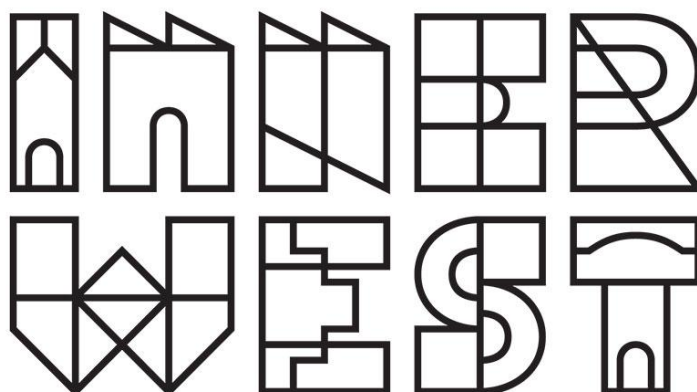


# SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026**

**7:30 PM**

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Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

**MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS  
SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

The following supplementary report relates to *Item 25: RFT - 24 Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade - Design & Construct Contract* of the Council Agenda of 16 June 2026 as information required for the preparation of the report was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

**Reports for Council Decision**

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**Item:** C0626(1) Item 25 A)

**Title:** SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO ITEM 25: RFT - 24 CALLAN PARK ALL-WEATHER SPORTING GROUND UPGRADE - DESIGN & CONSTRUCT CONTRACT

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## Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report which details the following recent progress:

1. The Inner West Local Planning Panel has approved the development application DA2025/1052 for an all-weather sports field on Balmain Road with works expected to proceed in September 2026 and be completed by March 2027.
2. That Council amend the resolution of Confidential Item 25 Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade to accept only the separable portion of the tender that relates to the Balmain Road Playing Field.
3. That Council will lodge a review of the refusal of DA2025/1053 for Waterfront Drive under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as the reasons for refusal can be addressed as part of the review application.

## Executive Summary

- The Inner West Local Planning Panel met on 9 June 2026 to consider the two development applications to convert the existing oval surface to an all-weather sports surface.
- The Inner West Local Planning Panel has approved the development application for an all-weather sports field on Balmain Road with works expected to proceed in September 2026 and be completed by March 2027.
- The development application for Waterfront Drive All-Weather Sports Field was refused by the Inner West Local Planning Panel. This is on the basis that the oval is prone to flooding in an extreme rain event and the panel were not satisfied that sufficient consideration was given to alternative (less sensitive) locations, including locations outside Callan Park.
- Council will lodge a review of the refusal of Waterfront Drive All-Weather Sports Field development application under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning*

and Assessment Act 1979. This review will respond to the two reasons for refusal as per the Panel minutes.

## Purpose

This is a supplementary report to Item 25 Callan Park All-Weather Sports Fields in Callan Park at Balmain Road and Waterfront Drive.

## Strategic Direction

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

- 4: Healthy, resilient and caring communities
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

## Discussion

### Inner West Local Planning Panel

The Inner West Local Planning Panel (IWLPP) met on 9 June 2026 to consider the two development applications to convert the existing oval surface to an all-weather sports surface. Minutes from this meeting were published on 12 June 2026.

The IWLPP, in exercising the functions of the Council as the consent authority pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, has granted consent to DA2025/1052 – Balmain Road All-Weather Sports Field.

The IWLPP has refused DA2025/1053 – Waterfront Drive All-Weather Sports Field. The reasons for refusal are as follows:

- i. The Panel is not satisfied pursuant to section 6.8 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 that the development will not, if there is a flood, result in a release of pollutants that may have an adverse impact on the water quality of a natural waterbody (Sydney Harbour catchment).*
- ii. The Panel is not satisfied that sufficient consideration was given to alternative (less sensitive) locations, including locations outside Callan Park.*

### Procurement of All-Weather Sports Fields

On 5 March 2026, Inner West Council invited tenderers for Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade Design & Construct Contract. On 16 June 2026 Council will consider a confidential report relating to a tender for the delivery of both all-weather

sports fields. The tender was arranged so that works may be awarded for either or both locations as separable portions.

It is proposed that the Confidential Report be amended to award only the Balmain Road playing field separable portion so that works are able to proceed in September 2026 so it will be ready for the winter season in March 2027.

### **Waterfront Drive Oval – Next Steps**

Council intends to lodge a review of the DA determination under section 8.2 of the EPA Act as the reasons for refusal can be addressed as part of the review application.

The design for the Waterfront Oval sports field was configured to ensure surface levels were higher than flooding which may occur following a rain event that has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. This is a best practice approach for setting surface levels relating to sports field. Nevertheless, the IWLPP formed the view that the proposed oval levels would not be adequate.

To address this concern, consideration is being given to implementing a modest elevation adjustment to one side of the proposed oval to ensure the oval remains above the worst possible flood event. This adjustment will contain stormwater within the field and prevent the flow of floodwater from outside of the sports field onto the field. The revised levels will require localised modifications to the adjoining turf areas.

Council will prepare additional technical documentation and supporting evidence as part of the review application to address the Panel's reasons for refusal and demonstrate that flood management, water quality protection and site suitability have been appropriately resolved. This will include the numerous options considered for placement of the all-weather sports field and the extensive community consultation that supports the location at Waterfront Drive.

Lodging a review under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* is proposed as the most appropriate way to progress the project.

## **Legal and Risk Implications**

The Council can lawfully seek a Review of the Panel's Refusal pursuant to Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

## **Financial Implications**

This project is budgeted for in the 2026/27 financial year with any additional cost of the adjustments accommodated within the existing project budget.

## **Attachments**

Nil.