

Minutes of the Equity and Housing 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, Councillor Zann Maxwell (Deputy Chair), Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:56pm 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 Equity and Housing 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 Equity and Housing Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Equity and Housing 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 Equity and Housing Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee concluded at 5:10pm.

Item 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 16 March 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 Equity and Housing Committee.

Item 3**Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Affordable Housing Contributions Review - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012, Sydney Local Environmental Plan (Green Square Town Centre) 2013, Sydney Local Environmental Plan (Green Square Town Centre - Stage 2) 2013 and Draft City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program 2024**

The Equity and Housing Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 18 May 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Equity and Housing Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the issues raised during the public exhibition of Planning Proposal - City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Review as provided in the Summary of Submissions, shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the Planning Proposal - City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Review, as amended following public exhibition, shown at Attachment B to the subject report, to be sent to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to be made as a local environmental plan under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (C) Council approve the City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Amendment 2024, as amended following public exhibition, shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Planning Proposal - City of Sydney Affordable Housing Contributions Review and the City of Sydney Affordable Housing Program Amendment 2024 to correct any minor errors prior to finalisation by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure; and
- (E) Council note the response to matters raised in the Resolution of Council regarding prevention of discrimination against affordable housing tenants in new housing developments, shown at Attachment H to the subject report.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda of the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on 11 May 2026.

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Speakers at Public Forum

Leonie King (City West Housing), Drew Beacom (Shelter NSW) and Daniel Khong (Fern Group) addressed the public forum on Item 3 of the Equity and Housing Committee.