Item 9

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 9 November 2026

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 14 September 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that:

- Redfern Legal Centre Ltd has been recommended for funding. She has worked with their Principal Solicitor on police strip search issues in her previous work in the music industry

- Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd who has been recommended for funding. She knows one of their board members, Peggy Dwyer, who was counsel assisting in the coronial inquest into 6 music festival deaths and she met during her time working in the music industry

- fbi radio, who have not been recommended for funding, she has worked with on another matter recently

- Older Women's Network New South Wales Inc, who have not been recommended for funding. She knows one of their board members who has been a candidate for Labor at the City of Sydney Local Government elections.

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 Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that this item includes the allocation of grant funding though Council's Food Support projects. In the past months, she has supported campaigns calling for the ongoing support of food support grants for organisations supporting people in the city, including one of the applicants who is recommended for funding for this item.

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

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she has supported Addison Road and Plate It Forward in the past. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she had no involvement in, or discussion about, the outcomes of the above grant rounds.

Councillor Matthew Thompson disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that he is a former employee of Addison Road Community Centre. Councillor Thompson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because it has been many years since his employment and he has nothing to gain on this matter. He has not discussed this grant application with any parties at Addison Road Community Centre.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The Community Services and Facilities Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.3

Grants - Social and Community Grants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Social and community projects, Food support projects and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund as shown at Attachments A, C and H to the subject report

(B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended for the Social and community projects, Food support projects and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund as shown at Attachments B, D and I to the subject report

(C) Council note that all amounts to be paid to grant recipients under the Social and community grants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund programs are exclusive of GST

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants Policy

(E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided.

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

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