Item 10

Report of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee - 9 November 2026

Item 10.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee of Monday 19 October 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 on the agenda, in that the general manager of Sydney Comedy Festival is a close friend of hers. They are not recommended for funding in the economics grants program. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they did not contact her about this item.

- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 on the agenda, in that Councillor Yvonne Weldon is a board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council which has been recommended for funding under the economic grants program. Councillor Weldon is also a member of the Labor Party, and this is a grant.

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

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 on the agenda, in that she is a board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, who is recommended for funding.

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

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee.

The Innovation, Business and Economy Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.3

Grants - Economic Grants

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Economic grants program as shown at Attachments A (Precinct and place activation) and C (Innovation and business capacity building) to the subject report

(B) Council note the applicants not recommended for funding as shown at Attachments B (Precinct and place activation) and D (Innovation and business capacity building) to the subject report

(C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to 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 Innovation, Business and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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