

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 10 June 2025

6:30 pm

Level 4 - Council Chambers

PHIVE

5 Parramatta Square, Parramatta

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Hayley French, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood, Councillor Steven Issa, Councillor Manning Jeffrey, Councillor Michael Ng, Councillor Sameer Pandey, Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Patricia Prociv, Councillor Tanya Raffoul and Councillor Georgina Valjak.

PRESENT – STAFF

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly, Executive Director City Engagement and Experience - Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director City Assets & Operations - George Bounassif, Executive Director Finance and Information - Jennifer Concato, Executive Director City Planning and Design –Robert Cologna , Executive Director Community and Culture - Jon Greig, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO - Roxanne Thornton, Chief People, Culture and Performance Officer - Brendan Clifton, Chief Financial Officer - Amit Sharma, A/Chief Technical Officer – Ian Vong, Coordinator Secretariat Services - Marina Cavar and Secretariat Officer – Bianca Portelli Senior Strategic Grants Officer – Vesna Kapetanovic, Project Officer – Aileen Robalino, Riverside Theatre Director - Craig McMaster, Chief Governance and Risk Officer- Daniel Carbone, Manager Events - Michelle Carter, Group Manager Projects and Precincts – David Birds, Group Manager Social and Community Services – David Moutou, Community Capacity Building Manager – Rodrigo Gutierrez and Senior Project Officer - Amy Wilson.

1 OPENING MEETING

The Chair, Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, opened the meeting at 6.37pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Lord Mayor 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 WEBCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lord Mayor 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 Lord Mayor 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.

Note: Councillor Issa arrived to the meeting at 6.38pm

4 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.

5 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence tabled at the meeting.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MIN25-5 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on 12 May 2025

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Raffoul

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item OCM25-18 (**COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe**) for the reason that he was a member at the Sydney City Central Planning Committee when this matter was previously considered. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter will be present for the Public Forum as there is a speaker on this item and he not take part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor Pandey disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item OCM25-18 (**COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe**) for the reason that he was a member of Sydney City Central Planning Panel when the matter related to this site, was considered. Councillor Pandey will be present for the Public Forum as there is a speaker on this item and he not take part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor Ellard disclosed a Non-Pecuniary interest in Item COM25-12 (**AIC25-14: Environmental Education Grants for Schools**) for the reason that his daughter's school is the recipient of one of the Grants. Councillor Ellard will remain in the meeting and take part in the voting and discussion on this item.

8 MINUTES OF THE LORD MAYOR

LMM25-20 Camellia-Rosehill Precinct Master Plan

(Report by the Lord Mayor Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council recognise the Camellia-Rosehill precinct is poised to become a world-class Model City District, with Council working to transform Camellia-Rosehill, showcasing global best practice in regeneration and city building.
- (b) That the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP, and Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham MLC, to call on the NSW government to commit to the construction of a Metro station at Rosehill as part of its holistic investment and renewed planning for the Camellia-Rosehill Precinct.
- (c) That the Lord Mayor's correspondence in (b) advocate that the NSW government commit to a Council-led, collaborative Precinct planning process that:
 - i. Builds on the NSW Government's Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy, which proposes at least 10,000

dwellings and 15,400 jobs, to evolve this Place Strategy into a new Master Plan;

- ii. Addresses Council's concerns regarding design and infrastructure issues identified with the current Place Strategy;
- iii. Reviews how Rosehill Gardens Racecourse can best integrate with and activate the Precinct with employment-generating uses;
- iv. Acknowledges that ATC land holdings, and the recent vote to retain Rosehill Racecourse, provides opportunities for the provision of open space for the community in an expanded Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy, and;
- v. Provides for the construction of a new Metro station in Rosehill to future proof this Precinct.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Pandey arrived to the meeting at 7.05pm.

LMM25-21 CBD South Parramatta Precinct Master Plan

(Report by the Lord Mayor Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council note the CBD South Parramatta Precinct, situated in a prime location south of Parramatta train station within the growing Parramatta CBD, has the potential to deliver greater public benefit.
- (b) That a Councillor Briefing on this matter be held before the end of July 2025 prior to the preparation of a draft Master Plan.

- (c) That Council officers prepare a draft Master Plan to guide the renewal of the CBD South Parramatta Precinct, to be presented to Council during Quarter 4 of the 2025 calendar year.
- (d) That for the purposes of preparing the Master Plan, the extent of the CBD South Parramatta Precinct is defined as:
 - Northern boundary – T1 Western Railway Line
 - Eastern boundary – T1 Western Railway Line
 - Southern boundary – Great Western Highway and Parkes St
 - Western boundary – O'Connell St.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley and DLM Councillor MacLean (abstain).

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and two (2) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

LMM25-22 Local Charity and Community Cultural Events - Donations

(Report by the Lord Mayor {person})

RESOLVED: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council provide a monetary and in-kind donation of a total \$5,000 to the Lysicrates Foundation for the proposed project, 'James Martin in My World: A Children's Treasury of True Stories of Struggle and Triumph written by Parramatta kids'.
- (b) That Council provide a monetary and in-kind donation of a total \$5,000 to the Let's Go Greek Festival on 21 September 2025, Western Sydney's premier Greek cultural event that attracts over 35,000 people.
- (c) That Council provide a monetary donation of a total \$5,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities Greater Western

Sydney, which provides essential services and holistic support to over 2,000 families with sick and injured children in the Westmead Hospital precinct every year.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

LMM25-23 Award-Winning City of Parramatta Projects and Staff Initiatives

(Report by the Lord Mayor Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Raffoul

(a) That Council congratulate City of Parramatta staff on their outstanding efforts in winning and being nominated for the following awards:

i. Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) National Award for Planning Excellence:

- Community Wellbeing & Diversity Award – Winner

Healthy Higher Density Living for Families with Children: An Advocacy, Planning and Design Guide' by Centre for Population Health and Western Sydney Local Health District in partnership with City of Parramatta and Cities for Play.

ii. Local Government Professionals Australia NSW Excellence Awards:

- Partnership and Collaboration – Population Over 150,000 Award – Finalist

Wentworth Point Playground and Social Space

- Risk Management Plan Award – Highly Commended Award

Lake Parramatta – Risk Management Plan

- People, Workplace, Wellbeing – Population Over 150,000 Highly Commended Award

Health and Wellbeing 2024 Action Plan

- People, Workplace, Wellbeing – Population Over 150,000 Finalist

MyWorkplace – transforming our working environment

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

LMM25-24 2025 King's Birthday Honours

(Report by the Lord Mayor Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pillamarri

- (a) That Council congratulate current and former members of the Parramatta community for their significant contributions to the City as recognised in the 2025 Order of Australia King's Birthday Honours, namely:
- Mr Salim (Paul) Moussa OAM
 - Mrs Bindi Shah OAM
 - Mr Jeremy Heathcote OAM
 - Mr Kenneth John McCracken OAM
 - Major Malcolm Wayne Botfield (Retd) OAM
- (b) That Council congratulate notable members of the community recognised for service to community and local government, including Ms Jennifer Westacott AO and Mr Brett Whitworth PSM, as recognised in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours.
- (c) That the Lord Mayor write to the award recipients acknowledging their service and congratulating them their recognition in the Order of Australia 2025 King's Birthday Honours.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

9 PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
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1.	Anne Loxley	COM25-13 /CCC25-11	Adoption of Creative Parramatta Cultural Strategy 2025 – 2034
2.	Yeshal Mansoor	COM25-13 /CCC25-10	Adoption of Youth Inclusion Framework 2025-2028
3.	Cheryl Bates	NOM25-25	Establishment of an Historical Museum in Parramatta (Cr Pandey)

Note: Due to submitting a Declaration of Interest in Item OCM25-18 (Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe), Councillor Pandey left the meeting at 7.48pm.

Note: Due to submitting a Declaration of Interest in Item OCM25-18 (Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe), the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter left the meeting and vacated the Chair at 7.48pm.

Note: In the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean assumed the role of Chair, at 7.48pm.

4.	John Bechara	OCM25-18	Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe
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Note: All Public Forum submissions were published in a Supplementary Agenda and distributed to all Councillors prior to the Meeting.

Note: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter returned to the meeting at 7.52pm and resumed the Chair.

Note: Councillor Pandey returned to the meeting at 7.52pm.

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillor Raffoul

That in accordance with Section 8 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to amend the order of business to allow consideration of the below listed items ahead of any other business on the agenda:

- **COM25-13/CCC25-11:** Adoption of Creative Parramatta Cultural Strategy 2025-2034
- **COM25-13/CCC25-10:** Adoption of Youth Inclusion Framework 2025-2028
- **NOM25-25:** Establishment of an Historical Museum in Parramatta (Cr Pandey)

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Chen left the meeting at 7.55pm

**COM25-13/
CCC25-11**

Adoption of Creative Parramatta Cultural Strategy 2025 – 2034

(Report by the Executive Director City Engagement & Experience)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Dr French

- (a) That Council adopt the Creative Parramatta Cultural Strategy 2025-2034, held at Attachment 2.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make minor editorial amendments or adjustments of a non-policy nature to this Strategy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Chen returned to the meeting at 7:59pm.

**COM25-13/
CCC25-10**

Adoption of Youth Inclusion Framework 2025-2028

(Report by the Executive Director City Engagement & Experience)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and DLM Councillor MacLean

- (a) That Council adopt the Youth Inclusion Framework 2025-2028 held at Attachment 2.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make minor editorial amendments or adjustments of a non-policy nature to this Framework.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-25 Establishment of an Historical Museum in Parramatta (Cr Pandey)
(Motion of Councillor Sameer Pandey)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and DLM Councillor MacLean

- (a) That Council look at establishing a Museum for Parramatta to showcase historical collections and artefacts and a report be presented to Council for consideration that includes scope, location and facilities, funding sources, timeframe, etc, as part of the Property and Heritage Strategies.
- (b) That Council coordinates an exhibition with relevant historical organisations within City of Parramatta for a temporary display of historical artefacts and collections, including Council's own collection, at a suitable location such as the Discovery space at PHIVE.
- (c) That Council consults with relevant stakeholders and significant Parramatta Heritage groups such as the Parramatta Historical Panel and Friends of the Female Factory in preparing the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey and Councillor Dr Prociv.

Against the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

On being put to the meeting voting on the Motion was 8 votes FOR and 7 votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Due to submitting a Declaration of Interest in Item OCM25-18 (Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe), Councillor Pandey left the meeting at 8.28pm.

Note: Due to submitting a Declaration of Interest in Item OCM25-18 (Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe), the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter left the meeting and vacated the Chair at 7.48pm.

Note: In the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean assumed the role of Chair, at 7.48pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Darley

That in accordance with Section 8 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to amend the order of business to allow consideration of the below listed items ahead of any other business on the agenda:

- **OCM25-18:** Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-18 Deferred Item from 12 May 2025 COM25-10/PTE25-13 Council-led Planning Proposal: Rezoning of Land in Hill Road, Lidcombe
(Report by the Team Leader Land Use Planning)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ng and Councillor Dr Greenwood

- (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 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: DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillors Chen, Ellard, Dr French, Dr Greenwood, Issa, Jeffrey, Ng, Pandey, Pillamarri, Dr Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak (Unanimous).

Note: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter returned to the meeting at 8.31pm and resumed the Chair.

Note: Councillor Pandey returned to the meeting at 8.31pm.

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM25-12 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025

(Report by the Executive Director City Assets & Operations)

RESOLVED: DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillor Ellard

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-12, the Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025, being for Items AIC25-13, AIC25-14, AIC25-15 and AIC-CON25-10 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

- i. **AIC25-13: Referral of Inspection Reports by Fire and Rescue NSW**
 - (a) That Council receive and note the tabled report.

- (b) That Council raise awareness through its social media channels of the ability for community members to undertake a review of their fire safety measures in their home by the relevant authorities, free of charge.

ii. AIC25-14: Environmental Education Grants for Schools

That Council endorse the allocation of grant funding to the following schools in accordance with the recommendations of the Grants Sub-committee meeting held 29 April 2025:

(a) General Environmental grants

- I. Parramatta Public School \$2000
- II. Parramatta East Public School \$2000
- III. Arthur Phillip High School Parramatta \$2000
- IV. Epping Public School \$2000
- V. Mother Teresa Primary School Westmead \$2000
- VI. Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta \$1000.

(b) Recommendation Kitchen Garden Program (\$9500 per school)

- I. Oatlands Public School
- II. Redbank School Westmead
- III. Epping West Public School.

iii. AIC25-15: Status Report: Community Recycling Centre

That Council receive and note the report.

iv. AIC-CON25-10: Exception to Tender request - Flood Smart Information System

That Council defer consideration of this matter to the closed confidential session of this meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-13 Report of the Customer Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025

(Report by the Executive Director Community and Culture)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Dr French

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-13, the Report of the Customer, Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025, being for Items CCC25-8 and CCC25-9 as detailed below, be adopted by Council, noting that Items CCC25-10 and CCC25-11 were dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these minutes.

i. **CCC25-8: 2025 Annual Community Grants Program - Cultural Round**

That this item be deferred to the closed confidential session of this meeting.

ii. **CCC25-9: Safe Haven Baby Boxes**

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-14 Report of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee held on 26 May 2025

(Report by the Executive Director City Planning and Environment)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Valjak

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-14, the Report of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2025, being for Items PTE25-17, PTE25-18, PTE25-20 and PTE25-21 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

i. PTE25-17 Finalisation of the Parramatta CBD Supplementary Matters Planning Proposal

- (a) That Council approve for finalisation the Parramatta CBD Supplementary Matters Planning Proposal that makes changes to Part 7 Additional local provisions – Parramatta City Centre in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 at Attachment 1.
- (b) 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.

ii. PTE25-18 Finalisation of the Planning Proposal for land at 38-50 South Street, Rydalmere

- (a) That Council approve for finalisation the Planning Proposal, provided at Attachment 1, for land at 38-50 South Street, Rydalmere, which seeks to amend the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023) as follows:
 - i. Reduce the heritage curtilage that applies to the site;
 - ii. Change the heritage item name from 'Truganini House and grounds' to 'Truganini House and riverfront setting'; and
 - iii. Change the property description from 'Lot 10, DP 774181' to 'Part of Lot 10, DP 774181'.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 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

iii. PTE25-20 Parramatta Bike Plan 2024 - Marsden Street Cycleway

- (a) That Council note the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's rejection of its request to remove the proposed regional cycleway on Marsden Street and replace it with a regional cycleway along O'Connell Street.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the CEO to make any necessary technical amendments to the Parramatta Bike Plan 2024 to remove the O'Connell Street Cycleway as the regional north-south cycleway, and reinstate the Marsden Street Cycleway as the regional north-south cycleway through the Parramatta CBD, as originally exhibited.
- (c) That Council proceed with the stages that link Railway Street near the M4 to the Parramatta River (Stages 2-5 as detailed in Figure 3 of the report) as the immediate priority and defer any progress on Stage 1A and 1B until after the next review of the Bike Plan currently scheduled for review in 2029/30.

iv. PTE25-21 Submission on NSW Government EIE: Changes to Deter Illegal Tree and Vegetation Clearing

- (a) That Council note the proposed reforms to the State planning framework and the Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) provided at Attachment 1.
- (b) That Council endorse the submission to the NSW Government (late Attachment).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

PTE25-19 Public Exhibition: Draft Site-Specific Development Control Plan and Draft Planning Agreement for land at 9 Albert Street and 31 O'Connell Street, North Parramatta

(Report by the Senior Project Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council note:
 - i. it is not the Planning Authority for the Planning Proposal for the subject site and therefore will not play any role in determining the height and density controls that will be applied to the site.
 - ii. if the DPHI finalises the Planning Proposal prior to a Planning Agreement being executed there is a risk that Council will not secure the public benefits being offered by the proponent.
- (b) That Council endorse the draft Site-Specific Development Control Plan (SSDCP) applying to land at 9 Albert Street and 31 O'Connell Street, North Parramatta provided at **Attachment 3** for the purpose of public exhibition noting that the SSDCP must be consistent with the exhibited Planning Proposal.
- (c) That Council endorse a draft Planning Agreement to be prepared in accordance with the Letter of Offer detailed in the report and provided at **Attachment 4** for the purpose of public exhibition.
- (d) That Council delegates authority to the CEO to place the draft Planning Agreement and draft SSDCP on public exhibition concurrently for a minimum of 28 days.
- (e) That the outcome of the public exhibition be reported back to Council.
- (f) That Council delegate authority to the CEO to correct any minor inconsistencies or anomalies of an administrative nature relating to the draft SSDCP and draft Planning Agreement documentation that may arise during the drafting and exhibition processes.
- (g) That Council endorse the submission at **Attachment 5** to the Planning Proposal being exhibited by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure from 7 May 2025 to 17 June 2025.
- (h) That the CEO prepare and lodge a separate submission with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the NSW

Secretary of Planning Housing and Infrastructure and The Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) regarding the process for the HDA pathway that has been implemented and the consequential impacts on planning policy and infrastructure planning and delivery for councils across NSW.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Dr Greenwood and Councillor Pandey

On being put to the meeting, voting on this Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and two (2) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED

COM25-15 Report of the Finance, Property and Governance Committee meeting held on 28 May 2025

(Report by the Executive Director Finance and Information)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and DLM Councillor MacLean

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-15, the Report of the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2025, being for Items FPG25-18, FPG25-20, FPG25-21, FPG25-23 and FPG25-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

i. FPG25-18: Investment Report for 30 April 2025

That Council receive and note the report.

ii. FPG25-20: Determination of Lord Mayor and Councillors Remuneration for 2025/26

- (a) That Council determine the Lord Mayor and Councillor annual fees for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, in accordance with option 3 of the report.
- (b) That Council note that effective from 1 July 2025, the superannuation guarantee rate will increase from 11.5 per cent to 12 per cent.
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer apply to the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Council's

classification to be amended from Major CBD to Principal CBD (the highest category of general-purpose councils).

v. **FPG25-21: Status Report: Parramatta Station Multi-Level Car Park Utilisation Rates - Trial Period**

That Council receive and note the report.

vi. **FPG25-23: Request for Information on Staffing Matters**

That Council receive and note the report.

vi. **FPG25-24: Investigation into Potential New City of Parramatta Industrial Instruments**

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

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CON25-3**

Tender ITT 286- Engagement Survey Provider

(Report of L&OD Business Partner)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and DLM Councillor MacLean

That Council defer consideration of this matter to the closed confidential session of this meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

FPG25-17 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes of 28 November 2024

(Report by the Coordinator Internal Audit)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Raffoul

That Council receive and note the attached Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 28 November 2024 and a copy of the Minutes as confirmed by the ARIC be provided to all Councillors prior to the 10 June 2025 Council Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

FPG25-19 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q3 March 2025

(Report by the Finance Business Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council adopt the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) and the Responsible Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of the Council (Attachment 1).
- (b) That Council approve the revised budget forecast for the 2024/25 financial year:
 - i. The net operating result, including capital grants and contributions, is a surplus of \$81 million.
 - ii. Underlying net operating result, excluding capital grants and contributions and loss or gain from asset disposals, is a deficit of \$6.3m.
 - iii. Capital expenditure of \$168.4m.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr

Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak. (Unanimous)

FPG25-22

Public Exhibition: Draft Procurement Policy 2025

(Report by the Senior Procurement and Contracts Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Procurement Policy 2025 to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, subject to endorsement of Option 4 relating to "Local Supplier" and "Australian Made":
 - i. **"Local Supplier"** means a business that operates within City of Parramatta's Local Government Area.
 - ii. **"Australian Made"** means that the production has occurred within Australia by an Australian business that has 50%+ Australian ownership or is an Australian tax resident with a principal place of business being in Australia.
- (b) That Clause 3.6.1 of the draft Procurement Policy be updated to remove:
 - a. the words "and/or Australian made products" after "5% local supplier"; and
 - b. sub-clause (e).

That a report be submitted to Council following the close of the public exhibition period and with assessment of community feedback.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak. (Unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 9.08pm, the Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting. At the time of the adjournment, the following Councillors were present:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Hayley French, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood, Councillor Steven Issa, Councillor Manning Jeffrey, Councillor Michael Ng, Councillor Sameer Pandey, Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Patricia Prociv, Councillor Tanya Raffoul and Councillor Georgina Valjak.

RECONVENED MEETING

At 9.24pm, the Lord Mayor reconvened the meeting. At the time the meeting reconvened, the following Councillors were present:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Hayley French, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood, Councillor Steven Issa, Councillor Manning Jeffrey, Councillor Michael Ng, Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri and Councillor Dr Patricia Prociv.

13 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

OCM25-16 LATE REPORT: Advisory Panels - Appointment of Community Members for 2024-2028

(Report by the Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Ng

That Council defer consideration of this matter to the closed confidential session of this meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-17 Cumulative Impact Review: Events and Road Closures in Harris Park (Oct–Nov 2025)

(Report by the Traffic & Transport Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council approve one Diwali festival event in Harris Park for 2025, subject to (b), (c) and (d) below.
- (b) That Council require the Diwali festival event be delivered as a joint initiative and it be formalised through an event application listing all parties, inclusive of appropriate public liability insurance.
- (c) That the joint application be submitted to Council with all final event, safety, and traffic documentation for assessment before 31 July 2025.
- (d) That Council determine no Diwali event shall proceed in 2025 if a joint application is unable to be submitted and assessed by Council officers.
- (e) That Council require all future events proposed for Harris Park (Little India) be scheduled with a minimum separation of 3 months between each event, to manage the cumulative impact on the local community.
- (f) That Council refuse the application for the Festival of Chariots Religious Procession in its current form, as there is considerable adverse impact to residents and the local community along the proposed route and will fall within 3 months of the joint Diwali event if it is approved to proceed.
- (g) That Council implement an expression of interest process for community-run Diwali events in Harris Park from 2026.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Note: Councillor Raffoul returned to the meeting at 9.26pm.

Note: Councillor Valjak returned to the meeting at 9.27pm.

Note: Councillor Pandey returned to the meeting at 9.30pm.

NOM25-21 Proposal for Epping Night Markets (Cr Charles Chen)

(Motion of Councillor Charles Chen)

RESOLVED: Councillor Chen and Councillor Pillamarri

That the Chief Executive Officer:

- (a) Investigate the introduction of a night market in Epping, considering factors such as community interest, economic viability, traffic management, and regulatory requirements.
- (b) Engages with local businesses, stakeholders, and residents to assess demand and potential benefits of the introduction of a regular night market in Epping.
- (c) Reviews successful night markets in surrounding local government areas to identify best practice and operational models.
- (d) Provide a report to Council in September 2025 with recommendations for next steps, including possible locations, frequency, and funding options.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-22 Impact of Campaign Signage During the 2025 Federal Election (Cr Anthony Ellard)

(Motion of Councillor Anthony Ellard)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Ng

That Council:

- (a) Notes the concerns raised by the community regarding the lack of regulation and the impact of electoral signage and materials during election periods, including the diversion of Council staff from their scheduled services to address these matters.
- (b) Writes to Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance requesting a review of the legislation and guidelines governing Federal election signage and campaign materials, particularly in relation to placement, consistency, public safety and environmental sustainability.
- (c) Writes to the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Chris Minns MP to request that the NSW government strengthen and clarify State legislation and regulations on electoral signage and material during local and State election periods, including stronger enforcement provisions and environmental considerations.
- (d) Provides a copy of this resolution to all local Federal and State Members of Parliament for their information and support.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillors Chen, Darley, Ellard, Dr French, Dr Greenwood, Issa, Jeffrey, Ng, Pandey, Dr Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Pillamarri

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Question Taken on Notice on Item NOM25-22 Impact of Campaign Signage During the 2025 Federal Election by Councillor Darley.

- Why were no fines issued to Clive Palmer's party for signage violations in the most recent federal election, when fines were issued in the previous one? Have there been changes to our enforcement policy or approach?

NOM25-23 Signalisation of the Evans Road and Pennant Hills Road Intersection (Cr Tanya Raffoul)

(Motion of Councillor Tanya Raffoul)

RESOLVED: Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

That the Lord Mayor write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon John Graham MP seeking a meeting with him, Transport for NSW and Ms Monica Tudehope MP for the purpose of securing the upgrade of the Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road intersection as a matter of urgency.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

PROCEDURAL MOTION DURATION OF SPEECHES

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Pillamarri

That in accordance with Clause 10.28 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council shorten the duration of Councillor speeches to two (2) minutes each to expedite the consideration of business at the meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-24 Report on Successful Strategies to Increase Tree Canopy (Cr Dr Greenwood)

(Motion of Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Greenwood and DLM Councillor MacLean

- (a) That the CEO prepare a report that examines how different councils across Sydney are working to increase tree coverage in urban areas. The report should include:
 - i. Which Sydney councils have successfully increased tree coverage.
 - ii. Key aspects of their approach that may have helped achieve this growth.
 - iii. A comparison of effective tree canopy programs run by leading councils in Sydney (up to four).
 - iv. Financial strategies that support tree protection, such as grants, bonds, inspections, and fines for better compliance.
 - v. Ways to secure funding, including partnerships, changes to legislation, and community-led initiatives.
 - vi. Suggestions for strategies that could be useful for the City of Parramatta Council.
- (b) That the report be provided to Councillors by the end of August 2025.
- (c) That Council use the information to assist in the preparation of the tree canopy plan that is due to Council this year.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

15 QUESTIONS REPORTS

QWN25-10 Bushcare Funding in City of Parramatta (Cr Dr Greenwood)

(Question of Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood)

Please advise what the budget for Bushcare was in 2024-2025, what has been spent on Bushcare in 2024-2025 until the end of May 2025, and the proposed budget for Bushcare in 2025-2026?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

The budget for Bushcare consists of two operating projects:

- **Bushcare Program** – bush regeneration contractor (supervise works across the 30+ groups established across the LGA); and
- **Bushcare Volunteers** – the volunteer network that is provided with tools, native plants and work materials, and also includes the cost of the annual event that recognises individual and group achievements.

Fin Year	Budget \$	Actual \$
24/25	238,858	157,934
25/26	250,000	-

QWN25-11 Environment and Sustainability Program Funding in City of Parramatta (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Kellie Darley)

What has been the annual budget and actual spend since 2019-2020 (with Q3 forecast spend for 2024-2025) and what funding is proposed for 2025-2026 in the draft budget for:

- Bushcare Program
- Litter Removal/Management
- Environmental Education
- Environmental Grants
- Bushland Walking Tracks
- Riparian Maintenance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

Disclaimer:

Year on year comparisons should not be undertaken due to:

- Some years contain one-off external (operational grants) income in various programs or initiatives.
- Some years contain one-off external (capital grants) income in various programs or initiatives.
- In some years programs have been expanded to include additional components or works in response to new NSW government legislation and/or environmental/EPA initiatives.

Bushcare Program		
Year	Budget	Actuals
2020	43,850	36,400
2021	221,925	212,080
2022	232,550	216,590
2023	234,527	264,234
2024	256,100	259,574
2025	238,858	157,934
2026	250,000	-
Riparian Maintenance		
Year	Budget	Actuals
2020	590,000	886,710
2021	846,000	804,759
2022	846,000	748,743
2023	874,660	892,600
2024	874,660	868,880
2025	874,660	511,934
2026	721,000	-
Waterways Litter Removal		
Year	Budget	Actuals
2020	85,000	86,265
2021	85,000	85,000
2022	85,000	58,533
2023	85,856	91,656
2024	85,856	78,685
2025	55,895	49,598
2026	86,000	-
Environment Education		
Year	Budget	Actuals
2020	80,000	85,393

2021	80,000	68,622
2022	80,000	66,182
2023	80,000	68,365
2024	100,001	78,685
2025	100,001	76,064
2026	40,000	-
Total		
	Budget	Actuals
Total	8,233,399	6,753,493

QWN25-12 Domestic Waste Management in City of Parramatta - Expenditure, Education and Recycling Trends (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Kellie Darley)

1. What has been the annual domestic waste revenue (charge and interest), operating expenditure, capital expenditure and closing balance of the Domestic Waste Reserve since 2019-2020, and what is proposed in the 2025-2026 draft budget?
2. How much has been spent annually on waste education since 2019-2020 and what is proposed to be spent in the 2025-2026 draft budget?
3. How many tonnes of domestic waste have been landfilled and recyclables recovered annually since 2019-2020, and what are the per capita levels?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

Waste Reserve

Domestic Waste Reserve Projection (\$,000)	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	FY25 Budget	Forecast (Q3)	Budget
Category	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY25	FY26
Domestic Waste Revenue Including interest	38,435	41,145	42,655	46,442	50,424	47,992	48,625	50,529
Domestic Waste Expenses	(32,764)	(35,553)	(37,143)	(39,112)	(43,864)	(49,423)	(50,786)	(43,336)
Capital Expense	(193)	(163)	(200)	(163)	(7,736)	(18,610)	(18,376)	(6,870)
Closing Balance	27,673	33,102	38,414	45,581	48,959	20,823	32,976	33,137

Waste Education

\$'000	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Education	321	324	338	355	468	1,503	1,808

*Excludes NSW EPA grants which have not yet been received and are therefore not included in the budget figures.

Domestic waste tonnage*

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25 (APR)
Total Tonnage	80,665	85,394	90,160	84,246	84,069	73,548
Diversion	54%	53%	54%	53%	52%	48%

*Not all households receive a waste service from Council, therefore a per capita calculation of waste generated per person cannot be accurately determined.

Question Taken on Notice on Item QWN25-12 Domestic Waste Management in City of Parramatta - Expenditure, Education and Recycling Trends by Councillor Darley.

- Can we get clarification on whether the expenditure for the budgeted original budget for this year includes the 5 million rebate issued to ratepayers

QWN25-13 Status of Tree Canopy Interim Action Plan Items (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Kellie Darley)

1. What is the current status of the following Tree Canopy Interim Action Plan items endorsed at the 8th July 2024 Council meeting to be delivered in year 1?
 - Establish a live tree inventory and asset management database.
 - Establish standard Council specifications and contracts to improve Councils efficiency in tree maintenance and planting.
 - Review requirements to update DCP to include canopy sub-targets for residential and non-residential land zones.
 - Prepare a preliminary urban forest asset management plan for Council owned trees.
 - Undertake background studies to understand community perceptions towards trees in the private domain.

2. What resourcing was allocated to carry out the 2024 Tree Canopy Interim Action Plan in the current financial year and what has been included in the 2025-2026 draft budget?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

1. The status of the actions for the Tree Canopy Interim Action Plan is as follows:
 - Council has procured *Forestree*, a tree inventory and management system. The database is being populated by Council's internal resources upon receipt of tree requests/completion of plantings and the database is being reactively updated.
 - After further review, DCP amendments and studies on community perceptions should be considered as part of the finalization of the draft Canopy Plan which will be reported to Council next quarter.
 - Whilst all other actions have commenced, their completion is being delayed due to the large increase (27%) in the number of tree management service requests which receive priority over the proactive management of trees by Council's internal resources.
2. In terms of resourcing for the Action Plan:
 - the *Forestree* inventory management system was developed externally and procured by Council at a cost of \$21,000.
 - No additional funding has been allocated to collect data on Council owned trees (excluding bushland) above the reactive population of the database by internal resources. It is estimated that it could require funds in excess of \$2.5 million to proactively populate the database. This has not been budgeted in the draft 2025/26 budget.
 - Council has allocated \$400,000 for tree planting and \$1.8 million to public tree maintenance which includes the staff resources who are working on delivering the action plan.
 - These budgets do not include the planting of trees associated with capital projects.

QWN25-14 FY2024-2025 Budget Forecast: Quarter 3 Performance Ratios (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Kellie Darley)

For the Q3 2024-2025 budget forecast, what is Councils:

- Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage
- Unrestricted current ratio
- Operating performance ratio
- Own source operating revenue ratio
- Employee costs as proportion of total operating expenditure

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE AND INFORMATION RESPONSE:

	Q3 Forecast
Rates and annual charges	9.0%
Operating performance	-1.45%
Own source operating revenue	81.37%
Employee costs as proportion of total operating expenditure	42.74%

* The unrestricted current ratio is a balance sheet measure and is not available until after the completion of the 2024/25 financial statements.

QWN25-15 Status of City of Parramatta Developer Contributions Reserves (DLM Cr MacLean)

(Question of DLM Councillor Cameron MacLean)

1. Could staff please provide a current summary (reserve balances and breakdowns) of developer contributions inclusive of both section 7.11 and 7.12 contributions as well as VPA funds?
2. Could staff please advise as to whether these funds could be made available for a new aquatic/recreational facility at Dence Park and/or for new facilities in the Epping Town Centre?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

Developer Contributions relevant to the Dence Park/Epping Aquatic Centre

1. Former plans:

- [City of Parramatta S94 Development Contributions Plan \(formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre\)](#)
- [City of Parramatta S94A Development Contributions Plan \(formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre\)](#)

Reserve Name	Project Name	Apportioned Cost	Reserve Balance
Money previously allocated from Former Section 94 Contribution Plan to Epping Pool			\$8,382,000
City of Parramatta s94 Development Contributions Plan (formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre) held in Reserve			
Open Space	OS07- Dence Park Upgrade	\$5,000,000	\$5,839,000
	OS12- New Aquatic Facility and Water Play at Dence Park or similar	\$9,000,000	
	OS19- 5 x Bubblers (Epping Town Centre, Boronia Park, Terrys Creek, Sommerville Park)	\$50,000	
	OS20-4 x bike racks (Epping Aquatic Centre, Boronia Park, West Epping Park, Sommerville Park)	\$12,000	
Community facilities	CF02- Convert Epping Leisure and Learning Centre into a multi-purpose space for the Epping Library	\$405,600	\$2,642,000
City of Parramatta s94A Development Contributions Plan (formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre)			
Money previously allocated from Former Section 94 Contribution Plan to Epping Pool			\$2,271,00
Other	All of the projects listed in s94 plan can be funded from this reserve		\$1,235,000

Council could utilise the funds in the Open Space reserve for an aquatic facility but in order to be consistent with legislation on the use of Development Contribution funds, would need to demonstrate that remaining projects in the plan can be funded from other sources or are no longer needed as part of the winding up of this historic plan.

Funds from the Section 94A plan could be utilised for an aquatic centre if it was demonstrated that this was the highest priority project.

2. Current plan:

- [Outside CBD s7.11 development contributions plan - 30 April 2025 \(PDF 63KB\)](#)

Reserve Name	Project Name	Apportioned Cost	Reserve Balance
Aquatic Facilities	AF1 - Upgrade aquatic facility, Epping upgrade existing Epping aquatic facility.	\$5,300,000	\$508,000

The \$508,000 available and anything that is collected and allocated to this reserve in the future could be utilised to redevelop a pool in the Epping locality.

Development Contributions relevant to other forms of Infrastructure in and around the Epping Town Centre

1. Former plans:

- [City of Parramatta S94 Development Contributions Plan \(formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre\)](#)
- [City of Parramatta S94A Development Contributions Plan \(formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre\)](#)

Reserve Name	Project Name	Apportioned Cost	Reserve Balance
City of Parramatta s94 Development Contributions Plan (formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre)			
Drainage and Water	Four separate projects	\$483,840	\$354,000
Public Domain	10 separate projects	\$18,933,750	\$2,175,000
Roads and Shared Path	14 separate projects	\$6,697,680	\$1,752,000
City of Parramatta s94A Development Contributions Plan (formerly Hornsby LGA Land and Epping Town Centre)			
Other	All of the projects listed in s94A plan can be funded from this reserve		\$1,235,000

None of the funds allocated to the projects in the s94 reserves above can be allocated towards the funding of an aquatic centre.

However, the section 94A funds from the former Hornsby/Epping plan above could potentially be utilised subject to the comment provided for the table above.

2. Current plan:

- [Outside CBD s7.11 development contributions plan - 30 April 2025 \(PDF 63KB\)](#).

Reserve Name	Project Name	Apportioned Cost	Reserve Balance
Community Facilities	C01 - New hub, Epping Town Centre – construction and fit-out	\$8,190,000	\$987,000
Open Space reserve	O19 - Local park upgrade, Epping - upgrade one existing local park in Epping to a district park, ideally at Dence Park in accordance with masterplan	\$12,282,000	\$1,736,000
Open Space	O22 - New Civic Space, Epping Town Centre	\$17,793,626	\$1,736,000
	O21 - Park Upgrade, Epping - Boronia Park	8,100,000	

	upgrade in accordance with masterplan.		
Traffic and Transport	Nine separate pedestrian network upgrades projects within Town Centre area	\$15,360,580	\$3,977,000
	Two separate pedestrian facility projects within Epping Town Centre	\$670,000	
	Three separate traffic management projects	\$4,387,332	

No funds from the current contributions plan described in this table have been allocated to Epping Town Centre Projects or could be used to fund an aquatic facility project in the Epping locality.

Council could request Ministerial approval to pool (borrow) funds from this reserve and repay these reserves from contributions collected in a reasonable time. However, Council would need to demonstrate that the remaining projects in the plan can be funded from other sources in the interim until the loan is repaid.

QON25-15 Questions Taken on Notice at the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter asked a question on Item AIC-CON25-8 Epping Aquatic Centre Refurbishment and re-opening Feasibility.

The question and answer have been provided in the Confidential Attachment for this item.

QON25-16 Questions Taken on Notice at the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Darley asked two (2) questions on AIC25-14 Environmental Education Grants for Schools.

1. How many students and schools have benefited from Councils Environmental Education Grant program since implementation?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

Approximately 39,049 students from 41 different schools (pre/primary/secondary) have benefitted from the grants over the past 12 years (FY13 – FY24).

2. Do schools have access to similar funding opportunities for environmental initiatives from elsewhere?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

Yes - most schools have access to initiatives such as the annual Clean Up Australia Day and National Tree Day events for schools. Council also supports schools with other initiatives such as the Bushcare Program with free native plant giveaways and access to Council's waste contractors who provide schools with free incursions and resources that educate students about waste management.

QON25-17 Questions Taken on Notice at the Customer, Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Jeffrey asked a question on CCC25-10 2025 Adoption of Youth Inclusion Framework 2025-2028.

- How much staff and resources were spent on putting this document together?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE RESPONSE:

The Youth Inclusion Framework was developed in response to a Council Resolution requiring the document to be researched and prepared by staff. Preparation of the Framework commenced in March 2024, in time for Youth Week of that year. Council staff

allocated resource has fluctuated since that time, but could be estimated at an average as 15%-20% of two community development staff, in addition to their direct work in the community. A community engagement consultancy was also engaged at a cost of \$34,000 to deliver detailed stakeholder and community engagement to inform the Framework development. A further \$13,500 was committed as a result of a 2024 Council Resolution requesting additional engagement with high school aged young people.

Councillor Dr French asked two (2) questions in relation to CCC25-8 2025 Annual Community Grants Program - Cultural Round.

The Question and Answer has been provided in the Confidential Attachment to this Item.

QON25-18 Questions Taken on Notice at the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2025

(Report by the Executive Director City Planning and Design)

Councillor Darley asked a question on Item PTE25-19 Public Exhibition: Draft Site-Specific Development Control Plan and Draft Planning Agreement for land at 9 Albert Street and 31 O'Connell Street, North Parramatta.

- With reference to the DCP on Page 185, the document details the rates for parking and bicycle parking. I just wanted to know whether these were higher or lower than the normal rates in the DCP?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

The proposed residential vehicular parking rates in the draft Site-Specific DCP (SSDCP) are the same as those that currently apply to the site under section 8.2.2 Parramatta North Urban Transformation Precinct within Parramatta DCP 2023.

These rates are also the same as those within the general parking section of Parramatta DCP 2023 (Part 6) with the only difference being that the rates in the SSDCP are maximums rather than minimums.

The bicycle parking rates in the draft SSDCP are the same as those that currently apply to the site under section 8.2.2 Parramatta North Urban Transformation Precinct within Parramatta DCP 2023. The reference to maximum rates is an error and will be updated to state 'minimum'. The proposed non-residential parking rates in the draft

SSDCP are the same as those that currently apply to the site detailed in Part 6 of Parramatta DCP 2023 (section 8.2.2 Parramatta North Urban Transformation Precinct does not contain parking rates for non-residential uses).

Councillor Dr Greenwood asked a question on Item PTE25-19 Public Exhibition: Draft Site-Specific Development Control Plan and Draft Planning Agreement for land at 9 Albert Street and 31 O'Connell Street, North Parramatta.

- Could you also let us know how they compare to the Parramatta Area 'B' parking rates because I think that's where they might have come from?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

Please refer to the below table that provide a comparison between the current PNUT rates applicable to the site and the SSDCP's consistency with the rates, the proposed Church Street rates (Category B) and the current Parramatta CBD rates (Category A).

DWELLING SIZE	Site Specific DCP Rates in DCP for 9 Albert and 31 O'Connell	Current PNUT parking rates (see Map 1 for area)	Proposed rates via LEP amendment for Church Street (Category B) (see Map 2 for area)	Current Parramatta CBD Sites rates (Category A) (see Map 2 for area)
Studio	(No studio rate is specified in the SSDCP however the PNUT rate will continue to apply)	0.6	0.2	0.1
1 bedroom	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3
2 bedrooms	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
3+ bedrooms	1.4	1.4	1.1	1
Visitor	1 space per 5 dwellings	1 space per 5 dwellings	NA	NA
Visitor Up to 30 dwellings	NA	NA	0.167	NA
Visitor 30-70 dwellings	NA	NA	0.1	NA
Visitor 70+ dwellings	NA	NA	0.05	NA
NON-RESIDENTIAL LAND USES				

Retail	1 per 30sqm of GFA	1 per 30sqm of GFA	Dependent on retail floorspace and FSR	Dependent on retail floorspace and FSR
Commercial	1 per 65sqm of GFA	1 per 65sqm of GFA	Dependent on exact uses	Dependent on exact uses
Childcare	1 per 4 children	1 per 4 children	1 space + 1 per 100sqm of GFA	1 space + 1 per 100sqm of GFA

QON25-19 Questions Taken on Notice at the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2025

(Report by the Executive Director Finance and Information)

Councillor Darley asked a question on Item FPG25-19 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q3 March 2025

- Can the relevant officer clarify the purpose of the rephased capital expenditure for the Riverside Theatres Redevelopment Project?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE AND INFORMATION RESPONSE:

The rephased spending is due to the Riverside Theatres Design Competition outcomes and the associated higher cost estimate. Cox Architecture's design was accepted, necessitating the acceleration of expenditure for the design and authority approval phase of the project to be brought forward.

Councillor Darley asked a question on Item FPG25-21 Status Report: Parramatta Station Multi-Level Car Park Utilisation Rates - Trial Period

- Can we be provided with month-by-month data for the current financial year on occupancy rates for the 8–10 hour parking duration?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE AND INFORMATION RESPONSE:

Historical data for FY25 will be included in the June report, and this metric will be incorporated into the monthly trial period reporting.

Councillor Darley asked a question on Item FPG25-23 Request for Information on Staffing Matters.

- Why did it take such a significant amount of time to prepare the requested information, given that similar data had previously been provided to Councillors through quarterly reports? Was this due to the retrospective nature of the request, or is this indicative of an ongoing issue?

**CHIEF PEOPLE CULTURE and PERFORMANCE OFFICER
RESPONSE:**

The abovementioned reports that were previously provided to Councillors via quarterly reports on the portal and ARIC were from 2022. Council's People and Culture corporate systems were replaced by a new platform in November 2022, which is one reason why the reports previously provided are not available in the same format, as HR, payroll, learning and development and recruitment systems of are all different to what was being used in 2022. To provide the information requested, it is necessary for data to be combined from multiple systems and sources – HR, recruitment, payroll, WHS, organisational development.

There was also additional time involved in the preparation of reports as the request was for data to be provided at a Directorate and Business Unit level. Reports had to be first prepared and then assessed for legal and privacy risks, then amended to ensure compliance with privacy and other legislation. The request also included retrospective data by month from the previous 12 months. This aspect multiplied the quantity of data required to be extracted, collated, combined, validated and formatted.

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Darley asked a question on Item FPG-CON25-3 Tender ITT 286 - Engagement Survey Provider

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE AND INFORMATION RESPONSE:

Please refer to the confidential attachment.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Darley

That at this time of the meeting, being 10.10pm, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter advised that the meeting would move into Closed Confidential Session to allow consideration of matters in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993. Accordingly, members of the press and public were excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld. This action was taken to discuss:

CON25-5: DEFERRED FROM OCM 12 MAY 2025: FPG-CON25-1: Riverside Theatres Redevelopment Project: Proposed Budget, Funding Strategy, Governance Model and Strategic Business Case

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and;

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

AIC-CON25-10: Exception to Tender Request - Flood Smart Information System

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on

balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CCC25-8: 2025 Annual Community Grants Program - Cultural Round

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

FPG-CON25-3: Tender ITT 286- Engagement Survey Provider

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

OCM25-16: LATE REPORT: Advisory Panels - Appointment of Community Members for 2024-2028

This report are confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Prior to moving into Closed Session, the Lord Mayor invited members of the public gallery to make representations as to why any item had been included in Closed Session. No member of the gallery wished to make representations.

Note: Council moved into Closed Session at 10:12pm.

16 CLOSED SESSION

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF TIME

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Councillor Ellard

That in accordance with Clause 18.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, at 10.55pm, Council extend the time of the meeting until 11.30pm to allow consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

CON25-5 DEFERRED FROM OCM 12 MAY 2025: FPG-CON25-1: Riverside Theatres Redevelopment Project: Proposed Budget, Funding Strategy, Governance Model and Strategic Business Case
(Report of Executive Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ellard and DLM Councillor MacLean

(a) Capital Project Budget and Sources of Funding

- i. That Council endorse a total Riverside Redevelopment capital project budget of \$276.8 million (based on a 50% designed scheme at April 2025).
- ii. That Council endorse the following funding sources and amounts for the Riverside Redevelopment capital project budget:
 - Property Reserve (Ring-Fenced Riverside Funding): \$101.4 million
 - Cultural Fund (Ring-Fenced Riverside Funding): \$34.1 million
 - Development Contributions: \$37.4 million
 - Western Sydney Infrastructure Grant: \$40 million
 - Property and Cultural Reserves (Ring-Fenced Interest): \$10 million
 - Philanthropy Fundraising Target (capital program): \$15 million
 - Third-Party Fundraising Target (capital program): \$38.9 million
- iii. That Council guarantee any shortfall in funding in relation to the Philanthropy and Third-Party capital fundraising targets, with such funding to be sourced from the unallocated balance of the Property Reserve.
- iv. That should either fundraising target be exceeded, Council return any surplus funds from the Riverside Redevelopment capital project budget to the Property Reserve.
- v. That Council note the inclusion of the \$4.1 million operational budget for Riverside interim operations, closure and business readiness planning, and the \$20.3 million capital budget in the draft 2025/26 Council budget and DPOP for this project.

- vi. That the CEO report progress on the capital program fundraising targets to Councillors on a six-monthly basis.

(b) Project Concept, Cost and 50% Design Plans

- i. That Council note the recommendations of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee from its meeting of 22 April 2025 relating to the Riverside Theatre project to release the Head Contract Tender in June 2025 (following the development of the 70% design documentation) and subject to the allocation of the revised project budget.

(c) Governance Model, Strategic Business Case and Compliance

- i. That Council note the Riverside Redevelopment Philanthropy Strategy at Attachment 3.
- ii. That Council note the Riverside Redevelopment Governance Models Market Research and Options Analysis at Attachment 4.
- iii. That Council endorse a Company Limited by Guarantee as the preferred governance model for the future operation of the redeveloped Riverside Theatres, with a future Governance Model report to be provided to Council before December 2026.
- iv. That Council endorse the updated Strategic Business Case, provided at Attachment 5, subject to it being reconsidered periodically (six monthly) or at significant project milestones.
- v. That Council note:
 - the long-term financial model contained within the updated Strategic Business Case, incorporating a steady-state annual Council financial contribution of \$1.5 million as a preliminary model.
 - the third-party validation exercise carried out on the long-term financial modelling by Deloitte Consulting, provided at Attachment 6.
 - The model requires further refinement and validation as additional operational and financial data becomes available.
- vi. That a comprehensive Long-Term Financial Model report be presented to Council before the end of June 2026.

- vii. That a final review of the Long-Term Financial Model be undertaken 12 months prior to Riverside Theatres re-opening, to enable the latest assumptions and market conditions to inform more accurate forecasting and adjustments of the Model.
- viii. The model requires further refinement and validation as additional operational and financial data becomes available.
- ix. That a comprehensive Long-Term Financial Model report be presented to Council before the end of June 2026.
- x. That a final review of the Long-Term Financial Model be undertaken 12 months prior to Riverside Theatres re-opening, to enable the latest assumptions and market conditions to inform more accurate forecasting and adjustments of the Model.

AMENDMENT: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Valjak

- (a) That the Lord Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to proceed in accordance with the officer's recommendation should the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (UPPP) grant application be successful.
- (b) That should the grant application not be determined by 30 June 2025, the Lord Mayor is to call an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on or before 7 July 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillors Chen, Ellard, Dr French, Dr Greenwood, Issa, Jeffrey, Ng, Pandey, Pillamarri, Dr Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak

Against the Amendment: Councillor Darley

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and therefore became the Motion.

RECOMMENDATION: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Valjak

- (a) That the Lord Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to proceed in accordance with the officer's recommendation should the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (UPPP) grant application be successful.
- (b) That should the grant application not be determined by 30 June 2025, the Lord Mayor is to call an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on or before 7 July 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillors Chen, Ellard, Dr French, Dr Greenwood, Issa, Jeffrey, Ng, Pandey, Pillamarri, Dr Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED and therefore became the Recommendation of the Closed Session of Council.

AIC-CON25-10 Exception to Tender Request - Flood Smart Information System
(Report of Group Manager Environment & Sustainability)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Darley and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council notes Haskoning Australia Pty Ltd owns the modelling software, algorithms unique to the Parramatta River sub-catchments and the Intellectual property related to the software and model outputs for Council's Flood Smart system
- (b) That Council approves the engagement of Haskoning Australia Pty Ltd under the *NSW Local Government Act (1993) Section 55 (3)*
 - (i) due to the extenuating circumstances leading to unavailability of competition for the delivery of the Flood Smart warning system for Terry's Creek, Haslams Creek, A'Becketts Creek and Duck River.
- (c) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute all necessary documents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

CCC25-8 2025 Annual Community Grants Program - Cultural Round

(Report of Community Capacity Building Lead)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council note the applications received in the first Cultural Round held under the Community Grants Program (Attachment 1) and the outcomes of the assessment panel process (Attachment 2).
- (b) That Council adopt the funding allocations recommended by the Grants Sub-Committee for the Community Grants Program - Cultural Round as shown in Attachment 2, with the addition of grants to CHS-01 River City Voices of \$7,700 and CHS-05 Chinese Heritage Association of Australia of \$10,000.
- (c) That Council Officers contact all applicants informing them of the outcome of their application.
- (d) That Council notes the status of grants made to date in the 2025 Quarterly Community Grants Program and the Parramatta Representative Sports Grant category as shown in Attachment 3.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Issa and Councillor Jeffrey

That this matter be referred back to the Grants Sub-Committee for further consideration and be submitted as a late report to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Dr French.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and therefore became the Motion.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Jeffrey

That this matter be referred back to the Grants Sub-Committee for further consideration and be submitted as a late report to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Dr French

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED and therefore became the Recommendation of the Closed Session of Council.

FPG-CON25- Tender ITT 286- Engagement Survey Provider

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(Report of L&OD Business Partner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council rejects all responses in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* section 178 (1) (b) and (3) (a) due to the significant financial and operational risks associated with Xref AU Pty Ltd.
- (b) That time permitting, the scope be revised, prior to the panel reissuing it to the market within two (2) months, contingent upon resolution of the identified concerns and to ensure compliance with Council's standards and objectives.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-16 LATE REPORT: Advisory Panels - Appointment of Community Members for 2024-2028

(Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Darley

- (a) That consideration of this matter be deferred to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Council Meeting.
- (b) That all Councillors (with the exception of Councillor Ellard and Councillor Dr Prociv who declined to receive a copy of the confidential list of applicants) be provided with list of all community members who applied for membership of Council's Advisory Panels prior to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Council Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard and Councillor Dr Prociv

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED and therefore became the Recommendation of the Closed Session of Council.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Greenwood and Councillor Dr French
That Council return to Open Session, the time being 11:30pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Council returned to Open Session at 11:30pm.

17 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Issa
That the recommendation in relation to the following item:

- **CON25-5: DEFERRED FROM OCM 12 MAY 2025: FPG-CON25-1: Riverside Theatres Redevelopment Project: Proposed Budget, Funding Strategy, Governance Model and Strategic Business Case**
- **AIC-CON25-10: Exception to Tender Request - Flood Smart Information System**
- **CCC25-8: 2025 Annual Community Grants Program - Cultural Round**
- **FPG-CON25-3: Tender ITT 286- Engagement Survey Provider**
- **OCM25-16: LATE REPORT: Advisory Panels - Appointment of Community Members for 2024-2028**

be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alteration and amendment thereto.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor

Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

CON25-5 DEFERRED FROM OCM 12 MAY 2025: FPG-CON25-1: Riverside Theatres Redevelopment Project: Proposed Budget, Funding Strategy, Governance Model and Strategic Business Case
(Report of Executive Director Community and Culture)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Valjak

- (a) That the Lord Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to proceed in accordance with the officer's recommendation should the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (UPPP) grant application be successful.
- (b) That should the grant application not be determined by 30 June 2025, the Lord Mayor is to call an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on or before 7 July 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, DLM Councillor MacLean and Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED

AIC-CON25-10 Exception to Tender Request - Flood Smart Information System
(Report of Group Manager Environment & Sustainability)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council notes Haskoning Australia Pty Ltd owns the modelling software, algorithms unique to the Parramatta River sub-catchments and the Intellectual property related to the software and model outputs for Council's Flood Smart system
- (b) That Council approves the engagement of Haskoning Australia Pty Ltd under the NSW *Local Government Act (1993)* Section 55 (3)
 - (i) due to the extenuating circumstances leading to unavailability of competition for the delivery of the Flood Smart warning system for Terry's Creek, Haslams Creek, A'Becketts Creek and Duck River.
- (c) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute all necessary documents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

CCC25-8 2025 Annual Community Grants Program - Cultural Round

(Report by the Community Capacity Building Lead)

Councillor Ellard disclosed a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant interest in this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Jeffrey

That this matter be referred back to the Grants Sub-Committee for further consideration and be submitted as a late report to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Meeting of Council .

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr

Greenwood, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Dr French

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

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Tender ITT 286- Engagement Survey Provider

(L&OD Business Partner)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council rejects all responses in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* section 178 (1) (b) and (3) (a) due to the significant financial and operational risks associated with Xref AU Pty Ltd.
- (b) That time permitting, the scope be revised, prior to the panel reissuing it to the market within two (2) months, contingent upon resolution of the identified concerns and to ensure compliance with Council's standards and objectives.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-16 LATE REPORT: Advisory Panels - Appointment of Community Members for 2024-2028

(Report by the Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Darley

- (a) That consideration of this matter be deferred to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Council Meeting.
- (b) That all Councillors (with the exception of Councillor Ellard and Councillor Dr Prociv who declined to receive a copy of the confidential list of applicants) be provided with list of all community members who applied for membership of Council's Advisory Panels prior to the 23 June 2025 Extraordinary Council Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ellard and Councillor Dr Prociv.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED

18 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.31pm.

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Signature of the Chairperson
