

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 2

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INNER WEST COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019

6.30pm

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

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The following report/s appear as late item/s with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the report/s was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C0219(2) Item 23
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: DAWN FRASER BATHS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Write to the Minister for Sport thanking the NSW Government for the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Grant funding of \$2.2 million for the upgrade of Dawn Fraser Baths;**
 - 2. Continue with its program for the upgrade of Dawn Fraser Baths; and**
 - 3. Report on the full scope of works for the upgrade of Dawn Fraser Baths using the currently available funding of \$6.7 million at the conclusion of the Tender process.**
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Background

Council has been advised by the Minister for Sport that it has been successful in its application for funding under the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund. The Minister has approved a grant of \$2.2 million to Council for the upgraded amenities and access at Dawn Fraser Baths.

The Dawn Fraser Baths is home to the oldest water polo and swimming club in Australia and the Baths are listed as a nationally significant heritage item. In order to meet the changing needs of the Inner West community, the project entails upgrading the facilities at the Baths to increase their capacity and accessibility, while still protecting the heritage of this iconic venue.

The project comprises:

- Improving the entry configuration and access from the harbour foreshore;
- Raising the Baths floor level to mitigate climate change and sea level rise;
- Renovating the male and female showers, toilets and change rooms;
- Providing 4 new unisex family change rooms;
- Providing a new equal access toilet, shower and change room; and
- Upgrading the existing lighting at the Baths to improve capacity for training and competitions at night.

An application was made for \$4.2 million. Council has been successful in obtaining \$2.2 million, and Council has already committed \$4.5 million.

The Joint Regional Planning Panel will be briefed on 28 February and a date set for consideration of the Development Application. Council will then invite a Tender process to determine exactly the scope of works and funding required.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0219(2) Item 24
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: TEMPE LANDS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council write to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight outlining the significant financial burden likely to be placed on Council and ratepayers by any acquisition of these properties, and seeking for an initial offer to purchase and lease these lands to be made as soon as possible.

Background

Councillors would be aware that the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) approached Council in September 2018, to advise that the acquisition of Council property was necessary for the building of the 'Sydney Gateway' project. Some land is proposed to be permanently acquired, while other land is to be acquired leasehold to enable construction.

The properties include Council's key investment lands, currently occupied by the Tyne Container yards, and the Tempe Golf driving range; Council's depot on Swamp Road; and part of the Tempe lands recreation area. The loss of the investment lands and the associated rental income - in excess of \$3 million per annum - represents a significant financial risk to Council.

Over the last several months, Council officers have been working constructively with staff from RMS and other agencies, and obtaining advice from experts on the valuation of the land proposed to be acquired.

In the first week on January, Council received its first formal notice of RMS' intention to acquire the land and was advised that an offer to purchase the subject land would soon be made. To date, no such offer has been made.

RMS has engaged a Valuer and have advised that the valuation will be available at the end of February.

It is important that this matter be progressed and an offer provided by RMS to Council as soon as possible, so that negotiations can advance prior to the NSW State Election in March 2019.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.