

18 May 2026

At 5.00 pm

Council

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Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meeting of Council are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 28 April 2026

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

This includes receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

Item 3.1

Vale Elisabeth Kirkby OAM

Document to Follow

Item 3.2

Vale David Malouf AO

File No: S051491

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Australia's reading public and our arts and cultural communities are the poorer with the death of novelist, poet, playwright and essayist David George Joseph Malouf AO on 22 April 2026.

Born on 20 March 1934 in Brisbane to a Lebanese Christian father and an English-born mother of Sephardi Jewish descent, David began his literary career at an early age, reading classic English children's books when he was 4. He first read Shakespeare aged 8, and by the time he was 12 was reading *Wuthering Heights*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Vanity Fair* and *Moby Dick*, his favourite novel. As a child, he wrote for the neighbourhood newspaper, and after reading Kenneth Slessor at age 16, wrote his first poetry. He widened his cultural interests, learning to play the violin and piano and retained a lifelong interest in music.

His first 24 years were spent in Brisbane, as a student at Brisbane Grammar School and the University of Queensland. After graduating with honours in Arts in 1955, he lectured at the University.

In 1959, he moved to England, teaching in secondary schools for much of the next decade. In 1962, he published his first work, a collection of poetry in an anthology with 3 other Australian poets.

In 1968, he returned to Australia to lecture in English at the University of Sydney but continued writing. His collection, *Neighbours in a Thicket: Poems* was published in 1974. It featured childhood memories of his mother, his sister, travelling in Europe and war. The following year he published his first novel, the semi-autobiographical *Johnno*, about a young man growing up in Brisbane during the Second World War.

In 1978, he became a full-time writer. He moved to an isolated Italian village, where he spent 10 months each year writing without distraction. He would return to Sydney in the other months, often staying in Newtown with the late Bill Hunt, who served with me as an Alderman on Sydney City Council between 1984 and 1987, and Bill's partner, the linguistic historian Dr Gary Simes. The time spent in Italy was highly productive, resulting in the novels, *An Imaginary Life*, *Fly Away Peter*, *Child's Play* and *Harland's Half Acre* and the short story collection, *Antipodes*.

He returned to Australia in the 1980s, settling in a terrace house in Chippendale, close to Sydney University. I had the fortune of meeting him a number of times when I was doorknocking in the area.

His prolific literary output continued, with more novels and poetry collections, but expanding to include essays, theatre criticism, lectures, opera libretti including *Voss*, based on the Patrick White novel, and a play, *Blood Relations*, jointly presented by the Sydney Theatre Company and State Theatre Company of South Australia at Sydney Opera House in 1987.

In 1998, he delivered the Boyer lectures, *A Spirit of Play: The Making of Australian Consciousness*. The following year, he and Jackie Huggins co-wrote the draft *Declaration for Reconciliation*, intended for consultation with the Australian people.

Beyond his own writing, David actively involved himself in Australia's literary community, and broader cultural matters. He advocated for the freedom of writers around the world through his long involvement in PEN Sydney. He was a member of the Australia Council's Literature Board and the Opera Australia board. He took a pivotal role in the campaign to prevent the State Library of NSW from removing researchers and books from the Mitchell Library's Reading Room. He made regular visits to literature classes for disadvantaged and homeless students organised by Mission Australia and Australian Catholic University's Clemente Program and was a lifetime ambassador of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Many younger writers remember him for the encouragement, support and mentoring he gave them.

His Chippendale home welcomed other writers, opera singers, musicians, sculptors, photographers and poets. Bob Carr would phone asking where to start with Balzac as he had finally finished Proust. Thomas Keneally was another caller, talking to him about novel writing. In his later years, he returned to his home state of Queensland, living in a Gold Coast apartment with wraparound views of the Pacific. It overlooked the beach where he often took walks, setting a cracking pace for those with him.

During his long career, David received many awards and was shortlisted for several others. In 1987 he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for services to literature. These awards were matched by the many tributes which followed his death. The cultural critic Peter Craven said he was "arguably the most accomplished Australian writer of his generation" adding "He was, in various ways, a modest man, but a man of immense culture. He was more cultivated than any of us."

Sarah Holland-Batt, head of creative writing at the University of Technology Sydney, observed: "David has been a lodestar for so many writers, not only because of his brilliance but also because he was profoundly humane, decent, modest, kind to a fault and always remained keenly interested in new writing. This enormous, unparalleled generosity is a significant piece of his legacy as he leaves behind scores of writers whose lives he has touched through a genuine interest and engagement with their work."

Recommendation

It is resolved that all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of David Malouf AO and his contribution to world literature and Australia's cultural and civic life.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

Item 4.1**Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2026 - Nomination of Delegates****File No: X130503****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

This memorandum seeks Council's consideration of the nomination of Councillors as voting delegates to the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, to be held from 22 to 24 November 2026 at the WIN Sports & Entertainment Centres, Wollongong.

The Annual Conference is the supreme policy-making body of LGNSW and an opportunity for councillors to come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way LGNSW is governed and advocates on behalf of the local government sector.

Councillors will receive email notifications directly from LGNSW, but should direct all questions and requests to Secretariat, who will coordinate and manage all arrangements with LGNSW on behalf of Councillors, including conference and voting registrations.

Registration as a Voting Delegate

The City of Sydney will be entitled to register up to 10 voting delegates for motions. It is proposed that Council nominates the Lord Mayor and all Councillors as voting delegates. Voting delegates may not appoint a proxy to attend or vote at formal business sessions on their behalf. Registrations for voting on motions will be managed by Secretariat.

Conference Program / Motions

The conference will include discussion and debate on a range of motions from councils relating to current and emerging policy issues facing local government in NSW.

The [Local Government NSW Policy Platform](#) consolidates the numerous policies and positions of Local Government NSW, as determined by members, into a single document for ease of reference for members and stakeholders.

The full conference business paper is generally available one week prior to the conference.

Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy

Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Maxwell, Thompson, Weldon and Worling were the City of Sydney delegates at the 2025 LGNSW conference held in Penrith.

Expenditure incurred for the conference totalled \$11,497 (GST inclusive). The Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy provides for Councillors to attend the LGNSW conference at the City's expense.

Funds are available in the 2026/27 operating budget to cover registration fees, travel and other reasonable expenses incurred by Councillors.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council appoint the Lord Mayor and all Councillors as its voting delegates at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held at the WIN Sports & Entertainment Centres, Wollongong from 22 to 24 November 2026;
- (B) Council note all registration fees, travel costs and other reasonable expenses associated with the attendance of Councillors at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be met by the City in accordance with the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy; and
- (C) Council note that a spouse, partner or other person may accompany a Councillor at the conference, and the City will meet any associated ticket costs.

MONICA BARONE PSM

Chief Executive Officer

Item 5

Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Conduct will be tabled.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

Item 6

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee - 11 May 2026

Item 6.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 20 April 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.6 on the agenda, in that in her capacity as the CEO of the Australian Festival Association, she regularly meets with and has a professional relationship with Jenny Morris, Chair of APRA AMCOS and Dean Ormston, CEO of APRA AMCOS, which administer the OneMusic licencing scheme. They have worked together on advocacy issues facing the Australian live music industry. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as she has not discussed this item with them.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.3

2025/26 Quarter 3 Review - Delivery Program 2025-2029

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the financial performance of Council for the third quarter, ending 31 March 2026, including a Quarter 3 Operating Result (before depreciation, interest, capital related costs and income) of \$84.8M and the full year forecast of \$117.1M and a Net Operating Result of \$76.6M and a full year forecast of \$109.3M as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the Quarter 3 Capital Works expenditure of \$175.4M and a revised full year forecast of \$278.0M, and approve the proposed adjustments to the adopted budget, including bringing forward \$0.3M and utilise \$5.7M in contingency, and reallocate the funds within relevant programs as outlined in attachment B, budget adjustments section;
- (C) Council note the Technology and Digital Services Capital Works expenditure of \$21.1M, and a full year forecast of \$28.7M and approve the reallocation of \$0.19M funds within relevant programs within capital budget as detailed in Attachment B, budget adjustments section;
- (D) Council note the Quarter 3 Plant and Equipment expenditure of \$10.4M, net of disposals, and a full year forecast of \$21.9M;
- (E) Council note the net Property Divestments of \$7.9M as at quarter 3, and the full year forecast of \$169.9M;
- (F) Council note the supplementary reports, which detail the quick response and venue hire support grants and street banner sponsorship programs, major legal issues and international travel in Quarter 3, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (G) Council note the Office of Local Government (OLG) Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) in Attachment D to the subject report; and
- (H) Council approve the write-off of commercial property debts totalling \$284,666.87 (including GST), for Fotolab Pty Ltd and Harbour City International Pty Ltd.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.4

Public Exhibition - Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2026/27

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the suite of integrated planning and reporting documents for public exhibition for a period of 28 days, including:
- (i) the draft Operational Plan 2026/27 as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, subject to the following amendments:
 - *Page 51: include measure "Average processing time for construction certificate with target 15 days" which was removed in error. This measure is in the current 2025/26 plan and ongoing.*
 - *Page 70: revise target for measure "City of Sydney spend with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses" from \$2.4m to \$3.0m to align with the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2025-2028.*
 - (ii) the draft Resourcing Strategy 2026 as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) Council endorse the draft operating and capital budget, and future years' forward estimates, as reflected in the Operational Plan 2026/27 and draft Resourcing Strategy 2026 including:
- (i) Operating income of \$776.4M, operating expenditure before depreciation of \$671.1M for an operating result of \$105.3M, and a net result of \$95.7M after allowing for interest, depreciation and capital contributions;
 - (ii) Capital works expenditure of \$265.2M and a capital works contingency of \$8.0M;
 - (iii) Plant and assets net expenditure of \$18.0M;
 - (iv) Capital works (Technology and digital services) of \$25.5M; and
 - (v) Net property divestments of \$46.4M;
- (C) Council endorse the draft rates, domestic waste management charges, stormwater charges and user fees and charges discussed within the subject report and included within the draft Operational Plan 2026/27; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors, and to finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication prior to exhibition.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this alternative recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Speaker at Public Forum

Judith Quirk addressed the public forum on Item 6.4 of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.5**Investments Held as at 30 April 2026**

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 30 April 2026 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.6

Exemption from Tender - OneMusic Licence for City of Sydney

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the provision of music licencing through the OneMusic Council Scheme, for a period of up to 5 years until 30 June 2031;
- (B) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for this work because only one supplier can provide the City with 'blanket' public performance music licences for the purpose of playing in public the vast majority of the world's repertoire of music;
- (C) Council enter into the OneMusic Council Scheme licence with Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd trading as OneMusic Australia annually, for a period of up to 5 years until 30 June 2031; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute, administer and vary arrangements relating to the music licence, as required.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.7

Tender - T-2025-1440 - Construction Contractor - Goulburn Street Parking Station - Whole of Structure Remediation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer M for the Goulburn Street Parking Station - Whole of Structure Remediation for the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A;
- (B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for the Goulburn Street Parking Station - Whole of Structure Remediation is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.8**Tender - T-2025-1570 - Microsoft Enterprise Services**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer B for the provision of Microsoft Enterprise services for the schedule of rates outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, for a period of 3 years;
- (B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for Microsoft Enterprise services is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 7

Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 11 May 2026

Item 7.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 20 April 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.2

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 recommends the following:

Item 7.3

Project Scope - Belmore Park Renewal

It is resolved that Council endorse the project scope for the renewal of Belmore Park, Haymarket, as described in the subject report and shown in the Concept Plan at Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation, tender and construction.

(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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Speaker at Public Forum

Catherine Chung (Chinatown Action Committee) addressed the public forum on Item 7.3 of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.4**Revised Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the revised project scope for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway, as described in the subject report for the purpose of proceeding to community consultation (for works at Holt Street and Adelaide Place), design development, documentation and construction; and
- (B) note the financial implications detailed in 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 8

Report of the Equity and Housing Committee - 11 May 2026

Item 8.1

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 8.2

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 8.3**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 8.3 of the Equity and Housing Committee.

Item 9

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 11 May 2026

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 20 April 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation is recommended to receive a grant and is currently a member of Australian Festival Association. She is the CEO of the Association.

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

Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that she is a board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, which was not recommended for funding.

Councillor Weldon 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.

The Community Services and Facilities Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.3

Joint Operation of Paddington Library

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) Council endorse extending the existing agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council to jointly run a library from Paddington Town Hall from 1 July 2026 until capital works commence;
- (B) Council endorse entering into an agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council to jointly run a library from EJ Ward Community Centre at 189 Underwood Street, Paddington for the duration of the capital works on the terms set out in the subject report;
- (C) Council endorse the payment of a maximum of \$50,800 to Woollahra Municipal Council for relocation costs for Paddington Library; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into agreements with Woollahra Municipal Council to give effect to the approvals outlined in (A) and (B) above.

(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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The Community Services and Facilities Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.4

Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) 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 recipient 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 Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 10

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee - 11 May 2026

Item 10.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of Monday 20 April 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.2

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.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.3

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 not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 782 Bourke Street, Waterloo at this time;
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and that staff have issued a Fire Safety Order under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 at 1 Taylor Street, Glebe;
- (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 12 Primrose Street, Rosebery at this time;
- (F) note the contents of Attachment E and that staff have issued a Fire Safety Order under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 at 25 Bligh Street, Sydney;
- (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 37-43 Bay Street, Glebe at this time; and
- (H) note the contents of Attachment G and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 199 Cleveland Street, Redfern.

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

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Item 11

Questions on Notice

There are no Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

Item 12

Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

There are no Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

Item 13.1

Notices of Motion

Adaptive Reuse of the Newtown Tram Depot

By Councillor Maxwell

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Newtown Tram Depot is a heritage-listed transport asset of State significance, forming part of the electrification of the New South Wales tramway system from 1899;
- (ii) it is one of the oldest and rare surviving tramway depot buildings in New South Wales, retaining much of its original industrial form;
- (iii) following its closure in the 1960s, the site has been used for a range of purposes, including bus storage and rail uses, with part of the forecourt redeveloped and opened to the public in 2012 as an entrance to Newtown Station;
- (iv) the main depot building has remained largely unused and is currently in poor condition, with significant deterioration to structural elements including roofing and steel framing;
- (v) the site is owned by the Transport Asset Manager (TAM), a NSW Government agency, which has commenced stabilisation works on the building estimated at \$9 million, with site works forecast to be complete in the second half of 2027;
- (vi) TAM has advised that a decision on a strategy for the future use of the site, and associated funding, is planned to be in place prior to the completion of stabilisation works, creating an imminent window in which the City's position must be established;
- (vii) the site occupies a prominent location adjacent to Newtown Station within a dense inner-city area, with strong potential to support community, cultural and economic activity;
- (viii) there is strong and growing community interest in the future of the site, including calls for it to be transformed into a community, cultural or creative hub;
- (ix) a range of public proposals have been put forward for the site, demonstrating both the opportunity and the need for a clear and coordinated approach;
- (x) the long-term conservation and activation of large heritage assets often requires a mix of uses, and in some cases limited, well-integrated development can play a role in supporting their viability and ongoing public access;

- (xi) without a City-led framework established ahead of the State's process, there is a risk that the future of the site is shaped by others rather than by a cohesive, community-informed vision; and
 - (xii) the City is well-placed to develop a community-informed position ahead of TAM's process, given that planning controls are already in place, the site is identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030 as a potential Newtown Activity Hub, and existing City strategies provide a strong foundation;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to develop Guiding Principles for the adaptive reuse of the Newtown Tram Depot, through a tailored process that:
 - (i) draws on existing City strategies, including the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs Study, the Cultural Strategy and Sustainable Sydney 2030;
 - (ii) includes a focused community engagement process to collect and reflect the views of local residents;
 - (iii) draws on TAM's structural and heritage investigations already underway; and
 - (iv) results in a Council-endorsed Guiding Principles document, reported back to Council ahead of the NSW Government's plan to consult the City; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham, requesting:
 - (i) a briefing on the status of stabilisation works and future planning for the Newtown Tram Depot site;
 - (ii) early and meaningful consultation with the City of Sydney on the future use of the site, before any strategy decision is made; and
 - (iii) that the outcomes of TAM's strategy process for the site be consistent with the City's Guiding Principles once developed.

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Item 13.2**Notices of Motion****A Stronger Signal for the South - Improving Mobile Internet Connectivity in the Southern Part of the City of Sydney**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Miller

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) the southern part of the City of Sydney encompassing Waterloo, Alexandria, Rosebery, Zetland and Redfern, is experiencing rapid population and employment growth, with the City of Sydney population and housing figures projecting a population of 64,961 residents by 2046, a density that places exceptional and growing demand on mobile telecommunications infrastructure;
- (ii) Australian Competition and Consumer Commission internet activity data shows a consistent upward trend in Australian household data consumption, with remote and hybrid work requirements, video streaming and the proliferation of connected devices continuing to drive demand, trends that disproportionately affect high-density residential precincts such as those in the southern Local Government Area (LGA) where home-based data usage is concentrated;
- (iii) residents report a deficit in high-density mobile coverage and wireless broadband capacity in Waterloo, Alexandria, Rosebery, Zetland and Redfern, resulting in “dark zones” where mobile connectivity is unreliable or unavailable, caused by 3 distinct factors that are common to high-density urban environments emerging in many major cities around the world:
 - (a) cell breathing, where mobile towers shrink their effective range during peak periods as large numbers of devices compete for access to finite bandwidth;
 - (b) vegetation, which absorbs high-frequency 5G signals; and
 - (c) high-density concrete apartment construction, which degrades signals as they pass through multiple walls;
- (iv) the City of Sydney has invested significantly in Smart pole multi-function street poles across the LGA, with the capacity to host a range of urban data infrastructure, with the view to minimising visual clutter on the streetscape by combining many digital services through a single street pole;
- (v) under the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth) telecommunications infrastructure does not require a City of Sydney Development Application; this means that while Council prefer that the City’s protocol be followed, telcos can install infrastructure on private dwellings which can lead to uncoordinated infrastructure and clutter in the public domain;

- (vi) according to research from the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network Consumer Sentiment Tracker (July 2025), almost 9 in 10 Australians need constant home internet, and 3 in 4 need constant mobile access to participate in society, making connectivity as critical as water or electricity; and
 - (vii) ensuring equitable connectivity and avoiding 'dark spots' - especially in the southern part of the City - requires a long-term commitment to existing protocols and collaboration with telcos, Ausgrid, utilities and Council to maximise the usage of existing infrastructure where it exists;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to write to Telecommunication providers operating in our area, requesting:
 - (i) information about their level of coverage in our area to identify connectivity challenges including any 'dark zones' in the south of the city, and what plan they have to roll out more mobile and 5G telecommunications infrastructure to meet future demand; and
 - (ii) that they work with the City of Sydney to maximise use of existing street Smart poles to improve mobile signal and internet connectivity in the community, particularly the southern parts of the City, while minimising the public space amenity and visual impact of declining to use Council assets; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a report to Council via the CEO Update outlining what smart infrastructure already exists; an explanation of options and opportunities to maximise usage; and how to best deliver reliable, strong signals to residents, businesses and visitors – especially in the southern part of the City.

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Item 13.3

Notices of Motion

A High School for Green Square

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Miller

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) across Sydney, housing density is increasing in line with NSW Government policies and targets. We are concerned our resident population will increase beyond the capacity of our existing schools, especially in high-growth areas such as Waterloo, Redfern, Green Square, Ultimo-Pyrmont and Bays West. The community has specifically raised concerns about the future capacity of schools in our area, particularly around Green Square;
- (ii) however, there is limited information about school capacity publicly available, and in places we know new schools are needed, the Department of Education has not committed the land or funding to provide this;
- (iii) the Green Square urban renewal area is Australia's most densely populated urban precinct at scale, with a projected population of ~64,000 residents by 2046, and demographic forecasts indicate that the number of high school-aged children in the precinct will reach approximately 1,200 to 1,300 students by 2030, effectively doubling the 2021 secondary school-age population;
- (iv) the City of Sydney's Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment confirms that this population density requires at least one additional dedicated government high school to prevent an education gap for students graduating from the Green Square Public School (K–6), which opened in October 2025 as a joint venture between the City of Sydney and the NSW Government;
- (v) under the Education Act 1990, the NSW Government is responsible for the provision of public education, and the 2025–26 NSW State Budget committed \$9 billion to public school infrastructure with a specific focus on co-educational high schools and vertical urban campuses in a commitment that creates a direct opportunity to address the secondary education gap in Green Square;
- (vi) significant state-owned landholdings exist (inclusive of a site owned by the Department of Education) within Green Square and Waterloo, managed by agencies including Sydney Water, Transport for NSW and Landcom, which could be suitable for a new public high school, following the necessary planning processes and approvals;

- (vii) the Green Square Primary School P&C, in collaboration with Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, has lodged an ePetition to the NSW Legislative Assembly titled “Building Our Future: A Public High School for Green Square”, drawing the attention of the House to the precinct’s rapidly growing secondary school-age population, noting that Alexandria Park Community School is growing at 5–7% per annum and is projected to reach capacity by 2027–2028, that nearly 48% of families leave the Green Square precinct when their children reach high school age, and calling on the NSW Government to undertake feasibility research on a new public high school in Green Square and commission a report assessing the impact of increasing student numbers on surrounding secondary schools;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to identify ways in which the City of Sydney can support the petition through promotion across Council-owned and run channels such as community notice boards, newsletters etc; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier, the Minister for Education and Early Learning, and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to request:
 - (i) a public high school needs analysis for the City of Sydney, including the Green Square and Waterloo areas, to account for the projected 2026–2046 population surge there, and report the findings as soon as possible; and
 - (ii) that the NSW Government prioritise the delivery of a secondary school in Green Square, potentially utilising a state-owned site in the area.

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Item 13.4**Notices of Motion****Vale Aunty Norma Sides**

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) the recent passing of Norma Sides, known by many as Aunty Norma:
 - (a) Aunty Norma was a Ngambaa woman, growing up in Western NSW as one of 14 children;
 - (b) a dedicated Aboriginal Education Officer, Aunty Norma served for 35 years at Darlington Public School in Redfern, retiring in 2016;
 - (c) Aunty Norma had a significant impact on the lives of Darlington Public School students, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Her tireless commitment inspired many generations of young people and families across Redfern and the broader community;
 - (d) with Aunty Norma's support, First Nations students were given the space and opportunity to connect with their culture at school. Many of these students had never had a First Nations teacher or support officer. Aunty Norma was someone they could identify with – someone who understood them and advocated strongly on their behalf. Many staff members were also influenced by Aunty Norma's guidance, wisdom and unwavering support;
 - (e) Aunty Norma supported First Nations culture at school through cultural programs and the collection of cultural artefacts to educate students. Her work not only supported First Nations students, but all students to learn about and connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Aunty Norma also established a breakfast program to ensure all students' education was supported through reliable access to food;
 - (f) Aunty Norma's extraordinary legacy touched many generations of the Redfern community. She led with strength, honesty and compassion; and
 - (g) a great leader, a caring mentor and a fierce advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Aunty Norma will be remembered with great respect, appreciation and love;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the family of Aunty Norma Sides expressing Council's condolences; and
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Aunty Norma Sides and her commitment and contribution to the Redfern community.

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