

Minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 14 September 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).

Order of Business

Councillors agreed that the Order of Business be altered such that the Environment and Climate Change be deferred and held after the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee for the convenience of the registered speakers.

At the commencement of business at 5:03pm those present were -

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

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Arkins was attending the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Apologies

Councillor Ellsmore extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Councillor Gannon extended his apologies for his inability to attend the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 5:51pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 17 August 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.

Item 3**Public Exhibition - Draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs Strategy 2026**

The Environment and Climate Change Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 21 September 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Environment and Climate Change Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Open space, sport and recreation needs strategy 2026, as shown at Attachments A and B to the subject report
- (B) Council note that the draft Open space, sport and recreation needs strategy 2026 will be place on public exhibition for a minimum period of 6 weeks
- (C) Council note that the draft Open space, sport and recreation needs strategy 2026, 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 Open space, sport and recreation needs strategy 2026.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on 14 September 2026.

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