

## **Minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 17 August 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, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling (Deputy Chair).

At the commencement of business at 2:55pm 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 3:09pm.

### **Item 1**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 22 June 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 2**

#### **Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommended the following:

### **Item 3**

#### **Public Exhibition - Draft Community Greening Framework**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Community Greening Framework, updated draft Footpath and Laneway Gardens Local Approvals Policy, draft Footpath and Laneway Gardens Guidelines, draft Community Gardens Guidelines and draft Community Greening Volunteer Guidelines, as shown in Attachments B, C, D, E and F to the subject report
- (B) Council note that these documents will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 42 days
- (C) Council note that the the draft Community Greening Framework, updated draft Footpath and Laneway Gardens Local Approvals Policy, draft Footpath and Laneway Gardens Guidelines, draft Community Gardens Guidelines and draft Community Greening Volunteer Guidelines, including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to exhibition of the draft documents in Attachments B, C, D, E and F to the subject report.

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

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### **Item 4**

#### **Position Statement - Lockboxes on City Assets**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the Position statement - Lockboxes on City assets, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report
- (B) note that the City will commence removal of the lockboxes from 1 April 2027, following a public notification and education period to support voluntary compliance
- (C) note that during the notification and education period, the City may remove lockboxes where they present a safety risk, obstruction or affect high-use or sensitive infrastructure
- (D) note that the City will move to a proportionate compliance approach, including removal of remaining lockboxes, following this period.

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

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