

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 March 2025 at
Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 6.33pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ryann Midei	Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Chris Sleiman	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Erin White	Resource Recovery and Fleet Manager
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Sarah Guan	Strategic Transport Planner
Megan Jenkins	Senior Lawyer
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - *Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 February 2025* as she works in the Office of Kobi Shetty MP, who in her capacity as the member for Balmain, has a representative on the Traffic Committee. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter as the vote is exercised through a representative.

Councillor Smith declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 29 - *Notice of Motion: Inner West e-Bike Strategy and shared e-Bike provider round table* due to her partner's business associates who work in the e-Bike and bike share industry. She will remain in the chamber to vote, as it is currently not clear whether her partner or his business associates will be affected by a decision on this matter.

Councillor D'Arienzo declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 43 - *RFT 32-24 IWC Cleaning Services and Associated Products* out of an abundance of caution, as a tenderer approached her and sought to raise unsolicited comments about the tender process. She ended the conversation and did not provide the tenderer with any information. She will remain in the chamber to vote as she was not provided with any information about the tender process by the tenderer.

Clr Antoniou declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 43 - *RFT 32-24 IWC Cleaning Services and Associated Products* out of an abundance of caution, as a tenderer approached her and sought to raise unsolicited comments about the tender process. She ended the conversation and did not provide the tenderer with any information. She will remain in the meeting to vote as she was not provided with any information about the tender process by the tenderer.

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Atkins/Scott)

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 18 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 7:35pm
 Councillor Clay left the meeting at 7:36pm
 Councillor Barlow left the meeting at 7:38pm
 Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 7:39pm
 Councillor Barlow returned to the meeting at 7:40pm
 Councillor Clay returned to the meeting at 7:40pm
 The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the meeting at 7:41pm and vacated the Chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the Chair.
 Councillor Scott left the meeting at 7:42pm
 Councillor Antoniou left the meeting at 7:48pm
 Councillor Antoniou returned to the meeting at 7:50pm
 Councillor Scott returned to the meeting at 7:50pm
 Councillor Tastan left the meeting at 7:55pm
 The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the meeting at 7:55pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

Councillor Tastan returned to the meeting at 7:56pm

C0325(1) Item 47 Mayoral Minute: Community Representative for Callan Park Community Trustees Board

Motion: (Byrne)

That the resignation of Councillor Darcy Byrne as representative to Callan Park Community Trust Board be accepted and that Councillor Kerrie Fergusson be endorsed as his replacement.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:

1. **Item 4 - Season Extension Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre**
2. **Item 8 - Early Childhood Education Waitlist Fee**
3. **Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 17 February 2025**
4. **Item 12 - Public Exhibition - Code of Conduct**
5. **Item 13 - Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024**
6. **Item 18 - Boarding House - Grant Opportunities**
7. **Item 20 - Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment Update**
8. **Item 27 - Notice of Motion: Dedicated Reflection Area at Johnson Park**
9. **Item 28 - Notice of Motion: Communication Board Installation in a Local Park in the Ashfield-Djarrawunang Ward**
10. **Item 30 - Notice of Motion: Booth Street Connection for White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal Tourist Path and Active Transport**
11. **Item 31 - Notice of Motion: Perfect Match Business Facade Improvement Program**
12. **Item 34 - Notice of Motion: Council Engagement with Homes NSW on Waste Management**
13. **Item 35 - Notice of Motion: Improved Waste Management Practices in Future Planning**
14. **Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossing on Liberty Street, Stanmore**
15. **Item 37 - Notice of Motion: A Community Battery for the Inner West**
16. **Item 38 - Notice of Motion: Railway Avenue, Stanmore - Traffic Accident Report**
17. **Item 39 - Notice of Motion: Shaw Street, Petersham - Proposed Pedestrian Crossing**
18. **Item 40 - Notice of Motion: Flood Improvement Plan for Evan Jones Playground and Whites Creek Lane, Leichhardt**
19. **Item 44 - T2024-06 SSROC - Mattress Collection and Processing Tender**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

That the following items be moved in globo and the recommendations contained within the reports be adopted:

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13. **Item 35 - Notice of Motion: Improved Waste Management Practices in Future Planning**
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Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 4 Season extension Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council endorse the extension of the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre summer swimming season on a trial basis in 2025 to include April.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 8 Early Childhood Education Waitlist Fee

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council abolish the waitlist fee for Early Childhood Services where applicable.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting- 17 February 2025**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 February 2025.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0325(1) Item 12 Public Exhibition - Code of Conduct****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Code of Conduct for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy.**
- 2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Code of Conduct be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0325(1) Item 13 Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0325(1) Item 18 Boarding House - Grant Opportunities****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil

C0325(1) Item 20 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: Dedicated Reflection Area at Johnson Park

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council installs a small, dedicated reflection area at Johnson Park in Dulwich Hill, incorporating seating and a plaque or similar commemorative feature where community members can honour their beloved pets.**
- 2. That through the Companion Animal team, engages with the local community to gather input on the design and implementation of the reflection area.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Communication Board Installation in a Local Park in the Ashfield-Djarrawunang ward

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council installs a communication board in a local park within the Ashfield-Djarrawunang ward and engages with relevant stakeholders to ensure the board meets accessibility standards and best supports non-verbal individuals.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: Booth Street Connection for White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal Tourist Path and Active Transport

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council write to the Port Authority requesting:

 - a) commitment to collaborating with Council to create a safe and accessible passage for pedestrians and cyclists from Robert Street to Booth Street;**
 - b) confirm the timeline for granting this access; and**
 - c) schedule a meeting with Council to discuss the configuration of the access and the Council's role in this project. Consider possible designs and allocations of costs to create an Active Transport Path on Port Authority land.****

2. That Council liaise with the Port Authority and the Balmain Rozelle Chamber of Commerce to establish an unmanned kiosk at the White Bay Cruise Terminal. The kiosk should provide maps and information about Balmain to attract more tourists.
3. That Council investigate and report back on the estimated costs to convert the lower Booth Street Road Reserve (from Donnelly Street to Port Authority Gate) into a suitable Active Transport Corridor.
4. That Council explore potential funding sources and provide costs involved in installing appropriate way-finding signage for tourists traveling from central Darling Street to White Bay and from East Balmain Ferry Wharf to White Bay.
5. That Council prepare a report for the July 2025 meeting, summarising the outcome of the Port Authority correspondence and providing estimated costs for the following projects:
 - a) Kiosk;
 - b) Way-finding signage; and
 - c) Converting lower Booth Street to an Active Transport corridor.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Perfect Match Business Facade Improvement Program

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council establish a Business Facade Improvement Program as part of the Council's ongoing Mainstreets program, incorporating the following principles:
 - a) the program intent is to support businesses that are prominently located to make facade improvements and enhance Mainstreets, in turn supporting local jobs and our local economy;
 - b) the program represent an extension of the existing Perfect Match program by:
 - i. matching mural artists with local businesses to paint murals on awnings, facades and windows
 - ii. providing decals of murals by local artists that can be installed in vacant shopfronts
 - iii. providing opportunities for eligible businesses to seek financial support to undertake other minor works (such as window or awning repairs, repointing or painting)
 - c) eligibility be restricted to businesses within the Inner West local government area that can demonstrate an ongoing connection to a property such as a long-term lease or property ownership;
 - d) businesses be required to make a matching financial contribution;
 - e) when deciding successful applicants, weighting be applied to multicultural businesses and businesses owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
 - f) successful applicants are evenly distributed across the five wards of the Inner West Council.
2. That Council receive a report on the establishment of the program at the May 2025 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Council engagement with Homes NSW on waste management

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council reaffirm its commitment to ongoing engagement with Homes NSW and community housing providers to improve waste management for residents of public and community housing in the Inner West.
2. That Council receive a report at the June 2025 Council meeting regarding ongoing engagement with Homes NSW and community housing providers on waste management, detailing issues that have been raised to date and Council's approach to resolving them.
3. That Council receive further reports on this engagement twice a year.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Improved waste management practices in future planning

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council, as part of updating key planning instruments and policies, including Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) and design guidelines, incorporate measures that improve waste management for residents of future multi-unit dwellings. These measures should include, but not be limited to opportunities to provide infrastructure and guidelines to make FOGO and sustainable waste collection more accessible and updated guidelines around adequate space both within buildings and for on-street bin collection, recognising diversified waste streams for FOGO, recycling and landfill.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian crossing on Liberty Street, Stanmore

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council note the advocacy by Stanmore Public School P&C to support safer walking and cycling for students and parents to and from Stanmore Public School, and that these efforts align with Council's commitment to increase active transport and support healthy communities.

2. That Council note the Traffic Committee's recommendation from August 2024, endorsed by Council, to install a pedestrian and bike crossing, kerb extension, speed cushions, and associated signs and line markings at Liberty St near the roundabout, with a design to be brought back to the Committee for consideration.
3. That Council further note the Committee's request that Transport for NSW consider reducing the speed limit on Liberty St and Kingston Rd from 60km/h to 50km/h.
4. That Council allocate funding as part of 2025/26 budget considerations to expedite design and delivery once a design is approved.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: A Community Battery for the Inner West

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council explore opportunities to partner with Ausgrid or other entities on an Expression of Interest (EOI) application for the Commonwealth Government's Community Batteries Funding Round 2, with the intention to submit before the deadline on 30 April 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Railway Avenue, Stanmore - Traffic Accident Report

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council prepare an analysis report of traffic incidences that have occurred on Railway Avenue Stanmore since the installation of the traffic calming cushions.
2. That Council include in the report details of how many of the traffic incidences were determined to be a direct consequence of the layout/design of the traffic calming cushions.
3. That Council present the report for consideration at the April 2025 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Shaw Street, Petersham – Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council prepare a report on estimated costings for a Pedestrian Crossing in Shaw Street Petersham with safety inclusions for persons with mobility devices and prams.**
- 2. That Council include in the report an analysis of vehicle traffic in addition to pedestrian traffic estimates from Shaw Street and surrounding streets.**
- 3. That Council determine a pedestrian crossing design that would also act as a traffic calming measure.**
- 4. That Council consider the location of the pedestrian crossing to be between James and Oxford Streets as a midway point on Shaw Street, which would:**
 - a) provide residents from surrounding streets easier access to cross Shaw Street safely; and**
 - b) allow shortcuts for pedestrians to either Illawarra Road or Newington from Shaw Street.**
- 5. That Council refer the matter to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration with a recommendation to be tabled to Council following the next Committee meeting.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Flood improvement plan for Evan Jones Playground and Whites Creek Lane, Leichhardt

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council develop a plan for safe and effective flood management across Evan Jones Playground and Whites Creek Lane, Leichhardt and upgrades to the infrastructure in this playground and street, including:**
 - a) reviewing and reporting on the timeline for the implementation of any relevant recommendations of the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Plan which applies to flood management in this area;**
 - b) undertake investigations of all components of the stormwater drainage system which drains from Emma Street to the Whites Creek Channel through Evan Jones Park, in collaboration with Sydney Water;**
 - c) ensuring that stormwater improvements are included as part of the playground upgrade for Evan Jones Playground planned in FY2025/2026, including the replacement of bark chips in the playground with a surface that does not clog local drains;**
 - d) clearing and preparing a maintenance plan for the stormwater drains in Whites Creek Lane, in collaboration with Sydney Water where necessary;**
 - e) reviewing the street sweeping schedule for the lane and advising Whites Creek Lane residents via letterbox drop of the schedule;**
 - f) Council officers to hold a public meeting with residents to publicly discuss and assess the grove of trees in the reserve land on the corner of Whites Creek Lane and Styles Street for any danger and soft soil as the result of recent heavy rains; and**

g) reviewing and improving the dead-end signage at the entrance to Whites Creek Lane at Reserve Street.

2. That Council report this plan to the May 2025 Council meeting, in time to inform the budget.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 44 T2024-06 SSROC - Mattress Collection and Processing Tender

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council accepts the tender submissions from Community Resources Ltd (Soft landing) and Envirobeds Pty Ltd as a part of T2024-06 SSROC Mattress Collection and Processing Contract for the Inner West Council for a five (5) year term plus possible extensions of one (1) + one (1) years with an approximate current contract spend of \$1,239,624 per year.

2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the individual contracts and authorise variations to the contract.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 1 Lighting Trial on Sporting Grounds

Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)

1. That Council implement the following winter hours for sporting ground flood lighting use in order to facilitate dog walking after dark in winter on the following basis:

a) Mondays no lighting other than Mackey Park and Henson Park;

b) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - 5pm- 9pm; and

c) Saturdays and Sundays – no lighting except:

i. 5pm-10pm on all-weather synthetic surfaces subject to Council approval;

ii. on natural turf grounds for finals series games, or for general competition and one-off events subject to approval by Council.

2. That Council continue to undertake detailed placemaking in park master plans and park upgrades, to ensure safety by design considerations are embedded in park master plans including the provision of lighting to Australian Standards on pathways, identified hotspots and key pedestrian routes.

3. That Council effectively and immediately communicates the intended purpose of the extended lighting is for individual recreational use and that sporting grounds must not be used for organised sport over and above seasonal hire agreements.

4. That Council conduct a post-implementation review after October 2025 that includes the impact on biodiversity, sporting ground condition and usage.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 2 Centenary Reserve - All Weather Sporting Surface Development

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

That this item be deferred and brought back to the May 2025 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 3 11-11A Edinburgh Road, Marrickville Planning Proposal

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council support the Planning Proposal for 11-11A Edinburgh Road, Marrickville for the reasons recommended in the Council officer's assessment report (*Attachment 1*) to permit an additional Floor Space Ratio of 2.25:1 for self-storage units only on the site subject to the following conditions:
 - a) remove the proposed height of building control in line with the Inner West Local Planning Panel's recommendations; and
 - b) amend the proposed site-specific clause to require deep soil planting as per below:
 - i. 7.5% of the site be provided as deep soil/ landscaping if the existing warehouse is largely retained on the site; and
 - ii. 15% of the site be provided as deep soil/ landscaping if more than 25% of the existing warehouse building is removed.
2. That Council forward the Planning Proposal with the above-mentioned changes to the Minister of Planning for Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
3. That Council following receipt of a Gateway Determination and compliance with its conditions by the proponent, the Planning proposal and supporting documentation be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
4. That Council receive a post exhibition report for its consideration.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Carlisle)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 5.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 5 Bins and Cleaner Streets

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council endorse the phased trial of FOGO and Recycling in Parks, commencing with Phase 1 at Enmore Park and Pioneers Park Leichhardt.
2. That Council include the following parks in phase 2 should it proceed:
 - a) Petersham Park, Petersham (Stanmore-Damun Ward);
 - b) Gladstone Park (Balmain-Baludarri Ward);
 - c) Darryl Jackson Gardens, Summer Hill (Ashfield-Djarrawunang Ward);
 - d) Enmore Park, Enmore (Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward - continuing from phase 1); and
 - e) Pioneers Park, Leichhardt (Leichhardt-Gulgadya Ward - continuing from phase 1).
3. That as part of the trial, Council monitor and if necessary increase service levels.
4. That Council commit the required funding for the trial which is detailed in the funding implications of this report in the draft 2025/26 budget.
5. That Council provide a further report to the April 2025 Council meeting with a proposal to:
 - a) increase the number of bins on local streets and in parks and the service levels for bins;
 - b) increase the service levels for high pressure cleaning in town centres; and
 - c) establish a "Street Blitz team" to focus maintenance and cleaning of main streets similar to that offered by Randwick City Council.
6. That Council commit to one mobile customer service stall in each of the Phase 1 trial parks prior to the commencement of the trial, and, in the event Phase 1 is successful, additional mobile customer service stalls in each of the Phase 2 parks prior to extension of the trial.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 6 Two All-Weather Fields in Callan Park Update

Motion: (Scott/Fergusson)

1. That Council endorse proceeding with detailed design development, planning approval and delivery stages for the two All-Weather Fields within Callan Park.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into agreements or similar pertaining to the planning and approval process for the two All-Weather Fields within Callan Park.

3. That Council commit to the required funding detailed in the funding implications of this report, for the two All-Weather Fields within Callan Park, as a part of the 2025/26 budget.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Against Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Amendment (Blake/Atkins)

That an additional point be added:

That Council request the General Manager to conduct an Independent Environmental Impact study on Synthetic turf at Callan Park and prepare a report by June 2025 for consideration by Council that incorporates environmental (including biodiversity) impacts.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

C0325(1) Item 7 Expression of Interest process for the use of the basement within Marrickville Town Hall

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council endorse the preparation of an Expression of Interest for the use of the basement within Marrickville Town Hall.
2. That Council, as part of the Expression of Interest process, provide an additional weighting or focus for organisations or businesses seeking to facilitate multicultural performance.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 10 Post Exhibition - Proposal for an off Leash Area for Companion Animals at Steel Park

Motion: (Barlow/Howard)

1. That Council undertake community engagement on options for the introduction of a new off-leash area at Steel Park for smaller dogs (under 10kg) as highlighted in *Figure 1.2* of the report.
2. That upon the establishment of the new off-leash area at Steel Park, Council undertake a compliance and educational program at both Steel Park and Mahoney Reserve in relation to regulations pertaining to off-leash usage.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 11 Public Exhibition - Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy subject to the following amendments to the draft:
 - a) amend page 9 section 6 by adding at the end of paragraph 4: *...the person raising the matter, but that person will be advised of the reasons for the decision not to investigate;*
 - b) amend second dot point at top of page 10 by adding: *...the expenditure of resources having regard to the following factors - the seriousness of the alleged non-compliance; the length of time that has passed since the activity complained of; and the extent of the alleged impact of the non-compliance on the environment, public health and safety, the immediate neighbours or the public;* and
 - c) amend page 11, section 6.1 after second dot point: *...Council's sole discretion and in view of accordance with this Policy's principles and any relevant considerations.*
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft *Compliance and Enforcement Policy* be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.
3. That Council provide councillors with a tabulated breakdown of proposed changes to the existing policy by way of councillor briefing note within 7 days of this resolution, and that it be published and made publicly available on the Council website.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 14 Open space opportunities along rail corridors

Motion: (Macri/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That following the adoption of the Local Environment Plan (LEP), Council investigate in more detail the engineering options, costs and funding arrangements.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Against Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Carlisle)

That Council allow Clr Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 15.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 15 Draft Promotional Plan for the Inner West Sustainability Hub 2025

Motion: (Smith/Carlisle)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council allocate funding of \$10,500 towards the communications plan outlined in the report as part of 2025/26 budget considerations.
3. That Council commit to holding an annual sustainability-themed community festival at the Hub, commencing from 2026, with funding to be reallocated from the existing budget for the EcoFootprints Festival and other sources identified as part of 2025/26 budget considerations.
4. That Council advertise the training room at the Hub as a community space available for bookings through Council's venue hire system.
5. That Council engage with local stakeholders on how Council can support an increase in and diversity of events at the Hub, with a report back to Council at the May 2025 Council meeting, including but not limited to:
 - a) environmental and sustainability groups;
 - b) schools, TAFEs, and early learning centres;
 - c) community clubs;
 - d) not-for-profit organisations;
 - e) business chambers;
 - f) sporting groups; and
 - g) the Inner West Creative Network.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Clay)

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm

The meeting recommenced at 8.36pm

Councillor D'Arienzo left the meeting at 8:36pm

Councillor Blake left the meeting at 8:37pm

C0325(1) Item 16 Review of Opportunities for EV Public Charging in Tempe Reserve and Balmain Depot

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

That this item be deferred and brought back to the May 2025 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Crs Blake and D'Arienzo

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the meeting at 8:38pm

C0325(1) Item 17 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Report received from Fire & Rescue NSW - 1 Brown Street Ashfield

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Blake

Councillor Blake returned to the meeting at 8:39pm

Procedural Motion (Byrne/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow Clr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 19.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 19 Love Your Club Update

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council allocate funding of \$50,000 to the small grants program to support clubs with minor infrastructure projects who have either signed the pledge to, or already transitioned away from, reliance on poker machine revenue. Part of this funding is to be repurposed from the existing small grants pool and the Communities directorate budget, with the rest identified as part of 2025/26 budget considerations.
3. That Council allocate additional funding to the Network for initiatives to support local clubs identified through the consultation process, with an amount to be determined as part of 2025/26 budget considerations.

4. That Council consult with the Network on developing a Terms of Reference for the Network, including but not limited to:
- a) support for clubs who express interest in transitioning away from reliance on poker machine revenue to do so,
 - b) support for clubs to be designated as Special Entertainment Precincts and host more live music and diverse events,
 - c) support with minor infrastructure projects and maintenance,
 - d) other areas identified in consultation with the Network.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 21 Petersham Town Hall Creative Hub EOI

Motion: (Smith/Howard)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council approve the two-year licenses for the successful applicants, subject to due diligence assessment by staff.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 22 Notice of Motion: Paying tribute to local leaders

Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

1. That Council undertake community consultation about naming the public area at the frontage of the Balmain Court House and Balmain Town Hall as Wran Square in honour of one of Balmain's most famous citizens, former Premier of NSW, Neville Wran.
2. That Council write to the Attorney General of NSW and the Minister for the Arts seeking support for the Balmain Court House to be reopened for public use. This could include a role for Council in operating or curating the space.
3. That Council investigate opportunities and locations for a tribute to long-term local resident and former High Court Justice Mary Gaudron for her contribution to the law, human rights, and gender equity in Australia.
4. That Council consult with the family of Rochelle Porteous about an appropriate way to commemorate her service to our community as a Councillor and Mayor through the naming of a public space or facility in her honour.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Amendment (Atkins/Blake)

1. That Council undertake community consultation about naming the public area at the frontage of the Balmain Court House and Balmain Town Hall as Rochelle Porteous Square to commemorate her service to our community as a Councillor and Mayor on both Leichhardt and Inner West councils.
2. That Council write to the Attorney General of NSW and the Minister for the Arts seeking support for the Balmain Court House to be reopened for public use. This could include a role for Council in operating or curating the space.
3. That Council investigate opportunities and locations for a tribute to one of Balmain's most famous citizens, former Premier of NSW, Neville Wran AC CNZM QC.
4. That Council investigate opportunities and locations for a tribute to long-term local resident and former High Court Justice Mary Gaudron for her contribution to the law, human rights, and gender equity in Australia.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Councillor Raciti left the meeting at 8:50pm

C0325(1) Item 23 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety improvements between Glover Street and Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre

Motion: (Tastan/Antoniou)

1. That Council improve pedestrian safety between Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC), Leichhardt Oval and Leichhardt No. 2 by extending the missing footpath connection between LPAC and Glover Street.
2. That a cost estimate is completed and submitted in time for consideration in the 2025/2026 budget.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Macri and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott and Smith

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the meeting at 8:53pm

C0325(1) Item 24 Notice of Motion: Improving Traffic Safety Murrell Street, Ashfield

Motion: (Antoniou/Carlisle)

1. That Council note the complex nature of Murrell Street, Ashfield as a high traffic drop off / pick up zone that is shared between Ashfield Public school, Good-start Early Learning Child Care Centre and residents in high density housing.
2. That Council note the traffic and parking changes on Murrell Street, Ashfield that were approved by the Local Traffic Committee on 18 July 2022, including:

- a) installation of "No Stopping 8:30am-9:30am, 2:30pm-3:30pm School days" and "2P 9:30am-2:30pm, 3:30pm-6:00pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted AREA 1" signage on the western side of Murrell Street outside 183 Liverpool Road;
 - b) installation of 'No Stopping' signage across specified driveways; and
 - c) the outcome of correspondence with Transport for NSW regarding the proposed 'No Right Turn 8:00am-9:30am, 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days' restriction for traffic exiting Murrell Street onto Liverpool Road.
3. That Council note ongoing concerns and advocacy from parents, the Ashfield Public School, and Good Start Early Learning Child Care centre communities that traffic safety issues on Murrell Street have not improved despite the measures approved in July 2022.
 4. That Council add Murrell Street to the increased surveillance schedule for Council Rangers, particularly during school zone hours (8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm on school days), to ensure compliance with parking restrictions and improve overall safety.
 5. That Council conduct a comprehensive traffic study of Murrell Street, Ashfield, and surrounding areas with particular focus on:
 - a) Traffic flow during school drop-off and pick-up times;
 - b) Pedestrian safety, particularly for school children;
 - c) Vehicle speeds and driver behaviour including U-turns in the street;
 - d) Current parking arrangements and compliance;
 - e) Access issues for local residents and businesses;
 - f) The ways Orchard Crescent impacts traffic flow, and
 - g) Alternative traffic management solutions.
 6. That Council request that the traffic study include direct consultation with Ashfield Public School, Good Start Early Learning Child Care Centre, local residents, and businesses, cycling and active transport groups, and include including feedback received by council to date on this issue.
 7. That Council receive a report on the implementation status of the traffic and parking changes from July 2022 and the proposed scope and timeframe for a comprehensive traffic study, at the April 2025 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 25 Notice of Motion: Community Engagement Process for Public Domain Impacts

Motion: (Tastan/Atkins)

1. That Council develop a clear and transparent process for engaging with residents on key issues and that this is tabled at the April 2025 Council meeting for approval.
2. That this process is easily accessible and promoted on the website.

3. That Council provide regular updates to the community, ensuring residents are informed on progress, timelines, status updates and upcoming consultation opportunities by an appropriate method that can be accessed in real time vs having to request updates from councillors or Council staff.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Macri, Raciti and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott and Smith

Foreshadowed Motion (Clay/Byrne)

That Council schedule a councillor briefing outlining the Community Engagement process (other than regulatory requirements) to provide Councillors the opportunity to understand the range of outreach that Council undertakes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Against Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

C0325(1) Item 26 Notice of Motion: Murrell Street, Ashfield Traffic Safety Review

Councillor Carlisle withdrew this Motion.

C0325(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Inner West e-Bike Strategy and shared e-Bike provider round table

Motion: (Fergusson/Blake)

1. That Council organise a roundtable discussion with leading micro-mobility companies to explore the following topics:
 - a) the establishment of designated parking zones;
 - b) potential expansion of coverage within the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA) to include Ashfield and Croydon, with plans for future extension to the northern side of the LGA; and
 - c) improvement in maintenance and cleanliness, including the provision of helmets and prompt removal of graffiti.
2. That Council extend an invitation to key representatives from leading micro-mobility companies to participate in the Mode Shift Forum.
3. That Council formulate an Inner West e-Bike Strategy to guide the growth and management of e-bike usage in the area.
4. That Council develop an Inner West e-Bike Policy, focusing on safety, and where necessary, advocate for tighter regulations from the State Government.
5. That Council note that e-scooters have the potential to form a significant part of micro-mobility and mode shift in NSW.
6. That Council notes that the NSW State Governments response to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes, and related mobility options is imminent and resolves to work with the NSW Government in shaping effective policies and ensuring that local perspectives are considered in the final regulatory framework.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: McNeilly Park Public Toilets

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

1. That Council commit to upgrading the public toilet facilities at McNeilly Park, Marrickville.
2. That Council prepare a report on costs and timeline for installation in this current term of Council by the May 2025 Council meeting.
3. That Council scope the inclusion of additional lefthand transfer grab rail, NCC compliant signage, and baby change station in the report on costs and timeline for installation.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Jarvie Park Public Toilets

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council commit to building public toilet facilities at Jarvie Park, Marrickville.
2. That Council prepare a report on costs and timeline for installation in this current term of Council by the May 2025 Council Meeting.
3. That Council scope the inclusion of right- and left- hand transfer grab rails, NCC compliant signage, and baby change station for in the report on costs and timeline for installation.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Atkins/Tastan)

That Council allow Clr Antoniou to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 41.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Rezoning of additional former WestConnex dive sites for mixed residential development

*** Councillor Antoniou tabled a letter on 'Surplus' public assets for sale in Inner West Local Government Area which is available at the end of these minutes. During debate, Councillor Antoniou proposed amendments which the Chairperson ruled as a Foreshadowed motion. ***

Procedural Motion (Antoniou/Blake)

That a motion of dissent be moved in the Chairperson's ruling that Councillor Antoniou's Amendment is a Foreshadowed motion.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

The Chairperson's ruling was upheld.

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

- 1. That Council notes that Council has endorsed the NSW Government's commitment to convert the former WestConnex dive site in Camperdown into a residential development of 500 homes, including 200 affordable rental properties for essential workers.**
- 2. That Council calls on the NSW Government to undertake a similar land audit and rezoning process for the three additional former WestConnex dive sites at:**
 - Parramatta Road and Wattle Street, Haberfield;
 - Parramatta Road and Bland Street, Haberfield; and
 - Parramatta Road and Bland Street, Ashfield.
- 3. That Council writes to the Premier, relevant Ministers, and Landcom, advocating for these sites to be rezoned as a matter of priority, for mixed-use and mixed-market residential development, including a significant portion of government-owned affordable and low-income rental housing.**
- 4. That Council recognises that residential communities living near WestConnex dive sites have suffered through years of construction, dust, noise and resumption of residential housing and have now been left with a concrete pad and temporary noise barriers. They deserve a well-planned development, integrated and sympathetic to its surrounds, which will benefit the existing community and new residents.**
- 5. That Council offers active assistance in the planning and development process to ensure that these projects align to the broader objective of increasing housing supply and urban renewal along Parramatta Road.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Against Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Confidential session

Procedural Motion (Howard/Carlisle)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Smith)

That Council move back into the Open Session of the Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Confidential Session

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

C0325(1) Item 43 RFT 32-24 IWC Cleaning Services and Associated Products (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

C0325(1) Item 45 Sydney Gateway Project and Hand Back of Council Leased Land (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

C0325(1) Item 46 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0325(1) Item 43 RFT 32-24 IWC Cleaning Services and Associated Products

Motion: (Howard/Byrne)

1. That Council accepts the following two tender submissions for RFT 32-24 to form a Cleaning Services and Associated Products panel for a three (3)-year term plus possible extensions of one (1) + one (1) years, with the estimated annual break up as follows:
 - a) Solo Services Group with an approximate annual contract expenditure of \$1,162,937.47 (excl GST); and
 - b) Storm International Pty Ltd with an approximate annual contract expenditure of \$1,600,347.22 (excl GST).
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the individual Contracts and authorise variations to the contracts including any new sites that will be required to be included to this contract.

3. That Council approves an extension of the previous contract RFT 20-18 Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance Panel from 1 March to 30 April 2025 in the order of \$810,153.00 (exc. GST) to cover the engagement of Northern Contract Cleaning Pty Ltd, Jezzeni Property Services Pty Ltd and Servicelink Pty Ltd.
4. That Councillors be provided with 6 monthly updates by way of councillor briefing on cleaning services and associated products, including information on resident complaints, service interruptions, incidents of contract failure, or instances where Council officers have had to intervene; as well as detailed information on any actions undertaken by Council in response to issues, or any information on ongoing adherence to labour standards compliance.
5. That Council include monitoring of the contracted services as a standing item for meetings of the Inner West Waste Management Working Group.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Macri and Raciti

C0325(1) Item 45 Sydney Gateway Project and Hand Back of Council Leased Land

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

That this Item be deferred until a councillor briefing can be held.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0325(1) Item 46 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 9.56pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 2:	Trent Thomas	Ashfield
	Chris Fogarty	Croydon
	Tara O'Connell	Croydon
	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
	Cameron Coombs	Marrickville
	Jimmy Oliveira	Ashfield
Item 3:	Danielle Blakely	Sydney
	Nick Crang	Brisbane
Item 6:	Matthew Bowen	Lewisham
	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
	John Stamolis	Balmain
	Thomas Britton	Balmain
	Paul Avery	Balmain
	Daniel Haigh	Balmain
Item 10:	Donyale Harrison	Marrickville
	Alison Vicary	Marrickville
	Helen Videnovic Droudis	Earlwood
Item 14:	Noel Corkery	Marrickville
Item 22:	Dr Philip Drew	Annandale
Item 30:	Keith Stallard	Balmain
	Eloise Gilding	Balmain
	Emily Chieza	Balmain East
Item 41:	Nicole Rawson	Ashfield
	Emily Lockwood	Summer Hill

***** Tabled letter for Item 41 - Notice of Motion: Rezoning of additional former WestConnex
 dive sites for mixed residential development*****



7 March 2025

Peter Gainsford
 General Manager
 Inner West Council
 PO Box 14, Petersham NSW 2049

Dear Peter,

Re: "Surplus" public assets for sale in Inner West LGA

We write in relation to four publicly-owned properties within the Inner West LGA that have been identified as "surplus" through the NSW Government's ongoing public land audit and will be offered for sale as part of a group auction on 2 April 2025. These properties are located at 6 Lilyfield Road Rozelle, 8 Lilyfield Road Rozelle, 10 Lilyfield Road Rozelle, and 1-9 Cardigan Street Stanmore.

As the state representatives for the Newtown and Balmain electorates, in which the aforementioned properties are located, we have serious concerns about the sell-off of these public assets in the midst of a housing crisis. We have also formally raised our concerns with the Minister for Housing and Minister for Lands and Property. With so many in our community grappling with the increasing cost of housing, it is crucial that public land is maximised to deliver public and genuinely affordable housing - not sold off to private buyers.

Given Inner West Council's shared interest in addressing the housing crisis, we urge you to brief Councillors on this privatisation of public land and housing. It is critical that the Inner West Council takes a strong stand in protecting public land and housing in our community, and we encourage the Council to write to the Ministers to echo these concerns and encourage the state government to explore potential collaborations with Council that would see the sites remain in public ownership and transformed into housing that meets community needs. We understand that the Rozelle properties are already residential homes, and that the vacant lot at Stanmore is zoned R2 (Low-Density Residential).

Thank you for considering this correspondence, and we look forward to your response and action.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Leong MP
 Member for Newtown

Kobi Shetty MP
 Member for Balmain