

Item 11**Questions on Notice****1. Brown Street Community Hall Accessibility Timing**

By Councillor Scott

Question

In March 2024, Councillor Scott moved a motion to improve the accessibility in Brown Street Community Hall, requesting the Chief Executive Officer to outline the steps required to include the Brown Street Community Hall in a future whole of-building upgrade program to ensure full compliance with current accessibility standards and to abide by the current heritage listing.

The City has advised accessibility upgrades to the Brown Street Community Hall are currently funded in the outer years of the 10-year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). A review of works required and feasibility to make the hall accessible will commence in FY25.

Noting this:

1. What is the current timeframe for the completion of the Brown Street Community Hall accessibility upgrades?
2. Is it possible to provide an interim solution to ensure members of the community can access the hall currently?
3. If no, why not?
4. Has there been a reduction in Brown Street Community Hall usage due to the current lack of accessibility?

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2. Bartlett Lane Bins Update

By Councillor Jarrett

On Monday 22 April and Wednesday 24 April 2024, community pop-up sessions were held by City staff to address the ongoing systemic issues around the Bartlett Lane community bins scheme.

Question

1. Has the Council finalised their observations and community consultation on the Bartlett Lane bins scheme?
2. If not, why not?

3. If so, what is the City's final recommendation? Will the community bins scheme continue or will the City be implementing individual bins?
4. Could a CEO Update be prepared to outline this information?

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3. Share Bikes Letter

By Councillor Scott

On 12 July 2024, a letter was sent from the Lord Mayor regarding Share Bikes.

Question

1. Where was this letter delivered to?
2. Were all residences in the City provided the letter? If not, why not?
3. What was the cost of the printing and delivery of the Share Bikes letter?

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4. IT Tenders in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. When was the last time an IT tender has been through a competitive, multiple party tender process?
2. How many IT tenders in the last 15 years (broken down, year by year) have not gone through the competitive, multiple party tender process?
3. What percentage of all IT Tenders in the last 15 years (broken down, year by year) have gone through the competitive, multiple party tender process?

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5. Sydney City News

By Councillor Scott

In July 2024, the City published 'Sydney City News'.

Question

1. The news noted "since 2004 we have delivered budget surplus every year" in light of this:
 - (a) Broken down year by year, over the last 20 years how many City budgets forecast a surplus?
 - (b) Broken down year by year, over the last 20 years how many City budgets forecast a deficit?
2. The news noted "more than 5,213 new affordable rental homes in perpetuity in our local area by 2026", in light of this, what are the locations for the new 5,213 affordable houses?
3. The news noted "3,263 affordable homes either built or in the pipeline", in light of this, what are the locations for the 3,263 affordable homes?
4. The news noted "2,029 affordable and social housing dwellings have been provided or are being constructed in the City of Sydney", in light of this:
 - (a) How many of these dwellings have been completed?
 - (b) Of the completed dwellings, how many are vacant?
 - (c) Of the dwelling still under construction, what is the timeline of completion for each?
 - (d) Broken down by suburb, where are the location for these dwellings?
5. The news noted "\$15.9 million to improve community centres... \$7.5 million on Green Square Public School shared community spaces and \$4.8 million on the development of the Huntley Street Recreation Centre", in light of this:
 - (a) Where will the additional \$3.6 million be allocated?
 - (b) In what year will the Green Square Public School shared community space be complete?
 - (c) In what year will the Huntley Street Recreation Centre be complete?
6. The news noted "Victoria Street and Erskineville Road are next in line" for precinct enhancements. In light of this:
 - (a) In what year will the Victoria Street precinct enhancements begin?
 - (b) In what year will the Victoria Street precinct enhancements be complete?
 - (c) In what year will the Erskineville Road Street precinct enhancements begin?

- (d) In what year will the Erskineville Road precinct enhancements be complete?
- 7. The news noted “plans to fund and deliver a Creative Land Trust”, in light of this what is the funding allocated, broken down year by year, for a 10 year forward estimate?
- 8. The news noted the City will be “expanding the EV charging network”, in light of this:
 - (a) How many EV chargers will be provided to the City?
 - (b) Where will these EV chargers be located?
 - (c) When will these EV chargers be delivered, broken down by each new charger?
- 9. The news noted due to the WestConnex affected Sydney Park “with avenues of trees removed... remediated with new tree and shrub planting”, in light of this:
 - (a) How many trees were removed for the WestConnex?
 - (b) How many trees were re-planted to compensate for this loss?
 - (c) We understand due to the offset replacement planting within the City’s streets and parks 59 trees were planted in Alexandria as of 13 May 2024. Were all these trees for Sydney Park?
- 10. How much has it cost to print and deliver the Sydney City News?
- 11. Where was the Sydney City News delivered to?
- 12. Were all residences in the City provided the brochure? If not, why not?

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6. Council investments as of June 2024

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

- 1. Of the total cash investments of \$764.1M held by the City of Sydney as of 30 June 2024, how much in total is considered ‘unrestricted’?
- 2. Of the City’s cash investments which are considered ‘unrestricted’, what amounts have been earmarked for specific activities or projects? Please provide details including:
 - (a) What are these activities or projects for which ‘unrestricted’ cash investments are earmarked, and how much has been earmarked for each?
 - (b) When or over what timeline will these activities or projects require funding? (that is, when will the funding be needed)?
 - (c) In what report or document is this list of activities or projects for which ‘unrestricted’ funding is earmarked reported?

3. What is the amount of developer contributions within the City's total cash and investments?
4. What is the amount of affordable housing contributions in the development account of any of the City's total cash and investments?
5. How much of the City's total cash and investments has been earmarked for affordable housing, including grants for affordable housing? Please provide details.
6. What is the value of Council's commercial property investments, as of 30 June 2024?
7. What amounts, if any, within the cash and investments are earmarked to purchase commercial investment properties?
8. Under Council's investment policies, what return on investment or yield does the Council aim to achieve, with its commercial property investments? In what documents are these details outlined?
9. Other than cash and commercial properties, what other investments does the council have? What is the value of these investments? Where can information about these investments be found?

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7. Value and Cost of Lighting Installation and Maintenance

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. As reported to the elected Councillors at Item 7 of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee Report from 22 July 2024, the previous tender for Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance ('lighting maintenance') was in 2011.
 - (a) What was the value and length of the contracts entered into, under this tender?
 - (b) What was the original estimated value of the previous tender?
 - (c) Which companies received work under this previous tender?
 - (d) What was the total value of work completed under this previous tender?
 - (e) What the total value of work completed under this previous tender, per company who completed work?
 - (f) Do any of the companies that completed work under this previous tender have current contracts or tender for work with the City of Sydney? If yes, please provide details.
2. Item 7 of Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee Report from 22 July 2024 recommends that Council enter into a contract with Tenderer B for the Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance:
 - (a) What is the proposed length of these contracts?

- (b) How long did it take Council to prepare this tender?
 - (c) How much did it cost Council to prepare this tender?
 - (d) What dates was the tender advertised?
3. What options were considered before the tender for the Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance was released, or in the evaluation of the tender responses received?
- (a) Did the Council consider the costs and benefit of undertaking these services in house i.e. with directly employed Council staff?
 - (b) Did the Council consider the costs and benefits of directly purchasing these services?
 - (c) Did the Council consider the costs and benefits of extending existing contracts?
 - (d) Did the Council consider the costs and benefits of undertaking an Expression of Interest on term shorter than six years?

In all cases above, how can elected Councillors access this information / analysis / advice?

4. The Council undertakes some Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance works using Council staff.
- (a) How many Council staff (FTE) are currently directly employed by Council to undertake lighting and electrical maintenance?
 - (b) What is the cost or budget of to Council for directly employing staff to undertake lighting and electrical maintenance?
 - (i) In 2021/22
 - (ii) In 2022/23
 - (iii) In 2023/24
 - (iv) In 2024/25
 - (v) Projected for 2025/26

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8. Council Recent Contracting Decisions

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. At its meeting of 29 July 2024, staff reports recommend Council variously enter into a range of contracts, approve tenders, or approve panels for future council work.
 - (a) What is the total value of the tenders proposed to Council, at the 29 July 2024 meeting?
 - (b) For each of the tenders proposed, which line items in the Council's annual budget, four year deliver program and long term financial plan do the following relate:
 - (i) Tender - T-2023-1124 - Minor Landscape Works Panel
 - (ii) Tender - T-2023-973 - LED Luminaires and Smart Controls Supply
 - (iii) Tender - T-2023-1107 - Public Lighting and Electrical Maintenance
 - (iv) Tender - T-2023-1009 - Construction - Gunyama Park Stage 2 and George Julius Avenue North
 - (v) Tender - T2023-1062 - Head Contractor - Hyde Park Lighting, Electrical, CCTV Upgrade and Associated Works and Contract Variation - Head Design Consultant
 - (vi) Tender - T-2021-609 - Huntley Street Recreation Centre Construction and Contract Variation - Head Design Consultant
 - (vii) Tender - T-2023-1041 - Reject and Negotiate - Sydney Park Brick Kilns Precinct Upgrade and Contract Variation - Head Design Consultant
 - (viii) Tender - T-2023-1166 - Reject and Negotiate - English Library Materials
2. Considering other Council meetings this year,
 - (a) What is the value of the tenders considered at the June 2024 Council meeting?
 - (b) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the May 2024 Council meeting?
 - (c) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the April 2024 Council meeting?
 - (d) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the March 2024 Council meeting?
 - (e) What is the total cumulative value of the tenders considered at the February 2024 Council meeting?

3. In relation to any of the tenders presented to Council in 2024, was a business case considered which compared the cost of Council directly undertaking work through staff employed by Council, with the cost of private contracting?

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9. Alexandria Park Community School Pedestrian Safety

By Councillor Scott

Question

Alexandria Park Community School is a growing school, in the City of Sydney. There are three main entrances to the school and there have been increasing reports of concern with pedestrian safety.

In line with the City's A City for Walking strategy and action plan and the City's Cycling Strategy and Action Plan, walking and cycling is encouraged over the use of cars.

In light of this, what strategies does the City have in place, broken down year by year, to facilitate changes to increase the safety of children, pedestrians and cyclists entering and exiting from Alexandria Park Community School?

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