Item 14.2

Notices of Motion

Future of Wentworth Park Town Hall Report Back

By Councillor Thompson

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

(i) the NSW Government announced in 2020 that the greyhound racing track at Wentworth Park will be demolished in the upcoming years with the Crown land transferred to the City of Sydney. In October 2026, the final greyhound race was held

(ii) the City of Sydney, alongside community groups and animal advocacy organisations, have long advocated for the end of greyhound racing locally and for the park to be returned to the people

(iii) community consultation was held in 2022 to develop future plans, leading to the creation and endorsement of 'Wentworth Park Vision and Structure Plan', by Council last year, which outlined the City's plan for the park once greyhound racing ended

(iv) the City of Sydney will continue to consult with the community as it develops the detailed Concept Plans for Wentworth Park

(v) the NSW Government will begin demolishing the track in October 2028, after which, they will hand the land over to the City of Sydney

(B) Council further note:

(i) on 28 October 2026, Kobi Shetty, Greens MP for Balmain, held an event with Councillors Matthew Thompson and Sylvie Ellsmore at the Ultimo Community Centre to discuss the future of Wentworth Park, with over 80 in attendance

(ii) representatives from resident action groups, sporting clubs, interest groups, and the Lord Mayor's office attended the meeting

(iii) residents largely supported the City's 'Wentworth Park Vision and Structure Plan', created in 2025, but expressed the need for more consideration of a few aspects, including:

(a) the need to protect existing mature trees and expand the tree canopy through new plantings

(b) a desire to support a mix of different active and passive uses of the park, including through creating fields usable by many different sporting codes

(c) the importance of ensuring pedestrians and cyclists can safely co-exist in the park

(d) concern regarding the environmental impacts of demolishing the grandstand

(e) the need to manage any increases in traffic resulting from more use of the park

(f) the importance of protecting and supporting the rough sleeping population throughout any construction

(g) support for the reintroduction of a wetlands to part of the park and broader efforts to create habitat for native birds, pollinators and other species

(h) ensuring the facilities that are built are going to be useful and accessible to the local community

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to take this feedback into account when developing the detailed concept plans for Wentworth Park and before consultation opens again on further Wentworth Park plans.

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