

Minutes of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 20 April 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 (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:51pm those present were -

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

Councillor Miller left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 4:13pm, prior to discussion on Item 4, and returned at 4:15pm, after the vote on Item 4. Councillor Miller was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 4.

Councillor Ellsmore left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 4:13pm, prior to discussion on Item 4, and returned at 4:15pm, after the vote on Item 4. Councillor Ellsmore was not present at the meeting, which she was attending remotely, during discussion or voting on Item 4.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

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

Carried unanimously.

Apologies

Councillor Weldon extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

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

That the apology of Councillor Weldon be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 4:13pm.

Item 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 March 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that her daughter is a member of the Glebe Greyhounds AFL Team.

Councillor Miller stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that she has relationships with individuals and organisations included in the Accommodation Grant Program lease application recommendations:

- Inner City Legal Centre (ICLC):
 - A community relationship with Katie Green, CEO of ICLC, who she has known since the lead up to the NSW Drug Summit. This is from Councillor Arkins' work in music festivals and ICLC program for free legal advice to festival goers and police powers.
 - Board member Jeremy Moineau through personal and professional networks.
 - Board member Jo Tilly, who she has known for over a decade as a fellow inner city activists. Councillor Arkins met Jo through her partner Penny Sharpe, a senior member of the NSW Labor Government. Red Tilly, Jo's son, also works in Councillor Arkins' office.
 - Board member Eden Tollis, who she has known for over a decade as he lived in a share house with a closer personal friend, and recently through his work at Sydney Film Festival.
- Board member of Jessie Street National Women's Library, Christine Kibble, who she has known through personal networks and as a Member of the Labor Party.
- Board members Peter Whitehead, Rory Sutton, Jo Holder and staff member Maggie Sangsong of Kings Cross Community Centre Inc, who she has known through personal relationships and as member of the Labor Part.
- Holly Robeiro, board member of the Older Women's Network, is a member of the Labor Party and ran on the City of Sydney Labor 2024 Council ticket as a Candidate.
- Kerry O'Brien, board member of Redfern Legal Centre Ltd, briefly lived in the same share house together in 2017.
- Peggy Dwyer, board member of Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd, met with Councillor Arkins a couple of time because of her time at Council assisting in the coronial inquest into 6 deaths at music festivals.

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as neither her or her staff have had contact with any of them about this item.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that the recommendation includes endorsement of extension of the lease / grant to Inner Sydney Voice, for the space they currently occupy behind Waterloo library. She is a current member and former Treasurer of Inner Sydney Voice.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she will 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 the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Item 3

Public Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 28 April 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Community Services and Facilities Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the outcomes of the assessment undertaken by City staff of the effectiveness of outdoor alcohol restrictions based on an analysis of a full 12 months of data provided by NSW Police and the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research;
- (B) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas on City streets and public places for a 4-year period as outlined in Attachments B and C to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas will not change prior to the public exhibition period commencing.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 20 April 2026.

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Speakers at Public Forum

Belinda Olsen addressed the public forum on Item 3 of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The Community Services and Facilities Committee recommended the following:

Item 4**Accommodation Grants Program - Annual Performance Review and Lease Applications 2026**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the continuation of the current Accommodation grant leases and licences for the 65 grant recipients that have satisfactorily completed their annual performance review for the 2025 calendar year and are continuing in the program;
- (B) Council note that Artist Studio Collective, Ashleigh Louise Garwood trading as Artist Led Photographic Collective, Erin Kathleen Keys trading as The Bench, Garuwa Creative PTY LTD trading as WUNAN, Season Arts Incorporated and Soul Reign Pty Ltd were not required to complete an annual performance review as they have not occupied their premises for a full 12 months and are continuing in the program;
- (C) Council approve the grant of 41 new leases or licences for grant applicants who currently hold tenancies through the Accommodation grant program and which will expire on 30 June 2026, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) 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 grant recipients will not change and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thompson, and carried unanimously.)

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