRESENT**

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Jess Miller
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:47pm those present were -

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

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 4:14pm.

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

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

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 15 September 2025 be received, with Items 10.1 and 10.2 being noted, Items 10.4 to 10.6 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Item 10.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of Monday 18 August 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.6 on the agenda, in that there are residents who are Labor Party members that live at 180 Pitt Street, Waterloo.

Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because none of the branch members have contacted him in relation to this item.

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.6 on the agenda, in that there are residents in 180 Pitt Street, Waterloo who are members of the Labor Party (NSW Branch).

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they were not contacted by the residents regarding this Item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommended the following:

Item 10.3

Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ Heritage Items Stage 2

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Maxwell -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ Heritage Items Stage 2, shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for a gateway determination;
- (B) Council approve the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ Heritage Items Stage 2 as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the gateway determination;
- (C) Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to exercise the delegation of all the functions under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and to put into effect the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ Heritage Items Stage 2; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ Heritage Items Stage 2, to correct any drafting errors or to ensure consistency with the gateway determination.

Carried unanimously.

X091578

Speaker

Ben Mulcahy (205-207 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst) addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 10.3.

Item 10.4**Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - 150 Day Street, Sydney - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve Planning Proposal - 150 Day Street, Sydney, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, to be submitted to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces with a request for Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal - 150 Day Street, Sydney, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination;
- (C) Council seek authority from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to exercise the delegation of all the functions under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and to put into effect Planning Proposal - 150 Day Street, Sydney;
- (D) Council approve the Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - 150 Day Street, Sydney, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition concurrent with the Planning Proposal;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any variations to Planning Proposal - 150 Day Street, Sydney, to correct any drafting errors or to ensure consistency with the Gateway Determination;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any variations to Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - 150 Day Street, Sydney, to correct any drafting errors or ensure it is consistent with the Planning Proposal following the Gateway Determination; and
- (G) Council note the Chief Executive Officer will prepare a draft planning agreement in accordance with the letter of offer dated 3 September 2025 at Attachment C to the subject report, and the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, to be exhibited in accordance with the Act.

Carried unanimously.

X090796

Item 10.5

Hoarding Application Approvals Beyond 5 Years

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve current and future hoarding renewal applications for the following sites where the total period of installation is 5 years or more:
 - (i) Type-A hoarding (site fence) located at 136 Hay Street, Haymarket (Ref. B/2020/303);
 - (ii) Type-A hoarding (site fence) located at 1 Stirling Circuit, Camperdown (Ref. B/2019/310);
 - (iii) Type-B hoarding (overhead protection) located at 229-231 Macquarie Street, Sydney (Ref. B/2020/97);
 - (iv) Type-B hoarding (overhead protection) located at 55 Pitt Street Sydney (Ref. B/2021/367 and B/2021/368);
 - (v) Type-B hoarding (overhead protection) located at 88-90 Parramatta Road, Camperdown (Ref. B/2021/129);
 - (vi) Type-B hoarding (overhead protection) located at 8-10 Marlborough Street, Surry Hills (Ref. 2021/140); and
 - (vii) Type-B hoarding (overhead protection) located at 28 Broadway, Chippendale (Ref. B/2024/145); and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to vary any approvals listed in (A) above with any further extensions to be reported by way of CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

X123920

Item 10.6**Fire Safety Reports**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Reports Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B to F to the subject report;
- (C) note the contents of Attachment B and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 47-61 Pyrmont Bridge Road, Camperdown;
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 120-122 Saunders Street, Pyrmont;
- (E) note the contents of Attachment D and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 107-109 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point;
- (F) note the contents of Attachment E and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 9-15 Macarthur Street, Ultimo; and
- (G) note the contents of Attachment F and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 180 Pitt Street, Waterloo.

Carried unanimously.

S105001.002

Item 11 Questions on Notice**1. Affordable Housing Levies and What Has Been Built with Developer Levies in Pymont**

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

The City of Sydney is one of the earliest councils to collect affordable housing levies from development, with levies collected in Pymont and Ultimo for more than 25 years.

The City of Sydney maintains a publicly available developer contributions register which contains monetary contributions levied and paid as conditions of approved development applications. The register does not currently report affordable housing levies. The NSW Government is moving to create a public register of affordable housing in NSW. This will show where affordable homes are, who owns them, and who manages them.

Can the City of Sydney please advise:

1. Approximately what is the total amount of affordable housing levies have been collected for Pymont and Ultimo, since the 1990s?
2. Approximately how many affordable or social housing properties:
 - (a) Have already been built using affordable housing levies in Pymont and Ultimo?
 - (b) Have been approved for future development in Pymont and Ultimo?
 - (c) Are proposed but have not yet been approved for development in Pymont and Ultimo?
3. Does Council know the owner and location of the properties:
 - (a) Which have been built?
 - (b) Which are proposed?
4. If yes, what are the addresses of the properties, and who are they owned by? (If this information is available in a public report please provide a link to this or advise where the community can access a copy)
5. Is the Council aware of volunteer planning contributions for affordable housing in Pymont and Ultimo?
6. If yes:
 - (a) Approximately how many affordable or social housing properties have been delivered using voluntary planning contributions?
 - (b) What are the addresses and who owns the properties?

7. How many public or affordable housing dwellings are in the pipeline (i.e. already approved but not yet built) in Pyrmont to be built in the next 10 years?
8. How many new affordable housing dwellings are anticipated to be approved and built in Pyrmont over the next 10 years, given the new housing targets in the Pyrmont Peninsular Strategy?

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Since start of scheme about \$37M has been paid by developers from development in Ultimo and Pyrmont.
2.
 - (a) There are 448 affordable housing dwellings in Pyrmont and Ultimo as at 30 June 2024.
 - (b) None. It is noted there are limited development opportunities in Ultimo and Pyrmont.

It is also noted that funds collected in Ultimo and Pyrmont can be allocated for affordable housing projects anywhere in the City of Sydney.

 - (a) None.
3.
 - (a) The owner is City West Housing, noting City West Housing was the sole recipient of contribution funds until the Affordable Housing Distribution Plan came into effect in 2024/25.
 - (b) Not applicable.
4. The addresses of affordable housing dwellings are not publicly disclosed for privacy reasons including the protection of residents who may have left domestic and family violence to live in affordable housing.
5. No.
6.
 - (a) The City is not party to any Voluntary Planning Agreements for affordable or social housing in Ultimo and Pyrmont.
 - (b) Not applicable.
7. As above, no affordable housing.

The City does not have clear oversight of the social housing pipeline, being State Significant Development (SSD). However, we are unaware of any planned social housing being delivered in the area.

8. Sites in Ultimo and Pyrmont are subject to an affordable housing contribution rate of 1% of the total floor area for non-residential uses and 3% of the total floor area of the development for residential uses as affordable rental housing. In addition, sites that are identified for residential uplift in the City's planning proposal are subject to an additional affordable housing contribution for 9% of the new residential floor space that is proposed.

A high level estimate, subject to the timing of development or NSW Government rule changes, is that about 280 affordable dwellings may result from the above contributions, noting that where a monetary contribution is collected (rather than being provided on site), they may be allocated to projects anywhere in the Local Government Area.

2. Entertainment Conditions on Development Consents

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Can you please provide a list of all conditions on current development consents across the City of Sydney that relate to entertainment, sound or noise, and/or opening hours for entertainment, live performance and hospitality venues.

X113776

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

It's not feasible to provide a complete list of all development consent conditions across the City of Sydney relating to entertainment, sound, noise, or venue operating hours for entertainment, live performance, and hospitality venues.

These conditions are site-specific and spread across a large number of approvals, modifications to approvals and management plans making the task extremely time-consuming.

The Liquor and Gaming Authority says there are 2,015 licensed venues, including clubs, hotels, small bars etc which gives an indication of the number of consents that would need to be identified and reviewed or the information to be sourced.

This would take up a significant amount of time and resources.

3. Service Reviews

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Can you please provide the list of service reviews planned for this term of Council as referred to in reference 1.2.1 on page 32 of Council's Delivery Program 2025-2029.

X113776

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The operational plan for each year outlines the service review program for each financial year. The operational plan 2025/26 outlines two service and functional reviews:

1. Procurement and contract management.
2. Building a culture of preparedness for cyber security and data breach incidents.

Both functions were chosen as Executive priorities for a deep dive review to transform how we undertake these functions. Updates are provided to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC).

Other upcoming reviews include:

- Contracted services reviews as defined under the Sourcing Framework Principles, i.e.:
 - with a value over \$5 million
 - expiring within the term of Council
 - delivering services traditionally performed by councils.
 - specifically, following the parks maintenance analysis, Council will conduct a similar review on Domestic Waste contracted services.
- Executive priority areas.
- Services with significantly changing context, such as moving events from parks to streets.
- Where there is significant risk to service delivery or an opportunity to transform how the service is delivered.

4. Kings Cross Community Centre

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

Question

The Kings Cross Community Centre is at the heart of our local community; residents have indicated some concerns about the maintenance of the community centre post Covid and the community engagement being provided by the services offered.

1. When were the last renovations of the Kings Cross Community Centre completed and what renovations were completed?
2. When was the last time Kings Cross Community Centre was visited by the City and were there any reports done on the current state of the facility?
3. Is there an exact date for the proposed air conditioning replacement at the Kings Cross Community Centre, when was the request for air conditioning replacement lodged and how long since this request was made have they been waiting? How long has the air conditioning been malfunctioning for?
4. Can you please provide a list of activities being held at Kings Cross Community Centre on a monthly basis broken down by day, community group or organisation and category?
5. Does the intercom system at the Kings Cross Community Centre currently work as some residents have indicated there have been issues with the system at the centre recently.
6. How long since the first level of the Kings Cross Community Centre / Rex Centre was renovated? Could you please provide the year and the renovations that were completed?
7. Who is currently managing the bookings system at the Kings Cross Community Centre / Rex Centre and is there a dedicated person at the City who is responsible for this?
8. When was the last time the floor coverings / carpets of the Kings Cross Community Centre / Rex Centre refurbished and what year was this completed in?

9. How is the maintenance of the Rex Centre monitored, is it regular diarised appointments or ad hoc in nature depending on reported need?
10. Can you please provide an update on the pest and cleaning schedule and the frequency of these services being delivered to the Kings Cross Community Centre
11. Can you please provide an update on the mould management cleaning schedule at the facility and how regularly this is occurring?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The Rex Centre is part of a Strata Scheme made up of 4 components - the Council owned lot, Retail Lots 1 and 2, and the Residential Lots. A Strata Manager and Building Manager manage the scheme.

1. Kings Cross Community Centre occupy 2 tenancies on the ground floor at The Rex Centre. The tenant has responsibility for the condition of their premises. Level 1 was refurbished in 2002, and the City is actively maintaining the premises in accordance with the current asset lifecycle program. Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) will be replaced this financial year. The tenant is currently refurbishing their premises. Works commenced on 15 September 2025. The works include new carpets, painting installation of cupboards and new power points.
2. The site is routinely visited as part of the City's ongoing maintenance schedule. All tasks are recorded in the City's property management information system.
3. The City is looking to commence work on the HVAC immediately. Due to the ownership mentioned in part 1, approval from the Strata is required to commence works.
4. Kings Cross Community Centre is a non-profit, community-based organisation that operates from the ground floor of the Rex building through the City of Sydney's Accommodation Grant Program. This centre is not managed or run by the City of Sydney. A full list of activities is available from the operator, with some listed on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KingsCrossCommunityCentre/>
5. This is managed by the Strata.
6. It was last refurbished in 2005 and remains in a suitable condition for use.
7. Bookings for the Kings Cross Community Centre are managed directly by the operator, Kings Cross Community Centre. The City of Sydney offers 4 rooms for hire on level 1 of the Rex Centre through our Community Venues team. The hire process is the same for these rooms as for all other venues for hire we offer across the city. The rooms are listed on our website at <https://bit.ly/41XS2NQ>.
8. The City updated the floor coverings in the Council owned lot in 2005. A recent inspection noted that the carpet remains in good overall condition. The floor coverings in the remainder of the Rex Centre are in the process of being replaced by the tenant.
9. Maintenance reports are recorded in the City's property management information system.
10. Pest control for the building is managed by the Strata and undertaken on a quarterly basis.
11. The City conducts regular cleaning.

5. City of Sydney Community Centres

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

Question

Residents have also indicated broader concerns relating to the level of outreach and programming offered at our City of Sydney community centres post Covid.

1. Can you please provide a list of the after school programs currently being offered in each City of Sydney community centre?
2. Can you please provide a list of the youth outreach services currently available in each local community centre within the City of Sydney currently and break this down to also include their frequency on a weekly basis?
3. Can you please provide clarification on the breakfast programs and food services offered through our City of Sydney community centres currently and provide a breakdown of their frequency and the locations of these outreach programs?
4. How frequently are visits made to local community centres to check on their facilities?

X113780

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Please refer to the CEO Update of 9 May 2025. In addition, the City of Sydney offers 6 Outside School Hours Care (after school) services at the Juanita Nielsen Community Centre Woolloomooloo, at the Redfern, Ultimo and Pyrmont Community Centres, the King George V Recreation Centre the Rocks and at the Boys and Girls Brigade Building in Surry Hills. These services provide a wide range of activities that change regularly depending on season and children's needs.
2. Please refer to the CEO Update of 9 May 2025.
3. Breakfast programs are typically offered in school settings, and as such the City of Sydney do not offer breakfast programs through our community centres however we do offer a wide a range of food services. This includes our Meals on Wheels service, which delivers fresh, frozen and hot meals to eligible community members across the city. Our Outside School Hours Care services provide healthy meals, prepared on site, to children attending these services. Children are also often involved in the preparation of meals.

In addition, we provide a range of opportunities to share a meal through our community centres. This includes "Reggies Kitchen" on Wednesdays from 12 to 1pm at the Reginald Murphy Centre in Potts Point. This program offers 3-course healthy meals cooked by volunteers, some of whom are retired professional chefs. There is also a regular free monthly community lunch at the Redfern Community Centre, and Oz Harvest provide free fresh and non-perishable food items through the centre every Monday for those who need it, along with First Nations Response who provide food every Tuesday during school terms. Emergency meals are available for those who need them at all of our community centres, and referrals can also be made to our Meals on Wheels service.

Community centre activities regularly include opportunities for community to share a meal including morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas and BBQs as part of regular centre programming. Meals are also offered as part of culturally significant events at centres, such as sharing moon cakes during the upcoming Moon Festival.

Community BBQs are held fortnightly in Glebe at the Peter Forsyth Auditorium on Glebe Point Road, Glebe and monthly at the Redfern Community Centre. Community BBQs in Green Square will commence in the coming weeks.

Over and above the food services we provide through our centres, the City of Sydney provides a \$1.5M per annum Food Support grant program that provides funding to local organisations to support our priority communities.

4. City of Sydney staff operate our community centres each day and report any facility management concerns for resolution. Line managers visit facilities at least weekly, with senior staff also visiting regularly to check on facilities.

6. Cost of Adapting Parking Infrastructure to Disincentivise Large SUVs

By Councillor Thompson

Question

In 2024 Paris endorsed a plan to increase the parking rates for certain vehicle types based on a criterion with the goal to disincentivise usage of heavier, larger vehicles.

The system coordinates parking ticket infrastructure (software and hardware) with the national vehicle registration database to accurately and consistently calculate the cost of parking based on vehicle type, particularly weight and size.

Other Councils in NSW utilise parking infrastructure that is capable of this functionality.

1. Does the City of Sydney's existing parking infrastructure have the functionality to connect and coordinate with Service NSW data in real time?
2. Does the City of Sydney have the legislative authority to charge parking fees at different price points based on vehicle differences?
3. Using the City of Sydney's existing parking infrastructure, what would the estimated cost be to adapt to a similar system of parking?

X113778

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. No.
2. There is no explicit statutory power to permit Council to charge parking fees for particular types of vehicles. If such fees were imposed, there is a risk of a challenge that Council is acting beyond power.
3. At present, the City's parking infrastructure is not designed to support the type of system used in Paris, which relies on licence plate recognition to link to vehicle registration data for differential pricing based on vehicle type and weight.

Implementing a similar system in Sydney would involve significant costs and risks:

- (a) The functionality in Paris is essentially a pay-by-plate system integrated with automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), which our existing meters and enforcement tools do not currently support.
- (b) There is no local council in NSW currently deploying this model, nor any confirmed agreement with Service NSW to access registration data for the purposes of pricing or enforcement.

- (c) Without access to Service NSW's registration database, the City could spend considerable capital adapting infrastructure but be unable to implement differential pricing, as the NSW Government does not provide access to the required data.
- (d) Costs would extend beyond hardware upgrades (e.g. new meters or ANPR devices) to include software development, data security and privacy compliance, and legal frameworks for information access.
- (e) The commitment would likely require NSW Government cooperation, policy change, and ongoing data-sharing arrangements, adding both uncertainty and expense.

On this basis, the estimated cost cannot be reliably quantified without NSW Government agreement on data access and legal permissions. Until these prerequisites are resolved, the adaptation cost remains speculative and potentially prohibitive.

7. Status of Public Housing Redevelopment Plans in the City of Sydney as of September 2025

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. In relation to public housing in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, what development applications, planning proposals or state significant developments, including modification applications, are currently underway?

Please provide details.

2. Of the sites above, what are the addresses and what is the status of applications or proposals?

Please include whether applications: have been made but not yet approved; are approved but not yet under construction; or are under construction.

3. Is the City of Sydney aware of any public housing which has recently been rezoned?

If yes, please provide details.

4. Have City of Sydney staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about any new or future development applications or development projects, relating to public housing in the Local Government Area, including any pre-DA requests?

If yes, please provide details.

5. Have City of Sydney staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about any new or future development applications or development projects, relating to other State owned or controlled land in the Local Government Area, including any pre-DA requests?

If yes please provide details.

6. Is the City of Sydney aware of any public housing sites which have recently been sold?

If yes, please provide details.

7. Is the City of Sydney aware of any other State-owned land which have recently been sold?

If yes, please provide details.

8. Has the City of Sydney received or approved any applications for meanwhile or temporary uses of public housing, Homes NSW or Land and Housing Corporation sites?

If yes, please provide details.

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. There are no new planning proposals relating to public housing in the City of Sydney.

The only recent development approval for social housing on land owned by Homes NSW is D/2024/935 for 10, 16 and 18 Raper Street Newtown. Approval was granted by the Local Planning Panel on 9 April 2025 for demolition of existing buildings and construction of an 8-room boarding house for social housing. The development is not yet under construction.

There are currently no development applications (DAs) under assessment for social housing where the applicant or owner is Homes NSW.

There are currently no modifications to DAs under assessment where the applicant or owner is Homes NSW.

There are currently no Pre-DAs under assessment where the applicant or owner is Homes NSW.

The following are State Significant DAs (SSDA) that are currently underway:

- SSD-93222706: Rezoning and concept SSDA for Waterloo Estate (South). Landowner is Homes NSW. The draft proposal to include at least 30% social housing. The City is currently preparing comment for the Department of Planning, Housing and Industry (DPHI) - Advice on the Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) regarding the proposal.
- SSD-51274973: 600-660 Elizabeth Street Redfern - Landowner is Homes NSW. Proposed development comprises four new buildings for social (147 units), affordable (197 units) and specialist disability accommodation (11 including 1 carers unit), a community facility and commercial uses. SSD Application made to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) but not yet approved.

2. Refer response to part 1 above.
3. There are no social housing sites that have been recently rezoned. However, the Department's rezoning of the social housing site at Explorer Street, South Eveleigh, is expected to be finalised shortly.
4. Refer response to part 1 above.
5. PDA/2025/75 and PDA/2025/76 - 13-21 and 55-66 Nicholson Street and 20-26 Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo, owned by Homes NSW. The proposal was for a 3-storey residential flat building to accommodate 16 social housing units. The City provided Pre-DA advice on the proposal on 26 May 2025.
6. The City does not maintain a register or track the sale of public assets or land. However, it is a requirement of state agencies to provide this information which should be available on the relevant agency websites.
7. Refer response to part 6 above.
8. Refer response to part 1 above.

8. University of Sydney's Development of Student Accommodation

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What recent development applications or planning proposals has the University of Sydney made in relation to student accommodation?

Please provide details.

2. Is the City of Sydney aware of any updates regarding the University of Sydney's development of student accommodation sites, from 2023 onwards?

Please provide details including of any pre-DA inquiries by the University of Sydney or its representatives.

3. Does the City of Sydney have any information about proposed or current use of:

- (a) Housing owned by the University of Sydney on Darlington Road, also known as the 'Darlington Road Terraces';
- (b) International House on City Road and/or;
- (c) Any other student accommodation.

If yes, please provide details.

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The City does not have record of any recent development applications or planning proposals made by the University of Sydney in relation to student accommodation.
2. No.
3.
 - (a) The City does not have any information about the current use of the Darlington Road Terraces. The State Significant Development - SSD-7539 was approved over the site by the Department of Planning, Housing and Industry on 29 January 2021 for alterations and additions to the existing terraces and construction of new buildings at the rear of the terraces to provide accommodation for 336 students.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) No.

Item 12 Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

There are no Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

Item 13 Notices of Motion

Item 13.1 Vale Dr Hannah Middleton

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the passing of Dr Hannah Middleton on 12 June 2025, a lifelong community activist and communist, who made a significant contribution to nuclear disarmament and anti-war campaigns both in Australia and internationally, to the Glebe community, and to the protection of public housing. Hannah was the beloved wife of Denis Doherty, a fellow staunch community activist and communist;
- (ii) Hannah was born in Preston, England on 25 October 1942, and grew up in the surroundings of London amidst the aftermath of World War II;
- (iii) she first became involved in anti-war campaigning at the age of 8 or 9, where she collected signatures for the Stockholm Peace appeal alongside her mother. At age 16, she was arrested for participating in the 'Committee of 100' civil disobedience campaigns;
- (iv) in 1964, Hannah graduated from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London with a Bachelor of Arts and Honours in African Studies. From 1968 she studied as a postgraduate in social anthropology at the Humboldt University, Berlin (then part of the German Democratic Republic (GDR)), while working as a lecturer in English language;
- (v) in 1970, Hannah moved to Australia and lived alongside the Gurindji people of the Northern Territory to conduct fieldwork for her doctoral thesis on Aboriginal land rights. She permanently emigrated to Australia in 1974. In 1977 she published a seminal book on land rights called "And now we want our land back: A history of Australian Aboriginal People";
- (vi) Hannah was a lecturer in anthropology at the University of New South Wales until 1980. She left to work full time for the Communist Party of Australia (then called the Socialist Party of Australia). She was the editor of the party's newspaper the Guardian, the first woman President of the party, and the first woman General Secretary of the party;
- (vii) in 1986, Hannah became a founding member of the Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition (AABCC) and was its national spokesperson from 1988. The AABCC is a national coalition of Australian organisations that campaigns against foreign military installations on Australian soil;
- (viii) Hannah was involved in many other anti-militarism and Indigenous rights campaigns and organisations throughout her life, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Hannah was a founding member and full-time worker for the Bring the Frigates Home Coalition in 1991, a campaign against the Gulf War and US sanctions on, and against the invasion in Iraq;

- (b) Hannah was the Convenor of the 'Blue Paper Project' - an initiative that represents over 60 peace, environmental, religious, trade union and women's groups from across Australia which works to inform and stimulate community discussion about national security and foreign policy;
- (c) Hannah campaigned against the Australia International Defence Exhibition (AIDEX). She was arrested in 1991, when up to 2,000 protesters blockaded the National Exhibition Centre in Canberra with the goal of shutting down the AIDEX, and then also at a protest in Adelaide;
- (d) Hannah was again arrested in 1996 for occupying Prime Minister Keating's office in support of East Timorese independence;
- (e) Hannah was active in the formation of the International Network against Foreign Military Bases and in 2007 organised for activists from Hawaii to come to Australia for the Talisman Sabre war games protests; and
- (f) in 2008 Hannah and Denis were awarded the Quakers' Donald Groom Fellowship for her submission to bring 2 indigenous Chamoru from Guam to Australia for a speaking tour;
- (ix) Hannah was the Executive Officer of the University of Sydney's 'Sydney Peace Foundation' from 2006 to 2012. In 2006, Hannah and Denis received the inaugural community peace award from the foundation;
- (x) Hannah lived in Glebe with Denis, first moving to the suburb in 1974. She was a founding member of both Hands off Glebe and Action for Public Housing. With Denis, Hannah coordinated the Glebe Grapevine, a free community newsletter which updates residents on important news especially around the protection of public housing;
- (xi) Hannah played a key role in the campaign to save the Glebe Youth Service in 2013-2014. One of the actions she coordinated was a daily stall outside the centre, where people could sign protest Christmas postcards to the former Minister Pru Goward. Hannah diligently sent off bundles of signed cards in the post every day, and by February 2014 the community had won a commitment the service would be reopened;
- (xii) Hannah worked tirelessly to protect public housing, including the successful campaign to save the Franklyn Street Estate from redevelopment, stopping the sell off of local public housing terraces, and for improved maintenance and rights for tenants; and
- (xiii) in 2022 Hannah was awarded Balmain 'Woman of the Year';
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Hannah's family expressing Council's condolences; and
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate Hannah's life.

Carried unanimously.

X113765

Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to Dr Hannah Middleton.

Item 13.2 Motion to Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Supporting Our Night Time Economy

By Councillor Arkins

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the importance of Sydney's night-time economy to our cultural life, creative industries, and economic growth;
- (ii) the City's ongoing support for the NSW Government's Vibrancy Agenda seeks to support live music, cultural activity, and late-night trading across the state;
- (iii) the introduction of Special Entertainment Precincts will provide a new framework to encourage and protect live performance venues and precinct-based cultural activity;
- (iv) the City of Sydney has been a leader in developing and implementing policies that support a safe, diverse and thriving night-time economy, including initiatives such as the Oxford Street Creative and Cultural Precinct, YCK Laneways, and the Hollywood Quarter; and
- (v) the rollout of Special Entertainment Precincts across the City will recognise their potential to protect and grow live music and cultural activity; and

(B) Council endorse the submission of the following motion to the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

That Local Government NSW advocate to better support the night-time economy, the NSW Government's Vibrancy Agenda, and the rollout of Special Entertainment Precincts. LGNSW will advocate for the NSW Government and councils to work in partnership to deliver stronger night-time economies and creative industries across NSW. This would include ensuring appropriate resources are provided to councils, including specialised resources for rural councils. Enabling councils to shape approaches for their local night-time businesses and creative industries in ways that best suit their local communities across metro, regional and rural NSW.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Arkins. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the importance of Sydney's night-time economy to our cultural life, creative industries, and economic growth;
- (ii) the City's ongoing support for the NSW Government's Vibrancy Agenda seeks to support live music, cultural activity, and late-night trading across the state;
- (iii) the introduction of Special Entertainment Precincts will provide a new framework to encourage and protect live performance venues and precinct-based cultural activity;

- (iv) the City of Sydney has been a leader in developing and implementing policies that support a safe, diverse and thriving night-time economy, including initiatives such as the Oxford Street Creative and Cultural Precinct, YCK Laneways, and the Hollywood Quarter; and
 - (v) the rollout of Special Entertainment Precincts across the City will recognise their potential to protect and grow live music and cultural activity; and
- (B) Council endorse the submission of the following motion to the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

That Local Government NSW advocate to better support the night-time economy, the NSW Government's Vibrancy Agenda, and the rollout of Special Entertainment Precincts. LGNSW will advocate for the NSW Government and councils to work in partnership to deliver stronger night-time economies and creative industries across NSW, including ensuring appropriate resources are provided to councils, with specialised resources for rural councils.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 13.3 Investigating A Pay Rise for Early Childhood Education Workers

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore -

It is resolved that Council note:

- (A) the Federal Government has introduced a worker retention grant program enabling employers of Early Childhood Education Workers, who are among the lowest-paid essential workers in our community, to deliver a 15% pay increase over 2 years, for which the City of Sydney is eligible;
- (B) on 23 June 2025, Council unanimously supported a notice of motion requesting the Chief Executive Officer investigate applying for the Federal grant to increase the pay of City of Sydney early childhood educators over the next 2 years, and report back to Council;
- (C) forty-four eligible councils have applied for this additional funding for their workforce. Seven other Councils including the City of Sydney are eligible; and
- (D) City of Sydney staff have recommended it not apply for this grant.

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

It is resolved that Council note:

- (A) the Federal Government has introduced a worker retention grant program enabling employers of Early Childhood Education Workers, who are among the lowest-paid essential workers in our community, to deliver a 15% pay increase over two years, for which the City of Sydney is eligible;
- (B) on 23 June 2025, Council unanimously supported a notice of motion requesting the Chief Executive Officer investigate applying for the Federal grant to increase the pay of City of Sydney early childhood educators over the next two years, and report back to Council;
- (C) forty-four eligible councils have applied for this additional funding for their workforce. Seven other Councils including the City of Sydney are eligible; and
- (D) City of Sydney staff have recommended it not apply for this grant because:
 - (i) City of Sydney wages for early childhood education and care (ECEC) workers are already well above the current Australian modern award, well above the increases proposed in the Early Childhood Education and Care worker retention payment and above the increases proposed to the Children's Services Award 2010 by the Fair Work Commission's Priority Awards Review, and have been for some years;
 - (ii) City of Sydney employees also receive benefits not offered in all other ECEC services, including allowances, generous sick leave, care and culture leave, 26 weeks parental leave, superannuation paid for the entirety of parental leave, along with other leave entitlements, flexible rosters and workplace arrangements, a 36.25-hour full-time work week and training and development opportunities;
 - (iii) the City of Sydney keeps childcare fee increases low, at or below CPI each year. This helps us continue to provide high quality free services and places for vulnerable families, places for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and for people seeking asylum and refugees, along with support for families and children with disability;

- (iv) while the grant would provide \$1.13 million in the first 2 years, continuing the 15% pay rise over the remaining 8 years of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) will add \$10.74 million to operating expenses in the budget; and
- (v) this has not been budgeted. The City cannot afford these additional expenses without raising early childhood education and care fees by 76.5% from 1 July 2027. For example, for families using Eveleigh Early Learning Centre, this is an increase of \$96 per day or \$480 per week. Such fee increases would be an unacceptable burden on families.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Arkins, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Weldon and Worling

Noes (2) Councillors Ellsmore and Thompson.

Amendment carried.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Weldon, and by consent, clause (D)(iii) was varied, such that it read as follows –

- (iii) the City of Sydney keeps childcare fee increases low, at or below CPI each year. This helps us continue to provide high quality free services and places for vulnerable families, for people seeking asylum and refugees, along with support for families and children with disability.

The amended motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

X113760

Item 13.4 Supporting the Tobacco Legislation (Closure Orders) Amendment Bill 2025

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) for every McDonald's in NSW there are 60 tobacconists;
- (ii) over the past few years our high streets have been transformed with the proliferation of tobacconists, which unashamedly sell illegal tobacco and e-cigarettes. There are 13 now operating in Kings Cross alone;
- (iii) data on the availability of illicit tobacco in Australia is limited. Industry estimates indicate that illicit tobacco consumption accounted for 28.6% of the total tobacco market in Australia in 2023, up from 11.8% in 2012;
- (iv) what we do know is that tobacco excise collection has collapsed to its lowest level in 14 years, blowing a \$17.6 billion hole in the tax base (excluding GST revenue);
- (v) illegal cigarettes are as cheap as \$12; the average cost of regulated tobacco is around \$50;
- (vi) in response to this the State Opposition introduced a Bill 'Public Health (Tobacco) Amendment (Stopping Illicit Tobacco) Bill 2025' to address the exponentially increasing problem with illicit tobacco; and
- (vii) on 11 September 2025 the NSW Parliament passed legislation that is a critical step in addressing illegal tobacco in NSW:
 - (a) the Bill contains: fines of up to \$1.5 million, prison terms of up to 7 years, and forced closures of businesses that sell illicit tobacco and/or e-cigarettes; and
 - (b) the Bill also grants the Secretary of the Ministry of Health and the Local Court power to order the closure of premises that are involved in the sale of illicit tobacco and vapes; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier to affirm the City's support for this legislation and request a compliance blitz in the City of Sydney.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Arkins, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) for every McDonald's in NSW there are 60 tobacconists;
- (ii) over the past few years our high streets have been transformed with the proliferation of tobacconists, which unashamedly sell illegal tobacco and e-cigarettes. There are 13 now operating in Kings Cross alone;

- (iii) data on the availability of illicit tobacco in Australia is limited. Industry estimates indicate that illicit tobacco consumption accounted for 28.6% of the total tobacco market in Australia in 2023, up from 11.8% in 2012;
- (iv) what we do know is that tobacco excise collection has collapsed to its lowest level in 14 years, blowing a \$17.6 billion hole in the tax base (excluding GST revenue);
- (v) illegal cigarettes are as cheap as \$12; the average cost of regulated tobacco is around \$50;
- (vi) the Tobacco Legislation (Closure Orders) Amendment Bill 2025 was passed with unanimous support in the NSW Parliament, and includes stronger enforcement powers, increased penalties, and closure orders, including:
 - (a) fines of up to \$1.5 million, prison terms of up to 7 years, forced closures of businesses that sell illicit tobacco and/or ecigarettes; and
 - (b) granting the Secretary of the Ministry of Health and the Local Court power to order the closure of premises that are involved in the sale of illicit tobacco and vapes; and
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier to affirm the City's support for this legislation and request a compliance blitz in the City of Sydney.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

X113764

Item 13.5 Motion to Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Affordable Housing Contributions Schemes Across All NSW Councils

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Local Government NSW Conference will be held in Penrith in November 2025;
- (ii) in February 2025, the City of Sydney Council unanimously supported a motion, which was endorsed and submitted to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (ALGA NGA), calling on all Australian councils to fund and implement an Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme. The motion was narrowly defeated;
- (iii) the City of Sydney has been collecting Affordable Housing contributions since 1995, beginning in Ultimo and Pyrmont, then Green Square, and extended across the entire Local Government Area in 2021. Under the City's program, most Development Applications require a contribution of 3% of residential floor area and 1% of non-residential or commercial floor area. The City was the first council to introduce an area-wide scheme and remains the only one to apply levies to both residential and commercial development;
- (iv) affordable housing outcomes are also secured through planning agreements, either through the delivery of housing or monetary contributions;
- (v) in December 2024, Council resolved to exhibit proposed changes to the scheme. These include: a standard 20% contribution for new residential floor space on rezoned sites (replacing the current 12 to 21% rate); a 2% contribution for new non-residential floor space in the city centre; retention of the existing 3% and 1% rates across the Local Government Area; and phased increases to monetary contributions over 4 years to reflect actual housing construction costs; and
- (vi) the City of Sydney, with the support of the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Councillors and City staff, has been actively pursuing solutions to increase housing supply. The City has strongly advocated to both the NSW and Federal Governments to collaborate in delivering housing solutions; and

(B) Council endorse the submission of the following motion to the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to encourage and fund NSW councils to implement Affordable Housing Contributions Schemes to ensure councils can better contribute to tackling the national housing crisis.

Carried unanimously.

X113762

Item 13.6 Reporting on Outcomes from the City of Sydney Affordable Housing Schemes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney has the longest running affordable housing contributions scheme which has collected over \$400 million in developer contributions;
- (ii) the City of Sydney has supported affordable housing through \$31.6 million in discounted land sales, \$13 million in grants and various planning agreements since 1995;
- (iii) this program has delivered 3,388 affordable homes, built or in the pipeline, and is on track to reach 5,338 new affordable homes, in perpetuity, by 2036; and
- (iv) affordable and diverse housing is delivered by community housing providers and other not for profit organisations including where genuine affordability is ensured via a commitment that rent be capped at 30% of household income; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a report on the outcomes from developer contributions, discounted land sales or transfers, grants and planning agreements, which includes:

- (i) where these homes have been delivered;
- (ii) which housing providers these homes have been delivered to;
- (iii) what level of rent is being charged in these homes;
- (iv) what types of housing has been delivered; and
- (v) clarity on which of these homes have been built using affordable housing grant schemes, including through cash grants, land transfers or discounted sales; and what homes have been delivered using contributions from the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund.

Carried unanimously.

X113765

Item 13.7 Congratulations OneFour on Headline Show at City Recital Hall

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the [Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision strategy](#), specifically: Direction 7 - Resilient and diverse communities and Direction 8 - A thriving cultural life;
- (ii) the City of Sydney's [Cultural Strategy 2025-2035](#), which celebrates multiculturalism, the expression of identity, shared experiences, and aspirations of its diverse and multicultural communities;
- (iii) the NSW Government's recent report by the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission, [Review of regulatory barriers impeding a vibrant 24-hour economy, Final report](#), which highlights that the 24-hour economy contributes \$56 billion (annually) and employs more than 300,000 people across NSW, and vibrancy reforms that seek to make nightlife inclusive and more welcoming for everyone;
- (iv) that on 6 September 2025, Sydney Hip Hop group OneFour, who have 2.5 million listeners each month on Spotify, gave their first headline performance at the City Recital Hall;
- (v) that over the past 10 years, significant police pressure has led to the cancellation of multiple shows making it difficult for the group to participate and contribute to Sydney's 24-hour economy;
- (vi) that despite police pressure, there have been no major incidents involved with OneFour shows;
- (vii) in the history of performances at the City Recital Hall, there has never been a police and security presence consisting of:
 - (a) more than 25 police officers;
 - (b) Dog Squad;
 - (c) Riot Squad; and
 - (d) identification and body search of every patron; and
- (viii) over-policing at live music venues perpetuates negative perceptions of people and increases the risk of harm to patrons, and discourages young people from coming into the city to experience culture;

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the City Recital Hall team and OneFour congratulating them on an incredibly professional and inclusive delivery of the performance;

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, Yasmin Catley, asking her to explain both the rationale of the excessive policing of the OneFour show at the City Recital Hall and the associated cost to tax-payers; and

- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport, the Arts, Music and Night-time Economy, John Graham, to request a consistent approach to vibrancy.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.8 Stopping the Retail Sale of Vapes

Moved by Councillor Weldon, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) vaping addiction poses a significant health risk. It is associated with a range of serious health conditions, including lung damage, anxiety, and depression;
- (ii) the latest Australian health data indicates that while the prevalence of vaping has shown some signs of stabilising or declining in recent years, it remains a significant public health concern, particularly among young people;
- (iii) in 2024, the Federal Government banned the importation and sale of disposable vapes. Therapeutic vapes are now only legally available from pharmacies as a measure to help people quit smoking;
- (iv) in March 2024, the Lord Mayor wrote to the Premier asking the NSW Government to review how tobacco and e-cigarettes can be better regulated. The NSW Minister for Health responded on the Premier's behalf to note:
 - (a) the Federal Government's ban on disposable e-cigarettes and that refillable e-cigarettes would only be available with a prescription;
 - (b) retailers must notify NSW Health if they intend to sell tobacco or e-cigarettes and that NSW Health inspectors proactively visit retailers to enforce compliance;
 - (c) the NSW Government's \$6.8 million investment over the next 3 years to boost the enforcement of illegal vape sales and support for young people who have become addicted to vaping/nicotine; and
 - (d) the NSW Government did not agree to any further action on signage, packaging and advertising;
- (v) in July 2025, the NSW Government introduced a new licensing scheme for selling smoking products without a license;
- (vi) in September 2025, the NSW Parliament passed new legislation to give the NSW Government powers to close retail stores that are found to sell illegal products such as internationally-packaged tobacco and disposable e-cigarettes. It also imposes heavy fines for the sale of smoking products without a license and illegal tobacco products. Imprisonment is introduced as a maximum penalty for selling smoking products from a closed premises, or for possessing a commercial quantity of illegal tobacco products;
- (vii) nonetheless, the illegal sales of vapes continues. As does the proliferation of tobacco and other retailers selling these products in our local area;
- (viii) a NSW Government inquiry into the illegal tobacco trade is currently underway. The inquiry will review the adequacy of existing laws and enforcement, and investigate reported links between organised crime and tobacco; and
- (ix) local governments don't hold authority to regulate tobacco or retailers of smoking related products and are generally unable to regulate the specific types of goods sold within a retail premise; and

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Health, the NSW Minister for Police, the NSW Minister for Planning and the NSW Minister for Better Regulation expressing Council's strong concerns about:
- (i) the continued illegal sale of vapes in the City of Sydney's retail precincts and the impact this has on the health of our community;
 - (ii) the need for strong enforcement of the ban on the retail sale of vapes and the new licensing scheme for tobacconists and retailers of smoking related products; and
 - (iii) the inability of current legislation to address the proliferation of premises selling smoking products and request the NSW Government further amend the tobacco licensing scheme to prohibit licenses close to sensitive uses such as schools, childcare centres, playgrounds and medical facilities, and cap the number of licenses in an area and/or establish a minimum distance between licensed sellers.

Carried unanimously.

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At 6:48pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on Monday 27 October 2025 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.