Minutes of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee - 11 May 2026

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

At the commencement of business at 3:01pm those present were -

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

Apologies

Councillor Miller extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee.

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

That the apology of Councillor Miller be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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

That the request by Councillor Ellsmore to attend the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Order of Business

The Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee agreed, in order to enable confidential discussion of Item 7, that the Order of Business be altered such that Item 7 be deferred and dealt with at the end of the Committee meetings.

Closed Meeting

At 5:19pm, following the meeting of the Transport Heritage and Planning Committee, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Maxwell, that the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee meeting be reconvened and closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, to enable discussion of the confidential attachment to Item 7 on the agenda.

Carried unanimously.

Open Meeting

At 5:21pm, the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee was reopened to the public.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 5:22pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 20 April 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that in her capacity as the CEO of the Australian Festival Association, she regularly meets with and has a professional relationship with Jenny Morris, Chair of APRA AMCOS and Dean Ormston, CEO of APRA AMCOS, which administer the OneMusic licencing scheme. They have worked together on advocacy issues facing the Australian live music industry. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as she has not discussed this item with them.

No other 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 3

2025/26 Quarter 3 Review - Delivery Program 2025-2029

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note the financial performance of Council for the third quarter, ending 31 March 2026, including a Quarter 3 Operating Result (before depreciation, interest, capital related costs and income) of $84.8M and the full year forecast of $117.1M and a Net Operating Result of $76.6M and a full year forecast of $109.3M as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;

(B) Council note the Quarter 3 Capital Works expenditure of $175.4M and a revised full year forecast of $278.0M, and approve the proposed adjustments to the adopted budget, including bringing forward $0.3M and utilise $5.7M in contingency, and reallocate the funds within relevant programs as outlined in attachment B, budget adjustments section;

(C) Council note the Technology and Digital Services Capital Works expenditure of $21.1M, and a full year forecast of $28.7M and approve the reallocation of $0.19M funds within relevant programs within capital budget as detailed in Attachment B, budget adjustments section;

(D) Council note the Quarter 3 Plant and Equipment expenditure of $10.4M, net of disposals, and a full year forecast of $21.9M;

(E) Council note the net Property Divestments of $7.9M as at quarter 3, and the full year forecast of $169.9M;

(F) Council note the supplementary reports, which detail the quick response and venue hire support grants and street banner sponsorship programs, major legal issues and international travel in Quarter 3, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report;

(G) Council note the Office of Local Government (OLG) Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) in Attachment D to the subject report; and

(H) Council approve the write-off of commercial property debts totalling $284,666.87 (including GST), for Fotolab Pty Ltd and Harbour City International Pty Ltd.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 4

Public Exhibition - Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2026/27

It is resolved that:

(A) Council endorse the suite of integrated planning and reporting documents for public exhibition for a period of 28 days, including:

(i) the draft Operational Plan 2026/27 as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, subject to the following amendments:

- *Page 51: include measure "Average processing time for construction certificate with target 15 days" which was removed in error. This measure is in the current 2025/26 plan and ongoing.*

- *Page 70: revise target for measure "City of Sydney spend with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses" from $2.4m to $3.0m to align with the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2025-2028*

(ii) the draft Resourcing Strategy 2026 as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;

(B) Council endorse the draft operating and capital budget, and future years' forward estimates, as reflected in the Operational Plan 2026/27 and draft Resourcing Strategy 2026 including:

(i) Operating income of $776.4M, operating expenditure before depreciation of $671.1M for an operating result of $105.3M, and a net result of $95.7M after allowing for interest, depreciation and capital contributions;

(ii) Capital works expenditure of $265.2M and a capital works contingency of $8.0M;

(iii) Plant and assets net expenditure of $18.0M;

(iv) Capital works (Technology and digital services) of $25.5M; and

(v) Net property divestments of $46.4M;

(C) Council endorse the draft rates, domestic waste management charges, stormwater charges and user fees and charges discussed within the subject report and included within the draft Operational Plan 2026/27; and

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors, and to finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication prior to exhibition.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this alternative recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers at Public Forum

Judith Quirk addressed the public forum on Item 4 of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

Item 5

Investments Held as at 30 April 2026

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 30 April 2026 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 6

Exemption from Tender - OneMusic Licence for City of Sydney

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the provision of music licencing through the OneMusic Council Scheme, for a period of up to 5 years until 30 June 2031;

(B) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for this work because only one supplier can provide the City with ‘blanket’ public performance music licences for the purpose of playing in public the vast majority of the world’s repertoire of music;

(C) Council enter into the OneMusic Council Scheme licence with Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd trading as OneMusic Australia annually, for a period of up to 5 years until 30 June 2031; and

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute, administer and vary arrangements relating to the music licence, as required.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 7

Tender - T-2025-1440 - Construction Contractor - Goulburn Street Parking Station - Whole of Structure Remediation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer M for the Goulburn Street Parking Station - Whole of Structure Remediation for the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A;

(B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for the Goulburn Street Parking Station - Whole of Structure Remediation is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and

(C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 8

Tender - T-2025-1570 - Microsoft Enterprise Services

It is resolved that:

(A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer B for the provision of Microsoft Enterprise services for the schedule of rates outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, for a period of 3 years;

(B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for Microsoft Enterprise services is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and

(C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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