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Present

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair)

Members Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling

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

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

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Director Finance and Procurement, Executive Director City Services, Executive Director City Planning, Development and Transport, Executive Director Legal and Governance and Executive Director Strategic Development and Engagement were also present.

Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and opening prayer.

Webcasting Statement

The Chair (the Lord Mayor), advised that in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice, Council meetings are audio visually recorded and webcast live on the City of Sydney website. The Chair (the Lord Mayor) asked that courtesy and respect be observed throughout the meeting and advised those in attendance to refrain from making defamatory statements.

Procedural Motion

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

That permission be granted for the Council meeting to be filmed and photographed.

Carried unanimously.

Order of Business

Council agreed that the order of business be altered such that Items 13.8 and 13.7 be brought forward and considered prior to Item 4.

Councillor Gannon left the meeting of Council at 6:24pm prior to discussion on Item 9.3, and returned at 6:55pm, after the adjournment. Councillor Gannon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 9.3.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council of Monday, 17 August 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2 Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

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

Councillor Olly Arkins made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda in that there are residents, who are members of the Labor Party (NSW Branch), in Ithaca Gardens (12 Ithaca Road, Elizabeth Bay), Bayview (41-49 Roslyn Gardens, Elizabeth Bay) and 1-5 Clement Street, Rushcutters Bay. These buildings have been recommended for heritage listing. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances, as she was not contacted by them on this item.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.5 on the agenda in that there are residents in 390-396 Pitt Street who are members of the Labor Party (NSW Branch). Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances, as she was not contacted by them on this item.

Councillor Lyndon Gannon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda in that he is currently in the early stages of lease negotiations for a hospitality premises at 27-31 Macquarie Place, Sydney. No form of lease has been executed, but he may hold a pecuniary interest in the premises if negotiations proceed and an outdoor dining space is applied for.

Councillor Gannon stated that he 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 Council.

Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor**Item 3.1 Vale Peter Mould****Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

The worlds of architecture, urban design and city making are mourning the recent passing of Peter Mould. For over 5 decades he devoted his life to architecture and design excellence, in Australia and internationally.

Growing up in Sydney's eastern suburbs, Peter graduated from Vaucluse High in 1965. After completing an architecture degree at the University of NSW, he worked briefly on the Sydney Opera House with the Public Works Department in 1971. A period of extensive international travel led him to work in London, where he developed an interest in Islamic architecture, including its influence on Jorn Utzon. On a later visit to London, he met his wife, Kate, with whom he had 2 daughters, Mattie and Louise.

It was during his long career in the Government Architect's Office as Deputy Government Architect and then as Government Architect from 2006 to 2012 that he had a major impact on public architecture. His work included the restoration of the St Mary's Cathedral spires, upgrades at Circular Quay, master planning for Sydney Cove and work on the public domain at Taronga Zoo.

My husband Peter remembers working with him in Police and Courts within the Architect's Office. He particularly remembers Peter Mould's significant influence guiding, advising, mentoring and assisting other architects. He was also skilled in leading projects, many of which won awards.

As Government Architect, Peter also served on the Central Sydney Planning Committee, bringing an unerring commitment to design quality and the public interest to some of the most consequential planning decisions affecting central Sydney. His work included major projects such as the restoration of St Mary's Cathedral, upgrades to Circular Quay and master planning for Sydney Cove.

That was not the limit of his association with the City.

In 2007, we established the City's Design Advisory Panel to put design excellence at the heart of our work. As well as demanding better from private development we wanted to hold our own projects to the same high standard.

We brought together some of Australia's most respected design minds to give us independent, fearless advice, including Peter as Deputy Chair. He brought that same clarity and rigour to the role, translating the ambition of design excellence into better buildings, streets and public spaces across Sydney, including the development of George Street and, through Green Square, a significant contribution to meeting the City's continuing housing needs.

He was always ready to ask the difficult question, probe an assumption, or challenge a proposal when he believed Sydney deserved better.

He had an extraordinary ability to work through complex problems with diplomacy, technical skill and, very often, a welcome sense of humour. That made him invaluable when projects were particularly difficult. Whenever we set up sub-committees of the Design Advisory Panel to give detailed consideration to particularly challenging projects, I always wanted Peter to be included on them.

Peter's contribution extended beyond his work with the Government Architect's Office and the City of Sydney. He served as a member of Design Review Panels in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, ACT and NSW, for the University of NSW, Sydney Olympic Park and Transport for NSW, as well as chair and member of numerous competition juries for the State and City of Sydney.

He was the initiator and founding Chair of the Sydney Opera House Eminent Architects Panel. This panel provided critical design leadership for the decade of significant renewal and contemporary transformation of the Opera House.

He also served as Councillor for the International Union of Architects and as a Member of the UNESCO-UIA Joint Committee for the World Capital of Architecture.

As a Visiting and Adjunct Professor at University of NSW Peter mentored future generations of architects.

Peter was also a leading voice within the profession through his lectures and writing. He encouraged people to look beyond the immediate demands of a project and consider its broader and longer-term contribution - how a design could be improved, how it can better serve the public, and how the decisions we make today will shape the city inherited by future generations.

Writing about Peter's life and contribution fellow architect Ken Maher observed:

"Perhaps Peter's greatest professional legacy is also the simplest: that design excellence matters. It is not simply about creating better buildings. It is about taking responsibility for the places we create, understanding their lasting impact, and continually asking how design can better serve the people and communities who will inherit them."

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Peter Mould and his significant contribution to architecture, urban design and city making
- (B) Council express its condolences to Peter's widow, Kate, and their daughters Mattie and Louise
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Peter Mould's family to convey Council's condolences.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

That the Minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to Peter Mould.

Item 3.2 Assisting Disaster Recovery Following the Devasting Floods in Nepal and Tibet

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

It is now over 3 weeks since devastating floods swept through northern Nepal and Tibet changing thousands of lives in a matter of hours. On the morning of 26 August 2026, a section of glacier and bedrock collapsed into the Lhende Khola basin in Tibet, temporarily damming the Trishuli River. This debris barrier failed, unleashing an enormous wave of water, ice, mud and rock which cascaded down the river.

We have all seen images of what followed – the wave crashing into, destroying and washing away the Miteri Bridge (also known as the Nepal-China Friendship Bridge) at Gyirong Port on the Tibet-Nepal border, and people desperately fleeing from the floods soon after. The torrent swept down the river causing severe flash flooding. Bridges and crucial roadways were washed away cutting off entire communities; surface powerhouses were wiped out, crippling Nepal's energy grid; farmlands were inundated with mud, slush and rock and schools and hospitals were damaged and destroyed.

The impact of this devastation continues with thousands lacking reliable access to safe water, healthcare, schools and other essential services. It is estimated that over 84,000 people have been impacted by the floods, including more than 32,000 children. At the time of publishing, over 1,300 people had died, over 6,800 had been injured, and over 5,100 were missing in Nepal. In Tibet, 43 people died and 519 were missing, according to official Chinese Government figures.

Climate change disproportionately impacts the Himalayas

While the exact causes are not yet known, scientists already know that rising global temperatures caused by human activity are destabilising glaciers in the Himalayas, which contain some of the world's tallest slopes. World-renowned Glaciologist, Dr. Twila Moon from the University of Colorado Boulder, is [reported](#) as saying, "there's no question that this event was made more likely because of climate change and that we're seeing more likely other similar glacier hazards occurring".

Scientists have observed that thousands of glaciers are losing ice at unprecedented rates and the permafrost they sit atop is also thawing. As the frozen blend of soil, rocks and organic material warms, the mountains and surrounding ice become less stable which can result in massive landslides, triggering cascading processes that can lead to a massive flood and destruction. Such events are likely to become more common as the world continues to heat up.

The [Guardian](#) reports that the Himalayas, which span across India, China, Nepal and Bhutan, have been warming at a rate nearly 50% faster than the global average. Shisir Khanal, Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs has called for a global effort to address climate change and asked for the global community to come together and preserve the Himalayan ecosystem.

Nepal is one of the world's lowest contributors of greenhouse gases, but it faces some of the worst impacts of climate change. It contributes less than 0.1% of global greenhouse gas emissions, while its neighbours India and China are among the world's biggest emitters. Mr Khanal said it was imperative the world's biggest economies stepped up to help Nepal recover and rebuild. A report by the news agency Reuters states Nepali officials estimate that it will cost \$4 billion to \$5 billion, or about a tenth of the country's economy, to rebuild.

Recovery

Urgent priorities for recovery include the provision of emergency shelter, food assistance, household essentials, safe water, sanitation and hygiene support, healthcare and psychosocial assistance.

UNICEF is on the ground in Nepal, working with the Nepali Government to deliver critical supplies and help restore access to essential services for displaced communities. The affected area is difficult to access, and this is made more difficult by extensive infrastructure damage.

UNICEF's immediate focus is to protect the safety and wellbeing of children, while laying the foundation for longer-term recovery: rebuilding essential services and strengthening the resilience of communities to withstand future disasters.

I therefore propose we donate \$25,000 to UNICEF's Nepal Flash Flood Appeal to support this work in Nepal and Tibet.

This donation complies with the City of Sydney's Support for Charities Policy adopted by Council on 24 August 2026, is in line with previous donations and aligns with objective 7.3.2 (1) of the City's Operational Plan 2026/27, which states that the City will support communities beyond our local area and international communities experiencing emergency situations.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the impacts of climate change and the resulting floods that have devastated communities in Nepal and Tibet
- (B) Council donate \$25,000 from the 2026/27 General Contingency Fund to the Australian Committee for UNICEF Ltd (ABN 35 060 581 437) to be directed towards its recovery and humanitarian efforts in Nepal and Tibet as outlined in the subject Minute
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to arrange a program for staff donations to UNICEF's Nepal Flash Flood Appeal to support the relief effort in Nepal and Tibet and for Council to match dollar for dollar any contributions until the end of October 2026 from the 2026/27 General Contingency Fund.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

That the Minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

S051491

Procedural Motion

At this stage of the meeting, at 5:19pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Gannon –

That the Order of Business be altered such that Items 13.8 and 13.7 be brought forward and considered before Item 4.

Carried unanimously.

Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer**Item 4.1 Election of Deputy Lord Mayor****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

Sections 231(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) provide:

- (1) the councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor;
and
- (2) the person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

At the Council meeting of 22 September 2025, Councillor Jess Miller was elected Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately and ending on 30 September 2026.

Payment of Fees

Section 249(5) of the Act provides:

- (5) a council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

On 5 June 2000, Council resolved to:

"Pay Councillors the maximum of the range (as determined annually by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal) as a matter of standing policy. Pay the Lord Mayor the maximum of the range (in addition to the fee as a Councillor) - as a matter of standing policy (less the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee). Pay the Deputy Lord Mayor, in addition to the fee as a Councillor, an amount equal to 10 per cent of the mayoral fee actually paid to the Lord Mayor as a matter of standing policy."

Call for Nominations

Nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor are now invited. Nominations must be made in writing by 2 or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). Nomination forms will be provided to Councillors.

Conduct of Election

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 provides the method of conducting an election for Deputy Lord Mayor (further details on election procedures will be provided to Councillors). The last time the Deputy Lord Mayor's position was contested the method of voting selected by the Council was open, exhaustive voting.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2027
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

EMMA RIGNEY

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2027
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

Carried unanimously.

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At this stage of the meeting, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called upon the Manager OCEO to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Manager OCEO announced that one duly completed, written nomination had been received, namely –

Councillor Arkins (nominated by Councillor Weldon, seconded by Councillor Maxwell).

Councillor Arkins indicated acceptance of her nomination.

There were no other nominations.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Olly Arkins duly elected to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2027.

Note - the Chair (the Lord Mayor) congratulated Councillor Arkins on her election as Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillor Miller on her term as Deputy Lord Mayor. The Chair invited both the newly elected and the outgoing Deputy Lord Mayor to address Council.

Item 4.2 Central Sydney Planning Committee - Election of Councillors**Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

The Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) is constituted by the City of Sydney Act 1988 (the Act).

Section 34(1) of the Act provides that the Committee shall consist of 7 members:

- (a) the Lord Mayor of Sydney;
- (b) two councillors of the City of Sydney elected by the City Council; and
- (c) four persons (two of whom are senior State government employees and two of whom are not State or local government employees) appointed by the Minister administering Part 4 of the Planning Act, each having expertise in at least one of architecture, building, civic design, construction, engineering, transport, tourism, the arts, planning or heritage.

The persons currently appointed by the Minister pursuant to clause (c) as members and alternate members are Abbie Galvin, Anthea Sargeant, Olivia Hyde, Ben Lusher, Sue Weatherly, Sean O'Toole, Sue Francis and Alice Spizzo.

Previously, the Council has chosen to hold a separate election for each of the 2 Council-elected members; the elections were by open, exhaustive voting (that is, by a show of hands or similar means for candidates duly nominated).

At the extraordinary Council meeting of 10 October 2024, Council elected Councillors Zann Maxwell and Jess Miller to the 2 positions on the Central Sydney Planning Committee, effective immediately and ending on 30 September 2026. The Act provides that Council may appoint an alternate for each of the elected members. At the extraordinary Council meeting of 10 October 2024, Council appointed Councillor Olly Arkins as alternate to Councillor Maxwell and Councillor Adam Worling as alternate to Councillor Miller effective immediately and ending on 30 September 2026.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect 2 Councillors to be members of the Central Sydney Planning Committee commencing immediately following the election until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council
- (B) the method of voting be open, exhaustive voting
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith
- (D) Council appoint alternates for each member elected.

EMMA RIGNEY

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect 2 Councillors to be members of the Central Sydney Planning Committee commencing immediately following the election until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council
- (B) the method of voting be open, exhaustive voting
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith
- (D) Council appoint alternates for each member elected.

Carried unanimously.

S062388

At this stage of the meeting, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called upon the Manager OCEO to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the first position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the first position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Miller (nominated by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Kok).

Councillor Miller indicated acceptance of her nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Jess Miller duly elected to the first position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the second position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the second position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Weldon (nominated by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Maxwell).

Councillor Weldon indicated acceptance of her nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Yvonne Weldon duly elected to the second position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the first alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the first alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Worling (nominated by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Kok).

Councillor Worling indicated acceptance of his nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Adam Worling duly elected to the first alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the second alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the second alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Arkins (nominated by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Weldon).

Councillor Arkins indicated acceptance of her nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Olly Arkins duly elected to the second alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

Item 5 Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

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

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

Carried unanimously.

5.2 Petitions

Stop the Macdonald Street Rat Run

The following Petition, of which notice was given by Councillor Thompson, was tabled.

A new road between Macdonald Street and Mitchell Road would funnel through traffic into Erskineville and Newtown's quiet residential streets.

Coronation Property and the City of Sydney are [planning](#) to turn Macdonald Street into a major through road.

This additional road is not needed for property access. There will already be three access roads from Mitchell Road to the Ashmore precinct: Ashmore Street, Alpha Street (new) and Coulson Street. The road's main effect would be to open up local streets to through traffic from WestConnex, Euston Road, King Street and other major roads.

That would mean more through traffic on residential streets including Eve Street, Fox Ave, Foundry Lane, Hadfields Street, Macdonald Street, Maddox Street, Coulson Street and streets west of the rail line.

Traffic calming won't stop the through traffic. Navigation apps will send traffic along these streets day and night to avoid traffic lights and congestion on the main roads. Our streets will be inundated with trucks, motorcycles and cars, with more noise, traffic danger, and damage to parked vehicles. It will be less safe for children to walk to school, leading to more school traffic.

The new road would sever the Park Sydney Village shopping centre from the future Ashmore South shops. It would impact business footfall and limit outdoor dining.

Neither Coronation Property nor the City has assessed or modelled the impacts of this road on residential streets, safety and amenity. Community consultation has been minimal.

We're calling for this public space to become a people-friendly plaza – the Ashmore Village Square. A safe place to walk, shop, dine, meet and play – not a conduit for through traffic.

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

It is resolved that the Petition be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

S044250

Item 6 Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney

(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Lyndon Gannon, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 2:03pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Gannon, 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 Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders 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 Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

Closed Meeting

At 2:49pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok, that the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, to discuss Item 6.6 on the agenda.

Open Meeting

At 3:00pm, the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was reopened to the public.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 3:00pm.

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 14 September 2026 be received, with Items 6.1 and 6.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.3, 6.5 and 6.6 being adopted in globo, and Item 6.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 17 August 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No 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 recommended the following:

Item 6.3

Investments Held as at 31 August 2026

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 August 2026 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 6.4

Project Scope - Paddington Town Hall Major Renewal

Note – the recommendation of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was not adopted. The following motion was adopted.

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the recommended project scope and use of spaces at Paddington Town Hall as described in the subject report for progression to required planning approvals, detailed design and documentation, and construction of works
- (B) Council endorse in principle the relocation of Eastside Radio to the lower ground floor accommodation grant program tenancy at 50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross, or another potential suitable venue, subject to the terms as described in the subject report
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into any agreements with Woollahra Municipal Council and Eastside Radio Station that are required to give effect to (A) and (B) above

- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to work with Eastside Radio to understand building works required at 50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross, or another potential suitable venue, to make sure the tenancy is compliant, safe and ready for occupation
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to work with Woollahra Municipal Council, Waverley Council and Randwick Council staff to see if they have a more suitable space that could accommodate Eastside Radio
- (F) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Mayors of Woollahra Municipal Council, Waverley Council and Randwick Council to ask if they have a more suitable space that could accommodate Eastside Radio.

Carried unanimously.

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Speakers

David (Dudi) Rokach (Antenna Documentary Film Festival), Sarah Gilbert (Eastside Radio) and Tony Smythe (Eastside Radio) addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.4.

Item 6.5

International Travel - 40th Anniversary Sister City Celebrations - Guangzhou, China

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse Councillor Robert Kok and Councillor Zann Maxwell in representing the Lord Mayor and the City of Sydney at the 40th Anniversary Sister City Celebrations in Guangzhou, China from 28 October to 5 November 2026
- (B) Council note that Councillor Robert Kok and Councillor Zann Maxwell will provide a report to Council after the travel
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to authorise minor variations to travel plans including dates and costs as required (increase of up to \$1,000 including GST).

Carried unanimously.

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Item 6.6

Tender - Reject and Negotiate and Contract Variation - T-2025-1717 - Operation and Maintenance of the Green Square Water Reuse Scheme

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council decline to accept the tender offers received under Tender T-2025-1717 for the operation and maintenance of the Green Square Water Reuse Scheme (GSWRS)
- (B) Council does not invite fresh tenders as it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitable vendors over and above those that have responded to this tender
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract on terms that are appropriate in relation to the subject matter of the tender and to determine whether an appropriate long-term operation and maintenance arrangement can be secured
- (D) Council approve a variation to increase the total contract value and to extend the existing Major Services Agreement with Sydney Water Corporation for 9 months commencing 1 November 2026, with an option for a further 3 months, to allow sufficient time to undertake the negotiation process while maintaining continuity of the Green Square Water Reuse Scheme operations
- (E) Council note that the revised total contract value for this contract is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the variation to the contract to give effect to the resolutions above
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option referred to in clause (E), if appropriate
- (H) Council be provided with updates on the operation and maintenance of the Green Square Water Reuse Scheme via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 7 Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee**PRESENT**

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Adam Worling
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Robert Kok, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson and Yvonne Weldon AM.

Order of Business

Councillors agreed that the Order of Business be altered such that the Environment and Climate Change Committee 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.

Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

That the report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of its meeting of 14 September 2026 be received, with Items 7.1 and 7.2 being noted, and Item 7.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.1

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 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.

Item 7.3

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

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

At the meeting of Council, the following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the Information Relevant To Memorandum dated 18 September 2026 from the Chief Operating Officer, circulated prior to the meeting, and varied by consent at the request of Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore and Miller).

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs Strategy 2026, shown at Attachments A and B to the subject report, subject to the following amendments:
 - (i) Volume 1 (page 9) - A foundational principle will be added to the Executive Summary around social wellness. This principle acknowledges that in our current context there is a need to enable genuine social connection between all members of our community and the role that recreational and open space facilities play in enabling this
 - (ii) a concise standalone summary will be prepared to accompany the draft Strategy. The summary will clearly communicate the Strategy's key messages, findings and recommendations in a more accessible format, recognising that the full Strategy and supporting technical studies contain substantial detail
 - (iii) Volume 1 (page 86) - 'High capacity surfaces' will be expanded to provide additional detail on the environmental impacts of synthetic turf, in particular heat and microplastic migration and the benefits of natural surfaces. The end-of-life opportunities for synthetic surfaces will be discussed in greater detail, including new technologies available in Australia for the recovery, processing and recycling of synthetic turf. Other high capacity options will be discussed including hybrid turf and combination turf

- (iv) Volume 1 (page 132) and Volume 2 (page 186) 'Events' will be updated to explain that the City supports a limited number of events and cultural activities while ensuring parks are protected from damage and that any access restrictions during restoration are minimised. Other events and festival organisers are encouraged to use to use civic spaces and streets for temporary events and place-based activations. To support additional events in parks, the City will explore events infrastructure such as hard stand where feasible and appropriate
 - (v) Volume 1 (page 86) – Under State Government Guidance an additional point is added:
 - Best-practice guidelines for sporting fields: A guide for climate-resilience playing surfaces in New South Wales
 - (vi) insert the words “including international students” where the Strategy currently refers to “students” in general, in recognition that Council will consider the open space and recreation needs of international students
- (B) Council note that the draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs Strategy 2026 will be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 4 months which will include broad consultation including with underrepresented groups
- (C) Council request that community consultation with the private sector is undertaken to identify barriers and opportunities within the planning system that might result in more opportunities for sport and recreation activities
- (D) 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
- (E) 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.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 8 Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

Order of Business

Councillors agreed that the Order of Business be altered such that the Community Services and Facilities Committee be brought forward and held after the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, for the convenience of the registered speakers.

At the commencement of business at 3:01pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Gannon, 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 Community Services and Facilities Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 3:39pm.

Apologies

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

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

That the report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of its meeting of 14 September 2026 be received, with Items 8.1 and 8.2 being noted, and Item 8.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 17 August 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 Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Item 8.3**Post Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions**

Note - The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 21 September 2026.

At the meeting of Council, it was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Worling –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from community on the proposed alcohol prohibited areas as summarised in Attachments C and D to the subject report
- (B) Council approve the establishment of alcohol-prohibited areas that apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in Bourke Street Park, Tom Uren Place and Walla Mulla Reserve, Woolloomooloo up to 21 August 2028, and commence a review of these restrictions in consultation with community, including social housing residents, Police and other relevant stakeholders once the Police Station at Tom Uren Place has been open for 12 months
- (C) Council acknowledge residents' concerns about Bourke Street Park, Tom Uren Place and Walla Mulla Reserve
- (D) Council note that on 7 August 2026 the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Housing and Homelessness asking her to investigate providing desperately needed supported accommodation and/or specialist services for people experiencing homelessness, in Woolloomooloo
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide urgent further advice about potential advocacy by the City to the NSW Government to address resident concerns
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to relevant NSW Ministers requesting additional urgent support and outreach for people sleeping rough and people engaging in aggressive and violent antisocial behaviour in Bourke Street Park, Tom Uren Place and Walla Mulla Reserve
- (E) Council does not make any changes to the existing alcohol-prohibited area in Taylor Square North, Darlinghurst which applies from 10am to 10pm, 7 days a week, prior to the current expiration date of 21 August 2028
- (F) Council does not establish alcohol-prohibited areas in Mary Ann Street Park or McKee Street Reserve, Ultimo
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report not impacting the locations of proposed alcohol restrictions.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from community on the proposed alcohol prohibited areas as summarised in Attachments C and D to the subject report
- (B) Council do not approve the establishment of alcohol-prohibited areas that apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in Bourke Street Park, Tom Uren Place and Walla Mulla Reserve, Woolloomooloo up to 21 August 2028, in recognition of the fact that the overwhelming evidence from experts demonstrates that alcohol restriction zones do not make neighbourhoods safer and are actively harmful to already marginalised and vulnerable communities, exposing them to over-policing and incarceration
- (C) Council acknowledge residents' concerns about Bourke Street Park, Tom Uren Place and Walla Mulla Reserve and the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide urgent further advice on potential actions the City can take to address the issues raised
- (D) Council write to the NSW Government requesting additional urgent support and outreach for the rough sleeping community in Bourke Street Park, Tom Uren Place and Walla Mulla Reserve, particularly in relation to urgent crisis accommodation for those experiencing homelessness
- (E) Council does not make any changes to the existing alcohol-prohibited area in Taylor Square North, Darlinghurst which applies from 10am to 10pm, 7 days a week, prior to the current expiration date of 21 August 2028
- (F) Council does not establish alcohol-prohibited areas in Mary Ann Street Park or McKee Street Reserve, Ultimo
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report not impacting the locations of proposed alcohol restrictions.

A show of hands on the amendment resulted in an equality of voting as follows –

Ayes (5) Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Maxwell, Thompson and Weldon

Noes (5) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Gannon, Kok, Miller and Worling.

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) exercised her casting vote against the amendment.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the amendment was declared lost.

Amendment lost.

A show of hands on the substantive motion resulted in an equality of voting as follows –

Ayes (5) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Gannon, Kok, Miller and Worling

Noes (5) Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Maxwell, Thompson and Weldon.

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) exercised her casting vote in favour of the motion.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the motion was declared carried.

Substantive motion carried.

Speakers

Katie Green (Inner City Legal Centre) and Superintendent Jill Walters (Kings Cross Police) addressed the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on Item 8.3.

Item 9 Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller
(Deputy Chair)

Councillors Olly Arkins, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

Order of Business

Councillors agreed that the Order of Business be altered such that the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee be brought forward and held after the Community Services and Facilities Committee, and before the Environment and Climate Change Committee, for the convenience of the registered speakers.

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

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Gannon, 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 Transport, Heritage and Planning 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 Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 5:02pm.

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 14 September 2026 be received, with Items 9.1 and 9.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 9.4 to 9.5 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Item 9.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of Monday 17 August 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councillor Olly Arkins made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that there are members of the NSW branch of the Labor Party that live in buildings recommended for heritage listing. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she was not contacted by them on this item.
- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.5 on the agenda, in that there are members of the NSW branch of the Labor Party that live in a building that is the subject of the report. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she was not contacted by them on this item.

No other 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 9.3**Post Exhibition - Outdoor Dining Guidelines, Outdoor Dining Policy Review and Permanent Footpath Extensions**

Note - The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 21 September 2026.

At the meeting of Council, the staff recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the outcomes of engagement on the draft Outdoor Dining Guidelines in the Engagement Report as shown at Attachment A to the subject report
- (E) Council adopt the Outdoor Dining Guidelines as shown at Attachment B to the subject report and as amended
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial amendments prior to publication for clarity or correction of drafting errors and to finalise design, artwork and accessible formats

- (G) Council note the Outdoor Dining - Implementation Plan for permanent footpath extensions as shown at Attachment C to the subject report
- (H) Council rescind the Outdoor Dining Policy as shown at Attachment D to the subject report
- (I) Council note that a communications and education plan, as outlined in the subject report, will be undertaken for the initial implementation period of the new Outdoor Dining Guidelines up to 1 February 2027. In accordance with Council's Compliance Policy, enforcement action will be initially focused on education and voluntary compliance, except where immediate action is required to address significant issues of public safety
- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Sydney streets code to reflect the dimensions of the continuous accessible clear path of travel adopted in the Outdoor Dining Guidelines as shown at Attachment B to the subject report.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Maxwell –

That the motion be amended such that clause (B) read as follows –

- (B) Council adopt the Outdoor Dining Guidelines as shown at Attachment B to the subject report and as amended, subject to amendments to make it clear that where alcohol is served, any public outdoor area used as part of licenced food and drink premises must be identified and included on a liquor licence - and is allowed with or without furniture. A liquor licence must be aligned with an approval that is an outdoor dining permit, Development Consent or Complying Development Certificate covering the same area, including footpaths outside licenced premises

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

That the motion be amended such that clause (A) read as follows –

- (A) Council note the outcomes of engagement on the draft Outdoor Dining Guidelines in the Engagement Report as shown at Attachment A to the subject report and that City staff work closely with the Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel as part of the implementation of outdoor dining to ensure accessibility standards are met, particularly in relation to ground markings

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

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Speakers

D'Arcy Roche (Walk Sydney) and Jason Leong addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 9.3.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommended the following:

Item 9.4

Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Modern Residential Flat Buildings Heritage Items - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 Amendment

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the Engagement Report highlighting the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal - Modern Residential Flat Buildings Heritage Items, shown at Attachment A to the subject report
- (B) Council approve the amended Planning Proposal - Modern Residential Flat Buildings Heritage Items, shown at Attachment B to the subject report, to be made as a local environmental plan under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the amended Planning Proposal - Modern Residential Flat Buildings Heritage Items shown at Attachment B to the subject report, to correct any drafting errors prior to finalisation of the local environmental plan.

Carried unanimously.

X109515

Speakers

Riley Lukosius (Strata Embassy), Philip Archer, and Philip Thalys (Hill Thalys Architecture) addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 9.4.

Item 9.5

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 D 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 390-396 Pitt Street, Haymarket
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 74-76 Roslyn Gardens, Rushcutters Bay
- (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 653-659 George Street, Haymarket at this time.

Carried unanimously.

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Adjournment

At this stage of the meeting, at 6:40pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thompson –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 6:55pm.

Item 10 Grants - Accommodation Grants Program - Goodstart Early Learning

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a new subsidy of 100% for Accommodation grants program tenant Goodstart Early Learning Pty Ltd for the Darlinghurst (Easy Sydney) childcare property for 2 months from 1 October 2026 to 30 November 2026 on the following subsidy:

Property	Current Rental Fee (per month)	Rental Subsidy	Rental Value Subsidy	New Rent Payable	Total Subsidy (2 months)
East Sydney, Darlinghurst	\$28,013	100% (currently 0%)	-\$28,013	\$0	-\$56,027

- (B) Council approve a new subsidy of 25% for Accommodation grants program tenant Goodstart Early Learning Pty Ltd for childcare properties at Darlinghurst (East Sydney), Glebe (the Crescent), Alexandria (Huntley Street), and Zetland (Waranara) commencing from 1 December 2026 for a lease for up to 5 years (with no further options) totalling \$2,000,847. The following rental subsidy is for Year 1:

Property	Current Rental Fee (Year 1)	Rental Subsidy	Rental Value Subsidy (Year 1)	New Rent Payable (Year 1)
East Sydney, Darlinghurst	\$336,159	25% (currently 0%)	-\$84,040	\$252,119
Waranara (Zetland)	\$399,709	25% (currently 0%)	-\$99,927	\$299,782
The Crescent (Glebe)	\$378,985	25% (currently 0%)	-\$94,746	\$284,239
Huntley Street (Alexandria)	\$374,011	25% (currently 0%)	-\$93,503	\$280,508
Total	\$1,488,865		-\$372,216	\$1,116,648

- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve a City contribution of up to \$400,000 (excluding GST) towards noise attenuation works at the Darlinghurst Early Learning Centre where such works are agreed by the City and Goodstart Early Learning Pty Ltd acting reasonably as necessary to comply with any order arising from the current court proceedings, subject to prior approval by the City
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, within 24 months, to approve a City contribution of up to \$200,000 (excluding GST) towards agreed internal modifications at the Darlinghurst Early Learning Centre that support Goodstart Early Learning Pty Ltd's operational requirements and regulatory compliance while maintaining the integrity and design of the building, subject to the City's prior written approval
- (E) Council note the impact on the budget as outlined in the subject report, including the potential use of CEO and capital works contingency funds if required
- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and provide further advice to Council via the CEO Update about steps and costs involved should the City need to transition operation of the East Sydney Early Learning Centre to another provider, including to the City, in the future, to ensure Council is ready in case this is needed
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into any documentation required to vary the leases to reflect the new rental subsidies
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor changes to the matters set out in this report, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

X138903

Item 11 Questions on Notice**1. Climate Pollution in the Council's Operations**

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. How has the Council's pollution been factored into our capital works review program?
2. How have the climate effects of the FY2025/26 capital works program been measured?
3. What are the estimated climate impacts of the FY2025/26 capital works program?
4. How many carbon offsets in FY2025/26 were bought internationally versus locally?
5. Does the City prioritise international based offsets instead of local offsets? If so, why?
6. Do we record emissions and climate impacts (such as loss of embodied carbon) when building or demolishing infrastructure? If not, why?
7. Is climate pollution by contractors, such as Cleanaway, factored into the climate pollution recordings? If so, how and where is it recorded?
8. Where does the City provide climate pollution data to citizens?

X113778

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. We consider carbon emissions in our capital works renewal program from an operational and an embodied emissions perspective.

Our operational emissions have been measured since 2007 to track actions to reduce energy consumption and emissions in our assets. Last year we reported a 78% reduction against our 2006 baseline.

Our assets play a significant role in achieving this reduction and funding is allocated to electrify our properties to achieve our net zero buildings goal. Where available, we'll use refrigerants with a lower climate impact in our heating and cooling systems, and all our new buildings will be fully electric with no new fossil fuel connections.

Carbon emissions associated with our capital works supply chains are also considered, with asset renewal and design teams consistently investigating opportunities to reduce this impact and improve the way we deliver our programs and infrastructure.

Actions to reduce our impact include:

- Renewing our buildings in preference to demolition and rebuilding
- Refining designs to reduce material use where feasible

- Using recycled materials in our roads and civil works, including recycled crushed glass as a substitute for natural sands, reclaimed asphalt pavement in our asphalt and low embodied carbon concrete incorporating recycled water, recycled aggregates, alternate cementitious materials.
- Choosing reclaimed and lower embodied carbon materials in our buildings and parks where feasible.
- Recycling the majority of construction waste from our capital works.

Many of these actions are reported as case studies in previous [Green Reports](#).

For example, in a recent upgrade project, we estimate that 306 tonnes CO₂e emissions have been saved from choosing a lower embodied carbon concrete compared to standard industry practices. The Infrastructure Sustainability Council's generic mix designs were used as a baseline.

The findings were used to establish low carbon concrete requirements in our [Sydney Streets Technical Specification](#). The specification requires a minimum 30% reduction in embodied carbon compared with other cement concrete mixes for all concrete used in City civil works projects.

We are in the early stages of estimating the embodied carbon in major new projects, to inform upfront design and materials solutions that could avoid or reduce emissions. More detail is provided in part 6 below.

2. 'Climate effects' is a broad term and as such we have not undertaken a measurement of climate effects of our capital works. Given the scope of capital works delivery, it is not feasible to calculate every single upstream and downstream climate effect.

Rather, our work is focused on the mitigation and reduction of impacts as much as practicably possible through design and delivery as outlined in Q1.

As also noted in part 1, we have not yet implemented a method to collect data on the upfront embodied emissions from our entire capital works program.

Work on this is ongoing and we seek to consistently improve transparency as far as reasonably practical or possible, noting the complexities across supply chains and emissions attributed to suppliers over Council's own.

We follow the [Greenhouse Gas Protocol](#) to establish our carbon inventory. This protocol is currently the most widely used international accounting standard to measure, manage and report emissions. In accordance with the protocol, we include contractor fuel use as the primary measure of emissions associated with our civil works program, which is part of our broader capital works.

3. Refer response to part 2 above.
4. 62% international and 38% Australian.

5. No, we prioritise the reduction of emissions as far as feasibly possible across our portfolio. Any residual emissions that cannot be removed or reduced, are met through offsets to meet our neutrality target.

Annually we seek to procure as many high integrity offsets through local markets as possible within available budgets, with the any additional offsets made up of international credits.

We seek to procure local and international offsets that deliver co-benefits (e.g. environmental, social, cultural, economic) in addition to carbon, avoiding projects or methods where integrity concerns have been identified.

6. We do not yet have a consistent record of emissions and climate impacts from building or demolishing infrastructure, as measurement methods for these complicated supply chains are still emerging.

We recognise the impact the built environment plays in embodied emissions, and as this is an emerging area of focus for leading organisations, we are working to understand the impact. Priority 2 of our Environmental strategy 2025-2030 contains a commitment to "assess upfront embodied carbon during decision-making and, as a member of industry groups, work with suppliers to transform the market." Work has commenced to meet this commitment.

We have been piloting data collection practices for our building and road renewal projects.

We are piloting the inclusion of embodied carbon measurement in the quantity survey for new projects, enabling project teams to use the information to make informed design and materials decisions that reduce real world emissions. Results will be publicly reported as the projects are completed.

Note that investigating the measurement of embodied carbon in major new projects does not change our current reportable emissions.

We refined material use reporting requirements in the recent civil works and road renewals contracts in order to track the use of lower embodied carbon materials. We are analysing data for 2025-26, with a goal to publish these results in the 2027 Community Asset Management Plan.

7. Yes. We include emissions from the fuel combusted by our major contractors in our annual emissions inventory, which includes the fuel used by Cleanaway in delivering services for City of Sydney. These are recorded in the [City of Sydney Public Disclosure Statement](#) as a detailed count of our greenhouse gas emissions.
8. Our operational carbon emissions data is reported annually in the [Green Report](#) as a transparent public record of Councils' goals to reduce emissions in line with the science-based targets for climate change. All reports from 2015 are available on our website. The [City of Sydney Public Disclosure Statement](#) is published on the Climate Active website.

Our annual Community Asset Management Plan reports data for other sustainability metrics relating to specific asset portfolios.

2. Macdonald Street Extension and Mitchell Road/Maddox Street Intersection

By Councillor Thompson

Noting that Council reports, including the 2005 Ashmore Street Estate Status Report, the 2006 Extraordinary Council Report on the Draft Ashmore Development Control Plan (DCP) and the 2012 Halcrow Transport Assessment, warned of increased rat-running on Macdonald, Eve, Victoria and Coulson Streets, and streets west of the rail line.

Question

1. What traffic modelling has the City or proponent undertaken to assess whether the proposed Macdonald Street extension will increase rat-running on these and other local streets, separately from traffic generated by new development? If undertaken, please provide details of modelling software and methods used, scenarios assessed, baseline data, assumptions, treatment of induced demand, and outputs.
2. What traffic modelling has the City or proponent undertaken to assess whether a right-turn ban from Maddox Street to Mitchell Road will increase rat-running on these and other local streets?
3. Has the City committed to implementing the protective measures such as modal filtration or one-way restrictions on Macdonald Street and Coulson Street? If not, why?
4. On what basis was it decided not to send Development Application (DA) notification letters to properties on all potentially affected streets?
5. Where in the DA materials were the traffic impacts identified in those earlier reports discussed and addressed?
6. Noting that the City has committed to monitor traffic before and after the Macdonald Street extension opens, has the City set a threshold increase in traffic volumes, crashes or injuries that would trigger protective traffic management measures? If so, what is that threshold and what measures would be implemented?
7. Noting that (a) if the Ashmore Precinct development is completed as currently proposed, the precinct will have 4 access roads from Mitchell Road: Coulson Street, Alpha Street (new), the Macdonald Street extension (new) and Ashmore Street; (b) there will also be access to King Street and Erskineville Road via streets west of the rail line; and (c) the Ashmore precinct has been planned to have a very low level of car dependence. What is the rationale for providing 4 access roads between the Ashmore Precinct and Mitchell Road?
8. Noting that the proposed Macdonald Street extension is to be delivered under a voluntary planning agreement (VPA), can the VPA be further amended by agreement of the parties?
9. Does the VPA require the Macdonald Street extension to be permeable for general private motor vehicle traffic? Or could it be delivered as a pedestrian, cycling and emergency-vehicle connection, with general private motor vehicle traffic restricted to prevent rat-running?
10. Noting that Erskineville Public School's 2025 school travel survey reported that 74% of students usually walk, ride or scoot to school, and that the survey also recorded parents' concerns about traffic hazards on streets around the school. What assessment has the City undertaken of whether opening Macdonald Street to through traffic would increase traffic hazards, or discourage students from walking or riding to school? Provide details of that assessment.

11. What assessment has the City undertaken of the risk that heavy, over-height vehicles will continue from Maddox Street onto Macdonald Street and strike the low railway bridge, after the new road opens and if a right turn ban is implemented?
12. Noting that the letter sent by the City to residents on 14 July 2026 (ref. OLM2026/003841) states that the proposed traffic signals will “provide a safe and comfortable way for people to walk and ride through the intersection”. Would a signalised intersection be safer than a fully protected, pedestrian-priority roundabout with traffic calming (Option 2 in the 2025 SCT Intersection Study), or safer than a priority intersection with traffic calming (Option 3 in the 2025 SCT Intersection Study)?
13. How many infringement notices have been issued for red-light offences detected by the camera at the nearby King Street/Sydney Park Road intersection, for each of the five most recent years for which data are available?
14. Has the City assessed the feasibility, costs, benefits to local businesses, and benefits to the community of delivering a public plaza, or other people-centric space, between the two Ashmore retail and dining centres, as proposed by the community?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. For the finalisation of the planning controls in 2013, AECOM were commissioned by the City to undertake modelling to assess the impacts of development over a number of stages of redevelopment. This was in addition to studies in 2005 and 2009. In the 2013 study, modelling allowed for the cumulative impacts of traffic to be assessed. The study recommended the signalisation of Maddox Street and Mitchell Road. The study identified that the majority of traffic is anticipated to travel east of the precinct along Mitchell Road and the impacts on existing streets west of the railway line will be limited and that additional traffic volumes are unlikely to cause congestion. It noted any necessary traffic calming measures to manage this relatively small scale traffic increase can be installed as and when necessary.
2. A right-turn ban from Maddox Street to Mitchell Road was proposed in the preferred signalised intersection concept plan prepared by SCT Consulting for the City of Sydney in their report dated 19 June 2025. The right-turn ban (during AM or PM peak or full-time) was proposed to deprioritise vehicles at the intersection and enable more phase time to be allocated to people walking and cycling through the intersection.

Assessment by SCT indicated that vehicles that would normally turn right from Maddox into Mitchell Road would use either Harley Street or Fountain Street from Euston Road/McEvoy Street instead.

It is important to note, that following further consideration after concerns raised that the turn bans could shift traffic to other streets instead of Mitchell Road, we reviewed the design and removed the proposed right-turn bans from Maddox Street. The latest design plan submitted to Transport for NSW allows the right turn from Maddox Street into Mitchell Road. Turn restrictions can be considered later if monitoring shows they are needed after the signals are implemented.

3. The City has not committed to implementing these measures now, which have impacts on other streets in the area.

The community put forward these suggestions at the Community Forum on 24 February 2026. When staff investigated this and other suggestions, they found these measures would heavily restrict access and egress for residents who live in the area west of the filter point (e.g. the rail bridge) and local traffic would need to divert via the reduced number of streets that provide access and egress for residents (which is already very limited), increasing local traffic on those residential streets – especially Macdonald Street, Rochford Street, Prospect Street, Union Street, Bray Street and Concord Street.

We have committed to (as stated in the 5 May and 29 August 2026 community sessions and outgoing correspondence):

- When the Macdonald Street extension opens, we will monitor the traffic conditions; collect data on traffic volumes and speeds; undertake site observations
 - We will use this information and the baseline data collected in March 2026 to review how the street network is operating, report on the findings; and investigate and engage the community on further traffic management measures if the street is not operating as intended.
4. [D/2023/962](#) was notified in accordance with the City's Community Engagement Strategy and Public Participation Plan which specifies the notification radius based on application type. In addition, the notification was signposted on the site frontages and published on the City's website. The determination of the application was via a [public meeting](#) of the Sydney Local Planning Panel.
 5. Approval of the public domain (D/2023/962) was consistent with the approved concept consent ([D/2015/966](#)) and [VPA/2015/39](#) (requiring delivery of the Ashmore Public Domain Strategy). The concept consent was consistent with Development Control Plan (DCP) Section 5.5. Preparation of the Planning Proposal and DCP was informed by the aforementioned traffic reports. There were no issues raised during the assessment of the public domain (D/2023/962) that warranted further traffic investigations.
 6. While traffic in the area will grow as the precinct develops, we expect the local road network to continue to operate at acceptable levels. As previously advised, staff have been asked to review if Macdonald Street is operating as expected once it is opened.

To support this work, staff collected baseline data in the area, including traffic volumes and speeds, earlier this year. We will collect data again 6 months after the Macdonald Street extension and signalised intersection opens, once travel patterns have settled.

If the extension does not function as intended, we can consider proposals from the community, as well as the options we presented at the second information session. In such complex conditions, there can be no single trigger or "threshold" that determines when we act, as some residents have asked. If any future changes are necessary, we will consult the community.

7. Section 5.5.1 of Development Control Plan (DCP) 2012 sets Council's objectives for the Ashmore precinct. Objective (e) states: introduce a permeable network of streets that responds to key connections and the surrounding historic street patterns of Erskineville and Alexandria. The extension of Macdonald Street was included in plans for the precinct from the first consultation in 2005 and the first DCP adopted in 2006. Of the 4 streets noted in the question, Alpha Street is a dead end that services the new buildings east of Kooka Walk only, while Coulson Street and Ashmore Street are existing access points and the north / south streets (Eve, Hadfields and Foundry Streets) into the precinct from those streets are narrow and designed primarily to give access to the adjoining property.
8. The development consents set out what has been sequentially approved. The executed VPA sets out how the public domain approvals are delivered. The VPA can't be amended such that it is inconsistent with an approval.

9. Yes, the VPA requires the Macdonald Street extension to be permeable for general private motor vehicle traffic. No, the Macdonald street extension cannot be delivered as a pedestrian, cycling and emergency-vehicle connection, with general private motor vehicle traffic restricted.

The executed VPA requires that the Macdonald Street extension to be permeable to vehicle traffic, including the upgrade of the intersection at Mitchell Road from a roundabout to traffic signals. To deliver the extension for only pedestrians, cycling and emergency vehicles, the approvals would need to be modified, and a variation to the VPA (if mutually agreed) prepared and exhibited for 28 days in accordance with the legislation. The VPA documents what we consider to be the best outcome and cannot be amended to be inconsistent with the consent approval.

10. The 2005 Transport Assessment of the Ashmore Street Estate Masterplan (Arup) noted a safe pedestrian crossing at Mitchell Road would be essential and traffic signals would be the most appropriate form of traffic control. The Ashmore Estate has been planned to be a low traffic neighbourhood with only 2 new access points for the development. Car parking rules cap the amount of parking that can be provided (sometimes called parking 'maximums') for new development and new streets being designed to slow cars.

Some residents have raised concerns that we are looking at various transport projects in isolation. Since 2018, Following our early modelling, we have undertaken extensive traffic and transport studies in the Erskineville and Alexandria area to transform local streets into places for people, where there is space to walk, ride, chat, rest and enjoy life.

Our 2021 Erskineville and Alexandria Traffic Study ('the Study') built on the earlier study from 2018. It looked closely at Park Street, Henderson Road, Mitchell Road, Maddox Street and Harley Street, where residents had raised particular concerns.

Council resolved to conduct the Study following requests from the community, and to help minimise the impacts of WestConnex. The Study aimed to improve local access, safety and amenity through better walking and cycling connections, improved traffic management, and reducing speed and traffic volumes on local roads.

We extensively consulted the community about the Study, including meeting with residents to present outcomes in February and September 2023, and public exhibition and feedback between May and June 2023. Council considered the community engagement outcomes at its meeting on 16 October 2023.

As of June 2026, the City has delivered \$9.2m in walking, cycling and traffic calming improvements in the Study area since 2018. A further \$5.5m of works are planned. You can read more about the Study and the works delivered and planned on our website at city.sydney/khe

11. This is a state rail bridge and enquiries would have to be directed to the NSW Government. From our experience and past studies, we don't expect Macdonald Street will be used as a thoroughfare to King Street. The bridge height limits are well sign-posted and drivers are responsible for knowing the height of their truck and planning their route accordingly. However, if our post-implementation monitoring finds this becomes a problem, we will implement measures to reduce that risk.

Once the extension of Macdonald Street is open, we do not expect it to become a preferred route for longer trips, such as travel between Mitchell Road and King Street. We expect more direct routes, such as Sydney Park Road, will continue to be preferred for through traffic rather than our narrow residential streets, which would take longer and be more circuitous.

The Ashmore public domain strategy, which includes our plans for streets and open spaces in the area, establishes a connected street network with a limited number of access points. Within this network, a connected Macdonald Street will allow people who need to access the Ashmore precinct by car to do so, particularly residents who live in the area. While it is intended to function as the main access street for traffic travelling to destinations within the Ashmore precinct, we have designed Macdonald Street as a low-speed, people-focused environment that will prioritise active transport, increase tree canopy, and calm traffic.

12. The SCT study dated 19 June 2025 commissioned by the City of Sydney assessed 4 options for the intersection:

Four options assessed:

- Traffic signals
- Traffic signals with kerb extensions
- Roundabout with raised crossings
- Priority Left In/Out Stop control with raised crossing

The traffic signals with kerb extensions is the preferred treatment because it achieves balanced outcomes for walking, cycling, buses, and general traffic compared to the other assessed options:

- **Cycling:** Dedicated bi-directional cycleway and crossing across Mitchell Road (north side) – good safety and access for cyclists; consistent with Cycling Strategy
- **Walking:** Introduce footpath widening at intersection to reduce pedestrian crossing distance. Reduces crossing distance for pedestrians and number of traffic lanes *(compared to conventional signals with dual lanes)*
- **Walking:** Pedestrian crossing on all approaches at the intersection and aligning with walking desire lines *(compared to roundabout which would have raised crossing offset from intersection for vehicle storage – diverting peds from desire line)*
- **Walking:** Right turn Bans into and out of Maddox Street (during AM/PM peak only or at all times). Reduces pedestrian/vehicle conflicts compared to conventional signals. Traffic rerouted to State Roads – Euston Road and Fountain Street (minimal impact to local traffic)
- **Public Transport:** Moderate delays to public transport (and general traffic) in PM peak (LoS C) *(compared to roundabout with crossings which would have longer delays in AM & PM peak (LoS F); or conventional dual lane signals LoS F > poor outcome for bus passengers)*

Priority left in/out stop control reduces delays due to lower traffic at the intersection and prioritises walking but diversions lead to increased traffic on surrounding local roads.

13. The NSW Government issues infringement notices for red-light offences detected by the cameras in NSW. The City does not have access to this data.
14. The City has planned for and approved a 7,400sqm McPherson Park and the 20 metre wide Kooka Walk as the public space within the precinct. In addition, Sydney Park and Erskineville Oval are within walking distance of the precinct.

Item 12 Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

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

Item 13 Notices of Motion**Item 13.1 Motion to Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Improving Share Bike Regulations for NSW**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) share bikes first appeared on Sydney streets in 2017. They have been allowed to operate unregulated by the NSW Government since this time
- (ii) share bikes provide an important transport option in the City of Sydney local government area, with more than 21,000 trips each day and around 10,000 share bikes in operation in our area
- (iii) however, there is strong community concern about bikes obstructing footpaths and reducing accessibility for people walking, including people with disability and those using mobility aids. These concerns cannot be resolved without strong regulation to require orderly parking and to enable effective enforcement, plus appropriate caps on share bike fleet sizes
- (iv) on 14 August 2026, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) commenced a staged implementation of a new statewide regulatory framework for shared e-bike and e-scooter schemes. This includes requirements for insurance, helmets, device standards, device identification, the provision of data on trips, crashes and complaints
- (v) however, the Transport for NSW regulations, as they stand, do not go far enough to ensure these bikes don't come at the expense of pedestrian safety, accessibility, and public amenity, as they:
 - (a) legalise footpath clutter by allowing share bikes to be parked 'within 3 metres' of the boundaries of bike parking bays that local councils designate for share bikes
 - (b) do not provide a workable parking enforcement solution for councils with regulations being simultaneously too permissive of poorly parked share bikes and too complex and impractical for rangers to fine share bike companies
 - (c) appear to give councils power over the number of share bikes deployed in our area by allowing us to nominate a 'target fleet size', but ultimately Transport for NSW will set the maximum fleet number
 - (d) put forward a funding model which favours Transport for NSW with 75% (\$0.60) of the per trip fee, leaving councils with the remaining \$0.20 per trip, even though councils are responsible for delivering on-the-ground solutions. Councils will need to spend precious resources applying for grants to access Transport for NSW funding, diverting time away from other projects

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the City of Sydney is advocating for the NSW Government to start with a small number of operators and a smaller number of devices. This can reset the system and create community support for increasing the number of bikes (and operators) over time
- (ii) as of July 2026, the City of Sydney had installed 85 on-road share bike parking bays and 166 on footpaths. There are 300 more micromobility parking bays (MP bays) planned by mid-2028 to provide for the more orderly parking of shared bikes
- (iii) the Lord Mayor has been raising concerns and calling for the NSW Government to introduce share bike regulations since 2017
- (iv) most recently the Lord Mayor met with the Minister for Transport on this matter in July 2026 and wrote to him after the regulations were released in August 2026

(C) Council endorse the submission of the following motion to the 2026 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

That Local Government NSW writes to the NSW Government seeking amendments to the shared micromobility regulatory framework to ensure councils have greater authority to manage shared micromobility operations in their areas, including that:

- (i) shared micromobility operators and users are required to comply with stronger parking controls, including with shared micromobility devices being required to be parked:
 - (a) within designated bays rather than on surrounding footpaths, in mandatory parking zones
 - (b) in a way that does not block footpaths – whether within a mandatory parking zone or in an area of “free floating” share bike parking
- (ii) councils are given practical enforcement powers to address non-compliant parking and reduce footpath clutter and accessibility impacts
- (iii) the NSW Government must determine the maximum number of shared micromobility operators deployed in a local government area based on council advice
- (iv) councils receive 75% of per-trip fees collected from shared micromobility operators.

Carried unanimously.

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**Item 13.2 Calling on the City of Sydney to Urgently Take Over Operation of
Goodstart Early Learning East Sydney**

Procedural Motion

At this stage of the meeting, it was moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That Item 13.2 be withdrawn as the matter had already been dealt with at Item 10.

Carried unanimously.

Item 13.3 Banning Smart Glasses in Our Pools, Libraries and Childcare Centres

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) smart glasses, which are fitted with cameras capable of capturing images and recording video, have become increasingly prevalent across Australia through low-cost retailers
- (ii) these glasses are discreetly worn, and may be used for non-consensual and inappropriate filming, creating significant implications, especially for women and children, who are disproportionately affected by the recording and distribution
- (iii) many of the recordings can be classified as potential harassment
- (iv) these glasses, however, are helpful to those with low vision, those experiencing deafness or hearing loss, or those with other accessibility needs

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the Attorney-General has encouraged councils in the media to take action to restrict these glasses
- (ii) smart glasses are not able to be used at City of Sydney pools
- (iii) the City has a range of local procedures that govern the operations of our education and care services and community centres. These procedures are regularly updated. Two procedures provide guidance to staff about the appropriate use of recording devices and the taking of images. The procedures allow for new technology and have been recently updated to specifically refer to smart glasses
- (iv) all visitors to City operated education and care services must sign in and out and be fully supervised by Educators while in the services. Any visitors required to take images or videos of children (for example, school photos, allied health, students) must seek separate authorisation/ permission from parents/guardians before this will be permitted and must provide evidence of this to the education and care service before proceeding. When events are held at services families are reminded by signage and verbally that they are not permitted to take images or videos and Educators maintain supervision throughout the event to ensure compliance
- (v) smart glasses have also been restricted in other local government areas in Australia:
 - (a) Brisbane City Council banned the non-consensual use of camera-enabled devices, including wearable technology, phones and cameras, from their 21 public swimming pools
 - (b) Gold Coast City Council is considering adopting a similar model to Brisbane
 - (c) Yarra City Council also banned smart glasses from their facilities

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) review and update, if necessary, Council's conditions of entry and other policies to ensure there is a ban on the use of "smart glasses" at Council leisure centres, libraries, council-run childcare centres, and community centres, subject to any necessary carve outs for people with disability, including people who are D/deaf or are blind or have low vision
- (ii) communicate any change in policy and procedure to users and relevant stakeholders as required, including by installing signage as necessary and providing relevant training to staff at these facilities.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.4 Climate Resilient Housing in the Waterloo (South) Redevelopment

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) summer air temperatures are becoming increasingly hotter due to global warming. Energy efficient heating and cooling is especially important in social housing because of the medical needs of residents, many of whom are at higher risk of health impacts from extreme heat
- (ii) the City of Sydney's 2025 [microclimate mapping](#) found that areas with a high concentration of social housing were among the hottest areas in the City, specifically Surry Hills, Waterloo, Redfern, and Glebe
- (iii) the [Homes NSW Heating and Cooling Policy](#) states air conditioners are an important climate change adaptation measure to minimise tenant heat stress. It further states that Homes NSW will provide energy efficient reverse cycle air conditioning units and solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to all new properties in all National Construction Code climate zones where possible
- (iv) however, in August 2026, REDWatch was advised by Stockland that new social housing in Waterloo South will not have reverse cycle air-conditioning, as it was not included in the scope of the redevelopment when issued by Homes NSW. Stockland say they will design the homes so that reverse cycle air-conditioning can be retrofitted
- (v) to assist with passive environmental and energy design as set out in the NSW Apartment Design Guide, all apartments at Waterloo South must be treated equally. Reverse cycle air-conditioning must be provided in social housing as one of several measures that help to achieve climate resilience. Compared to other devices, reverse cycle air conditioning offers the safest and most affordable method for residents to heat their homes, and most effective method to cool their homes
- (vi) without reverse cycle air conditioning as standard, residents in social housing many of whom are on low or very low incomes will be left to rely on cheap space heaters that use relatively higher amounts of energy, are costly to operate and can create significant fire risk when placed near flammable materials or left unattended
- (vii) in the City's submission to the Waterloo People and Place Plan, at Action 7.11, we recommended the plan ensures social housing dwellings have access to both mechanical cooling and heating devices such as ceiling fans or reverse air conditioning and heating, not just natural ventilation

(B) Council further note that the Lord Mayor wrote to the NSW Minister for Housing asking her to prioritise the health and safety of residents and ensure new social housing at Waterloo South is climate resilient and achieves thermal comfort including by installing reverse cycle air conditioning.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.5 Reopening Ultimo Library on Weekends

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that Ultimo library:

- (i) opened in 1996, marking its 30th anniversary with a community open day on 20 June 2026
- (ii) provides an important free, accessible, public third space for the Ultimo and Pymont communities
- (iii) hosts community programming, such as the popular Rhymetime, and access to the City's extensive collection of books, newspapers and magazines
- (iv) will serve as an important space to cool down in the coming summer months as the City experiences another El Nino weather event

(B) Council further note Ultimo Village Voice:

- (i) has been campaigning for the Ultimo Library to be reopened for 4 hours every Saturday since its operating hours were reduced following the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020
- (ii) wrote to Councillors and City staff on 12 July 2026 requesting an extension of Ultimo Library operating hours

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate opening the Ultimo library on weekends for a minimum of 4 hours every Saturday (ongoing) for Council's consideration as part of the preparation of the 2027/28 Operational Plan
- (ii) report back to Council on the progress of this plan.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.6 The NSW Police Raids on Oxford Street Must be Stopped

By Councillor Worling

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on Saturday night, 12 September 2026, between 12 and 20 police officers raided multiple LGBTQI+ venues, including Darlinghurst's Universal, Palms, Arq, The Beresford and Kinselas, among others
- (ii) this is the second such "intelligence-led" operation on the Oxford Street Precinct in three months, coordinated to target the supply and use of prohibited drugs, and antisocial behaviour
- (iii) the first raid, over the weekend of 12 to 13 June 2026, during Pride Month, resulted in numerous reports of police heavy-handedness, intimidation and disrespectful and aggressive behaviour, not normative community policing
- (iv) these police operations have left the LGBTQIA+ community traumatised, eroded their trust in police and have undermined drug harm minimisation
- (v) these operations also impact a traditionally strained relationship between the police and the LGBTQIA+ community, echoing the darkest chapters in Sydney's queer history such as the first Mardi Gras in June 1978, which ended in violence at the hands of police, and the Club 80 raids in 1983
- (vi) prompted by a massive volume of complaints -- the most received regarding police conduct in over a decade -- Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich and Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore wrote a joint letter to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) in June 2026, requesting an investigation into the police actions at LGBTQIA+ venues along Oxford Street
- (vii) the probe initially cleared the officers involved of wrongdoing, but the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission ordered NSW Police to reopen the misconduct investigation into the conduct of officers operating in the inner-city precinct; however, this second operation, on 12 September 2026, proceeded despite the ongoing investigation

(B) Council further note:

- (i) Oxford Street's queer venues, staff, performers and patrons should not have to accept this heavy-handed level of policing and intimidation as the new normal
- (ii) such raids, which at the most generally only result in arrests for low level offences rather than serious crimes, are a grave cause of concern because:
 - (a) they increase public distrust of and anxiety about the NSW Police Force
 - (b) they severely risk public confidence in the setting of policing priorities, particularly at a time when there is significant public concern about the apparent failure of NSW Police to prevent violent crimes against innocent people
 - (c) often aggressive, high-visibility policing tactics do not stop consumption, but instead, change behaviour in dangerous ways. Examples include panic consumption or preloading, which can increase the risk of acute overdoses or severe medical emergencies

- (iii) the commercial impact of these raids is also significant for LGBTIQ+ venues. Patrons who feel intimidated or unsafe do not necessarily return the following week and attendance takes time to rebuild
 - (iv) small businesses should not be expected to repeatedly absorb tens of thousands of dollars in losses when these operations produce no meaningful enforcement outcome
 - (v) these invasive police operations directly undermine the work venues, promoters and the City itself are doing to rebuild Sydney's reputation as a vibrant international nightlife destination. They also fundamentally contradict the recommendations from the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ+ hate crimes, the current Labor Government's \$150 million nightlife vibrancy reforms agenda, and the City's ongoing revitalisation of the Oxford Street Precinct
 - (vi) funding allocated to sniffer dogs and invasive raids would be better directed to community-led LGBTIQ+ safety teams, harm reduction services, and peer-support networks
 - (vii) public safety and disrupting illegal drug supply are legitimate objectives, but repeated large-scale operations concentrated on the same strip, producing no arrests or charges, are doing more harm than good
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Police Minister Yasmin Catley requesting:
- (i) context and transparency around the intelligence driving these repeated operations and why they continue to be concentrated on LGBTIQ+ venues
 - (ii) that the September 2026 operation be examined by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, with the findings, including the cost to taxpayers and data on the effectiveness of sniffer dogs, made public
 - (iii) a mechanism allowing affected venues and promoters to seek financial reimbursement for demonstrable lost revenue resulting from future "intelligence-led" operations that produce no arrests or charges
 - (iv) the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission attend future operations of this scale to provide independent oversight of how staff and patrons are treated
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate education and promotion of LGBTIQ+ rights to the LGBTIQ+ community and report back via the CEO Update.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Worling. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

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 - (ii) that the September 2026 operation be examined by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, with the findings, including the cost to taxpayers and data on the effectiveness of sniffer dogs, made public
 - (iii) a mechanism allowing affected venues and promoters to seek financial reimbursement for demonstrable lost revenue resulting from future “intelligence-led” operations that produce no arrests or charges
 - (iv) the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission attend future operations of this scale to provide independent oversight of how staff and patrons are treated
 - (v) that the Minister address each and all of the matters raised in this Motion
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to send a copy of this Motion to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate education and promotion of LGBTQIA+ rights to the LGBTQIA+ community and report back via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.7 Vale Anthony William Mundine OAM (Uncle Tony)

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent passing of Anthony William Mundine OAM, known to many as Uncle Tony, on Sunday 30 August 2026, aged 75
 - (a) Uncle Tony, a proud Bundjalung man, was born on 9 June 1951 at Baryulgil, near Grafton on the north coast of New South Wales
 - (b) he moved to Sydney as a young man and learned his craft at Ern McQuillan's gym in Newtown, making his professional debut in 1969
 - (c) over a professional career spanning 15 years, Uncle Tony fought 96 times for 80 wins, 64 of them by knockout. He remains the only Australian boxer to have competed professionally across 4 weight divisions
 - (d) he held Australian titles at middleweight, light heavyweight, cruiserweight and heavyweight, as well as Commonwealth titles at middleweight and light heavyweight, and reigned as Australian light heavyweight champion from 1975 until his retirement in 1984
 - (e) in October 1974, Uncle Tony travelled to Buenos Aires to challenge Carlos Monzon for the world middleweight title, at a time when few Aboriginal athletes were given the opportunity to compete on the world stage
 - (f) in 1986, Uncle Tony was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to sport and to Aboriginal youth. He received the Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sport in 2004 and was inducted into the Australian National Boxing Hall of Fame in 2005
 - (g) beyond the ring, Uncle Tony's greatest legacy is in Redfern. For decades he ran his gym at The Block, where generations of young people, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, found strength, discipline, guidance and a sense of belonging
 - (h) he was a much-loved son of Redfern, a former player for the Redfern All Blacks, and a steady and familiar presence in our community for more than 50 years
 - (i) Uncle Tony was farewelled at Redfern Oval on Saturday 5 September 2026 by family, community and friends from across the country, where he was remembered as a steady anchor, an unending source of wisdom and a warm embrace
 - (j) he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, the father of world champion Anthony Mundine and the grandfather of professional boxer Rahim Mundine. In the words of his family, he was loved, he is loved, and he will be forever loved
 - (k) Uncle Tony was a trailblazer for Aboriginal people in sport, and his achievements in the ring were matched by his service to community. He will be greatly missed

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the family of Uncle Tony Mundine OAM expressing Council's condolences
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Uncle Tony Mundine OAM and his commitment and contribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, as well as the broader community.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to Anthony William Mundine OAM.

Item 13.8 Vale The Honourable Mary Gaudron KC

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent passing of the Honourable Mary Genevieve Gaudron, the first woman appointed to the High Court of Australia, on Sunday 13 September 2026, aged 83
 - (a) Mary Gaudron was born in Moree, in north-west New South Wales, on 5 January 1943, the eldest child of Edward and Grace Gaudron. Her father worked for the New South Wales railways
 - (b) growing up in Moree, she witnessed firsthand the segregation imposed on Aboriginal people, who were kept off the town's buses, barred from the municipal pool, roped off in a separate section of the picture theatre and largely kept out of the local school. She later said that some people were treated as "more equal than others", and the experience shaped her lifelong opposition to discrimination in all its forms
 - (c) she won a bursary to board at St Ursula's College in Armidale and a Commonwealth scholarship to the University of Sydney, graduating in law with first class honours and the University Medal in 1965, the first woman to do so as a part-time student
 - (d) despite her results, law firms refused her articles because it was not their policy to take on women. She was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1968 and, in 1972, became the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Bar Council
 - (e) in 1972, she appeared for the Commonwealth in the national Equal Pay Case, which extended the principle of equal pay for work of equal value to working women across Australia
 - (f) in 1974, at the age of 31, she was appointed Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, the youngest person ever appointed to federal judicial office, where she presided over the 1979 maternity leave test case
 - (g) in 1981, she became Solicitor General of New South Wales, the first woman to hold that office in any Australian jurisdiction, and the first woman appointed Queen's Counsel in New South Wales
 - (h) on 6 February 1987, at the age of 44, she was sworn in as a Justice of the High Court of Australia, the first woman in the Court's history. She served on the Court for 16 years until her retirement in 2003
 - (i) in *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* in 1992, she formed part of the majority that rejected the doctrine of terra nullius and recognised native title in Australian law. Her joint judgment with Justice William Deane described the dispossession of Aboriginal people as "the darkest aspect of the history of this nation". Those words, and that decision, changed this country

- (j) her judgments in cases including *Dietrich v The Queen* and *Street v Queensland Bar Association* reflected a consistent commitment to fairness, to equality before the law and to the rights of the individual
 - (k) after leaving the High Court, she served as a judge of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization in Geneva from 2003, and as its President from 2011 to 2014
 - (l) she was the founding Patron of Australian Women Lawyers and a mentor and inspiration to generations of women in the law
 - (m) she is survived by her daughters Danielle and Julianne and her son Patrick
 - (n) Mary Gaudron will be remembered as a trailblazer, a fierce intellect and a woman of deep integrity and compassion, whose work made this country fairer. She will be greatly missed
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the family of the Honourable Mary Gaudron KC expressing Council's condolences
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of the Honourable Mary Gaudron KC and her contribution to the law, to the rights of women and of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to the Australian community.

Carried unanimously.

X113759

Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to the Honourable Mary Gaudron KC.

Item 13.9 Motion to Local Government NSW Annual Conference – Homelessness Support for People Seeking Asylum and Temporary Visa Holders

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) the City, through its Homelessness Action Plan, acknowledges its commitment to all people in the city experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- (ii) the City's homelessness response is widely recognised as sector-leading, providing vital support to address service gaps and meet the needs of people who are excluded from other services, including on the basis of residency status
- (iii) the Plan compels the City to monitor issues facing at-risk groups and to advocate to other levels of government to address emerging needs
- (iv) in April 2026, Council unanimously supported a motion, calling on the NSW and federal government to provide support for non-resident rough sleepers, as part of Council's response to the sad and untimely death of Bikram Lama

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the Local Government NSW Conference will be held in Wollongong in November 2026
- (ii) while immigration is a federal responsibility and housing policy is set by the federal and state governments, councils are on the frontline of the effort to tackle homelessness, responding to people based on need not on visa status
- (iii) the NSW Homelessness Strategy (2025-2035) recognises asylum seekers, temporary visa holders, and undocumented people as a distinct group facing unique risks of homelessness, and barriers to assistance. However, non-residents are excluded from many of the state's housing products and services
- (iv) that organisations such as the Refugee Council of Australia identify temporary visa holders, international students, people seeking asylum, and certain New Zealand citizens as cohorts that face distinct barriers and experience hidden homelessness
- (v) that while the City of Sydney, along with other councils across the state, provides funding for support services for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness regardless of visa or residency status, gaps in resourcing limit the ability of councils and other frontline services to adequately respond to the growing demand for these supports

- (C) Council endorse the submission of the following motion to the 2026 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW and Australian Governments to:

- (a) expand Homes NSW eligibility for key housing products for temporary visa holders experiencing homelessness, including Rent Choice Start Safely, Rent Start Bond Loan and Rent Advance
- (b) request targeted funding for frontline homelessness and asylum agencies that support non-residents who are excluded from mainstream services due to their visa status
- (c) provide resourcing through the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness to improve access to information, referrals, crisis assistance and appropriate homelessness and housing support for temporary visa holders experiencing homelessness
- (d) ensure people seeking asylum on temporary visas have the right to work, access to Medicare, and access to existing financial assistance in times of crisis, so they can support themselves and their families.

Carried unanimously.

X113765

Item 13.10 A Long Term Home for FBi Radio

By Councillor Arkins

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) FBi Radio is an independent, not-for-profit community radio station that has championed Sydney's emerging and independent music, arts and culture for more than 2 decades
- (ii) FBi Radio commenced full-time broadcasting on 94.5FM in August 2003 and has operated from its studios at 44–54 Botany Road, Alexandria since that time
- (iii) FBi Radio has played a unique role in Sydney's cultural life by providing a platform for emerging artists, musicians, broadcasters and creatives, particularly those who may otherwise struggle to gain exposure through commercial media
- (iv) the station maintains a strong commitment to local music, with 50% of music played being Australian and half of that coming from Sydney artists
- (v) FBi Radio supports more than 500 volunteers and emerging creatives each year, providing opportunities to develop skills and pathways in broadcasting, media and the creative industries
- (vi) access to affordable and secure space is an increasing challenge for cultural and creative organisations across inner Sydney, particularly organisations that require specialised facilities and cannot simply relocate into conventional commercial office space
- (vii) after more than 2 decades at its current premises, FBi Radio is seeking to secure a new long-term home from which it can continue broadcasting and supporting Sydney's music, arts and cultural communities
- (viii) retaining organisations such as FBi Radio within the City of Sydney is important to maintaining the cultural infrastructure that underpins Sydney's live music, nightlife and creative economy
- (ix) the City has a longstanding role in supporting cultural organisations through its property portfolio, grants programs, planning policies and partnerships with other levels of government and the private sector

(B) Council further note that FBi Radio is an important part of Sydney's cultural identity and that securing an appropriate, affordable and long-term home for the station would help ensure it can continue serving Sydney's music and creative communities for decades to come

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) meet with representatives of FBi Radio to understand its future accommodation requirements and the appropriateness of their current premises
- (ii) provide FBi Radio with information about the City's accommodation grants program and add FBi Radio to the accommodation grants mailing list so they are notified of any expression of interest opportunities in the City of Sydney

- (iii) provide an update to Council on this work via the CEO Update
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for the Arts and the Federal Minister for the Arts requesting engagement with FBi Radio around state and federal opportunities to secure them a long term home.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Arkins. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) fbi radio is an independent, not-for-profit community radio station that has championed Sydney's emerging and independent music, arts and culture for more than 2 decades
 - (ii) fbi radio commenced full-time broadcasting on 94.5FM in August 2003 and has operated from its studios at 44–54 Botany Road, Alexandria since that time
 - (iii) fbi radio has played a unique role in Sydney's cultural life by providing a platform for emerging artists, musicians, broadcasters and creatives, particularly those who may otherwise struggle to gain exposure through commercial media
 - (iv) the station maintains a strong commitment to local music, with 50% of music played being Australian and half of that coming from Sydney artists
 - (v) fbi radio supports more than 500 volunteers and emerging creatives each year, providing opportunities to develop skills and pathways in broadcasting, media and the creative industries
 - (vi) access to affordable and secure space is an increasing challenge for cultural and creative organisations across inner Sydney, particularly organisations that require specialised facilities and cannot simply relocate into conventional commercial office space
 - (vii) after more than 2 decades at its current premises, fbi radio is seeking to secure a new long-term home from which it can continue broadcasting and supporting Sydney's music, arts and cultural communities
 - (viii) retaining organisations such as fbi radio within the City of Sydney is important to maintaining the cultural infrastructure that underpins Sydney's live music, nightlife and creative economy
 - (ix) the City has a longstanding role in supporting cultural organisations through its property portfolio, grants programs, planning policies and partnerships with other levels of government and the private sector
- (B) Council further note that fbi radio is an important part of Sydney's cultural identity and that securing an appropriate, affordable and long-term home for the station would help ensure it can continue serving Sydney's music and creative communities for decades to come

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) meet with representatives of fbi radio to understand its future accommodation requirements and the appropriateness of their current premises
- (ii) provide fbi radio with information about the City's accommodation grants program and add fbi radio to the accommodation grants mailing list so they are notified of any expression of interest opportunities in the City of Sydney
- (iii) provide an update to Council on this work via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 13.11 The City of Sydney Backs the Fix Our Feeds Campaign

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) social media platforms increasingly rely on algorithmic recommender systems that determine what content users see based on their behaviour, interests and engagement
- (ii) these systems are designed to maximise engagement and can amplify content that provokes strong emotional responses, including outrage, fear and anger
- (iii) in December 2025, Australian consent education organisation Teach Us Consent launched the Fix Our Feeds campaign, calling on the Australian Government to require social media platforms to make personalised algorithmic feeds opt-in rather than the default
- (iv) under the proposal, social media users would by default see content from people and accounts they have chosen to follow, with users able to actively consent to turning personalised algorithmic recommendations on or off
- (v) Teach Us Consent has highlighted the particular impact of recommender algorithms on young men and boys, including research finding that social media accounts designed to mimic boys aged 16 to 18 can be served misogynistic content within 23 minutes
- (vi) 73% of Gen Z social media users surveyed have reported seeing misogynistic content online, while 78% of Australians surveyed believe social media users should have greater control over the content they see
- (vii) algorithmic amplification can expose users to misogyny, racism, homophobia, harmful body image and eating disorder content, misinformation and other material that can contribute to social isolation, division and harm
- (viii) the Fix Our Feeds campaign applies the principle of affirmative and informed consent to our digital lives, recognising that people should have genuine choice over whether their behaviour and data are used to determine the content they are shown
- (ix) on 2 September 2026, Teach Us Consent founder and CEO Chanel Contos addressed the National Press Club calling for the Australian Government to adopt an opt-in model for social media algorithms
- (x) the Australian Government is currently considering reforms to give Australians greater control over algorithmically recommended content as part of its development of a digital duty of care for online platforms
- (xi) creating safer online environments, reducing gender-based violence and misogyny, supporting the wellbeing of young people and strengthening social cohesion are important issues for communities across the City of Sydney

- (B) Council:
- (i) endorse Teach Us Consent's Fix Our Feeds campaign and its call for social media algorithms to be opt-in rather than enabled by default
 - (ii) support the principle that social media users should have genuine and informed control over whether they receive personalised algorithmic content
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Social Services and Member for Sydney, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP and the Minister for Communications, the Hon Anika Wells MP:
- (i) advising them of Council's endorsement of the Fix Our Feeds campaign
 - (ii) expressing Council's support for an opt-in model for social media algorithms
 - (iii) urging the Australian Government to include strong measures giving users genuine control over algorithmically recommended content in digital duty of care reforms
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier, the Hon Chris Minns MP, Attorney General, the Hon Michael Daley MP and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Hon Jodie Harrison MP:
- (i) advising them of Council's endorsement of the Fix Our Feeds campaign
 - (ii) expressing Council's support for an opt-in model for social media algorithms
 - (iii) urging the NSW Government to also advocate to the Commonwealth to give social media users genuine control over algorithmically recommended content in digital duty of care reforms.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 13.12 Congratulating the City Archives on 50 Years

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) that 2026 marks 50 years since the City of Sydney Council appointed our first official archivist, in 1976
- (ii) since then, the archives have become an invaluable resource for staff at the City, for Councillors, professional researchers, and members of the community, holding over one million items spanning maps, building plans, photographs and more
- (iii) the availability of the archives has recently expanded, with more than 46,000 town clerk records recently being digitised
- (iv) that through digitisation, the archives have taken on a whole new life, with people all over the world able to explore their memories of and connections to Sydney
- (v) that the archives help shape our understanding of who we are, through ensuring we don't forget the people who have shaped our city
- (vi) that the story of the archives has been brought to life through a number of recent events, including Stories from the City Archives at Darling Square Library on Thursday 10 September 2026, a free talk held as a part of history week, which was well attended by the community and very much enjoyed

(B) the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be requested to jointly write to:

- (i) the current City Archivist, Janet Villata, congratulating her and her team on their momentous anniversary, and thanking them for facilitating celebratory events for both staff and the local community
- (ii) previous City archivists, where possible, thanking them for their contribution to our City.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 13.13 Engaging Young People Better

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney has one of the youngest resident populations in Australia, with young people forming a significant part of the communities that live, work and study in our local area
- (ii) young people are particularly affected by many decisions made by Council, including decisions about housing, public space, transport, climate change, recreation, culture and nightlife, community facilities and local services
- (iii) the City's current approach to engaging young people is outlined in the [Community Engagement Strategy](#) and Community Participation Plan 2025-2029
- (iv) the City has a strong history of supporting the participation of young people in civic life, including through the Emerging Civic Leaders and Youth Opportunities programs, which seek to include young voices in community decision-making and the City's Youth Week celebrations
- (v) the City currently engages young people:
 - (a) through [dedicated engagement initiatives](#) for our major strategies such as Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision
 - (b) as part of reviews of our services and programs for young people
 - (c) in the design of new and upgraded parks, open spaces and facilities
- (vi) there are a significant number of young people who live, work and study in the City of Sydney whose experiences and ideas are essential in shaping Sydney's future
- (vii) the Chief Executive Officer has committed to reviewing youth services across the City of Sydney and will soon also begin reviewing the City's social strategy, A City For All. Planning is already underway to engage young people as part of both processes

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate ways to engage young people more strategically on matters that affect them, such as through youth panels, roundtables, workshops, surveys, focus groups and in conjunction with youth service providers, to provide independent advice to the City on policies, strategies, programs and projects that affect young people, and report back to Council via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

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At 7.47 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on Monday 26 October 2026 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.