

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

6.30pm

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Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2019**Meeting commenced at 6.33 pm****Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Victor Macri	Deputy Mayor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Rochelle Porteous	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Michael Deegan	Chief Executive Officer
Elizabeth Richardson	Deputy General Manager Assets and Environment
Michael Tzimoulas	Deputy General Manager Chief Financial and Administration Officer
John Warburton	Deputy General Manager Community and Engagement
Wal Petschler	Group Manager Roads and Stormwater
Harjeet Atwal	Group Manager Development Assessment & Regulatory Services
Simon Duck	Group Manager Aquatic Services
Ian Naylor	Manager Civic Governance
Katherine Paixao	Governance Coordinator

APOLOGIES:**Motion: (Byrne/Hesse)**

THAT Apologies from Councillors Iskandar, Raciti and York be accepted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Councillors Hesse and Lockie declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 12 Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0319(2) Item 1 Draft Development Control Plan and Contributions Plan Amendments for Victoria Road (Precinct 47) as is the subject of an unresolved legal matter to which they are a party to and they will leave the chamber during discussion and voting.

During the meeting, Councillor Steer declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0319(2) Item 1 Draft Development Control Plan and Contributions Plan Amendments for Victoria Road (Precinct 47). Please see page 7.

Motion: (Porteous/Drury)

THAT the declaration of interests be noted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Kiat/Porteous)

THAT the Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 February 2019 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following change:

- **That the minutes of the 26 March 2019 meeting be amended to reflect that there was debate on motions for Item 1 which was ultimately dealt with when the meeting was resumed on 9 April 2019. The minutes for the meeting held on 26 March 2019 should expressly record the motions that were put for Item 1.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)

THAT Council move Items 1, 2, 3, 8, 10 and 11 en bloc and adopt the recommendations contained within.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 1 Mayoral Minute: Recycling for Public Schools

Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)

THAT Council:

- 1. Include assessment of commercial waste services to schools in the commercial waste service redesign to be undertaken in the next financial year;**
- 2. Write to Birchgrove Public School commending them for their efforts and advising ways on which Council can currently assist their recycling endeavors; and**
- 3. Write to all schools in the LGA outlining the ways in which they can take action under current State programs to reduce waste and increase recycling and how Council can assist them via the Inner West Sustainable Schools Network.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 2 Mayoral Minute: Integrating car share with light rail**Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)****THAT Council:**

1. Review the submission from GoGet regarding a pilot program integrating Car Share with the Inner West light rail line, including information supporting the need for additional spaces;
2. Ensure that any new car share spaces provide equitable access to car share companies, to ensure that Council does not unintentionally facilitate a monopoly within the industry;
3. Consult with the community regarding the location of any new proposed car share spaces;
4. Report back to Traffic Committee by August 2019; and
5. Write to the Minister for Transport seeking an update regarding the State Government's plans to address capacity restraints on the inner west light rail.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**C0419(1) Item 3 Classification of Council Land to Operational Land
"The Flour Mill", 2 Malthouse Way, Summer Hill (4 Units)****Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)****THAT Council resolves to classify land at Lots 3, 4, 5 and 10, 2 Malthouse Way, Summer Hill (The Flour Mill) as Operational Land for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993 and ease of management of 4 Affordable Housing Units.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**C0419(1) Item 8 Mandatory Reporting of Fire Safety Reports Referred to Council
From Fire and Rescue NSW****Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)****THAT Council:**

1. Receive and note the correspondence from Fire and Rescue NSW in relation to the following properties: 15–27 Reynolds St Balmain (Attachment 1), 21–23 Palmer St Balmain (Attachment 2), 155 Frederick St Ashfield (Attachment 3), 17-23 Parramatta Rd Haberfield (Attachment 4);
2. Endorse the use of statutory powers (and discretion as appropriate) by authorised Council Staff, under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to fire upgrade existing buildings to the satisfaction of Council's Fire Safety Team so as to:

- a. improve the provisions for fire safety at the premises;
- b. improve the provision of fire safety awareness;
- c. improve the adequacy of the premises to prevent fire;
- d. improve the adequacy of the premises to suppress fire or prevent the spread of fire, and
- e. improve the safety of persons in the event of fire.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 10 Investment Report as at 31 March 2019

Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)

THAT the report be received and noted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 11 Designated Person Disclosure (Pecuniary Interest) Returns

Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)

THAT Council note the tabling of Pecuniary Interest Returns of Designated Staff who have recently commenced in their positions.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 4 Fee Waiver - LPAC and DFB

Motion: (Byrne/Passas)

THAT this report be deferred.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 5 Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2019

Motion: (Hesse/Passas)

THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2019 be received and the recommendations be adopted, with the following amendments:

- a) In regards to LTC0419 Item 6 - Gannon Lane, Tempe - Proposed Installation of 'No Stopping' signage, replacing current 'No Parking 5am-10am Fridays' restrictions (Midjuburi Ward/Heffron Electorate/Inner West PAC) – the recommendation be changed to “no action”; and
- b) In regards to LTC0419 Item 5 - Tilba Avenue and Phoebe Street, Balmain - Proposed 'No Stopping' zone (Baludarri Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt

PAC) that point 2 of the recommendation be deleted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

C0419(1) Item 6 Draft Inner West Council Asbestos Policy

Motion: (Steer/Drury)

THAT Council:

- 1. Adopt the Inner West Council Asbestos Policy (Attachment 1 published separately on Council's website);**
- 2. Rescinds the Asbestos Policy of the former Leichhardt Council;**
- 3. Hold a debriefing and consultation about Council's response to the fire at 101 Australia St Camperdown in August 2018 for Councillors, affected residents, and relevant stakeholders, with learnings to be incorporated into the Inner West Council Asbestos Management Policy;**
- 4. Write to the NSW Minister for Fair Trading suggesting consideration be given to introducing a law that would require landlords to advise tenants if they are aware of Asbestos in their rental property;**
- 5. Write to the relevant NSW and Commonwealth Government Ministers and agencies to seek support for the removal of asbestos in residential and commercial buildings; and**
- 6. Seek a pro bono review of the policy from an appropriately qualified dust diseases plaintiff-oriented solicitor. To be reported to Council when the policy is reviewed with appropriate recommendations.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Cr Passas

C0419(1) Item 7 Inner West Council Draft Busking Policy

Motion: (Lockie/Hesse)

THAT Council:

- 1. Endorse the busking policy with the following amendments:**
 - a) That the policy be reviewed within six months with a particular focus on ensuring that busking is not having a negative impact on residents in the vicinity of the Marrickville Metro;**
 - b) That busking in the vicinity of the Marrickville Metro along Victoria Road must not use electrical amplification; and**
 - c) That the wording in the policy be changed from "mindful" to "a reasonable level of noise for the location".**
- 2. Rescinds all former Busking and Street Performing Policies of the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Council's.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Cr Passas**C0419(1) Item 9 Investment Report as at 28 February 2019****Motion: (Kiat/Byrne)****THAT Council:**

1. Congratulate the finance team and recognise the significant achievement toward addressing our Climate Emergency of divesting its \$200m+ investment portfolio from fossil fuels; and
2. Host a workshop inviting all Council CFOs in the greater Sydney region (or their representatives), along with interested CEOs, Mayors and Councillors, to share our knowledge and experience in transitioning to a fossil fuel free investment portfolio. Council to invite an appropriate environmental NGO or NGOs (e.g. 350.org) to co-host.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillors Hesse and Lockie left the Meeting at 7:52 pm as they declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 12 and left the chamber during discussion and voting.

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 7:57 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

8.00pm - The Mayor, Clr Byrne adjourned the meeting for a short recess.

8.03pm– The Mayor, Clr Byrne resumed the meeting.

Councillor Passas returned to the meeting at 8.03pm

Councillor Steer left the Meeting at 8:05 pm as she declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 and left the chamber during discussion and voting.

Motion: (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**THAT the declaration of interest be noted.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Kiat, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Crs Hesse, Lockie and Passas

C0419(1) Item 12 Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0319(2) Item 1 Draft Development Control Plan and Contributions Plan Amendments for Victoria Road (Precinct 47) - 26 March 2019 Council Meeting

Motion: (Porteous/Da Cruz)

THAT this item be deferred until advice from Office of Local Government is received.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Kiat, Porteous and Stamolis
Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Macri, Passas and McKenna OAM
Absent: Crs Hesse, Lockie and Steer

Foreshadowed Motion: (Byrne/Passas)

THAT the Rescission Motion be refused.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Macri, McKenna OAM and Passas
Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Kiat, Porteous and Stamolis
Absent: Crs Hesse, Lockie and Steer

Councillors Hesse, Lockie and Steer returned to the Meeting at 8:11 pm.

C0419(1) Item 13 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety

Motion: (Passas/Macri)

THAT:

- 1. Council develop an intensive pedestrian safety campaign and publicise the campaign through notifications in the Council page in the Inner West Courier, on Council's website and social media;**
- 2. A meeting be arranged with local emergency services and interested Councillors to have input the campaign;**
- 3. If money is required to fund such a campaign that Council request funding from Transport for NSW;**
- 4. Council writes to the RMS to review the plans for the intersection of Georges River Road and Milton Street Ashfield in the light of the death of a pedestrian at the location on 1 April 2019 and to commence pedestrian safety improvements as a matter of urgency; and**
- 5. Council write to the NSW Government to request the RMS reduce the speed limit across residential streets across the LGA to 40km/h.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer
Against Motion: Nil

Amendment (Hesse/Steer)

THAT Council write to the NSW Government to request the RMS reduce the speed limit across residential streets across the LGA to 40km/h.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury and Passas

As the amendment was carried, it was incorporated in the Primary Motion.

Councillor Passas retired from the Meeting at 8:35 pm.

C0419(1) Item 14 Notice of Motion: Foodbank in the Inner West**Motion: (McKenna OAM/Byrne)**

THAT Council convene a meeting with local food wholesale businesses and Foodbank operators before the end of this financial year to discuss how local Inner West businesses can donate to Foodbank, and any other means of participating in Foodbank.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Cr Da Cruz

Absent: Cr Passas

Amendment (Da Cruz/Porteous)**THAT Council:**

- 1. Generalise the Notice of Motion to include other charities and businesses involved in the space ie. OzHarvest, Meals on Wheels, The Asylum Seekers Centre, The Exodus Foundation and Ignite.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Porteous and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM and Stamolis

Absent: Cr Passas

- 2. Request a report be brought back on holding a forum on Food Security bringing together Local Businesses, Charities and service providers providing meals and food in the home and at other venue, Local Food Growers, Gardeners, Community Kitchen Program, Community Transport providers.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Kiat, Porteous and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM and Stamolis

Absent: Cr Passas

C0419(1) Item 15 Notice of Motion: Air ventilation of homes in St Peters**Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)**

THAT Council write to the Minister for Transport and Roads, the Hon Andrew Constance MP, requesting a review of noise and mitigation measures such as aero-packs, double-glazing and window seals being offered to residents affected by WestConnex construction in St Peters as a result of Stage 2 and 3 of the project, including reconsideration of compulsory acquisition if that is the preference of the resident.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Passas**C0419(1) Item 16 Notice of Motion: Traffic Management Plan for St Peters Public School and surrounds****Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Officers meet with parents to discuss their concerns and report to Traffic Committee regarding possible solutions to be implemented by the State Government and Council;**
- 2. Write to the Minister for Roads and Transport to strongly urge that Roads and Maritime Services engage with Council and the St Peters School to develop a traffic management plan that addresses the school community's concerns about safe passage to school; and**
- 3. Write to the Minister for Roads and Transport and the heads of the WestConnex and Sydney Metro projects to urgently call for more effective action to prevent and enforce the use of unauthorised truck routes in St Peters by those projects.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Passas

Meeting closed at 8.51pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 2:	Rob Mansfield	Leichhardt
Item 5:	Peter Erling	Tempe
	Jeremy Lawrance	Balmain
	Ron Wenman	Tempe
Item 6:	Linden Thorley	Camperdown
Item 14:	Ron Wenman	Annandale
Item 16:	Kate Hafey	Tempe
	Joy Goldfeder	St Peters

Item No: C0519(1) Item 1

Subject: PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2019/20, DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2019/20, DRAFT UPDATED LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-29 AND DRAFT REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-22

Prepared By: Dayne Glinkowski - Team Leader Corporate Strategy

Authorised By: David Birds - Group Manager Strategic Planning

Item 1

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council endorse the drafts of the *Operational Plan and Budget 2019/20, Fees and Charges 2019/20*, updated *Long-Term Financial Plan 2019-29* and revised *Delivery Program 2018-22* for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days;
2. Council approves that a proposed Compliance & Enforcement Levy of 0.2% of the estimated cost of works of a development application over \$100,000 and 0.25% of the estimated cost of works of a development application over \$5,000,000 be included in the draft fees and charges placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days;
3. Noting the significant projected operating deficits outlined within the budget, Council officers:
 - a) Work towards a minimum of \$5 million per annum in savings against the budget through efficiency measures, to be reported quarterly through the quarterly budget review process;
 - b) Continue to develop a consistent Inner West Council rating structure by July 2020, as required by the NSW Government;
 - c) Continue analysis of the feasibility of greatly enhanced access for the community to Council services through consolidation of its administration buildings and depots; and
 - d) Through the Land and Property Strategy, provide Council with additional information on the optimal use of its property and buildings to ensure benefits to the community are maximised.
4. All Key Performance Indicators in the Operational Plan are comprehensively reviewed for the 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget, and that this forms part of the monthly meetings proposed by the CEO.

DISCUSSION

This report seeks Council's approval to publicly exhibit the following Integrated Planning and Reporting documents as required under the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*:

- Draft *Operational Plan and Budget 2019/20* (Attachment 1) and Draft *Fees and Charges 2019/20* (Attachments 2-3);
- Draft updated *Long Term Financial Plan 2019-29* (part of the Inner West Council *Resourcing Strategy*, adopted 2018) (Attachment 4); and
- Draft revised *Delivery Program 2018-22* (first adopted 2018) (Attachments 5-6).

These documents must be adopted by Council on or before 30 June 2019.

Four-Year Delivery Program Highlights**Recreation & Aquatics**

\$36 million to deliver new Ashfield Aquatic Centre
\$7 million upgrade of Dawn Fraser Baths
\$2 million for new synthetics turf playing pitches
\$40 million to deliver new shared pathways and cycleways across the Inner West, including the Greenway 'Missing Links'
\$1.3 million new skate park in Lilyfield
\$800,000 on new play equipment in our parks

Planning our Future

\$5.7million to develop our new Inner West Planning Framework

Infrastructure

\$23 million to replace and upgrade local roads, a 17% increase in expenditure over 4 years.
\$10 million to renew footpaths, a 7.4% increase on the current year's budget.
\$1.3 million to retrofit Council buildings with solar power generation and energy efficient lighting

Public Domain Improvements

\$23 million to deliver the Parramatta Road Urban Improvement Program
\$7 million to upgrade Town Centres
\$800,000 upgrade to Alex Trevillion Plaza, Marrickville
\$540,000 to create a new public square on the cnr of Darling and Montague Street Balmain

Community Buildings

\$3.7 million to upgrade Haberfield Library and the Meryn Fletcher Community Centre
\$4.3 million to upgrade Marrickville Town Hall

Council is required to place the draft Operational Plan and Budget, draft Fees and Charges, draft Delivery Program and draft Long-Term Financial Plan on public exhibition for at least 28 days before Council can adopt the documents. It is proposed to exhibit the draft documents as soon as possible to enable timely consideration of all feedback prior to adoption.

The draft Fees and Charges (Attachment 2) include proposals for the harmonisation of fees and charges for the hire of sporting grounds in the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Council areas. It is proposed that there will be no net change in overall income (other than CPI) and to ensure fairness for individual clubs who may face increased fees, it is proposed to phase the changes in fees and charges over four years. More details are at Attachment 3.

It is also proposed to continue to move towards the harmonisation of domestic waste charges by introducing a green waste (garden organics) service to all properties in the Ashfield service area as a core service – this will bring all three services into greater alignment. The full cost of the service will be introduced over two years with remaining service costs to be funded by the Domestic Waste Reserve.

It also proposed to include in the draft Fees and Charges to be placed on exhibition a proposed Compliance & Enforcement Levy of 0.2% of the estimated cost of works of a development application over \$100,000 and 0.25% of the estimated cost of works of a development application over \$5,000,000. More details are at Attachment 3.

A further supplementary memo will be circulated prior to the 14 May 2019, outlining where fees and charges have been raised significantly above CPI.

The exhibition process will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework and appropriate legislation, including hard copies available in all service centres and online submissions invited via Your Say Inner West.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

Attachments 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1. ➔ Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2019/20 - **(published separately on Council's website)**
2. ➔ Draft Fees and Charges 2019/20 - **(published separately on Council's website)**
3. ↓ Proposed harmonisation of Fees and Charges 2019/20
4. ➔ Draft updated Long Term Financial Plan 2019-29 - **(published separately on Council's website)**
5. ➔ Draft revised Delivery Program 2018-22 - **(published separately on Council's website)**
6. ↓ Summary of amendments to the Delivery Program 2018-22



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Ordinary Council Meeting 14 May 2019: *Public exhibition of drafts*

Attachment 3: Harmonisation of Fees and Charges

Sporting Ground Fees & Charges

Council currently has different fees and charges for the hire of sporting grounds in the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Council areas. In summary, the following applies:

Former Council	Summary of Fees & Charges
Ashfield	Seasonal charge + hourly weekday training charge Different rates for Saturdays & Sundays
Leichhardt	Higher charges for Leichhardt #1, turf wickets Seasonal charges based on hours - 40 through to 201+ hours Charges capped (per ground per season)
Marrickville	Seasonal weekend hire (games) + hourly weekday training charge Higher charges for Henson, Arlington, turf wickets Additional lighting charges

The sporting grounds are subsidised by Council. The expenditure on sporting grounds is over \$1.6 million per annum on turf maintenance, linemarking and seasonal change over. This does not include the additional costs associated with Leichhardt #1, Henson Park, Arlington Recreation Reserve, turf wickets, on-costs, maintenance of park buildings and facilities, capital expenditure and depreciation. The income from sporting grounds is currently \$515,000.

It is proposed to harmonise the fees and charges across the Inner West to ensure equity. It is proposed that there is no net change in overall income (other than CPI). To ensure fairness for individual clubs who may face increased fees, it is proposed to phase the changes in fees and charges over four years.

The proposals are detailed in the fees and charges. In summary, it is proposed to have harmonised sporting grounds seasonal rates for: training with lights; training without lights; games with lights; and games without lights. Corporate rates will be twice the seasonal rates and casual rates will be 1.5 times the seasonal rates.

It is proposed that there are specific rates for Leichhardt #1, Henson Park, synthetic turf sporting grounds and turf wickets. This reflects the higher costs in depreciation and maintaining these grounds.

At the moment, there are large variances in the amount that different sporting clubs pay for sporting grounds, ranging from \$9.91 per hour for a ground to \$42.61 per hour for a ground. This large variation is mainly attributable to the cap which was in place at former Leichhardt. Previously, at former Leichhardt, the maximum a club paid per ground per season was \$8,800. In harmonising the fees and charges, it is proposed to remove this cap.

These proposed changes were presented to the relevant sporting clubs at the Sports Forum on the 12 November 2018.



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Ordinary Council Meeting 14 May 2019: *Public exhibition of drafts*

Item 1

Domestic Waste Management Charge (DWMC) - proposed changes for 2019/2020

As Councillors are aware IWC has three separate charges for domestic waste due to the differences in services across each area. Harmonisation is well underway to enable all services to come together under a common Charge.

DWMC for 2019/2020 includes:

- Increase – CPI and wages – all service areas
- Increase – Compliance with allowed DWM services (no longer funding litter bins) – all areas
- Increase – Adjustments for processing costs (tendered prices) south service area
- Increase and draw from Reserve – Garden Organics as core service – west service area
- Estimated service savings from service review – south service area
- Draw from Reserve – implement the no bin replacement fee from 1 July as resolved by Council (October 2018) – 6-12 month review to assess impact – across all service areas
- Distribution of core resource recovery administration/management costs - all service areas

West Service Area Garden Organics Service proposed as core service to all properties

Current Service

- Optional service taken up by 32% of ratepayers
- Current Charge is \$91 per bin for those who opt in e.g. one bin is \$91, three bins is \$273

Proposed – harmonised across IWC as a core kerbside containerised service

- Garden Organics included as core service – fortnightly collection
- Charge to be included in standard rate for all properties (additional bins will be free)
- Service to be rolled out from 1 July 2019
- Increases to DWMC introduced to west service area (Ashfield) ratepayers over 3 years (\$36/year) with additional costs drawn from DWM Reserve over the first 2 years
- No options are available in the current rates structure for a separate rate for multi-unit dwellings that may not take advantage of the Garden Organics service immediately

Outcomes

- Diversion from landfill – approx. 750 tonnes p.a. (\$50K savings in disposal costs)
- Common service across IWC for multi-unit dwellings and single dwellings
- Allows Council to expand FOO and other organics services to **all** properties across the IWC as soon as possible

Proposed DWMC 2019/2020

LFL Standard Charge	FY19 Adopted charge	FY20 Proposed charge	\$ YOY Movement	% YOY Movement
Ashfield	387.00	423.00	36.00	9.3%
Leichhardt	526.00	544.00	18.00	3.4%
Marrickville	578.50	578.50	0	0%

Attachment 3

 INNER WEST COUNCILOrdinary Council Meeting 14 May 2019: *Public exhibition of drafts*Proposed Compliance and Enforcement Levy

At its meeting of the 27 November 2018, Council considered a report on a proposed Compliance & Enforcement. At that meeting, Council resolved:

THAT the matter be deferred pending advice from staff on how the cost burden can be redistributed away from owner occupiers.

Residents who seek and obtain a development approval typically achieve a capital gain from the renovation or new construction. That benefit is achieved through using Council resources provided by ratepayers. The proposal is that those gaining a capital benefit make a contribution to those costs currently subsidised by other ratepayers.

In line with other Councils it is proposed a simple levy process be adopted. Canada Bay Council charges a flat rate of 0.15% and Canterbury-Bankstown Council 0.25% (under \$100,000 exempt). A mid-point is 0.2% and this is proposed with development works under \$100,000 in value exempt from the proposed Levy. For developments above \$5 million an increased levy of 0.25 % is recommended. Such an approach would redistribute the cost burden away from owner-occupiers. Imposing any greater levy on development above \$5 million is considered to provide an unreasonable cost impost on those developments, be inconsistent with (greater than) all other similar levies in operation.

It is anticipated that in any given year, approximately \$700,000 in net revenue would be achieved.

Recommendation:

THAT a proposed Compliance & Enforcement Levy of 0.2% of the estimated cost of works of a development application over \$100,000 and 0.25% of the estimated cost of works of a development application over \$5,000,000 be placed on public exhibition.



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Attachment 6: Summary of amendments to the *Delivery Program 2018-22*

Overview

Since the adoption of Council's complete suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents in June 2018, Council has continued considerable work to integrate and harmonise structures, services and programs from the former Inner West councils. This has resulted in greater clarity in Council's corporate planning processes.

Accordingly, Council has reviewed the *Delivery Program 2018-22* and is proposing minor amendments to reflect the latest available information.

Summary of general amendments

- All financial data (incl. Operating Budget, capital works programs) has been updated in line with the latest forecasts to FY2022/23.
- Amendments to a number of proofing errors have been made.
- Identified continuity errors between the adopted version and the OP2018/19 have been fixed (e.g. initiatives that appeared in the OP but were missing in the DP).
- This version now represents all strategies from the CSP. (Previously only those with specific programmed 'key project' initiatives were represented.)
- Codes are now included against all initiatives for easier traceability between the DP and its associated annual OP actions, and subsequent reporting against these.

Summary of specific amendments

Page no. (Adopted 2018 version)	Page no. (Draft amended 2019 version)	Description of change	Rationale
2-3	2-3	Updated introduction from the CEO.	New CEO appointed.
4	4	"Strategic Reference Groups" updated to "Local Democracy Groups"	SRGs have since been superseded by LDGs.
4-5	4-5	Ward map and Councillor page updated with Aboriginal names	
9	n/a	"Addressing Community Issues" page removed.	Internal feedback indicated this content added confusion as it did not directly link to specific initiatives.
13-14	12-13	"Inner West Council services" pages updated	Service descriptions simplified and updated to reflect latest org structure.
20	18	KPI "Tonnes of waste collected from illegal dumping" – benchmark changed from 727 to 2727.	Incorrect benchmark listed.
21	19	Initiative "Implement Urban Ecology subcatchment program..." removed.	Duplicate of initiative 1.1.5.3.
21	19	Initiative "Upgrade of Dobroyd Point rock wall..." removed.	Now deferred to be coordinated alongside the Greenway pathway – initiative 2.6.1.3.2.

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Page no. (Adopted 2018 version)	Page no. (Draft amended 2019 version)	Description of change	Rationale
22	20	Initiative "Establish environmental planning zones for the GreenWay"... has been moved to an OP action under initiative 1.2.3.1	Reduce duplication of reporting on this initiative.
23	21	New initiative 1.4.1.5 included.	Initiative appeared in OP18/19 but not original DP. (Continuity error.)
24	23	KPI wording clarified – affordable housing target (last in table).	Wording was considered unclear for this measure.
26	25	New initiative: "Implement the swimming pool inspection program" (2.1.1.5).	Request from relevant Group Manager/s.
26	25	Initiative "Prepare Inner West Integrated Transport Strategy" removed.	Duplicate initiative – still appears as 2.6.1.1.
28	27	Initiative "Maintain a Housing and Affordability Officer role" removed.	This is not a 'key initiative' as such but BAU.
28	27	2.4.2.1. – Wording corrected for consistency with OP&B18/19.	Continuity error.
29	28	Some initiatives under strategy 2.6.1 have been combined.	Duplicate initiatives (Traffic and Parking).
29	28	Initiatives in 2.6.2 (Active transport) have been removed.	Duplicates of 2.6.1 initiatives (Active Transport). All covered in the Integrated Transport Strategy (2.6.1.1.)
30	29	'Planned capital works' added to this section.	Capital works program now includes 'Arts Projects'.
34	34	Under strategy 4.1.3, the first two initiatives have been removed.	These initiatives are really actions of the IAP (Initiative 4.1.3.1) and now appear as such in the OP&B19/20.
36	36	4.3.1.1 "Facilitate provision of community services that support wellbeing..." – removed.	Duplicate of 4.1.1.1 (Wellbeing Strategy).
36	36	Initiatives about "Richard Murden Reserve" removed.	Duplicated initiative in the original. This has now been replaced with a general "Parks capital works" initiative (4.3.1.11).
37	37	New initiative included, 4.4.2.4 – "Develop a Library Technology Roadmap in conjunction with ICT"	Request from relevant Group Manager/s.
37	37	Initiative under 4.4.3 - "Provide Early and Middle Childhood services in Inner West" removed.	This is considered BAU, not a key project/initiative.
39	39	New initiative: 5.1.1.7 "Establish Local Democracy Groups" included.	Local Democracy Groups established in 2018 resulting in new actions.
42	42	New initiatives 5.3.3.21 and 5.3.3.22 included.	Request from relevant Group Manager/s.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 2

Subject: **OUTDOOR ADVERTISING AND SIGNAGE IN TRANSPORT CORRIDORS
POLICY**

Prepared By: Katie Miles - Strategic Planner

Authorised By: David Birds - Group Manager Strategic Planning

Item 2

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopts the proposed Outdoor Advertising and Signage in Transport Corridors Policy (Attachment 1) as an interim policy to guide development assessment and related matters.

DISCUSSION

This report proposes a policy to enable Council to seek public benefits arising from the assessment of development applications for signage in transport corridors under the provisions of *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 - Advertising and Signage* (SEPP 64) and its associated *Transport Corridor Advertising and Signage Guidelines (2017)*.

Council does not currently have a specific policy to inform its responses to development applications for outdoor advertising and signage in transport corridors other than an outdated former Leichhardt Council Policy (see Attachment 2) which predates the current SEPP 64 planning framework. This is preventing Council securing public benefits such as monetary or in-kind contributions for local traffic, cycling and pedestrian safety improvements works or programs.

The adoption of the proposed policy (Attachment 1) will establish an interim policy position which can be further developed and incorporated in the new Inner West Development Control Plan (DCP). The public exhibition phase of the DCP preparation will provide the community with an opportunity to consider the policy position on this matter. As it is anticipated that matters are likely to arise over the period prior to the DCP exhibition on which Council may seek to obtain public benefits, it is proposed that this interim policy position be adopted now otherwise Council may miss opportunities to obtain public benefits.

The proposed policy outlines issues that should be taken into consideration as part of the assessment of any relevant development application for outdoor advertising structures along transport corridors, and outlines Council's position regarding public benefits that may be sought.

The development of this policy has been informed by legal advice obtained by the former Leichhardt Council in response to multiple digital billboard proposals along Victoria Road, City West Link and Glebe Island Silos in 2014-2015.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) IWC Draft Interim Policy for the Assessment of Proposals for Outdoor Advertising and Structures in Transport Corridors
2. [↓](#) Explanation of Former Leichhardt Council Policy and Legislative Context

Draft Interim Policy for the Assessment of Proposals for Outdoor Advertising and Signage in Transport Corridors

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Title	Interim Policy for the Assessment of Proposals for Outdoor Advertising and Signage in Transport Corridors
Summary	To guide decision-making under Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> as it relates to matters relating to <i>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64</i> and associated Guidelines (2017).
Background	To establish an Inner West Council Policy Position
Policy Type	Council Policy
Relevant Strategic Plan Objective	Strategic Direction 2: Unique, Liveable, Networked Neighbourhoods Outcomes: 2.5 & 2.6 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport is reliable, accessible, connected and enjoyable • People are walking, cycling and moving around Inner West with ease.
Relevant Council References	Former Leichhardt Council Merit Assessment of and Public Benefits from Outdoor Advertising and Structures in Transport Corridors
Main Legislative Or Regulatory Reference	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> ; <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000</i> ; <i>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 - Advertising and Signage</i>
Applicable Delegation Of Authority	As per delegation
Attachments	See Appendices 1 and 2
Record Notes	Public document
Version Control	See last page

Document:	Council Policy	<i>Uncontrolled Copy When Printed</i>	
Custodian:	David Birds	Version #	Version #
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1. PURPOSE

This Policy Position explains Council's position regarding Public Benefits which may be sought in relation to Outdoor Advertising and Structures along Transport Corridors in accordance with the matters outlined in *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 – Advertising and Signage* (SEPP 64) and the Department of Planning and Environment's 'Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines' (November 2017). It also outlines merit assessment considerations which Council will take into account in assessing any development application for outdoor advertising and structures.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to guide the assessment of development applications for advertisements and structures along transport corridors under SEPP 64 to better enable Council to obtain and advocate for public benefits associated with:

- Improved traffic safety (road, rail, bicycle and pedestrian)
- Improved public transport services
- Improved public amenity within, or adjacent to, the transport corridor
- Support school safety infrastructure and programs
- Other appropriate community benefits such as free advertising time to promote a service, tourism in the locality, community information, or emergency message.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to any relevant development application under SEPP 64 applicable to the Inner West local government area but excludes advertising subject to contracts engaged in by Inner West Council.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy states that Council will preference monetary contributions as public benefits but will consider in-kind contributions rather than a monetary fee for capital works concerning traffic safety, cyclist safety or pedestrian safety works or other related works of public benefit already identified in Council's Long Term Financial Plans or where safety risks are sufficiently demonstrated. Council may also consider the use of the advertisement structure from time to time for the promotion of community programs, events, public safety programs or other appropriate public purposes, if there is an identified need to raise public awareness for such campaigns.

Council will prioritise revenue raised from advertising structures towards improvements to traffic safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. This may include works such as the provision of cycle ways, pedestrian refuges or installation of pedestrian bridges to improve safety and traffic flow or any other relevant capital works matters identified in Council's Long Term Financial Plans.

4.1 Council as the Consent Authority

In accordance with SEPP 64, Council is the consent authority for outdoor advertising and signage on transport corridor land where the Minister for Planning (or his delegate) is not the consent authority.

Transport corridor land is defined by SEPP 64 as:

- a) Land comprising a railway corridor,
- b) Land comprising a road corridor,
- c) Land zoned industrial under an environmental planning instrument and owned, occupied or managed by RMS, Sydney Metro or RailCorp.

Appendix 1 explains when a council can be the consent authority for development applications along transport corridors.

Appendix 2 identifies the location of all classified roads in the Inner West LGA to which SEPP 64 and the Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines (2017) apply. In most scenarios, the Minister for Planning (or his delegate) is likely to be the relevant consent authority for outdoor advertising and signage applications along these corridors.

If Council is the consent authority it may, in addition to any development application fees, require that an applicant pay public benefit contributions in the form of:

- An upfront fee;
- An annual fee payable for the period of consent; or
- 'In-kind' contributions.

In such circumstances, Council is responsible for the collection, distribution and expenditure of revenue from the fees. Council is required to identify any revenue raised in its annual financial reporting. Council will preference monetary contributions in most circumstances however Council may consider in-kind contributions if the proposed works are identified by existing capital projects in Council's Long Term Financial Plans. Such contributions may include on-ground works to improve local amenity such as pedestrian bridges, pedestrian refuges, landscaping, graffiti management, safety lighting or other works associated with the installation of the structure.

4.2 Public Benefit Test for Advertisement Proposals

Under Clause 13 of SEPP 64, the consent authority must take into consideration applicable provisions of the associated DPE Guidelines (2017) and be satisfied that the proposal is acceptable in terms of design, road safety and public benefits. A Public Benefit Test must be undertaken to assess how the local community will benefit as a result of the display of the advertisement.

The DPE Guidelines (2017) provide guidance on undertaking the public benefit test along with information on what is an appropriate public benefit (pages 48-50). They state that any monetary or in-kind contribution must be linked improvements in local community services such as:

- Improved traffic safety (road, rail, bicycle and pedestrian)
- Improved public transport services
- Improved public amenity within, or adjacent to, the transport corridor
- Support school safety infrastructure and programs
- Other appropriate community benefits such as free advertising time to promote a service, tourism in the locality, community information, or emergency message.

The DPE Guidelines state that public authorities such as Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Transport for NSW (TfNSW), Sydney Trains and NSW Trains, must consult with the relevant councils to identify and prioritise activities to be included in their relevant delivery of works program/s. Council's Roads & Stormwater Group are best placed to advocate for the delivery of Council identified works to State public authorities in response to consultation on proposals where the Minister for Planning (or his delegate) is the consent authority, and are best placed to advise other internal Council groups on related matters.

4.3 Mechanisms to obtain payment

Under Clause 13(3) of SEPP 64, the consent authority must not grant consent unless arrangements that are consistent with the Department of Planning and Environment's

'Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines' (November 2017) have been entered into for the provision of public benefits in connection with the display of advertisement.

The 2017 Guidelines state that:

"RMS and TfNSW, Sydney Trains and NSW Trains must consult with the relevant councils to identify and prioritise the public benefit works to be delivered through the program on a regional or subregional basis." (page 49)

"[re: advertising along Tollways] RMS must consult with the relevant council to identify and prioritise activities to be included in the public benefit works program to be delivered through the program" (page 49)

"[re: where Council is the consent authority] Council is responsible for the collection, distribution and expenditure of the revenue from the fees. The monies are to fund a public benefit works program developed in partnership with RMS or TfNSW in relation to public transport matters." (page 50)

Under clause 13(3) of SEPP 64, this policy states that Council is to obtain or advocate for monetary contributions as a public benefit for the delivery of relevant capital works identified in Council's Long Term Financial Plans. Council's future Traffic and Transport Needs Study, Integrated Transport Strategy and Section 7.11/7.12 Local Infrastructure Contribution Plans, will also inform the distribution of any monetary or in-kind contributions and should be taken into consideration once these policies have been placed on community consultation or have been approved.

5. POLICY

1. Council will undertake merit assessment of development applications:
 - i. For a replacement or modification of existing advertising or signage; or
 - ii. For the conversion of an existing approved advertising structure to a digital advertising structure; or
 - iii. When a proposed new advertising structure is being considered by another consent authority (other than council) (i.e. Planning Minister or delegate).
2. In addition to the matters contained in SEPP 64 and its Guidelines, Council will undertake a merits assessment of the following provisions, and will require proponents to address these criteria as part of their Statements of Environmental Effects (SEE) to be submitted as part of the relevant development application/s:
 - i. The compatibility of the structure with the site context (zoning, surrounding land use, built form and existing and desired character of the area); and
 - ii. Whether the structure reduces the amenity of the public domain, residential and recreation areas, including impacts arising from light emitted by the structure, and
 - iii. Whether the structure maintains or enhances the significance of heritage conservation areas or heritage items, and
 - iv. Whether the structure will result in an improved appearance of the advertising structure and its contribution to the streetscape including a reduction in visual clutter and its effect on the pedestrian experience in the public domain, and
 - v. Whether the structure will result in reduced safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, and
 - vi. Whether the structure would reduce the quality of important views and the visual amenity of the skyline, streetscape and site, and
 - vii. The extent of public benefit that will be provided in connection with the structure, and
 - viii. The environmental performance and energy use of the structure, and
 - ix. The suitability of the structures' operation and on-going maintenance, and

- x. In order to minimise visual impacts any replacement structure (including a conversion to a digital sign) is to have an advertising display area that is a minimum of 30% smaller than the advertising display area of the existing approved advertising structure it is replacing.
3. When Council is the consent authority, or is being consulted under 16(3)(a) of the SEPP 64 when the Minister (or his delegate) is the consent authority, Council will preference monetary contributions as public benefits. Monetary contributions are in addition to the standard development application fees, and Council shall require the applicant to provide an upfront fee or annual fee (payable to Council) for the duration of the consent of the advertisement (generally 15 years) (see page 49 of Guidelines)*. Public Benefit monetary or in-kind contributions will be sought by Council pursuant to the policy position that 1 in 6 advertisements or 15% of advertising time to be equally distributed throughout the hours of operation of the structure (or monetary/in-kind contribution equivalent).

*It is noted that where this option is pursued that no other additional fees can be charged under the *Local Government Act 1993*. It is also noted that Council may not require the proponent to pay a fee if it is satisfied that adequate public benefits will otherwise be provided (i.e. in-kind contributions).

4. When Council is the proponent of a development application subject to clause 16 of SEPP 64, Council must set aside the proceeds from any earnings for public purposes and record the revenue and expenditure in its financial reporting.
5. When Council is the consent authority, or is being consulted under 16(3)(a) of the SEPP 64, should the applicant wish to replace Council's mandatory public interest payment amount with an "in kind" public benefit, the below policy approach for Council to obtain public benefits will apply:
- i. Public benefit monetary or in-kind contributions will be sought by Council pursuant to the policy position that 1 in 6 advertisements or 15% of advertising time to be equally distributed throughout the hours of operation of the structure (or monetary/in-kind contribution equivalent);
 - ii. If advertisement time is to be provided as a public benefit as part of in-kind contributions, the advertisement contents and period of time is to form part of either the imposed consent conditions or form part of associated agreements with Council;
 - iii. Capital works identified in Council's Long Term Financial Plans or Council's future Traffic and Transport Needs Study, Integrated Transport Strategy and Section 7.11/7.12 Local Infrastructure Contribution Plans, should be taken into consideration once these policies have been placed on community consultation or have been approved, to inform the distribution of any monetary or in-kind contribution;
 - iv. Council delegates authority to the CEO or his delegate to negotiate and collect monetary or 'in-kind' contributions for Outdoor Advertising and Signage, in accordance with the provisions of SEPP 64 and the 'Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines (2017)';
 - v. Where an "in kind" contribution is inappropriate or not beneficial, Council to negotiate a resale of advertising time back to the advertiser for full commercial rates, so that this amount is made to the "community contribution".
6. Council acknowledges that advertising on pedestrian bridges may not require any additional provision of public benefit (financial or in-kind), as public benefits associated with the bridge advertisement are usually linked to the cost of the bridge construction and its ongoing maintenance.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Council's CEO (or delegate) will negotiate and collect monetary or 'in-kind' contributions for Outdoor Advertising and Structures, in accordance with this Policy, the provisions of SEPP 64 and Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines (2017) and any relevant capital works identified in Council's long term financial plans. Council's CEO (or delegate) will be also responsible for the annual financial reporting of revenue raised by this Policy, as required by the Department's Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines (2017) (page 50).
2. The Group Manager Development Assessment & Regulatory Services will be responsible for implementing merit assessment of any Development Applications for Outdoor Advertising and Signage within the local government area, and will be responsible for merits assessment of any 'external' (outside the local government area) Development Application for Outdoor Advertising and Signage in accordance with this Policy.
3. The Group Manager Strategic Planning will be responsible for formalising this Policy within the comprehensive review of the Inner West Development Control Plan (2020+) and its ongoing review (as required by legislative changes).
4. The Group Manager Roads and Stormwater will be responsible for developing and monitoring Council's Annual Schedule of Capital Works Program and liaising with relevant public authorities regarding the development of their Public Benefit Works Programs. This group will also be responsible for providing internal advice to other groups within Council seeking to implement this policy (as requested).

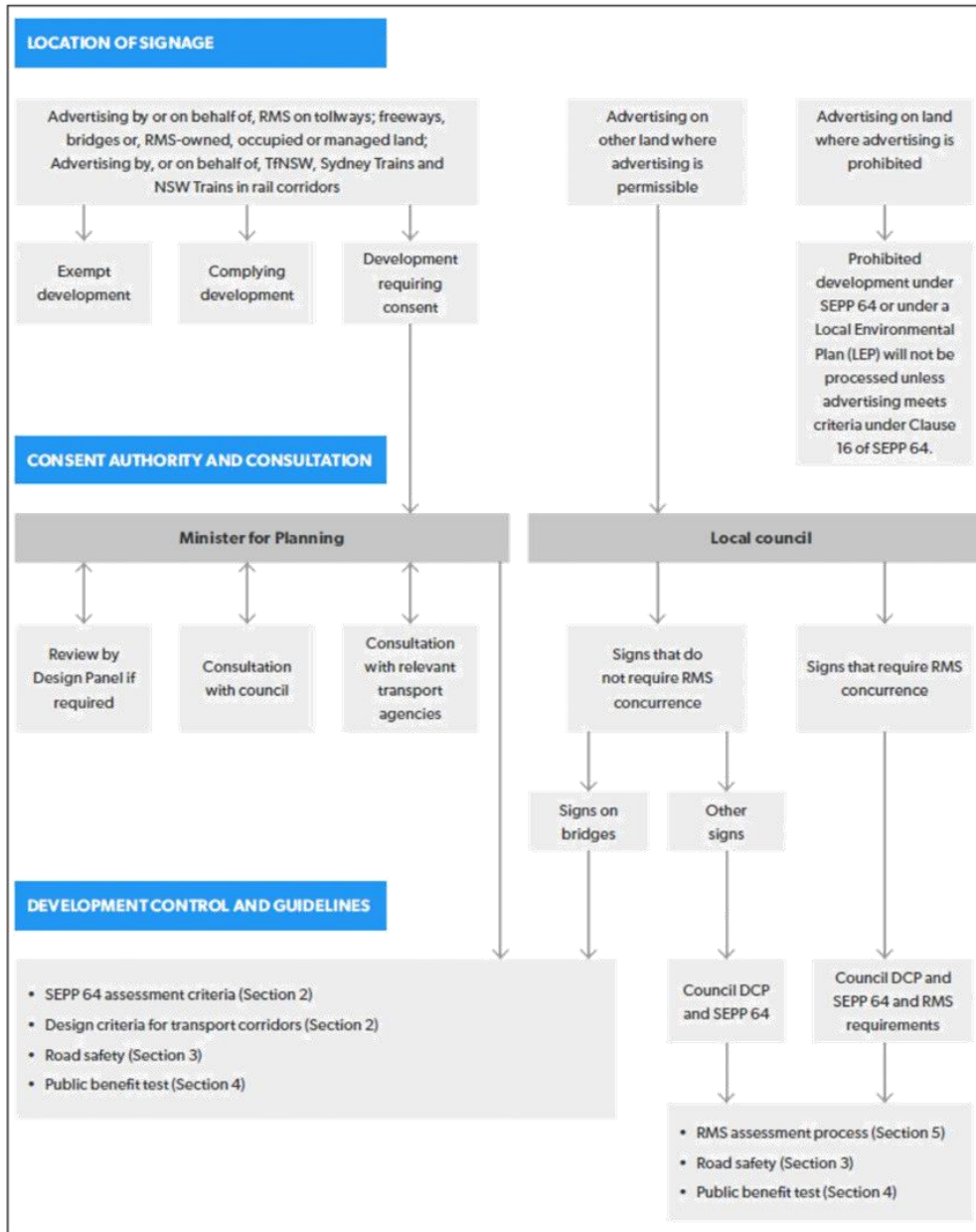
Version Control - POLICY HISTORY:

The history of modifications and approval to the Policy must be detailed in the table below post adoption

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APPENDIX 1 – Consent Authority Flow Chart (Extract from Page 9 of the SEPP 64 Guideline 2017)



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Attachment 1

APPENDIX 2 – Location of Transport Corridors in the Inner West Council

Classified Roads in the former Leichhardt LGA

Classified Roads include:

- Victoria Road
- City West Link
- Tebbutt Street
- Darley Road
- Balmain Road/Perry Street
- Johnston street
- The Crescent
- Bridge Road
- Parramatta Road



Classified Roads in the former Marrickville LGA

Classified Roads include:

- Parramatta Road
- Railway Terrace/Gordon Street
- Old Canterbury Road
- New Canterbury Road
- Stanmore Road
- Enmore Road
- Princes Highway
- Sydenham Road
- Railway Parade
- Buckley Street



Classified Roads in the former Ashfield LGA

Classified Roads include:

- Georges River Road
- Frederick Street
- Wattle Street
- Dobroyd Parade
- City West Link
- Parramatta Road
- Liverpool Road



Attachment 2: Explanation of Former Leichhardt Council Policy Approach and Subsequent Legislative Changes**BACKGROUND**

In August 2014, the former Leichhardt Council considered a report containing a submission to the Department of Planning and Environment in relation to a proposed digital billboard adjacent to the City West Link and Glebe Island Silos. A resolution of this report required the General Manager to seek further legal advice and report back on policy approaches for dealing with such matters. In response to this on 11 August 2015 the former Council adopted the following policy approach:

- That Council opposes development applications for new outdoor advertising and signage in transport corridors; and
- Council undertake a merits assessment of development applications to obtain appropriate public benefits.

SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

In 2017 the NSW State Government reviewed and amended the provisions of the *State Environmental Planning Policy No.64 – Advertising and Signage* (SEPP 64) and implemented new associated guidelines *Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines (2017)*. SEPP 64 regulates the display of advertising in transport corridors and ensures that public benefits may be derived from advertising in and adjacent to transport.

The amendment of SEPP 64 and the supporting Guidelines has had the following key effects:

- Makes advertising in transport corridors permissible with consent from the Planning Minister or his delegate across NSW;
- LEPs are now prevented from prohibiting advertising in transport corridors;
- Enables seeking a once-off fee or an annual fee for the duration of the sign's applicable development consent (the Guidelines suggest an annual fee for an average of 15 years).

These legislative changes have limited Council's ability to obtain public benefits in scenarios where Council is not the consent authority, and lessened Council's ability to oppose advertising development in transport corridors. However the changes have enabled Councils to seek public benefits, including financial contributions, when consent is given for certain advertising signs. The proposed policy in Attachment 1 seeks to enable Council to better obtain public benefits under the new SEPP 64 framework.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 3

Subject: ELLIOT PARK AND BALMAIN COVE-COMPANION ANIMAL ACCESS
REVIEW

Prepared By: Aaron Callaghan - Parks Planning and Engagement Manager

Authorised By: Cathy Edwards-Davis - Group Manager Trees, Parks and Streetscapes

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- 1. Council endorse the establishment of a full time companion animal off-leash zone at Elliott Park and Balmain Cove;**
 - 2. Council write to the Secretary of the Balmain Cove Body Corporate to advise of the new off-leash area and provide clarification on the legal responsibilities of dog owners with respect to the use of this area; and**
 - 3. New educational signage be installed in Elliott Park and Balmain Cove to designate the off-leash areas and educate dog owners of their responsibilities when utilising these parks for companion animal exercise.**
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DISCUSSION

Council resolved at the May 2018 Council meeting to proceed with an off-leash trail at Elliott Park and Balmain Cove, Rozelle and evaluate the trial at the conclusion of a six month period.

A total of 153 submissions were received and 118 respondents (77%) indicated that they were supportive of the establishment of a full time off leash area.

Council officers have also assessed safety issues associated with the proposed designation It is noted that all properties (town houses and units) bordering the parkland have gated access. In this respect it is recommended that Council notify the body corporate of the new changes so that tenants and property owners can be informed through their respective body corporate. Companion animal owners have a legal responsibility under the Companion Animals Act 1988 to ensure that their companion animal is under effective control at all times even when off a leash. Educational signage will also be placed in the park on the implementation of the new off leash areas advising dog walkers of their obligations in this respect.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 4

Subject: 2018/19 THIRD QUATER BUDGET REVIEW

Prepared By: Daryl Jackson - Financial Partnering and Analytics Manager

Authorised By: Michael Tzimoulas - Deputy General Manager Chief Financial and Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received, noted and approved

DISCUSSION

Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 requires that a quarterly budget review be considered by Council, which shows revised estimates for income and expenditure for the financial year indicating whether Council's financial position is satisfactory and makes recommendations for remedial action where needed.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. This report provides a comprehensive high level overview of Council's financial position as at 31 March 2019 in accordance with the Code, together with supplementary information. **Any forecast results are projections as at 30 June 2019.**

During the quarter, a detailed review of both the operating and capital budgets were undertaken to reconfirm the budget projections for the current financial year.

Council has updated its projected budget result to \$7.9 million including capital revenue against that reported in the 2018/19 Adopted Q2 Quarter Budget Review of \$6.1 million, this is an improvement of \$1.8million. Excluding capital revenue, a deficit of \$10.6 million has been projected against the 2018/19 Adopted Q2 Quarter Budget Review Budget Deficit of \$12.8 million.

It is important to note that the change in our budgeted result is predominantly due to the following adjustments made in the Q3 QBRS:

1. A decrease in Council's Income of \$0.3m which includes a decrease in user charges and fees of \$0.3m, operating grants and contributions of \$0.1m and capital grants and contributions of \$0.3m offset by an increase in other income of \$0.4m – detail information can be found within the Movement Summary.
2. A decrease in Council's Operating Expenditure of \$2.1m which includes a decrease in employee costs of \$1.9m and materials & contractors of \$0.4m offset by an increase in other expenses of \$0.2m – detail information can be found within the Movement Summary.

The Capital Budget will be reviewed throughout the financial year on an ongoing basis with the capital works managers. Changes to the Capital Works will be brought to Council through future reports.

Cash Flow forecasts of major projects will be monitored ensuring the expenditure remains in line with the budget. March 2019 year to date capital expenditure totals approximately \$25.6 million.

Summary of Budget Movements.

The following are key movements with a brief explanation and impact on Council's budget:

- Decrease in Capital Expenditure of (\$1.8m) which were predominantly funded by capital grants and contributions no longer available -
 - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes Capital Projects – (\$0.3m) - refer to Item 2 below.
 - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater – (\$1.3m) - refer to Item 1 below.
 - ICT Capital Projects – \$0.3m - refer to Item 6 below.
 - Corporate Support Services – (\$0.5m) - refer to Item 11 below.
- Forecast decrease in revenue relating to User Fees and Charges
 - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic & Stormwater \$0.3m - decrease in parking meter revenue has been included in this budget reflecting the current year end forecast.
- Forecast increase in revenue relating to Other Income -
 - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic & Stormwater \$0.4m - increase in street furniture advertising income against the estimates previously used.
- Forecast decrease in revenue relating to Capital Grants & Contributions
 - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic & Stormwater \$0.3m – change to the funding for the Bike Route LR18 (Marrickville Station to Dulwich Hill) Construction from capital grants & contributions to working capital due to RMS funding application was not successful.
- Forecast decrease in Employee Costs –
 - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes \$1.8m – Reclassification between Employee Costs and Material & Contracts covering agency costs to fill open positions pending the service review.
- Forecast decrease in Materials and Contracts –
 - ICT \$0.3m – the transfer of mobility devices from an operational to a capital expenditure in line with the change in funding. The budget assumption was to lease these devices.
 - Strategic Planning \$0.5m - reprioritising the LEP timeline.
 - Community Services and Culture - \$0.4m was a reclassification of budget between Materials & Contracts and Other Expenses to align with the actual costs.
 - Environment and Sustainability \$0.3m - Streetscape weekend clean up garbage collection disposal costs was reduced to align with the expected full year forecast.
 - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes (\$1.0m) - reclassification between Employee Costs and Material & Contracts covering agency costs to fill open positions pending the service review, offset by the tree planting project management at Dalhousie Street.
- Forecast increase in Other Expenses –
 - Community Services and Culture \$0.3m – reduction in expenditure to cover the reduced anticipated revenue.

Further details can be found in the attached March 2019 Movements section of this report.

Report by the Responsible Accounting Officer of Council

Section 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires a report by Council's responsible accounting officer regarding the Council's financial position at the end of each quarter.

The responsible accounting officer is of the opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Inner West Council for the quarter ended 31 March 2019 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2019 will be satisfactory.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS


The proposed budget adjustments will see a net increase in Council working funds of \$3.6million (\$1.8m for reduced capital expenditure & \$1.8m increase in operating profit). This includes unfinished projects from 2017/18 which will be completed in the current financial.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

All relevant staff have been consulted during the budget adjustment process.

Attachment 2 has been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1.  March 2019 Financial Statements and Movements
- 2 Fees and Charges (**published separately on Council's website**)

March 2019 Financial Statements & Movements.

1) Primary Financial Statement

Description	Original Budget	Approved Changes		Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
		Sept	Dec				
Income							
Rates & General Revenue	119,011,027	0	0	119,011,027	0	119,011,027	84,406,041
User Charges & Fees	44,428,556	-1,340,556	0	43,088,000	-300,000	42,788,000	33,400,129
Domestic Waste Charge	38,086,243	1,192,000	0	39,278,243	0	39,278,243	33,353,707
Interest Income	5,167,034	0	0	5,167,034	0	5,167,034	4,460,831
Other Income	24,484,213	88,876	1,061,743	25,634,832	394,821	26,029,653	18,937,621
Operating Grants & Contributions	10,903,558	-2,013,024	0	8,890,535	-68,669	8,821,866	6,327,618
Capital Grants & Contributions	25,906,751	-6,299,571	-777,500	18,829,680	-300,000	18,529,680	15,976,903
Profit or Loss on Disposal	181,723	0	0	181,723	0	181,723	983,790
Total Income	268,169,106	-8,372,275	284,243	260,081,074	-273,848	259,807,226	197,846,639
Expense							
Employee costs	123,934,251	611,420	-169,843	124,375,828	-1,921,275	122,454,553	88,578,038
Materials & Contracts	61,684,784	2,257,539	-2,367,799	61,574,524	-459,953	61,114,571	41,410,949
Borrowing Costs	1,207,031	235,986	45	1,443,061	0	1,443,061	426,262
Depreciation & Amortisation	26,129,474	5,517,682	0	31,647,156	0	31,647,156	23,733,015
Other Expenses	32,178,574	163,914	2,640,604	34,983,092	249,252	35,232,343	22,262,492
Total Expense	245,134,113	8,786,540	103,008	254,023,661	-2,131,976	251,891,685	176,410,756
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	23,034,993	-17,158,815	181,235	6,057,413	1,858,128	7,915,541	21,435,884
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital	-3,053,000	-10,678,002	958,735	-12,772,267	2,158,128	-10,614,139	4,475,191
Capital Expenditure							
Capital Works Program	77,584,402	-1,471,364	-5,589,046	70,523,992	-1,224,945	69,299,047	23,135,945
Loan Principal	5,434,440	0	0	5,434,440	-530,339	4,904,101	2,426,651
Total Capital Expenditure	83,018,842	-1,471,364	-5,589,046	75,958,432	-1,755,284	74,203,148	25,562,595
Funding							
Net Working Capital Drawdown	30,288,780	10,235,364	-5,770,281	34,753,863	-3,613,412	31,140,451	-24,356,265
Net Overheads Reallocation	65,595	-65,595	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation Contra	29,629,474	5,517,682	0	35,147,157	0	35,147,157	0
Total Funding	59,983,849	15,687,451	-5,770,281	69,901,019	-3,613,412	66,287,608	-24,356,265
Net Budget Position	0	0	0	0	0	0	-28,482,977

2) March 2019 Movements

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	Income	
	Rates & General Revenue	
1	Decreased Revenue - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	(149)
11	Increased Revenue - Corporate Support Services	149
		-
	User Charges & Fees	
1	Decreased Revenue - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	(300)
		(300)
	Other Income	
4	Decreased Revenue - Community Services and Culture	(5)
1	Increased Revenue - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	400
		395
	Operating Grants & Contributions	
4	Decreased Revenue - Community Services and Culture	(29)
1	Decreased Revenue - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	(40)
		(69)
	Capital Grants & Contributions	
1	Decreased Revenue - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	(300)
		(300)
	Total Income	(274)
	Operating Expenditure	
	Employee costs	
10	Increased Expenditure - Human Resources	147
4	Increased Expenditure - Community Services and Culture	0
8	Increased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	108
3	Decreased Expenditure - Environment and Sustainability	(379)
2	Decreased Expenditure - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes	(1,798)
		(1,921)
	Materials & Contracts	
10	Decreased Expenditure - Human Resources	(50)
5	Increased Expenditure - Integration, Customer Service and Business Excellence	2
6	Decreased Expenditure - ICT	(263)
4	Decreased Expenditure - Community Services and Culture	(406)
8	Decreased Expenditure - Strategic Planning	(506)
9	Increased Expenditure - Communications, Engagement and Events	5
3	Decreased Expenditure - Environment and Sustainability	(328)
2	Increased Expenditure - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes	1,086
		(460)
	Other Expenses	
10	Increased Expenditure - Human Resources	50
5	Decreased Expenditure - Integration, Customer Service and Business Excellence	(2)
6	Decreased Expenditure - ICT	(38)
4	Increased Expenditure - Community Services and Culture	333
3	Decreased Expenditure - Environment and Sustainability	(94)
		249
	Total Operating Expenditure	(2,132)

Item	Description	\$'000 Movement
	Capital Expenditure	
	Materials & Contracts	
6	Increased Expenditure - ICT	301
1	Decreased Expenditure - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	(1,340)
3	Increased Expenditure - Environment and Sustainability	8
2	Decreased Expenditure - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes	(270)
7	Increased Expenditure - Property Services	76
		(1,225)
	Loan Principal	
11	Decreased Expenditure - Corporate Support Services	(530)
		(530)
	Total Capital Expenditure	(1,755)
	Net Working Capital Drawdown	
10	Increase - Human Resources	147
4	Decrease - Community Services and Culture	(38)
8	Decrease - Strategic Planning	(397)
9	Increase - Communications, Engagement and Events	5
1	Decrease - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	(950)
3	Decrease - Environment and Sustainability	(771)
2	Decrease - Trees, Parks and Streetscapes	(992)
7	Increase - Property Services	63
11	Decrease - Corporate Support Services	(679)
	Total Net Working Capital Drawdown	(3,613)

ITEM 1 - Footpaths, Roads, Traffic & Stormwater

Decrease Rates & General Revenue	\$149k
Decrease User Charges & Fees	\$300k
Increase Other Income	\$400k
Decrease Operating Grants & Contributions	\$40k
Decrease Capital Grants & Contributions	\$300k
Decrease Capital Expenditure	\$1,340k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$949k

- \$149k of Stormwater Pensioner Rebates has been transferred to Corporate Services to align with the service unit responsibilities.
- \$400k increase in Street furniture advertising income and a \$300k decrease in parking meter revenue has been included in this budget reflecting the current year end forecast.
- Change to the funding for the Bike Route LR18 (Marrickville Station to Dulwich Hill) Construction \$300k from capital grants & contributions to working capital due to RMS funding application was not successful.

Decreased/Deferred Capital Expenditure –

- Booth Street. Bridge construction \$880k - deferred to future years pending approvals of the outstanding design issues.
- Lawson Avenue, Marrickville reconstruction \$180k - deferred due to design review. There are overland flow issue that are required to be addressed.

- The Dibble Avenue Waterhole Remediation Plan Fund balance of \$100k will be added to 2019/20 construction budget.
- Riverside Crescent Drainage Diversion design finalisation \$100k - delayed due to the Utility Services (Ausgrid, Jemena, Viva) conflicts resulting in the delayed construction procurement.
- Croydon Road and Church Street Intersection \$85k – deferred to align with Croydon Road Pedestrian Facility Improvements in 2019/20 as per the Council resolution C0219(3) Item 8).
- Alex Trevillion Plaza \$50k - design completion delayed due to the resourcing of a project manager.
- Wardell Road at Pile Street, pedestrian facilities upgrade - RMS Grant application for \$45k was unsuccessful.
- New Plaza - Darling Street and Montague Street (the Old Telstra Site) \$40k - the design completion work has been deferred allowing a site survey to be completed which enable the project to align with the completion of the site demolition work.
- Percival Road at Albany Road kerb renewal \$40k has been deferred to align with the Percival Rd intersection improvement work in 2022/23.
- Renewal and install backflow prevention device for \$20k has been deferred pending the resolution of the defective device.
- An unbudgeted parking meters contract retention payment of \$100k by the former Leichhardt Council will be funded by an increase in operational revenue.
- Tree Planting at Dalhousie Street \$65k - transferred for the cost of project management from Trees, Parks and Streetscapes.

ITEM 2 - Trees, Parks & Streetscapes

Decrease Employee Costs	\$1,798k
Increase Materials & Contracts	\$1,086k
Decrease Capital Expenditure	\$270k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$982k

- Reclassification of \$1.65m between Employee Costs and Material & Contracts covering agency costs to fill open positions pending the service review.
- Savings of \$629k in Parks operations and project management costs. These savings have eventuated as a result of maintaining current services levels pending the service review and harmonisation of service levels.
- A saving of \$150k has been generated from open positions.
- Tree planting at Dalhousie Street - \$65k has been transferred to Footpaths, Roads, Traffic & Stormwater for the cost of the project management.

Decreased/Deferred Capital Expenditure -

- Greenway Missing Link N Works \$200k to begin in the current financial year with construction extending into 2019/20.
- Park footpaths and play equipment renewal savings of \$100k in the current financial year has been put aside for the coordination of the 2019/20 renewal program planning.
- A decrease in expenditure of \$30k for the Shade Sail Project (final scope) following the community engagement and procurement process. These have been added to the next stage of the project.
- Tempe Reserve Pedestrian and Carpark Lighting Upgrade design funding balance of \$30k have been added to the 2020/21 construction program.
- Waterfront Drive Sporting Ground Pavillion funding was transferred from Property for \$90k.

ITEM 3 - Environment & Sustainability

Decrease Employee Costs	\$379k
Decrease Materials & Contracts	\$328k

Decrease Other Expenses	\$94k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$8k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$793k

- Employee costs for streetscape weekend clean-up were transferred to Trees, Parks and Streetscapes to match their reporting lines.
- Savings in operations have been used to fund Streetscape weekend clean up. The garbage collection disposal costs was reduced to align with the expected full year forecast.
- The installation of CCTV at Leichhardt Depot with a value of \$8k has been funded by Domestic Waste Management.

ITEM 4 - Community Services & Culture

Decreased Other Income:	\$5k
Decreased Operating Grants & Contributions	\$29k
Decreased Materials & Contracts	\$406k
Increased Other Expenses	\$333k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$107k

- After School Program revenue has been reduced to reflect the current patronage. The cost of running this program has been reduced to offset the reduced revenue.
- The Breakfast Club grants funding is expected to be lower than the budget by \$25k. This has been offset by a reduction in the program cost of \$18k and an increase in ERGLATSIF contributions of \$7k.
- The funding of \$10k for the English Conversation Program ended in 2017/18. This has been deducted from the 2018/19 budget and future years. The reduced funding is offset by the scaling back of the Gay Pride Centre expenditure.
- ERGLATSIF contributions are higher than budget by \$6k, this is partially offset by the loss of grant funds.
- Reclassification of expenses \$0.4m between Materials & Contracts and Other Expenses to align with the actual costs.
- Access & Inclusion, Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan & Community Grants have been scaled back to fund the Steel Park Community Space Project managed by Property Services by \$93k.
- The Community Safety Program budget has been increased by \$55k funded by a grant that was received in 2016/17.

ITEM 5 - Integration, Customer Service & Business Excellence

Increased Materials & Contracts	\$2k
Decreased Other Expenses	\$2k

- Reclassification of their catering budget.

ITEM 6 - ICT

Decrease Materials and Contracts	\$263k
Decrease Other Expenses	\$38k
Increase Capital Expenditure	\$301k

- Transferred the mobility devices budget from an operational expenditure to a capital expenditure in line with the change in funding. The budget assumption was to lease these devices.
- Purchase of compactus for Petersham Town Hall Record Room which was originally budgeted as an operating expense. The budget was transferred to capital expenditure.

ITEM 7 - Property Services

Increase Materials and Contracts	\$75k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$75k

Capital Expenditure –

- Budget has been deferred for the following projects to future years -
 - Marrickville Hospital Site \$738k due to delays by Mirvac.
 - Birchgrove Park eastern pavilion renewal work \$311k, due to a change in scope and DA amendment.
 - Dawn Fraser Pool upgrade work \$100k, due to the delays in IDA (Integrated Development Approval).
- Completed projects -
 - Jarvie Park Youth Centre renewal work has been completed under budget by \$95k.
 - Upgrade of Air Raid Shelter for storage was completed under budget by \$220k.
- Budgets have been increased for -
 - Petersham Park Grandstand upgrade works \$578k - for the change in scope to include additional structural and heritage requirements.
 - Ashfield Civic Centre upgrade works \$614k - for the air conditioning and associated works on levels 5 and 6.
 - Steel Park Community Room \$187k - pre-tender estimates for the additional accessibility requirements have come in higher.
 - St Peters Depot Building A upgrade work \$120k - budgeted in 2021/22 has been brought forward to cover the urgent renewal work to fix the leaking roof and change the carpet.
 - Bridgewater Park public toilet \$40k - remediation work for unexpected soil contamination.

ITEM 8 - Strategic Planning

Increase Salaries & Wages	\$108k
Decrease Materials & Contracts	\$506k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$398k

- Reprioritising the LEP timeline.

ITEM 9 - Communications, Engagement and Events

Increase Material & Contracts	\$5k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$5k

- Increase in funding for ANZAC Day Service as per council resolution C0518 Item 21.

ITEM 10 – Human Resources

Increase Employee Costs	\$147k
Decrease Materials & Contracts	\$50k
Increase Other Expenses	\$50k
Increase Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$147k

- Re-instating the budget for a vacant position released by mistake in the Q2 QBRS.
- Reclassification of expenditure between Materials & Contracts and Other Expenses.

ITEM 11 – Corporate Support Services

Increase Rates & General Revenue	\$149k
Decrease Loan Principal	\$530k
Decrease Transfer from Net Working Funds	\$679k

- \$149k of Stormwater Pensioner Rebates has been transferred from Footpaths, Roads & Stormwater to align with the service unit responsibilities.
- Change to the timing of the Ashfield Aquatics Centre redevelopment loan repayments to align to the updated project management schedules.

3) Summary Profit & Loss Statement

Description	Original Budget	Approved Changes		Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
		Sept	Dec				
Income							
Rates & General Revenue	119,011,027	0	0	119,011,027	0	119,011,027	84,406,041
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Total Expense	245,134,113	8,786,540	103,008	254,023,661	-2,131,976	251,891,685	176,410,756
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Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital	-3,053,000	-10,678,002	958,735	-12,772,267	2,158,128	-10,614,139	4,475,191

4) Service Unit P&L Summary

Description	Original Budget	Approved Changes		Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
		Sept	Dec				
Income							
Aquatics	8,635,387	90,013	0	8,725,401	0	8,725,401	7,553,454
Children and Family Services	18,750,957	-608,959	0	18,141,998	0	18,141,998	12,710,036
Community Services and Culture	2,320,588	-357,977	0	1,962,612	-33,848	1,928,764	1,628,711
Corporate Support Services	128,433,187	-2,653,013	0	125,780,174	149,000	125,929,174	93,904,266
Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	19,816,190	-1,563,872	-777,500	17,474,818	-389,000	17,085,818	12,040,803
Library and Historical Services	825,002	-285,682	0	539,321	0	539,321	571,231
Strategic Planning	2,158,531	1,358,969	0	3,517,500	0	3,517,500	2,220,746
Trees, Parks and Streetscapes	17,789,901	-7,720,000	10,176	10,080,076	0	10,080,076	8,377,769
Community Events	92,353	0	9,091	101,444	0	101,444	121,213
Resource Recovery	40,554,123	-28,140	0	40,525,984	0	40,525,984	31,167,723
Environment and Sustainability	290,493	-26,042	0	264,450	0	264,450	260,122
Development Assessment	3,838,451	0	0	3,838,451	0	3,838,451	4,542,287
Regulatory Services	17,491,548	0	63,000	17,554,548	0	17,554,548	12,267,848
Corporate Services	7,172,394	3,422,428	979,476	11,574,297	0	11,574,297	10,480,429
Total Income	268,169,106	-8,372,275	284,243	260,081,074	-273,848	259,807,226	197,846,639
Expense							
Aquatics	10,869,803	477,251	-147,405	11,199,649	0	11,199,649	7,833,776
Children and Family Services	18,353,121	-152,506	76,750	18,277,365	0	18,277,365	13,635,818
Community Services and Culture	11,321,202	390,667	45,891	11,757,760	-71,933	11,685,827	7,732,873
Corporate Support Services	10,832,790	0	-353,533	10,479,257	0	10,479,257	10,990,621
Footpaths, Roads, Traffic and Stormwater	33,236,404	1,812,782	87,681	35,136,867	0	35,136,867	23,303,488
Library and Historical Services	10,796,051	117,682	47,658	10,961,391	0	10,961,391	7,320,307
Strategic Planning	7,968,773	1,946,460	-20,880	9,894,353	-397,285	9,497,068	5,445,810
Trees, Parks and Streetscapes	36,181,495	-340,894	54,377	35,894,978	-712,371	35,182,607	25,488,094
Community Events	1,225,224	90,135	9,091	1,324,451	5,000	1,329,451	963,148
Resource Recovery	32,480,531	248,319	0	32,728,850	-801,294	31,927,556	20,749,152
Environment and Sustainability	4,474,517	3,834	75,036	4,553,386	0	4,553,386	2,712,872
Development Assessment	6,622,166	0	0	6,622,166	0	6,622,166	4,619,035
Regulatory Services	14,362,533	0	89,683	14,452,215	0	14,452,216	10,736,253
Corporate Services	46,409,502	4,192,811	138,659	50,740,972	-154,093	50,586,879	34,879,507
Total Expense	245,134,113	8,786,540	103,008	254,023,660	-2,131,976	251,891,685	176,410,755
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital	23,034,993	-17,158,815	181,235	6,057,413	1,858,128	7,915,541	21,435,884
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after Capital	-3,053,000	-10,678,002	958,735	-12,772,267	2,158,128	-10,614,139	4,475,191

5) Capital Expenditure Statement

Description	Original Budget	Approved Changes		Current Budget	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget	Actual YTD
		Sept	Dec				
Capital Expenditure							
Plant & Equipment	6,400,570	0	0	6,400,570	0	6,400,570	1,841,505
Office Equipment	4,302,800	1,542,845	101,000	5,946,645	300,880	6,247,525	2,195,668
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	0	0	8,334	8,334	8,334
Land Improvement (Non-depreciable)	100,000	-100,000	0	0	0	0	0
Land Under Roads	0	20,447	0	20,447	0	20,447	20,447
Land Improvement (Depreciable)	18,705,121	-6,721,379	-902,916	11,080,826	-270,000	10,810,826	4,049,383
Buildings	25,606,036	-585,146	-3,735,630	21,285,260	75,702	21,360,962	5,840,640
Aquatic Facilities	0	929,708	0	929,708	0	929,708	561,003
Seawalls	60,000	83,690	0	143,690	0	143,690	147,468
Wharves	0	159,515	0	159,515	0	159,515	0
Local Roads	5,684,000	673,691	-170,000	6,187,691	-115,000	6,072,691	2,394,786
Regional Roads	1,245,000	400,000	0	1,645,000	0	1,645,000	408,818
Bridges	1,140,000	242,556	100,000	1,482,556	-844,861	637,695	414,829
Footpaths	2,407,000	0	131,000	2,538,000	0	2,538,000	1,328,400
Kerb & Gutter	544,000	0	-115,000	429,000	-40,000	389,000	113,324
Traffic Devices	2,315,875	130,533	0	2,446,408	-130,000	2,316,408	654,407
Car Parks	260,000	0	0	260,000	0	260,000	2,600
Storm Water Drainage	2,285,000	959,071	0	3,244,071	-220,000	3,024,071	832,708
Bicycle facilities	3,225,000	-850,479	-997,500	1,377,021	0	1,377,021	121,243
Town Centres	3,204,000	1,553,585	0	4,757,585	-90,000	4,667,585	1,897,555
Roadside Furniture	100,000	90,000	0	190,000	100,000	290,000	167,848
Business Unit External Capital Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	134,978
Principal Repayments	5,434,440	0	0	5,434,440	-530,339	4,904,101	2,426,651
Total Capital Expenditure	83,018,842	-1,471,364	-5,589,046	75,958,432	-1,755,284	74,203,148	25,562,595
Rates and Annual Charges	2,142,453	660,027	-1	2,802,480	0	2,802,480	2,389,346
Operating Grants & Contributions	460,000	938,099	0	1,398,099	-40,000	1,358,099	693,483
Capital Grants & Contributions	16,225,494	-10,887,000	-777,500	4,560,994	-300,000	4,260,994	1,259,859
Sale of Assets	3,681,723	0	0	3,681,723	0	3,681,723	909,560
Transfer from External Reserves	34,858,012	2,530,379	-3,014,382	34,374,009	-2,759,036	31,614,973	11,448,061
Transfer from Internal Reserves	25,651,160	5,287,131	-1,797,163	29,141,128	1,343,752	30,484,880	8,862,285
Total Funding Source	83,018,842	-1,471,364	-5,589,046	75,958,432	-1,755,284	74,203,148	25,562,595
Net Budget Result	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6) Cash & Investments – Restricted Held

	Opening Balance - 1 July 2018	Original Budget - Net Movements	Proposed Adjustments	Forecast Budget - Net Movements	Forecast Closing Balance	YTD Balance
Externally Restricted						
Developer Contributions	54,109	0	0	0	54,109	54,109
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	18,100	0	0	0	18,100	18,276
Domestic Waste Management	22,127	0	0	0	22,127	22,127
Stormwater Management	501	0	0	0	501	501
Watershed	59	0	0	0	59	59
SRV Income	5,026	0	0	0	5,026	5,026
Debbie and Abbey Borgia Sinking Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mainstreet Levy	240	0	0	0	240	240
3.5% Levy	260	0	0	0	260	260
Total Externally Restricted	100,422	0	0	0	100,422	100,598
Internally Restricted						
Employment Leave Entitlements	29,783	0	0	0	29,783	29,783
Deposits Retentions	13,994	0	0	0	13,994	13,994
FAG	2,758	0	0	0	2,758	2,758
Total Internally Restricted	46,535	0	0	0	46,535	46,535
Unrestricted	70,357	(66)	66	(0)	70,357	56,757
Total Funds	217,314	(66)	66	(0)	217,314	203,890
Total Investment Portfolio As at 31 March 2019						203,890

Council's cash position sees an unrestricted balance of \$56.8 million as at 31 March 2019. The unrestricted balance will continue to diminish as Council expends it on operational expenses and capital projects during the financial year. The funds have been invested in accordance with Council's investment portfolio which saw Council's non fossil fuel investment at approximately \$200.4m or 99.8% of its total portfolio as at the end of March 2019.

7) Cash & Investments – Restricted Held

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value (EXC GST)	Commencement Date	Duration Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Celsius Fire Services Pty Ltd	AKAC - Fire Services Upgrade	59,507	8/05/2019	10 days	Y
KJ Planning Pty Ltd	Work completed on Planning Proposal	68,075	15/01/2019	1 year	Y
Pebblecrete In-Situ Pty Ltd	Concrete Pavers	70,909	1/04/2019	3 months	Y
Curtoli Pty Ltd	Yeo Park Renewal	71,791	1/03/2019	2 weeks	Y
Hyper Constructions Pty Ltd	Cavendish Roof Repairs	81,000	5/04/2019	2 months	Y
Sudiro Constructions Pty Ltd	St Peters Depot - New Flooring	81,058	9/09/2019	60 days	Y
Harwood Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd	Site Contamination Specialist, Variation 1 to proceed with Stage 1 & 2	85,105	11/01/2019	18 months	Y
Phillips Marler Pty Ltd	Alex Trevaillon Plaza Upgrade	89,004	4/03/2019	on going	Y
PSM Consult Pty Ltd	Engineering Design and Documentation	95,585	15/03/2019	4 months	Y
Place Score Pty Ltd	Consultancy for community engagement	99,091	15/01/2019	3 months	Y
Smart Connection Consultancy Pty Ltd	Synth Turf Feasibility & Design Q73/28	118,182	11/02/2019	1 year	Y
Fredon Technology Pty Ltd	Upgrade of Audio Visual Equipment	119,250	20/02/2018	3 months	Y
Lahz Nimmo Architects Pty Ltd	Haberfield Community Facilities Stage 2	122,727	20/11/2018	6 months	Y
Griffith Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Griffith- HPLC Feb 2019 to 31st May 2019	181,818	1/02/2019	4 months	Y
NS Projects Pty Ltd	Project Management Services	230,000	21/11/2018	20 months	Y
Progressive Air Conditioning Engineering Pty Ltd	T02-18 Leichhardt Oval Air-conditioning	335,690	20/01/2019	3 months	Y
FDC Construction (NSW) Pty Ltd	Ashfield Aquatic Centre Redevelopment (Revised to \$650,000 now)	350,000	21/2/2019	18 months	Y
Greenline Group Pty Ltd	Design and construct shade sails program	403,995	1/02/2019	2 months	Y
North Shore Paving Co Pty Ltd	Richard Murden Reserve Courts, Richard Murden Reserve Courts, Richard Murden Reserve Courts	787,000	31/01/2019	6 months	Y

Above is a listing of contracts Council entered into during the period 1 January to 31 March 2019.

8) Consultancy & Legal Expenses

Expense	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
External Legal Fees	\$ 412,000	Y
Consultancy Fees	\$ 3,559	Y

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Where any expenses for Consultancy or Legal Fees (including Code of Conduct expenses) have not been budgeted for, an explanation is to be given. Report on external expenses only (not internal expenses).

Item No: C0519(1) Item 5
Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION 2019
Prepared By: Ian Naylor - Manager Civic Governance
Authorised By: Nellette Kettle - Group Manager Customer Service & Civic Governance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Mayor and Councillor Fees for 1 July 2019 to 20 June 2020 be set at the maximum level for a Metropolitan Medium Council.

DISCUSSION

The NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal recently handed down its 2019 Determination for Mayor and Councillor Fees for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Council staff made a detailed submission requesting re-categorisation from a Metropolitan Medium to a Metropolitan Large Council however the Tribunal rejected this request until Council's population is above 200,000. A copy of the Determination can be accessed at the following link;

https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2019_2019-37.pdf

The Tribunal determined that fees for Mayors and Councillors should be increased by 2.5% consistent with the government's policy on wages. The range of fees for each category is shown in the table below. Council has previously resolved to pay the Deputy Mayor a fee of \$10,000 per annum. The legislation requires that any fee set for the Deputy Mayor is taken from the annual fee payable to the Mayor.

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan

	Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	27,640	40,530	169,100	222,510
Major CBD	18,430	34,140	39,160	110,310
Metropolitan Large	18,430	30,410	39,160	88,600
Metropolitan Medium	13,820	25,790	29,360	68,530
Metropolitan Small	9,190	20,280	19,580	44,230

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 6
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MEASLES
From: Councillor Anna York

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes the growing concern in the Inner West community in response to increased reports of measles in NSW, with 33 cases reported in the State since Christmas, and in particular the concern for children under 1 year old who are too young to be vaccinated. This is in the context of reports of the promotion of the ill-informed and dangerous anti-vaxxer ideology;**
 - 2. Reminds and promotes to the community the existing free immunisation service offered in the Inner West LGA through existing publications and signage at appropriate Children and Family services events or locations;**
 - 3. Writes to the NSW Department of Health seeking an update on best practices for Councils in promoting and incentivising immunisations in the local community, noting the role the Inner West Council plays in Family & Children's Services; and**
 - 4. Reiterates the position previously taken that known anti-vax campaigners will not be permitted to participate in Council-run events, and further, the Inner West Council will prohibit known anti-vax-campaigners from hiring or accessing Council venues for the purposes of anti-vaccination promotion.**
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Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting Group Manager Community Services and Culture:

Council has not had any requests to date to hire facilities from known anti-vax campaigners.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 7
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY
From: Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Publicly acknowledges that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government; that human induced climate change represents one of the greatest threats to humanity, civilisation, and other species; and that it is still possible to prevent the most catastrophic outcomes if societies take emergency action, including local councils;**
 - 2. Include references to this emergency in the CEO's performance agreement and Council adjust his key performance indicators accordingly; and**
 - 3. Review the annual budget key performance indicators and policies over the course of the next twelve months to focus Council expenditure and revenue on this issue.**
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Background

In the absence of policies global warming is expected, to reach 4.1°C – 4.8°C above pre-industrial by the end of the century. The emissions that drive this warming are often called Baseline scenarios and are taken from the IPCC AR5 Working Group III. Current policies presently in place around the world are projected to reduce baseline emissions and result in about 3.3°C 1 warming above pre-industrial levels. <https://climateactiontracker.org>

There remains a substantial gap between what governments have promised to do and the total level of actions they have undertaken to date. Furthermore, both the current policy and pledge trajectories lie well above emissions pathways consistent with the Paris Agreement long-term temperature goal.

In 2010, Beyond Zero Emissions calculated the cost of changing from fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy would be approximately \$8 per household per week, and the cost of solar and wind has fallen significantly since then. In contrast, the economic, human and environmental cost of ignoring climate change is incalculable. The cost of 1.1 metre of sea level rise will be \$20 billion in destroyed property in NSW alone.

In 2018, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that the world must take action in the next two years to avert the disastrous consequences of runaway climate change. "Climate change is the defining issue of our time...if we do not change course by 2020, we risk missing the point where we can avoid runaway climate change, with disastrous consequences for people and all the natural systems that sustain us"

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 8
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: - LOCAL DEMOCRACY GROUPS: REPORTING AND MEETING FREQUENCY
From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Establish information and reporting requirements in relation to the Local Democracy Groups;**
 - 2. Review the frequency of meetings for each LDG; and**
 - 3. Provide information about the purpose, function and structure of LDGs on its LDG webpage.**
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Background

The agendas of LDG meetings (on Councils' website) should contain background papers or other information which might assist Councillors or the community in understanding the content or focus of an LDG meeting.

Council should ensure that papers are attached or linked to agenda items of LDG meetings (where relevant) while for other items on the agenda (which have no papers), these items should show a brief summary of what is to be discussed (1 or 2 paragraphs).

Minutes of LDG meetings must also be provided on Councils' website.

Given the scope and workload of a number of LDGs it is already clear that some of these groups will need to meet more frequently. Four meetings per year is insufficient. It is best that Council review this now.

There should be a forward schedule of meetings for each LDG on Councils website. Councils' website appears to have little information about the purpose, structure and function of LDGs. This information should appear on the LDG page.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Manager Civic Governance:

Point 1 of the motion – A report to the Council Meeting on 11 September 2018 set out the information and reporting requirements of LDG as well as the Governance structure which was adopted by Council.

Point 3 of the motion – Council's website has a page dedicated to each LDG which outlines its purpose, Terms of reference, structure, members and meeting frequency.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 9
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCILLOR EXECUTIVE BRIEFING
From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council holds a monthly Councillor Executive Briefing involving the CEO and three Deputy CEOs.

Background

Most important for an effective governing body is to hear from its executive and, more so, for the executive to establish effective reporting structures to the governing body. This gives our community confidence that the representatives they elect are regularly informed by the executive level of Council and that Councillors are fully informed when making decisions - which is integral to democratic government.

Councillors have expressed concern about the style of Councillor briefings to date and attempts are being made to establish a new type of briefing but this is happening without Councillor input, nor cooperative discussion between Councillors.

This notice of motion proposes that Councillors debate a way that they can be informed and to demonstrate to the public that the processes which inform us are strategic, rigorous, regular, provide equity of information to all Councillors and are agreed to by Councillors.

It is proposed that an Executive Briefing be held each month (on a Tuesday evening) which will be of 1.5 hours duration. The first 30 minutes will be led by the CEO followed by three 20 minute sessions by each Deputy-CEO.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 10
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY SUBMISSION
From: Councillors Councillor Rochelle Porteous and Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council makes a submission to the current review of the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

Background

“In twenty years, men may be able to live on the moon. In forty years we may get to Mars. In the next 200 years we may leave the solar system and head for the stars. But meanwhile, we would like to get to the supermarket, the cinema, restaurants.”

Stephen Hawking

The National Disability Strategy (NDS) 2010-2020 was developed as a key strategic plan to make every community in Australia more inclusive. It is also the main way Australia implements the United Nations’ Conventions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Australia.

The Strategy is a shared commitment by all levels of government to improve the lives of people with disability. The current Strategy will end next year and consultations are therefore underway to review the strengths and weaknesses, successes and failures of the current strategy in order to inform the new strategy from 2020 and beyond. Consultation began at the end of April and will end on June 6, 2019.

At the most recent IWC Access Advisory Committee (Thursday 2 May), the National Disability Strategy consultation was discussed and members of the Committee gave extensive feedback on the NDS to staff however they were told that there were no plans for IWC to make a submission as part of the NDS consultation. Members therefore sought to move a motion recommending that IWC make a submission to the NDS consultation however because they were just short of a quorum they were told they could not move the motion. Two Inner West Council Councillors (Cr Porteous and Cr Hesse) were present at the meeting and so offered to bring the request to full Inner West Council Council for endorsement so that the submission could meet the 6 June deadline.

Officer’s Comments:

Comment from Group Manager Community Services and Culture:

Staff have commenced work on developing a submission to respond to this strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0519(1) Item 11
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: NEWSTART RAISE THE RATE CAMPAIGN
From: Councillor Tom Kiat

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Supports the Australian Council for Social Service (ACOSS) campaign to ‘Raise the Rate’ of Newstart and thank ACOSS for hosting a Raise the Rate community and candidate forum at Addison Road Community Centre on 30 April 2019;**
 - 2. Acknowledges the current rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance falls well below the poverty line, and has not been raised in real terms since 1994, causing immense hardship for unemployed people and students;**
 - 3. Notes the Department of Social Services data from 2018 showing that 7213 residents in our LGA are either on Newstart or Youth Allowance, and that according to research by Deloitte Access Economics commissioned by ACOSS, a raise to Newstart would generate an additional \$17.46 million in local spending in our LGA;**
 - 4. Commits to recognising and responding to the fact that many in our community may be living in poverty when developing and implementing policies and services, especially those that include fees, charges and fines (e.g. by including hardship clauses, concessionary rates etc); and**
 - 5. Write to the relevant minister and shadow minister to call on the Federal government to immediately raise the rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance by at least \$75 per week.**
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Background

ACOSS invited myself and other Inner West Councillors to join its Raise the Rate community and candidate forum on 30 April 2019. In further correspondence, the ACOSS Raise the Rate campaign coordinator invited the Inner West Council to formally resolve to support their campaign and provided some relevant information, set out in the proposed resolution above. Poverty affects every level of government. Councils provide critical services and programs accessed by low-income people that are vital to enabling them to live dignified lives in our community, to look for work and to combat social isolation.

Newstart is \$278 a week (\$40 a day) and has not been raised in real terms in 25 years (and Youth Allowance is even lower). Over that time, housing, energy, and other living costs have dramatically increased. Over 900,000 people in Australia are locked out of paid work, studying, or caring for children, and live on Newstart or another Allowance. Many struggle daily to afford basic essentials like a roof over their head and food on their table.

The Australian Local Government Association, the Local Government Association of South Australia, and 29 local governments across Australia have accepted ACOSS’ invitation to support the Raise the Rate campaign. According to an Essential Research poll, 2/3 of Australians support raising Newstart. The Greens have already committed to an immediate \$75 increase and have attempted to move legislation to this effect in Parliament. It is appropriate and timely that our Council join the multitude of voices demanding an end to this injustice, especially in the lead up and aftermath to the Federal election.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.