

MINUTES

Planning, Transport and Environment Committee
Meeting

Monday 28 April 2025
7:30 pm

Level 4 - Council Chambers
PHIVE
5 Parramatta Square, Parramatta

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS

Councillor Steven Issa (Chair), Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood (online) and Councillor Michael Ng.

PRESENT - NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Cameron MacLean and Councillor Georgina Valjak

PRESENT – STAFF

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly, Executive Director City Planning and Design – Robert Cologna, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO - Roxanne Thornton, Executive Director Assets and Operations – George Bounassif, Executive Director City Engagement and Experience – Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director Community and Culture – Jon Greig, Chief Financial Officer – Amit Sharma, Coordinator Secretariat Services - Marina Cavar, ICT Service Desk Officer – Navneet Cheema.

1 OPENING

The Chair, Councillor Issa, opened the meeting at 7.32pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Chair, Councillor Issa acknowledged the Burramattagal people of The Dharug Nation as the traditional owners of this land, and paid respect to their ancient culture and to their elders past, present and emerging.

3 APOLOGIES/ APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Ng

That the apology on behalf of Councillor Raffoul be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

4 APPLICATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

MOTION: Councillor Ng and Councillor Ellard

That Councillor Dr Greenwood be permitted to attend tonight's Committee meeting via audio-visual link.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

Note: At 7.33pm, Councillor Dr Greenwood officially joined the meeting as a voting member of the Committee.

5 WEBCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair, Councillor Issa advised that this public meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. The recording will also be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Chair, Councillor Issa further advised that all care will be taken to maintain privacy, however as a visitor in the public gallery, the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

6 GENERAL RECORDING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

As per Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the recording of the Council Meeting by the public using any device, audio or video, is only permitted with Council permission. Recording a Council Meeting without permission may result in the individual being expelled from the Meeting.

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest tabled at the meeting.

8 PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
1.	Tim Robertson SC	PTE25-13	Council-led Planning Proposal – Rezoning of land in Hill Road, Lidcombe

Note: This Public Forum submission was published and distributed to all Councillors prior to the Meeting.

9 REPORTS OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

PTE25-11 Minutes of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 24 March 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Ng

That the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24 March 2025 be adopted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Greenwood, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

PTE25-12 Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee held on 9 April 2025

(Report by the Support Officer Traffic & Transport)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ng and Councillor Ellard

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Parramatta Local Traffic Committee from the meeting held on 9 April 2025, provided at Attachment 1.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Greenwood, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe

(Report by the Team Leader Land Use Planning)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ng and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That Council approve, for the purpose of seeking a Gateway determination from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), a Planning Proposal (Attachment 1) for the land as described in this report (the Land) to amend the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023) by:
 - i. removing the Land from the Land Reservation Acquisition Map; and
 - ii. rezoning the Land from RE1 Public Recreation to RE2 Private Recreation.
- (b) That Council note the Local Planning Panel's advice to Council (Attachment 2).
- (c) That Council request Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to authorise Council to make the proposed instrument subject to any conditions the Council is required to comply with before the instrument is made.
- (d) That Council authorise the CEO to correct any minor anomalies of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the plan-making process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Greenwood, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

PTE25-14 Post Exhibition: Planning Proposal at 124 Wigram Street, Harris Park
(Report by the Project Officer Land Use)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ng and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That Council note the submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal, as summarised and responded to in Attachment 1.
- (b) That Council endorse the Planning Proposal (Attachment 2) for land at 124 Wigram Street, Harris Park for finalisation, which seeks to amend the *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023* (PLEP 2023) by increasing the mapped height control applying to the site from 72 metres (82.8 metres in total including Design Excellence bonus) to 103 metres (118.45 metres in total including Design Excellence bonus).
- (c) That Council write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and request that it finalise the amendment to the PLEP 2023, noting that Council is no longer able to exercise plan making functions due to an outstanding written objection from a public authority.
- (d) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments and corrections of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the plan finalisation process relating to the Planning Proposal.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Greenwood, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

PTE25-15 Public Exhibition of Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents (Draft CSP, DPOP, Budget and Resourcing Strategy)
(Report by the Corporate Strategy Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ng and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition, the following draft IP&R documents:
 - i. Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2050;
 - ii. Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 including the draft Annual Budget 2025-2026 and Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025-2026; and
 - iii. Draft updated Resourcing Strategy plans including the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034, draft Workforce Management Strategy, draft Asset Management Strategy and associated Asset Management Plans.
- (b) That the draft documents be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make changes of a minor, administrative and/or non-policy nature to the draft documents during the public exhibition period.
- (d) That Council note the statutory requirement to adopt/endorse the final IPR documents by 30 June 2025.
- (e) That the outcomes of the public exhibition and the final documents be reported to an extraordinary meeting of Council in the last week of June 2025 for adoption.
- (f) That commencing in financial year 2025/2026, the interest generated by the Property Reserve be reinvested in the Property Reserve (rather than the General Reserve) and Council's Property Development and Investment Policy 2020 be amended accordingly.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Ellard, Greenwood, Issa and Ng (unanimous)

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

This page and the preceding seven (7) pages are the minutes of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2025 and will be confirmed at the next Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting on 26 May 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Andrew' followed by a surname that is partially obscured by the line.

Signature of the Chairperson