

Minutes of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee - 16 March 2026

Members The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Miller (Deputy Chair), 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.

At the commencement of business at 3:28pm those present were -

Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson, Weldon and Worling.

Apologies

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney, extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

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

That the apology of the Lord Mayor be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 4:32pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of Monday 16 February 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 Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Item 3**Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Special Entertainment Precincts - Sydney Local Environment Plan 2012, Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment and Precincts Management Plan**

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 23 March 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts, shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination;
- (C) Council approve Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 – Special Entertainment Precincts – shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition with the Planning Proposal;
- (D) Council approve Draft Special Entertainment Precincts Management Plan – Special Entertainment Precincts – shown at Attachment C to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition with the Planning Proposal;
- (E) Council seek authority from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to exercise the delegation of all the functions under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and to put into effect the Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the draft Special Entertainment Precincts Planning Proposal, Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 or Precincts Management Plan, to correct any drafting errors, inconsistencies, or omissions, or to ensure consistency with any condition of the Gateway Determination.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda for the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 16 March 2026.

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Speakers at Public Forum

Michael Gibb (Night Time Industries Association), Michael Langenheim, and Jeanette Brokman (Chippendale Residents Interest Group), addressed the public forum on Item 3 of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Item 4**Local Planning Panel - Appointment of Members**

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 23 March 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the appointment of 3 additional expert members to the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel, being Rodney Paesler, Alison McCabe and Ian Armstrong for a period of 3 years from the date of appointment; and
- (B) approve the appointment of 4 additional community representatives to the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel, being Nicholas Sanderson, Terry Mooney, Julie Waters and Gary Pogson as for a period of 3 years from the date of appointment, noting that the appointments are subject to probity checks.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 4 on the agenda for the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 16 March 2026.

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The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommended the following:

Item 5

Fire Safety Reports

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Reports Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B to G to the subject report;
- (C) note the contents of Attachment B and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 2 Foster Street, Surry Hills;
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 187-189 Thomas Street, Haymarket at this time;
- (E) note the contents of Attachment D and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 10-24 Flinders Street, Darlinghurst at this time;
- (F) note the contents of Attachment E and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 42 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point at this time;
- (G) note the contents of Attachment F and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 28 Zetland Avenue, 77-93 Portman Street and 32 Ebsworth Street, Zetland at this time; and
- (H) note the contents of Attachment G and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 6-18 Poplar Street, Surry Hills at this time.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Deputy Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thompson, and carried unanimously.)

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