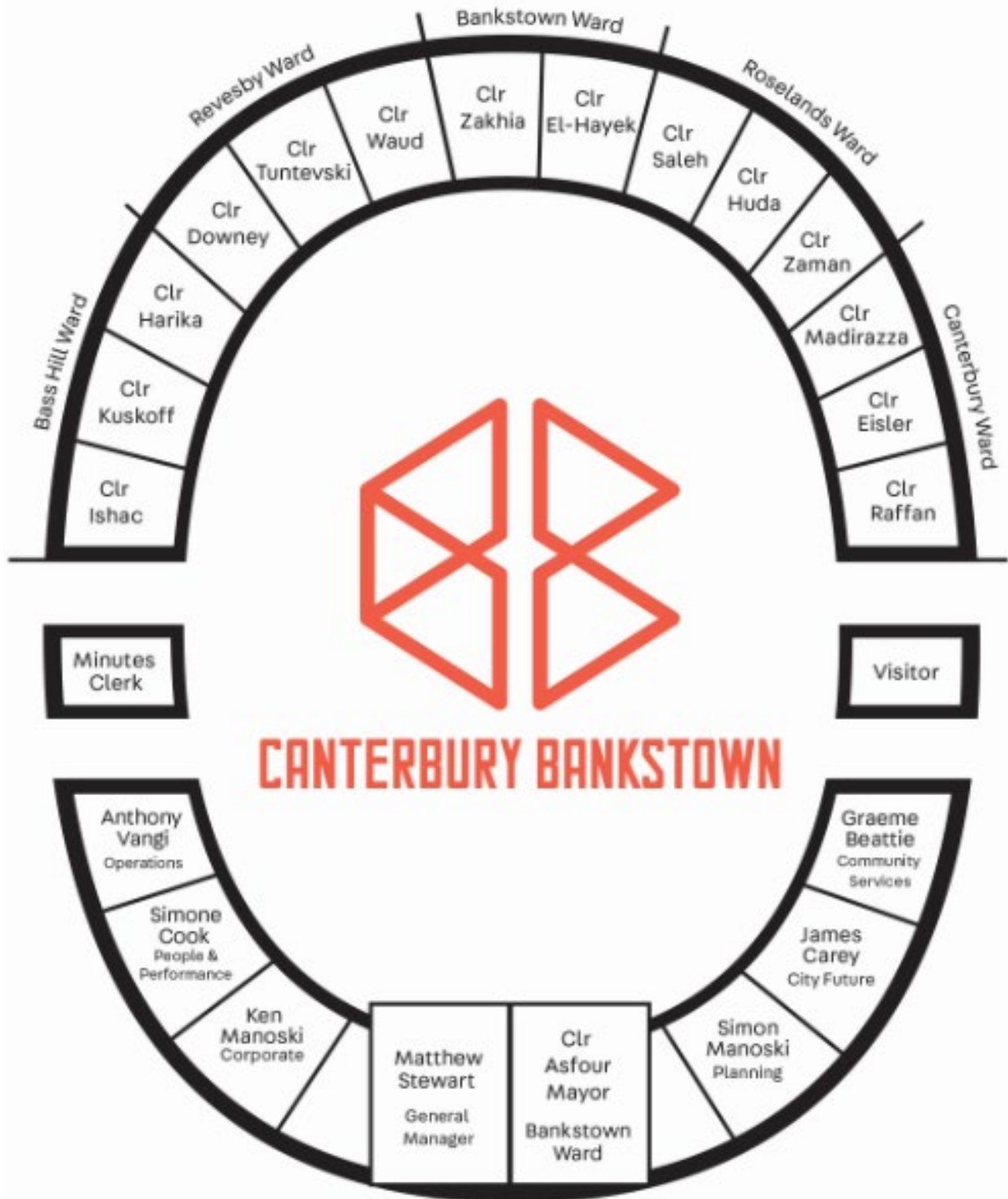




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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour,
Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Raffan, Zakhia, Eisler, Huda, Zaman,
Saleh, Madirazza, Harika, Tuntevski

APOLOGIES: Clr Downey, Clr Waud

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 5.54 PM.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(346) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Downey due to health reasons and Clr Waud for personal reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 1: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 1.1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

(347) CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that

1. Council elect a Deputy Mayor for period September 2018 to September 2019.
2. The fee for the Deputy Mayor be set at 20% of the Mayoral fee per annum for the term of office.
3. In the event that there be more than one (1) nomination the method of voting be open voting.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the General Manager, as the Returning Officer be requested to administer the Election of the Deputy Mayor.

- CARRIED

The Returning Officer called for nominations in writing for the office of Deputy Mayor for the period September 2018 to September 2019.

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The following nominations were received:-

CLR MADIRAZZA
CLR RAFFAN

**AN OPEN BALLOT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WHICH
RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

CLR MADIRAZZA	4 VOTES
CLR RAFFAN	8 VOTES

**THE RETURNING OFFICER THEN DECLARED CLR RAFFAN ELECTED TO THE
OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2018 TO SEPTEMBER
2019.**

CLR WAUD ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 5.57 PM.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.58 PM.

Minutes confirmed 16 OCTOBER 2018

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Mayor

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PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour,
Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Raffan, Zakhia, Waud, Eisler, Huda, Zaman,
Saleh, Madirazza, Harika, Tuntevski

APOLOGIES: Clr Downey

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.03 PM.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(348) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2018 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(349) CLR. HUDA:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Downey due to health reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In respect of Item 5.2 – being the Planning Proposal for 297 – 299 Canterbury Road, Revesby, Clr Tuntevski declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in that the owner of the property has contributed to his election campaign and for the sake of caution, he will not participate in considering the matter and will vacate the chamber.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 CB CITY - WHERE IT RAINS AWARDS

(350) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 4.2
(351) **CITY POSSIBLE**
CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council support the execution of the City Possible Memorandum of Understanding and secure our status as a founding member of the City Possible Global Network.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3
(352) **SUPPORT FOR LEGAL CHALLENGE TO LOW RISE MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING**
CODE
CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council commit its support for the action Ryde Council has commenced to bring an end to the NSW State Government's Medium Density Housing Code once and for all, by writing to the Mayor of Ryde City Council, conveying this message.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.4
(353) **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**
CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.5
(354) **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**
CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the request from the Zonta Club of Sydney West for their 2019 Citizenship Awards and sponsor an award to the value of \$250.

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2. Council support the request from the Bass Hill RSL for an LGA wide annual snooker trophy in honour of the City and the Office of Mayor and donate \$473 for the purchase of the Canterbury Bankstown City Council Mayoral Cup.
3. Council support the request from the Bangladeshi Community School of NSW who will be performing *Refugee Bivrat* at the Bryan Brown Theatre on 23 December 2018 and donate \$1,200 towards the hire fees for the Bryan Brown Theatre.
4. Council support the request from Courtney New and Anthony Ters who will be representing Australia at the 45th World Skills International Championships to be held in Russia in August 2019 and donate \$250 each to Courtney and Anthony.
5. Council support the request from the Bangla Utshob Association who will be holding a Cancer Research Fundraiser at Belmore sports ground on 30 September 2018 and Council waive the fees for provision of event bins and staff up to a maximum of \$3,500.
6. Council support the request from the Bankstown East Hills Handicapped Association who have requested that the 2018/19 fees for the occupation of the footpath at their op-shop at 4-6 Revesby Place amounting to \$494.90 be waived.
7. Council donate \$200 and support the request from Mr John Grinsell who will be participating in the 50km Spring Cycle Event to be held on 14 October 2018 to raise funds for Padstow Community Care.
8. These funds are made available from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.6

(355)

VALE PAM GAVIN

CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be received.

- CARRIED

ALL THOSE PRESENT STOOD FOR ONE MINUTES SILENCE IN MEMORY OF
THE LATE PAM GAVIN, FORMER BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCILLOR.

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CLR HUDA TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.16 PM.

SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL: 5-9 CROYDON STREET, LAKEMBA
(356) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ZAMAN

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the submissions received and the responses as outlined in Attachment C.
2. The revised Planning Proposal at Attachment G be adopted for finalisation.
3. The proposed Height of Building Map be amended as shown in Attachment B provided the development delivers public benefits as outlined in the report and the attached Planning Proposal. Otherwise the existing maximum building heights of part 18m and part 21m will continue to apply.
4. The proposed FSR Map be amended to reduce the proposed FSR from 2.2:1 to 2:1 as shown in Attachment B for the reasons contained in the report, provided the development delivers public benefits as outlined in the report and the attached Planning Proposal. Otherwise the existing maximum FSR of 1.6:1 will continue to apply.
5. Council's delegation to finalise the LEP Amendment be exercised and all necessary documentation be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation.
6. A DCP be prepared to guide future development of the site and adjoining land and then exhibited and reported back to Council for making.
7. Council note that the landowner has submitted a letter of offer for the dedication of a new laneway at no cost to Council. The VPA will be negotiated with the landowner at the development application stage.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Eisler, Harika, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan, Tuntevski, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

Against:- Clrs El-Hayek and Saleh

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ITEM 5.2

PLANNING PROPOSAL: 297–299 CANTERBURY ROAD, REVESBY

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 5.2 – BEING THE PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 297 – 299 CANTERBURY ROAD, REVESBY, CLR TUNTEVSKI DECLARED A NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THAT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND FOR THE SAKE OF CAUTION, HE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSIDERING THE MATTER AND WILL VACATE THE CHAMBER.

CLR. TUNTEVSKI TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.16 PM.

(357)

CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. Council prepare and submit a planning proposal to seek a Gateway Determination for the following amendments to Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015:
 - (a) Increase the maximum FSR from 1:1 to 2.3:1 solely for the purposes of a hospital provided the development delivers public benefits as outlined in this report. Otherwise a maximum 1:1 FSR will apply to the site.
 - (b) Apply a maximum height of 51 metres AHD to the rooftop structures.
2. Council seek authority to exercise the delegation in relation to the plan making functions under section 3.36(2) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
3. Subject to the issue of a Gateway Determination, Council exhibit the planning proposal and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.
4. Council prepare and exhibit DCP amendments to support the planning proposal, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.
5. Council prepare and exhibit a planning agreement to support the planning proposal on the basis that:
 - (a) The planning agreement covers the full cost of the proposed infrastructure works in addition to the required contribution under the Bankstown Section 94A Development Contributions Plan.
 - (b) The planning agreement is finalised in time for public exhibition alongside the planning proposal.
 - (c) The matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.

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6. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to fulfil the obligations outlined in the recommendations of this report.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

Against:- Nil

ITEM 5.3 ACCELERATED LEP PROJECT PLAN

CLR TUNTEVSKI RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 6.18 PM.

(358) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the Project Plan which sets out a program for successful execution of the funding agreement for preparation of a new, city-wide Local Environmental Plan by June 2020.
2. Council notes the Project Plan milestones, master program, risk identification and management framework, communications and stakeholder engagement framework and procurement strategy.
3. Council notes that this program will be subject to a number of reports to Council for information and decision making, including at key milestones.
4. A further report be provided to Council regarding possible staging of growth areas.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 COMMERCIAL USE OF FOOTWAYS POLICY

(359) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. RAFFAN

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1. Council adopt the Commercial Use of Footways Policy and the Commercial Use of Footways Guidelines.
2. Council adopt the amendment to the Canterbury DCP 2012 by deleting Part B10 – Use of Footpaths and any other references to Part B10 elsewhere in the DCP.
3. The Commercial Use of Footways Policy and the Commercial Use of Footways Guidelines be reviewed after a period of six months to assess the success of the new policy.
4. The fees and charges associated with the new policy and guidelines be reviewed and any changes be considered as part of the fees and charges in the 2019/20 Operational Plan.

- CARRIED

ITEM 6.2 DRAFT HERITAGE INCENTIVES POLICY

CLR HUDA RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 6.20 PM.

(360) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the feedback from the public exhibition of the draft Heritage Incentives Policy and adopt the amended Policy with the changes outlined in this report.
2. Council revoke existing heritage policies as outlined in the report and replace with the amended Heritage Incentives Policy.
3. The Policy be reviewed within the first year of operation and reported to Council if amendments are required.
4. Council consider any funding adjustments for the policy as part of its quarterly budget review process.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - PROGRESS REPORT
(361) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. WAUD

RESOLVED that Council note the progress report of the implementation of the Stronger Communities Fund.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.2 REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY
(362) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. In principle, Council endorse the proposed Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as outlined in this report.
2. The proposed Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and that a further report be submitted to Council at the conclusion of that period, where submissions are received. In the event that no submissions are received, the policy be taken as being adopted by Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.3 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018
(363) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ZAMAN

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 Aug 2018 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 7.4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO LEGAL COSTS ON BEHALF OF CITY OF SYDNEY COUNCIL, NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL AND BAYSIDE CITY COUNCIL**

(364) **CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ZAMAN**

RESOLVED that Council agree to the request by Local Government NSW and contribute the amount of \$6,682.30 towards appeal costs.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 **PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY SPACES STRATEGIC PLAN**

(365) **CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the amended Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan.
2. A comprehensive Playground Shade Program, for both tree planting and shade structures, in high priority playgrounds to be considered as part of the 2019/20 Operational Plan.
3. Further investigation be undertaken with National Parks in order to ensure long term retention of the Turrella Reserve and Girrahween Park playgrounds situated in Georges River National Park.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 **FOOD RECOVERY RESEARCH FROM THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE STREAM**

(366) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ZAMAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council acknowledges that FOGO is not a viable service for the LGA based on the findings from the recent studies.
2. Council carry out further trials to identify alternative solutions for reducing and diverting food waste from the household garbage stream.

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3. Council provide a report to the NSW EPA with the findings from the two studies.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3
(367) **GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS REVIEW**
CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that

1. Council receive and note the report.
2. Council refer completed audits to the Cooks River Alliance and Georges River Riverkeeper.
3. Council complete the reed bed condition audit as part of its 2018/19 Operational Plan.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 **MINUTES OF THE LIVEABLE CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16**
(368) **AUGUST 2018**
CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Liveable City Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 August 2018, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 9.2 MINUTES OF THE PROSPERITY & INNOVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2018**

(369) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Prosperity & Innovation Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 August 2018, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.3 MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
4 SEPTEMBER 2018**

(370) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Social Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 September 2018, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.4 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13
JUNE 2018**

(371) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 13 June 2018, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.5 MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

(372) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 September 2018 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
(373) CLR. HUDA:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA - REVESBY SKATE PARK
MOTION CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

That Council investigate establishing an alcohol prohibited area at the Revesby Skate Park, Marco Ave, Revesby.

AMENDMENT CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ZAKHIA

That Council investigate establishing an alcohol prohibited area at the Revesby Skate Park, Marco Ave, Revesby and investigate establishing alcohol prohibited areas in other parks across the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government area.

- LOST

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT.

(374) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council investigate establishing an alcohol prohibited area at the Revesby Skate Park, Marco Ave, Revesby.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3 ENGAGING WITH LEBANON - NATIONAL MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM
(375) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council explore any opportunity for our community and sporting groups to engage and interact with the Lebanese National Football team when they are in Sydney for a match against the Australian Socceroos.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.4 **RESILIENT SYDNEY - GET PREPARED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT APP**
(376) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council request the Canterbury Bankstown Local Emergency Management Committee review the suitability of the *Get Prepared* smart phone application or any other appropriate app/technology to assist residents in emergencies that may arise in our City.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.5 **REMOVING ILLEGAL POSTERS**
(377) **CLR. ZAMAN:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council write to Transgrid and NSW Roads and Maritime Services, requesting that they investigate measures to reduce the placing of illegal posters.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.6 **EXEMPTION OF WASTE LEVY FROM ASBESTOS**
(378) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council call on the State Government to remove the Waste Levy fee from asbestos containing material.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.7 **BANKSTOWN AIRPORT - MASTERPLAN BRIEFING**
(379) **CLR. HUDA:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council invites Bankstown Airport to provide Council with a briefing on the Airport Masterplan.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.8
MOTION

ILLEGAL TREE REMOVALS
CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

That Council:

1. Investigate and confirm the number of illegal tree removals that have occurred within the Canterbury Bankstown LGA over the last three years.
2. Confirm the actions taken against those found to have illegally removed trees.
3. Determine if the current level of fines that can be imposed and the current inspection procedures in place, are considered an adequate enough deterrent.

AMENDMENT

CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

That Council:

1. Investigate and confirm the number of illegal tree removals that have occurred within the Canterbury Bankstown LGA over the last three years.
2. Confirm the actions taken against those found to have illegally removed trees.
3. Determine if the current level of fines that can be imposed and the current inspection procedures in place, are considered an adequate enough deterrent.
4. Also investigate other deterrents that could be implemented.

CLR WAUD AND ISHAC ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT AS THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS PUT.

(380)

CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Investigate and confirm the number of illegal tree removals that have occurred within the Canterbury Bankstown LGA over the last three years.
2. Confirm the actions taken against those found to have illegally removed trees.

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3. Determine if the current level of fines that can be imposed and the current inspection procedures in place, are considered an adequate enough deterrent.
4. Also investigate other deterrents that could be implemented.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11: QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

REF: SKATE PARK - ROBERTS PARK, GREENACRE

Clr Ishac requested Council's Rangers monitor unacceptable behavior occurring at the skate park in Roberts Park, Greenacre.

REF: HERB CRABTREE RESERVE, BASS HILL

Clr Kuskoff requested an update on the works being undertaken in Herb Crabtree Reserve in Hector Street, Bass Hill.

REF: PLANNING MATTER

Clr Tuntevski requested that the Director Planning contact the owner of the shops located at the corner Doris Street and Picnic Point Road, Picnic Point to discuss their planning proposal which includes the provision of disabled facilities which will assist the community.

REF: TRAFFIC ISSUE - HENRY LAWSON DRIVE, REVESBY

Clr Waud requested Council contact NSW Roads and Maritime Services regarding the provision of a roundabout or other traffic measures to improve safety at the intersection of The River Road and Henry Lawson Drive, Revesby.

REF: PARKING ISSUE - WATTLE STREET, MOUNT LEWIS

Clr Zakhia requested Council investigate parking issues resulting from the introduction of a Bus Zone in the vicinity of 124 Wattle Street, Mount Lewis.

REF: GARRISON POINT RESERVE - RUBBISH CLEAN UP

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Clr Madirazza requested that the beach area of Garrison Point Reserve be cleaned of rubbish.

REF: SIGNAGE - BEAMISH STREET, CAMPSIE

Clr Madirazza requested Council inspect the location of signage in Beamish Street, Campsie regarding the location of South Parade carpark.

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(381) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 T48-18 - Provision of Security Services

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

Item 12.2 T06-19 Parry Park Playing Surface Upgrade

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Item 12.3 Briefing Paper – T79-18 Tender Evaluation Update for Waste and Resource Recovery Processing and Disposal Services (General Waste)

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MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.12 PM AND
REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.54 PM.**

ITEM 12.1
(382) **T48-18 - PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES**
CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. Council rescind its existing resolution for the provision of crowd control security services only (T48-18), as determined at its Ordinary Meeting on 24 July 2018.
2. In accordance with Clause 166(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Regulation) Council carryout a fresh open tender process for crowd control security services.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.2
(383) **T06-19 PARRY PARK PLAYING SURFACE UPGRADE**
CLR. SALEH:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the tender received from Turf Drain Australia for the lump sum amount of \$1,067,711.50 (excluding GST) for T06-19 Parry Park Playing Surface Upgrade.
2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.
3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 12.3

**BRIEFING PAPER – T79-18 TENDER EVALUATION UPDATE FOR WASTE AND
RESOURCE RECOVERY PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES (GENERAL WASTE)**

(384)

CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that

CLRS ZAKHIA AND ISHAC RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.45 PM.

1. The information be noted.
2. Council agrees to progress Option 3 for disposing of general waste as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 PM.

Minutes confirmed 16 OCTOBER 2018

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Mayor

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**3 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-
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4 MAYORAL MINUTES

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ITEM 4.1 Supporting Asylum Seeker Family Partnerships

In 2017, a representative of the Asylum Seekers Centre (ASC) attended a Children's Services Network meeting and spoke about the plight of refugee families in our City and their inability to afford for their children to attend Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services.

Asylum seeker families seeking child care do not qualify for the Government subsidies which makes child care that much more unreachable, robbing both parents and children of the many opportunities and benefits that come from early childhood education. For our City, this is a particularly important issue; Lakemba is the suburb with the highest number of people on bridging visas in Australia.

This is a significant challenge, but, as mentioned there exists an opportunity for our City to make a significant difference to asylum seeker families and take a leading role. Through the introduction of a new pilot program to provide vacant child care places to asylum seeker families, we can, in the most meaningful and compassionate way, make a real difference in the lives of these people.

Operation of our child care facilities is highly regulated and the costs fixed in nature as a result, which means accommodating an addition child can be achieved at a negligible cost. Council has three centres – Punchbowl, Lakemba and Carrington Occasional Care – which routinely have vacancies that would permit, at each centre, up to one full-time child position per day to be made available to an asylum seeker child.

Families would be considered on referral from the Sydney Alliance, a diverse coalition of 38 member organisations, and assessed for their suitability to participate. Reviewed on a quarterly basis, should the position be required for a fee-paying – i.e. resident – family, the position will be vacated for that family.

This initiative is consistent with Council's current position with reference to refugees, including supporting community sponsorship opportunities for refugees and identifying gaps and areas for improvement. It is my hope that with it proving successful, private child care centres will follow Council's lead. We are a kind, caring and compassionate community and this is our opportunity to demonstrate this in helping some of the most disadvantaged within our community.

I move that Council commit to this program, as a pilot, for 12 months with a review at its conclusion.

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ITEM 4.2 Smart Cities Week Legacy Project (Hackathon)

Councillors will note that tonight we will be considering the exhibition of our first Smart Cities Roadmap, a landmark occasion for Canterbury Bankstown.

As we begin our journey to becoming a Smart City, we recognise the importance of collaboration and building strong partnerships in order to make real improvements to our community.

Smart Cities Week is a national event which will be held for the first time in Australia from 29 – 31 October, bringing together experts in the Smart Cities arena from all over Australia and New Zealand. As part of the program, Canterbury-Bankstown has been working with the organisers to host a Legacy Project or Hackathon where delegates have the opportunity to give back to our community, help vulnerable communities prosper and leave a lasting legacy by applying Smart Cities strategies.

On Monday 29th October, over 20 Smart Cities Week delegates will gather at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre for a full day to co-create a digital engagement strategy that ensures some of our most vulnerable community members are included in our Smart City journey. The action plan will involve experts, community members and Council staff working tirelessly to 'hack' a problem and co-create an action plan for the future.

The problem to be tackled: How do we engage vulnerable communities, digitally on what a Smart City is?

By using technology for social good and working at the intersection of technology, data, analytics, social equity and economic prosperity, I have no doubt the work completed by the delegates of Smart Cities Week Australia will leave a lasting legacy in the Canterbury-Bankstown.

Canterbury-Bankstown Council is honoured to be the only Council in Australia to be involved with this project, stressing the importance of our participation and support for this activity. I move that Council support the Smart Cities Week Legacy Project and the findings be presented to Council.

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ITEM 4.3

Wiley Park - Save our Trees

In July I raised this issue in my Mayoral Minute and as a result sought the NSW Government to either re-design or scrap the intersection upgrade of King Georges Road and Canterbury Road. At that time, the Government were unable to articulate the benefit would be. But now they have.

Almost a tree destroyed per second. That is the trade the NSW Government is not only prepared to make, but it is the one that they are actively pursuing in this project.

The NSW Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) is proposing to remove 22 mature trees and undergrowth that together form an important stand of remnant vegetation. In fact, so important is this habitat that it has been classified by the Federal Government as a *Critically Endangered Ecological Community*, and by the NSW Government – that is the same Government that wants to rip it out – as a *Threatened Ecological Community*. This is not just about 22 trees, there is a far greater principal threatened by the blade of an axe.

I am not an idealist; I accept that RMS of course claims justification for destroying such vegetation and I acknowledge that it is impossible to continue to grow, be prosperous and develop our City without removing vegetation on occasion. But the benefits must be significant and while the RMS' claim of saving 75 hours of driver time per hour of the peak sound impressive, this is just well-crafted spin.

The reality is that this critically endangered ecological community is going to be put through the mulcher to deliver 32 seconds of improved traffic flow. The destruction of an ecological community is the price this Government is willing to pay for 32 seconds. And what is worse is that this enormous relief will only be short-lived as congestion continues to grow and the intersection again becomes choked.

We have tried to work with the Government on this. Our staff have met with the RMS on a number of occasions and put forward alternatives. When these alternatives proved unfeasible we worked to identify suitable offsets for the destruction. But now we find ourselves in an untenable position and I see no choice but to call on the NSW Government to abandon this project.

I move that Council write to the Minister for Roads, Shadow Minister for Roads and Member for Lakemba, calling on each to support the abandonment of the Canterbury Road and King Georges Road Intersection project, an exercise in wanton environmental vandalism.

In the mean time I also propose that Council takes steps to educate the community, alerting them to this proposed project and its impacts.

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ITEM 4.4 Support for LGNSW Motions

As Councillors would recall, at the Ordinary August Council Meeting, it was resolved to put forward motions for inclusion in this year's Local Government NSW Conference. There is one in particular that I wish to highlight and seek support for, which is the introduction of an open space levy.

We have already seen tonight that there are subtle moves to destroy valuable open space by the NSW Government. On top of this is the NSW Government imposed growth, which is happening without councils having the ability to reasonably acquire open space. In the eastern parts of our City, the rate of open space is well below the long-held standard in NSW of 2.83Ha/1000 people and with the forecast growth, some suburbs will have as little as 1.4Ha/1000 people in the future. This is not what we want for our residents and it is not what they deserve.

As it currently stands, councils in the developed parts of metropolitan NSW are put in the position of having to compete at auctions against developers to buy blocks to create open space and parks. It is impossible to get parks of scale this way and it is parks of scale that our cities need. And for our City in particular, we need this open space to serve our current population, let alone all those that are yet to come.

This is not a situation that we alone are suffering. This is afflicting every council in metropolitan NSW to one degree or another.

Such is the importance of this motion to our community, I move that Council writes to each Mayor of each council in Metropolitan NSW, requesting their support for our Council's motion at the LGNSW Conference later this month.

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ITEM 4.5 Local Community Based Donations

The following community based organisations have approached Council for financial assistance.

Alfirdaus College

Alfirdaus College is a not-for-profit organisation that undertakes language education for communities across Sydney. Every year, as a way of saying thank you to their local communities, they hold a story night for local families; this year they have chosen Paul Keating Park as their venue. The story night will be held on the evening of 19 January 2019.

The College have requested that a portion of the hire fees be waived for the evening and in consideration of the benefit to the community, I am moving that \$401.50 be donated to cover the hire cost of Paul Keating Park.

Mirath in Mind Annual Event

The Mirath in Mind Annual Gala Day is a celebration of Arabic and Lebanese cultures by hundreds of school children.

Now in its eighth year and produced by Mirath, a not-for-profit organisation established in 2010 to promote and keep alive the cultural legacies of the arts, heritage and culture of the Arab and Lebanese communities in Australia, I feel this event is worth of the request for a \$2,000 sponsorship.

K.U.D. Dance Group

K.U.D Vardar Bankstown is a not-for-profit organisation based in the Bankstown area with many children participating in dancing every week that come from the Bankstown area. The organisation is dedicated to promoting, encouraging and perpetuating the Macedonian heritage and culture among youth through expression in traditional dance. They're dance group performs in many events within the City each year.

They have requested a donation to fund the purchase of costumes for the dancers. With over 50 children currently involved I see this as a worthy request and move that \$600 be donated.

St Nicholas Punchbowl Grand Ball

The St Nicholas Punchbowl Grand Ball will be held on 9 November 2018 in aid of the Church's extension and refurbishment and in recognition of all those that have contributed toward the completion of these works.

The Parish Council have offered sponsorship opportunities and I move that, in recognition of the work done by the Church within our community, Council take up the Gold Sponsorship at a value of \$3000.

RECOMMENDATION

I propose that Council provide the financial assistance as outlined above and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

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ITEM 4.6

Lebanese National Football Team

As many of you know the Socceroos will be playing against Lebanon at ANZ Stadium on Tuesday 20 November. Following Council's resolution at its September 2018 meeting, staff have investigated several options for our community and sporting groups to engage and interact with the Lebanese National Football team when they are in Sydney. Unfortunately due to timing and tight scheduling this was not possible.

However, I understand the Lebanese National Football team and possibly Tim Cahill and/or other Australian players are involved in a dinner being held on Sunday 18 November at The Bankstown City Paceway. And while we have not been able to secure an opportunity for them to come and kick a ball with our local players, this does provide an opportunity for them to attend a function where the players will be present.

As a result I am proposing that Council fund the purchase of 20 tickets for the event with half being given each to Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA) and the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association (CDSFA). The intention is that the clubs provide these to worthy players (as determined by the Club) to attend the dinner and see or meet the Lebanese National Football team.

To achieve this I propose that Council allocate \$3,000 to cover the costs of these tickets and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 5.1 Planning Proposal: 83–99 North Terrace and 62 The Mall in Bankstown

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This report relates to a Council initiated planning proposal at 83–99 North Terrace and 62 The Mall in Bankstown and accompanying planning agreement. The planning proposal would facilitate a mixed use development comprising of retail and commercial premises, Council administration building, four residential flat buildings containing 471 dwellings, 794 parking spaces and stratum subdivision.

Council exhibited the planning proposal twice and in considering the submissions received, it is recommended that Council adopt the planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement.

ISSUE

Council Considerations – old-Library site

In 2015, Council was approached by the owner of the Compass Centre to discuss the option to acquire Council's Old-Library site.

In response to this request, Council received and considered a number of reports regarding the public benefit and options available in relation to the old-Library site. A number of options were presented to Council including disposal of Council's land as part of a possible redevelopment of the Compass site to provide a new, modern administration-building/community-asset to Council valued at around \$29M.

Among other matters, Council evaluated and considered the merits of a possible redevelopment of the Compass site, having regard to the commercial/economic factors and broader planning opportunities that development of the site would present for the CBD, particularly given its strategic location. In this regard Council considered options regarding the old-Library site on the following dates:

- 26 May 2015
- 28 July 2015
- 22 September 2015

At its Ordinary meeting of 22 September 2015 Council resolved to proceed with the sale of the old-Library site and amalgamate with the adjoining Compass site. This option was based on a Voluntary Planning Agreement being entered into with Council which would dedicate commercial space to Council as a stratum and associated parking.

Council considerations – Planning Proposal

At the Ordinary Meeting of 24 November 2015, Council resolved to prepare a planning proposal in relation to the site at 83–99 North Terrace and 62 The Mall in Bankstown. The intended outcome is to increase the maximum building height to 83 metres (approximately 25 storeys), the maximum floor space to 5:1 and to allow dwellings on the first floor provided the development delivers a better built form and public benefits, otherwise the current controls continue to apply.

The planning proposal which has consistently sought an increase in height and floor space ratio for the subject site and has been reported to Council on six separate occasions. This has included a report to Council on the following dates:

- 24 November 2015
- 15 December 2015
- 26 July 2016
- 23 August 2016
- 28 March 2017
- 25 July 2017

Each of the above resolutions were made by Council consistent with the recommendations of Council staff and based on analysis and consideration of relevant strategic planning, urban design and development matters.

Accompanying the planning proposal is a planning agreement, which outlines the infrastructure works proposed by the land owner of 83–99 North Terrace. The planning agreement includes public domain improvements and the dedication of a component of the development for a Council administration building and parking.

In 2016, the Department of Planning and Environment issued the Gateway Determination, which enabled Council to proceed to exhibit the planning proposal.

In 2017, Council exhibited the planning proposal concurrently with the planning agreement and development application under section 3.40 (formerly section 72K) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. Council received 28 submissions including three submissions from State and Commonwealth agencies. The submissions raised the prescribed airspace, amenity and traffic as key issues.

At the Ordinary Meeting of 25 July 2017, Council considered the submissions and resolved to re-exhibit the planning proposal. Council received 16 submissions in response to the re-exhibition including six submissions from State and Commonwealth agencies. The submissions again raised the prescribed airspace, amenity and traffic as key issues.

Following significant delays, the Commonwealth Government granted approval in September 2018 for the proposed building height to encroach into the prescribed airspace to a maximum height of 105.3 metres AHD. The approved building height is consistent with the planning proposal enabling a building height of approximately 25 storeys.

In considering the submissions and the Commonwealth Government determination, it is recommended that Council adopt the planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement. Should Council decide to adopt the planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement, Council would be in a position to enter into the planning agreement. Following this, Council would forward the planning proposal to the Greater Sydney Commission for finalisation.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council adopt the planning proposal as shown in Attachment A.
2. Council adopt the planning agreement as shown in Attachment B, and give delegation to the General Manager to meet all the legal obligations to enter into and make administrative changes to the planning agreement, if required, without changing the intent.
3. Council forward the planning proposal to the Greater Sydney Commission seeking the amendments to the LEP be finalised.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Planning Proposal
- B. Planning Agreement
- C. Council Report–Ordinary Meeting of 24 November 2015
- D. Council Report–Ordinary Meeting of 25 July 2017
- E. Summary of submissions

POLICY IMPACT

The planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement are consistent with the Greater Sydney Commission's Greater Sydney Region Plan and South District Plan, which outline the NSW Government's desired character for the Bankstown CBD as a strategic centre with a commercial, health and education precinct.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The former Council had carried out an extensive financial feasibility assessment and urban/planning outcomes of a number of options for the old library site.

As Councillors would be aware, given the current location and configuration, the site has many limitations, particularly its development potential and parking constraints. The former Council's assessment clearly established that the best value proposition would be to proceed with an option to utilise a VPA for the public good under an amalgamated scheme.

The planning proposal, through the associated voluntary planning agreement will provide a new, modern administration-building/community-asset to Council valued at around \$29M (includes value of the land and proposed parking), and importantly:

- Provide a broader community benefit by retaining public space/area on a major site within the Civic Precinct, including construction of 80-90 public parking spaces;
- Provide extensive public domain works/improvements; and
- Enabled Council to harness the highest/best use for its existing site.

Councillors should also note that if Council were to relocate its administration to the new site, it will enable it to lease its current office space within the Civic Tower, which could potentially generate an additional \$1.7M - \$2.0M per annum in lease income for Council.

In comparison, an option to retain and renovate the existing building will cost Council around \$12M. Notwithstanding the works, the building/site will still lack suitable parking and the urban/planning outcomes desired for the Civic Precinct.

Council's independent advice indicates that the proposed agreement is reasonable consideration for the sale of the Old Library site and the planning proposal.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council adopted the Bankstown CBD Local Area Plan in 2011, and implemented the development control changes (via a planning proposal) in 2014. A key objective of the Local Area Plan is to continue to maintain Council's administrative presence in the Civic Precinct. However, there is an opportunity to better integrate Council's administrative office with the other facilities in the Civic Precinct including the Council Chambers, Library and Knowledge Centre and Paul Keating Park.

The planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement are consistent with Council's objectives for the revitalisation of the Bankstown CBD. The planning proposal sets the planning pathway that will enable complete revitalisation of a strategic site within the CBD and provide a variety of community and commercial benefits including integrated mall, public spaces and public domain improvements.

DETAILED INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Site locality

The site at 83–99 North Terrace (Compass Centre) and 62 The Mall (former Central Library) in Bankstown is shown in Figure 1. The site is situated within a strategically significant location in the Bankstown CBD with interfaces to the Bankstown Railway Station Precinct and the Civic Precinct.



Figure 1: Site and its surrounding locality

1.2 Description of the proposal

At the Ordinary Meeting of 24 November 2015 (refer to the Council report in Attachment C), Council resolved to prepare a planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement in relation to the site at 83–99 North Terrace and 62 The Mall in Bankstown:

Planning Proposal

The planning proposal seeks to amend Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 by introducing 'alternative' development controls for the site. The alternative development controls will apply if the proposed development achieves a better built form and public benefits, otherwise the current controls will continue to apply. The alternative development controls are outlined below:

Development Controls	Current Controls	Proposed Alternative Controls
Clause 4.3: Maximum building height	41–53 metres (approximately 13–17 storeys)	83 metres (approximately 25 storeys)
Clause 4.4: Maximum floor space ratio	4.5:1	5:1
Clause 6.9: Development in Zone B4 to reinforce the status of the Bankstown CBD as a major centre	The ground and first floors must contain commercial floor space.	Allow dwellings on the first floor.

The strategic justification is the planning proposal provides an opportunity for significant urban renewal at a core location in the Bankstown CBD with interfaces to the Bankstown Railway Station Precinct and the Civic Precinct. The Bankstown Railway Station Precinct is planned to undergo a significant transformation with the introduction of the Sydney Metro, the redevelopment of the site provides an opportunity to better integrate this site with a new station design, improve the urban context and business environment of the Bankstown CBD.

Planning Agreement

The planning agreement between Fioson Pty Ltd (land owner of 83–99 North Terrace) and Council allows the proponent to consolidate and develop the Compass Centre site and the former Central Library site simultaneously. The planning agreement also proposes public benefits in the form of:

- Council administration building (4 levels equal to 4,350m²) and car park (86 spaces);
- Footpath widening and public domain works around the block;
- Stormwater improvements along The Mall and Appian Way;
- Public access to private toilets in Northern Forecourt;
- Public access to Southern and Northern Forecourt;
- Pedestrian Arcade Link to link North Terrace to The Mall;
- Pedestrian Arcade Link to the Appian Way;
- Crime prevention measures; and
- Grant of various easements to achieve the above.

In relation to the strategic basis, Council considered the Bankstown CBD Local Area Plan (which Council adopted in 2011). The Local Area Plan sets Council's desired character for the Bankstown CBD. A key action is to reinforce the Civic Precinct as the primary location for Council's civic and administration services. The site forms part of the Civic Precinct, and the proposed siting of Council's administration building at this location is consistent with the Local Area Plan.

Based on the above and given the strategic location of the proposal, Council seeks to ensure the proposal provides public benefits to the redevelopment of the Civic Precinct, namely an administration building as well as a high standard of architectural, urban and landscape design. If the proposal does not deliver these public benefits to the satisfaction of Council, then the current controls would continue to apply.



Figure 2: Proposal viewed from Paul Keating Park



Figure 3: Proposal viewed from the Bankstown Railway Station Precinct

1.3 Initial exhibition of the planning proposal, planning agreement and development application

Council exhibited the planning proposal and planning agreement concurrently with a development application under section 3.40 (formerly section 72K) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. This exhibition was conducted from 5 April 2017 to 12 May 2017. The development application proposed a mixed use development comprising retail and commercial premises, 471 apartments, Council administration building, 794 parking spaces and stratum subdivision.

Council received 28 submissions in response to the exhibition. The submissions raised the prescribed airspace, amenity and traffic as key issues. The Council report shown in Attachment C outlines the exhibition process and Council's response to the submissions.

At the Ordinary Meeting of 25 July 2017 (refer to the Council report in Attachment D), Council considered the submissions and resolved to re-exhibit the planning proposal with the following amendments:

- Delete the reference to clause 4.4A of Bankstown LEP 2015 as criteria to achieve the 'alternative' development controls.
- Delete the reference to a peer review of a previous scheme to clearly indicate Council's current focus on the review outcome of the Gateway process to determine whether the proposed building envelope is appropriate.
- Update the planning proposal to demonstrate consistency with exhibited state policies.

In August 2017, the Department of Planning & Environment considered Council's decision of the 25 July 2017, and confirmed Council may re-exhibit the planning proposal with the proposed amendments.

2. RE-EXHIBITION OF THE PLANNING PROPOSAL

2.1 Re-exhibition process

In response to Council's resolution of 25 July 2017, Council re-exhibited the planning proposal from 12 September 2017 to 13 October 2017. The exhibition process included:

- Displays at Council's Customer Service Centre (Bankstown Branch) and corporate website.
- Public notices in the local newspapers.
- Notification letters to property owners and occupiers of neighbouring properties.
- Notification letters to Commonwealth and State agencies, Bankstown Airport Limited, Taxi Council and bus operators.

2.2 Summary of submissions

Council received 16 submissions in response to the exhibition. A summary of the submissions and Council's response is shown in Attachment E. The key issues raised include:

Issue 1: Strategic Basis

Submissions questioned the strategic basis for the proposed building envelope and Council administration building.

Comment: In relation to the proposed building envelope, the planning proposal is consistent with the Greater Sydney Commission's Greater Sydney Region Plan and South District Plan, which identifies the Bankstown CBD as a strategic centre with a commercial, health and education precinct.

In relation to infrastructure, Council considered the Bankstown CBD Local Area Plan (which Council adopted in 2011). The Local Area Plan sets Council's desired character for the Bankstown CBD. A key action is to reinforce the Civic Precinct as the primary location for Council's civic and administration services.

The old-library site forms part of the Civic Precinct, and the proposed siting of Council's administration building at this location is consistent with the Local Area Plan. The planning agreement policy allows Council to consider additional infrastructure needs that are not identified in the contributions plan, such as the Council administration building and car park.

Based on the above and given the strategic location of the proposal, Council seeks to ensure the proposal provides public benefits to the redevelopment of the Civic Precinct, namely an administration building/community asset as well as a high standard of architectural, urban and landscape design. If the proposal does not deliver these public benefits to the satisfaction of Council, then the current planning and development controls would continue to apply.

In this regard it is considered that no change to the planning proposal is required as it is deemed wholly consistent with the strategic intent for this site and would reinforce the role of the CBD in providing for housing and variety of commercial and retail employment opportunities.

Issue 2: Prescribed Airspace

Submissions note the site is subject to prescribed airspace restrictions due to the proximity to the Bankstown Airport.

Comment: In September 2018, the Commonwealth Department granted approval for the proposed building height to encroach into the prescribed airspace to a maximum height of 105.3 metres AHD (inclusive of rooftop structures, aerials and antennas). The approved building height is consistent with the planning proposal.

Issue 3: Amenity

Most submissions raised building design issues that are relevant to the development application, such as overshadowing, wind impacts, privacy and tree loss.

Comment: The issues raised are primarily related to the detailed design of the proposal, which will be assessed and determined independently of Council.

Issue 4: Traffic

Transport for NSW reviewed additional traffic information and raised the parking rate and loading dock management plan as issues.

Comment: In relation to the parking rate, the submission requests a site specific development control to ensure residential parking is provided at rates consistent with the SEPP 65 Guidelines.

According to the Apartment Design Guide (Objective 3J–1), the minimum car parking requirement for residents and visitors is set out in the RMS’s Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, or the car parking requirement prescribed by Council, whichever is less. This provision is appropriate to ensure parking is provided based on proximity to public transport, and does not require a site specific development control. This issue is relevant to the detailed design phase of the proposal and the issue will be considered as part of the development application process.

In relation to the loading dock management plan, this issue is relevant to the development application and it will be considered as part of the development application process.

2.3 Proposed amendments to the planning proposal

Following the exhibition, the planning proposal (Part 3) has been updated:

- To demonstrate consistency with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and South District Plan released in March 2018.
- To demonstrate consistency with relevant state environmental planning policies and Ministerial Directions following the submission of additional information.
- To update section D (State and Commonwealth interest) in accordance with the Gateway Determination requirements.

The updates are highlighted in Attachment A. According to the Department of Planning and Environment’s publication ‘A guide to preparing local environmental plans’, these updates would not require a revised Gateway Determination.

Based on the above, it is recommended that Council adopt the planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement as shown in Attachments A–B, and request the Greater Sydney Commission to make the plan.

3. PROBITY AND GOVERNANCE

To avoid conflict of interest with Council’s functions, an independent Probity Advisor has assisted Council during this process and has been informed, attended and documented meetings in accordance with the Probity Plan, as required.

Section 7.4(1)(a) (formerly Section 93F) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 enables a proponent to provide a material public benefit through entering into an agreement with a planning authority. A planning agreement is the legal mechanism for securing public benefits. Planning agreements are voluntary and must be freely entered into by a planning authority and a proponent. On this basis, the applicant has jointly agreed to enter into a planning agreement with Council for the delivery of a number of public benefits. Pursuant to the Act, the planning agreement was publicly exhibited for a minimum 28 days.

The Act and Council's Voluntary Planning Agreements Policy inform Council's position on planning agreements. Opportunities to enter into planning agreements will continue to rise as the City of Canterbury Bankstown changes, and there is an increased demand for essential infrastructure to support the growing population.

The offer from the land owner outlines the public benefits that will be provided. The key commitment by the land owner is to provide Council a stratum lot of at least 4,350m² of commercial floor space for the purposes of a public administration building and associated parking.

Council has also required the development of the subject site to deliver a high standard of architectural, urban, landscape and environmental design, energy and water measures as well as appropriate public domain improvements.

Council has continued to manage the project in accordance with its probity plan, which was independently prepared for Council to ensure planning and commercial matters were maintained wholly independent of each other during the plan preparation and commercial negotiation phases and in preparation of the voluntary planning agreement.

4. NEXT STEPS

Should Council decide to adopt the planning proposal and accompanying planning agreement, Council would be in a position to enter into the planning agreement. Following this, Council would forward the planning proposal to the Department of Planning & Environment for finalisation.

The Sydney South Planning Panel would determine the development application as a separate matter.

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ITEM 5.2 LEP Review Report

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report to present Council's LEP Review Report, which is a requirement under the Accelerated LEP Review Program.

ISSUE

At the Ordinary Meeting of 25 September 2018, Council endorsed the Project Plan to commence the Accelerated LEP Review Program.

The program requires the preparation of technical studies, Community Participation Plan, Local Strategic Planning Statement and a Comprehensive LEP, which will bring together the planning controls of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils. The program also requires engagement and consultation with the community and key stakeholders.

Pursuant to the funding arrangement with the Department of Planning & Environment, Council is required to meet a number of milestones by June 2020. The first milestone was the endorsement of the project plan, which was provided to the Department of Planning & Environment in September 2018. The second milestone is to submit an LEP Review Report to the Department of Planning & Environment by 31 October 2018, which is the subject of this Council report.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the LEP Review Report shown in Attachments A and B.
2. Council submit the LEP Review Report to the Department of Planning & Environment as part of the assurance process.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. LEP Review Report
- B. Health Check

POLICY IMPACT

The LEP Review Report is a requirement under the Accelerated LEP Review Program, which Council endorsed at the Ordinary Meeting of 25 September 2018. Council must submit the LEP Review Report to the Department of Planning & Environment by 31 October 2018 for an initial appraisal and to the Greater Sydney Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This matter has no financial implications for Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council's primary focus is to ensure forecast growth in population and jobs is appropriately supported by an established and funded infrastructure delivery plan, whilst preserving the identity and character that make our area highly desirable. If we do this, then the City will have done its part to accommodate some of Sydney's growing population, while continuing to be a thriving, liveable city of the future.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

Under the project plan endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 25 September 2018 and the Accelerated LEP Review Program Agreement between Council and the Department of Planning & Environment, Council is required to prepare a Comprehensive LEP by June 2020. The Comprehensive LEP is to bring together the planning controls of the former Canterbury and Bankstown Councils into one Local Environmental Plan with supporting citywide controls, including a Development Control Plan and Contributions Plan.

There are six phases in the program as shown in Figure 1. Milestones include the delivery of a local housing strategy, local strategic planning statement and the Comprehensive LEP.

Phase 1 is to complete an LEP Review Report, also known as a 'health check'. The LEP Review Report identifies how closely aligned Council's existing local environmental plans are to the actions in the South District Plan, and starts to identify the gaps in preparing Council's new citywide strategic planning framework following the merger of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils.

Following the conclusion of Phase 1, Council is required to submit the LEP Review Report to the Department of Planning & Environment for an initial appraisal and to the Greater Sydney Commission as part of their assurance role.

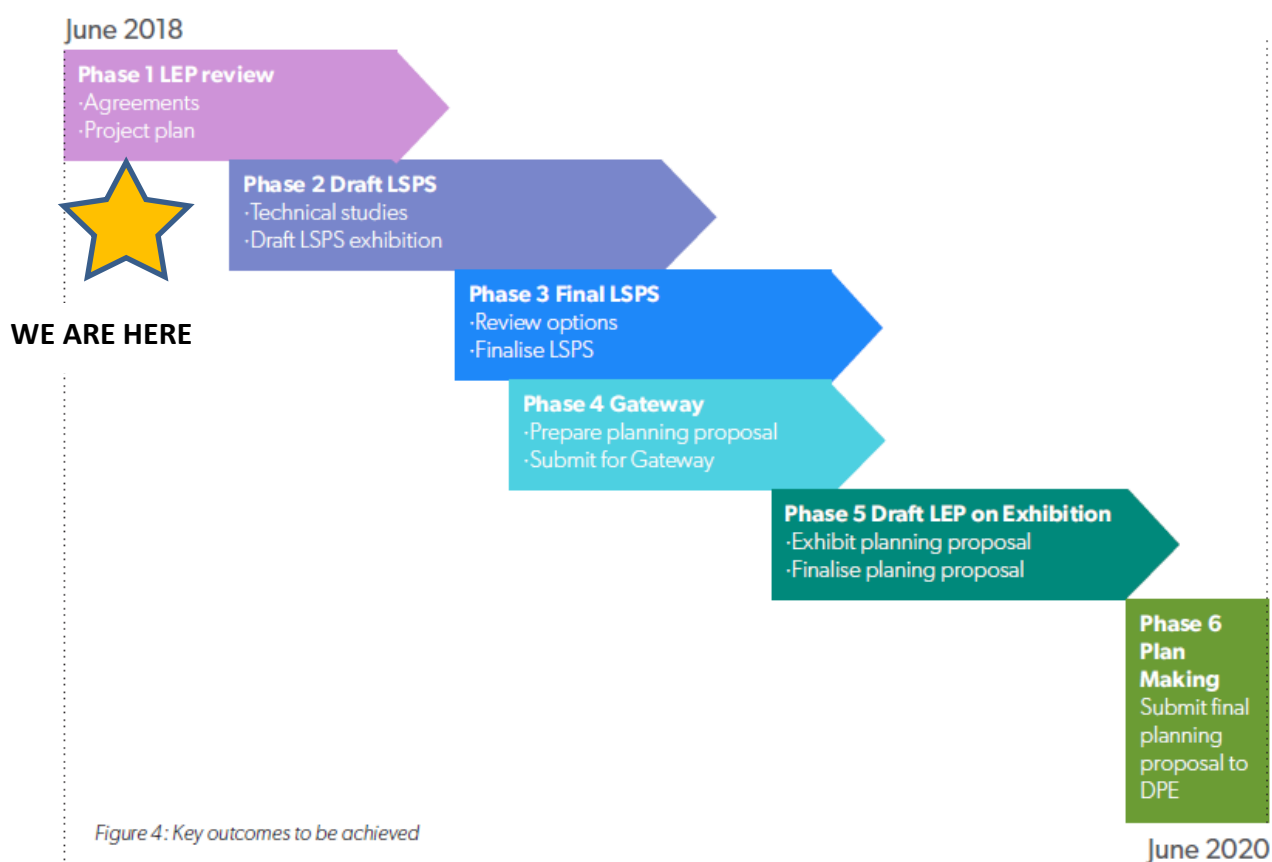


Figure 1: Accelerated LEP Review Program

LEP Review ‘Health Check’ Findings

The process to compile the LEP Review Report (shown in Attachment A) included:

- Council endorsing the Project Plan at the Ordinary Meeting of 25 September 2018.
- Council officers attending the Technical Working Group sessions coordinated by the Greater Sydney Commission and Department of Planning & Environment.
- Council officers reviewing Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 and Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 (and supporting strategies, plans, policies and programs), and applying a grading system to indicate the degree of compliance with the South District Plan actions (shown in Attachment B).

According to the ‘health check’, Council’s existing local environmental plans and supporting Residential Development Strategies, Employment Lands Strategies and Local Area Plans provide sufficient capacity to meet the former Metropolitan Strategy’s 25-year job and dwelling targets (8,500 jobs and 29,100 additional dwellings by 2031).

However since this time, the forecast growth in population has increased, requiring 83,500 additional dwellings in the South District by 2036. The South District Plan contains actions to deliver this 20-year strategic housing target.

The key areas where Council’s current strategic planning framework does not reflect the South District Plan actions primarily relate to the implementation of NSW Government-led urban renewal projects. These include urban renewal corridors, planned precincts, state significant precincts and local infill development through the Medium Density Housing Code and the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP.

If strategic planning is to occur in a coordinated and orderly manner, the ‘health check’ identifies the need for urban renewal projects to focus on well-managed, well-executed change and growth that is supported by state and local infrastructure before zoning changes occur. This means:

- Looking at the possible staging of growth areas to ensure the forecast growth in population is appropriately supported by an established and funded infrastructure delivery plan, consistent with Action 3 of the South District Plan. For example, Council may defer some areas, such as planned precincts until adequate planning is undertaken.
- Establishing governance arrangements and processes to provide certainty about where new jobs and dwellings will be; what infrastructure is needed to support the forecast growth; who will provide the infrastructure, when and how it will be funded; and the monitoring and reporting on land use and infrastructure.

This clear accountability will help to inform decision making and provide certainty for the community, infrastructure providers, private sector and developers. This is a genuine opportunity for the NSW Government and Council to work in collaboration to facilitate the timely delivery of upfront infrastructure improvements to support economic and housing growth in the City.

Next Steps

The LEP Review Report identifies the need for further investigations and technical studies if Council's strategic planning framework is to align with the vision of *A Metropolis of Three Cities*, together with the NSW Government-led urban renewal projects, the 20-year job target (up to 15,600 additional jobs for the Bankstown / Campsie strategic centres) and the South District's 20-year strategic housing target (83,500 additional dwellings). It is recognised that compliance with all actions in the South District Plan may be a sequential process requiring more than one update to the Comprehensive LEP.

As Council moves to the next phase in the Accelerated LEP Review Program, the next steps are to carry out the following investigations and technical studies to move towards greater certainty and visibility on the future shape of the City and compliance with the South District Plan:

1. Moving forward to align with the South District Plan (Collaboration Area and Planned Precincts)

According to the Greater Sydney Region Plan, governance is an important tool to align forecast growth with infrastructure. The NSW Government will facilitate a range of governance approaches to prioritise infrastructure investment in the collaboration area, strategic centres and planned precincts, namely:

Priorities to align Council's new citywide strategic planning framework with the South District Plan and CBCity 2028	Responsibility
Bankstown Strategic Centre–Bankstown Airport Collaboration Area and supporting Health and Education Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none">▷ Collaboration Area Agreement▷ Place Strategy and Infrastructure Plan	GSC, Council, other planning authorities, state agencies, Commonwealth Government
Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor and Planned Precincts <ul style="list-style-type: none">▷ Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan▷ Growth Infrastructure Compact and SIC scheme▷ Sydney Metro: Bankstown Strategic Centre – The working group with Sydney Metro should continue to investigate the undergrounding of the metro station▷ Sydney Metro: Campsie Strategic Centre – Increase open space and consider opportunities for over station development▷ Sydney Metro: Open Space and Active Transport Corridor	Department of Planning & Environment, T4NSW, Council, state agencies
30–Minute City (Public Transport Access to Strategic Centres) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▷ Reservation of future transport corridors: Sydney Metro Extension to Liverpool, and mass transit transport corridor from Parramatta to Kogarah (via Bankstown)	Department of Planning & Environment, T4NSW

The above work will inform the potential infrastructure capacity and may require the possible staging of growth areas to ensure growth occurs in sequence with an established and funded infrastructure delivery plan (consistent with Action 3 of the South District Plan).

Council may defer some areas, such as planned precincts and major strategic sites until adequate planning is undertaken. These areas may be added to the Comprehensive LEP at a later date.

2. Moving forward to align with the South District Plan (Council-led specialist and technical studies)

Priorities to align Council’s new citywide strategic planning framework with the South District Plan and CBCity 2028		Responsibility
Citywide		Council
▷ Demographic Review		
▷ Employment Lands Strategy		
▷ Local Housing Strategy		
▷ Affordable Housing Strategy		
▷ Transport Access Strategy		
▷ Integrated Infrastructure Strategy		
▷ Communications and stakeholder engagement services		Council
▷ Project management / administration services		

Council is in the process of commissioning the citywide strategies to keep to the timeframe of the Accelerated LEP Review Program.

6 POLICY MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 6.1 Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses Policy

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

As part of the ongoing process of aligning policies of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils, an aligned position on the use of animals in circuses has been reviewed and a draft policy prepared for Council's consideration in order to provide a consistent approach to these issues across the Local Government Area.

ISSUE

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* Council's have a range of functions in their charter. In order to give effect to these functions, policies and procedural directives are required to ensure uniformity in approach, understanding, and administration. This approach also underpins accountability and transparency.

Council policies describe Canterbury- Bankstown Council's position on and commitment to a particular matter - that is, what the Council will and/or will not do, and prescribes a consistent approach for Councillors, Council staff, and/or members of the public. A Council policy must be formally adopted or revoked by the elected Council.

At the 26 June 2018 Ordinary Council meeting, a draft Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses Policy was presented to Council for consideration with the recommendation it be placed on public exhibition for community feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses Policy.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses Policy

POLICY IMPACT

The adoption of the Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses policy will provide an aligned policy position for Canterbury-Bankstown Council. When adopted, this policy will supersede the Use of Animals in Circuses policy of the former Canterbury Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact as a result of adopting this policy.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The alignment of Council policies and procedures ensure uniformity in approach, understanding, and administration. This approach also underpins accountability and transparency to the community.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The former City of Canterbury first adopted a policy on 'Circuses- Use of Wild Animals' on 27 May 1997. This was amended, with additional requirements for exhibitors added, to form the 'Use of Animals in Circuses Policy' adopted by Canterbury Council on 11 February 2010. This was the formal position of Canterbury Council at the time of amalgamation with Bankstown City Council, and it stated Council would not approve circuses that display/use exotic animals or non-human primates. This allowed circuses without exotic animals to book Gough Whitlam Park and Parry Park.

The former Bankstown City Council did not have a formal policy position on this issue and as a result circuses of this nature occasionally operated at Carysfield Reserve, Bass Hill. Stardust Circus have been operating from this site for thirty years, and is the only circus with exotic animals that has used the site in recent years. The site has also been used by Webers Circus and Great Moscow Circus, however these circuses only use domesticated animals.

While the Federal and State Government do not currently have a formal position on this matter, over forty Councils in Australia have already adopted positions banning the use of exotic animals in their Local Government Area. In the Australian Capital Territory, all circuses with performing animals must obtain a permit before they can perform, however a permit will not be granted if the circus troupe includes a bear, elephant, giraffe, primate, or wild cat (eg a lion), whether or not the animal will be used in the circus.

The definition of a non-domesticated (exotic) circus animal as described by the RSPCA is a non-companion, wild species of animal that is non-native to Australia and has either been taken from its natural habitat or bred in captivity. This includes, but is not limited to, big cats, elephants, bears and primates. A domesticated animal is considered an animal which has been tamed for many generations by man, so as to live, breed, depend on and thrive in human care such as dogs, cats (excluding hybrid cats), pigs, cattle, goats, horses, mules, sheep, rabbits, mice, rats, deer and camels.

The draft Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses Policy proposes that Council not permit circuses or carnivals to use exotic animals for performance or display on land under the care and control of Council. At its meeting held on 26 June 2018, Council resolved to publicly exhibit the Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses policy and consider any submissions prior to its adoption. Council exhibited the draft policy from 27 June to 30 July 2018 on the "Have your Say" page on Council's website, and the Bankstown and Campsie Customer Service Centres. Notification of the draft policy was also advertised in Council's 'Have your say column' in all local newspapers.

Council received 222 formal submissions during the exhibition period. In addition to the formal submissions, the CBCity and Mayor's social media pages had significant activity and commentary related to the policy. There was also considerable media attention regarding the policy in local newspapers, and it was also discussed on Radio 2GB. A comprehensive review of the public exhibition feedback identified the following key themes from the formal submissions:

Supporting the Policy

- Animal well-being and care;
- An ethical and compassionate motivation;
- Opposition to animals in captivity;

- Concerns for the animals related to climate and transportation; and
- A changed community expectation.

Opposition to the Policy

- The economic, social and educational benefits for the local community;
- The history of family based fun and entertainment provided by these enterprises;
- The high quality of care for animals and history of operating this way;
- State codes and standards in dealing with animals and the non-role of a Council within this arrangement;
- The idea the policy is the voice of vocal minority; and
- Freedom of choice i.e. if you do not wish to see these animals, do not attend a circus.

While Council notes the concerns raised by both those supporting and opposing the policy throughout the exhibition period, the intent in drafting the policy is to align the positions and practices of the former local government areas. The Policy only impacts land under the care and control of Council and does not prevent circuses with exotic animals utilising land under private control within the local government area. After taking into consideration the views expressed during exhibition, our social responsibility and our commitment to forward thinking leadership, Council is of the view that there is not enough evidence to overturn the position of the former Canterbury Council. It is therefore recommended this policy be adopted without amendment.

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ITEM 6.2 Local Orders Policy

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

To consider the Local Orders Policy as required under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ISSUE

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* Councils have a range of functions in their charter. In order to give effect to these functions, policies and procedural directives are required to ensure uniformity in approach, understanding, and administration. This approach also underpins accountability and transparency.

In 2017, Council adopted an aligned Local Orders Policy for the City of Canterbury Bankstown. This Policy provides a legal and administrative framework to assist Council in making decisions in its enforcement functions. As an administrative step, this Policy has recently been reviewed and requires a resolution of Council to take effect subject to community consultation.

The *Local Government Act 1993* stipulates timeframes for Councils to review their Local Orders Policy and as such, the Local Orders Policy is submitted to Council for re-adoption.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the proposed Local Orders Policy.
2. The proposed Local Orders Policy be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and that a further report be submitted to Council at the conclusion of that period, where submissions are received. In the event that no submissions are received, the policy be taken as being adopted by Council.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Local Orders Policy
- B. Local Orders Schedule

POLICY IMPACT

The adoption of the Local Orders Policy provides a framework for Council in managing its responsibilities in regard to animal management, public health and environmental management, ensuring compliance with Council's legislative requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding required to administer this policy is available from within existing operational budgets.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Local Orders Policy ensures the manner in which Council deals with the issuing of orders is consistent and fair, by issuing a clear set of formal criteria. The Policy also establishes a framework for Council to meet community standards regarding health and safety of land and premises.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The Local Orders Policy assists Council in managing its responsibilities in regard to animal management, public health and environmental protection by providing the criteria that Council will take into consideration when determining whether to issue an Order pursuant to Section 124 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Section 124 of the Act lists the actions and circumstances which enable Council to issue Orders for rectification and abatement works. The Policy's intention is to ensure safe and healthy living conditions and communities.

It should be noted there are other Notices, Orders and Directions that are issued under other Acts as part of Council's Compliance Programs, for example the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*; and the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*. These Acts however are not subject to the provisions of a Local Orders Policy.

In 2017, Council adopted an aligned Local Orders Policy for the City of Canterbury Bankstown. The *Local Government Act 1993* stipulates timeframes for Councils to review their Local Orders Policy. Following an internal review, it has been determined that the Policy has been working effectively since its implementation in 2017 and therefore no changes are proposed.

Notwithstanding, in accordance with legislative requirements, the draft Local Orders Policy is required to be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days, with a 42 day period for submissions, prior to being reported back to Council for adoption.

ITEM 6.3 Council Policies

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

As part of the ongoing process of aligning policies of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils, a number of policies have been reviewed for Council's consideration in order to provide a consistent approach to these issues across the Local Government Area. This report considers the revocation of policies adopted by the former Councils that have now been replaced with operational procedures and formal hire agreements.

ISSUE

Under the Local Government Act 1993 Councils have a range of functions in their charter. In order to give effect to these functions, policies and procedural directives are required to ensure uniformity in approach, understanding, and administration. This approach also underpins accountability and transparency.

Council policies describe Canterbury- Bankstown Council's position on and commitment to a particular matter - that is, what the Council will and/or will not do, and prescribes a consistent approach for Councillors, Council staff, and/or members of the public. A Council Policy must be formally adopted or revoked by the elected Council.

As all previously adopted Policies remain in effect following the amalgamation, it is therefore necessary to ensure that we are working with an aligned process that covers both Canterbury and Bankstown facilities for hire allowing for a fair and transparent booking process and hire for all. The Terms and Conditions of hire found on both Casual and Regular Hire Application forms, as well as Council's 2018/2019 Fees and Charges, cover all areas of hire relevant to the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council rescind the former Council policies, subject to the proposed transitional provisions, as outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The revocation of the policies included in this report will provide an aligned process for Canterbury-Bankstown Council. Council's policy register will be updated to reflect the aligned position and the revoked policies as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The policy change see all facilities being managed under Council's Standard Terms and Conditions and Fees and Charges, as adopted by Council on an annual basis.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The alignment of Council policies and procedures ensure uniformity in approach, understanding, and administration. This approach also underpins accountability and transparency to the community.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The former Canterbury City Council had a number of adopted Council policies which governed the use and hire of specific facilities. The former Bankstown City Council did not have similar adopted policies as processes and procedures for hirers were outlined in the Terms and Conditions of Hire agreement and managed in accordance with Council's annually approved Fees and Charges. As all previously adopted policies remain in effect following the amalgamation, it is therefore recommended that Council formally revoke these specific policies as Council's hire agreements now cover the issues these policies were developed to address.

Management, Maintenance and Use of Senior Citizens Centres Policy

The former Canterbury City Council adopted an amended Management, Maintenance and Use of Senior Citizens Centres Policy on the 29 October 2015. This was used to oversee the hire of four Senior Citizen Centre's at Ashbury, Belmore, Earlwood and Lakemba.

Operational Guidelines for use of the Carrington Centre Meeting Room

The former Canterbury City Council adopted amended Operational Guidelines for Use of the Carrington Centre Meeting Room on the 29 October 2015. The Carrington Centre is a multipurpose facility with permanent tenants as well as space available for casual hire.

Velodrome and Touch Stadium

The former Canterbury City Council adopted a Velodrome and Touch Stadium Policy on the 7 June 1990. The Policy outlines that use of the Velodrome and Touch stadium without a booking is prohibited.

Use of Parks and Reserves by Commercial Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers

The former Canterbury City Council adopted a Use of Parks and Reserves by Commercial Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers Policy on 8 May 2008. The Policy outlines approved activities, hours of use and required qualifications.

Activities on Community Land Requiring Approval

The former Canterbury City Council adopted an Activities on Council Land Requiring Approval Policy on 8 May 2008. The Policy addresses Council's management of activities listed in Part D of Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1993. The former Bankstown City Council did not have a similar adopted Policy as processes and procedures were outlined in the Special Events Application Form. It is recommended Council formally revoke this Policy as Council's Special Events Application Form already covers the issues outlined in the Policy.

Implementation Plan

Given the nature of the policies, it is important that Council applies some leeway to existing users in implementing its policy changes, particularly in terms of use by our Senior Citizens groups. Given this, it is proposed that:

- The above listed policies be revoked as of January 1, 2019. This is in order to provide adequate time to communicate these changes to the affected user groups and educate them on the requisite changes to their fees and charges.
- Despite revoking the Management, Maintenance and Use of Senior Citizens Centres Policy, Council agree to continue to waive the relevant applicable hire fees for existing former Canterbury Seniors Groups impacted by this change for a further period of 12 months, being till December 31, 2019.
- Council's policy register will be updated to reflect the aligned position and the revoked policies, subject to the above transitional provisions.
- A further report be submitted to Council after a review of this arrangement prior to the conclusion of the 12 months period.

7 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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ITEM 7.1 Unaudited 2017/18 Annual Financial Report

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 413 of the Local Government Act (the Act) and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council's 2017/18 Unaudited Annual Financial Reports for Council are now completed and are referred for consideration under separate cover.

Once adopted, Council will be able to finalise the audit process which includes the receipt of the Auditor's Report.

Subject to their being no significant changes to Council's financial reports, a complete assessment of Councils' year-end result will be presented to the Council at its November 2018 Ordinary Meeting. Council's Auditor will also attend the future meeting to outline their opinion of the results.

ISSUE

In accordance with Section 413(1) of the Act, Council is required to prepare and refer their financial reports for audit.

Part of the process is that Council considers and resolves that the annual financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Accounting Code, and that the reports fairly present Council's operating result and financial position.

The process of accepting the financial reports includes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer declaring on behalf of Council that:

The annual financial reports have been prepared in accordance with:

- The Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended) and the Regulations made there under,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, this Report:

- Present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer also declare on behalf of Council that they are not aware of any matter that would render the Reports false or misleading in any way.

At the conclusion of the Audit, Council must:

- fix a date whereby it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's report to the public,
- give public notice of the date so fixed, and
- send a copy of the auditor's report on the council's financial reports, together with a copy of the council's audited financial report, to the Departmental Chief Executive and to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

It should be noted that having regard to relevant guidelines and reporting requirements, Council has determined that it does not have any significant Business Activities to declare and report on in its financial reports.

It is anticipated that Council's audited financial report will be presented to Council at the November 2018 Ordinary Meeting.

Given that the financial reports are unaudited, they may be subject to change throughout the audit process, a summary of any variations required will be provided to Council when the audited financial reports are presented to Council at its November 2018 Ordinary Meeting, should the variations be material.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council resolves that the attached 2017/18 Unaudited Annual Financial Reports, for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant sections and parts of the Local Government Act and Regulations, and are submitted to Council for its consideration.
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer duly sign the Statement of Council's Unaudited Annual Financial Reports on behalf of the Council.
3. Subject to Item 1 and 2, the Statement and the 2017/18 Unaudited Annual Financial Report be referred to Council's Auditor in finalising the year-end audit process.
4. The General Manager be authorised to set the date for the public meeting and give notice in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Unaudited 2017-18 Annual Financial Reports

POLICY IMPACT

Council has met all related legislative requirements as set out in the Local Government Act 1993, associated Regulations and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Notwithstanding any further adjustments that may be required as part of the audit process, the attached reports fairly present Council's operating result and financial position for the year and accord with relevant accounting records.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The financial reports provide the community with an understanding of Council's financial performance and financial position as at 30 June 2018. A more complete assessment of Council's results will be provided, when the audit process is complete and presented to Council in November 2018.

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ITEM 7.2 Disclosure of Interest Returns 2017/18

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 450(A) of the Local Government Act 1993 all Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged with the General Manager must be tabled at the first meeting of Council held after the last day for lodgment i.e. 30 September 2018.

ISSUE

Disclosure of Interest Returns of Councillors, Canterbury Bankstown Local Planning Panel (CBLPP) members and designated persons for 2017/18 are tabled for Council's notation. Exceptions relate to officers who are on leave and will be followed up on their return.

RECOMMENDATION

That the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns for 2017/18 be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

This matter addresses Council requirements under the Local Government Act. In accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Regulations Pecuniary Interest returns of Councillors and designated persons are open access information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is nil financial impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is nil community impact.

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ITEM 7.3 Membership - Local Government Chief Officers Group (LGCOG)

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

To seek Council's support in continuing its membership and participation in the Local Government Chief Officers Group (LGCOG).

ISSUE

The LGCOG is a professional development peer network for CEO's of local government bodies from Australia and New Zealand, of which membership is limited to eighty-five (85) metropolitan and regional councils throughout both countries.

Both former Councils were members of the group. LGCOG continues to recognise Canterbury Bankstown Council's General Manager as a member.

In brief, LGCOG was established in 1981 with the objective to:

- To act as a forum for the exchange of experience and information between Chief Officers to benefit their councils in particular and local government in general;
- To utilise the experience and knowledge of Chief Officers at various government and organisational levels; and
- To facilitate the professional development and training of Chief Officers.

The group meets three times per year throughout either Australia or New Zealand.

There are no subscription costs associated with this membership. That said, at times there may be minor registration fees and associated/relevant costs to attend the meetings.

Council also notes its support for the ongoing membership and attendance to LGCOG meetings and /or programs satisfies the relevant reporting requirements noted in the General Managers standard contract of employment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the ongoing membership and attendance of LGCOG meetings and/or programs, as outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

Participation by the General Manager is consistent with the relevant provisions of Council's facilities policy for senior staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no subscription costs associated with this membership. That said, at times there may be minor registration fees and associated/relevant costs to attend the meetings (meetings are hosted by member councils). Councils hosting the meetings will be required to provide suitable meeting facilities.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council's participation provides an opportunity for the General Manager to participate in a relevant forum amongst both Australian and New Zealand councils, which will both provide a broader understanding of issues and challenges facing our sector and importantly ways and/or ideas to respond to them specifically throughout our local government area.

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ITEM 7.4 Code of Meeting Practice - 2019 Schedule of Meetings

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to meet at least ten times each year, each time in a different month. This report nominates proposed meeting dates for 2019.

ISSUE

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice it is proposed to schedule Council Meetings for 2019, as follows;

26 February
26 March
16 April
28 May
25 June
23 July
27 August
24 September
15 October
26 November
10 December

In accordance with clause 2.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, an extraordinary meeting will need to be separately called in September 2019 to conduct the mayoral election.

Council will be in recess after the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 11 December 2018 to 26 February 2019. A report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council in February 2019 informing Council of any matters determined under Delegated Authority during the recess period.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2019 Schedule of Council Meetings be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The schedule primarily follows Council's Code of Meeting Practice whereby Ordinary Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month unless the meetings conflict with other activities. Formal notification of each meeting will be made in accordance with Section 3.1 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no community impact.

ITEM 7.5 Smart City Roadmap

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Over the past 12 months, Council has been collaborating and learning from other leading Smart Cities around the world. In April 2018, the Mayor passed a minute to use technology and data to make our lives better for the future, asking that Council investigate options to create its own plan for Smart City success with a focus on four key ingredients:

- Leadership
- Vision
- Partnerships
- Resources

In July 2018, a Digital Innovation (Smart Cities) Program Manager was appointed to lead and facilitate this new function of Council, and the Smart Cities Roadmap is the first step in achieving our Smart Cities goals.

ISSUE

As a city, we want to proactively prepare for future technologies and data collection to continue to work towards our community driven goals and destinations. To do this, we must prioritise Smart City investments driven by data and technology. In order to make these investments, we need a clear strategy, our research shows however that strategies and adopted policies in some cases can hinder the agile nature of the Smart Cities landscape, not allowing for enough flexibility to make real improvements.

This report and the Smart CBCity Roadmap sets the direction for Council to facilitate collaboration and engagement to establish goals, set priorities and identify focus areas for our Smart Cities work.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the Smart Cities Roadmap for public exhibition with an extended exhibition period to allow extensive engagement.
2. Council endorse participation in the Smart Cities Immersion Tour as outlined in the report.
3. Relevant/required funding be made available as part of the appropriate quarterly budget process.

ATTACHMENTS

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- A. Smart CBCity Roadmap
- B. Smart CBCity Roadmap Principles on a page
- C. Smart CBCity Pillars on a page
- D. Smart CBCity Projects

POLICY IMPACT

The adoption and implementation of the Smart CBCity Roadmap will support our existing policies and governance frameworks which currently guide how we operate as a Council. The adoption of our Smart CBCity Roadmap will, however, also create the environment for our governance frameworks and policies to be modernised over time to create a truly innovative and agile Council and community.

During our research, we discovered that many Councils in NSW, Australia and even worldwide are suffering the impacts of outdated policy which has an impact on their ability to implement innovative solutions and ultimately make lasting improvements to the community. CBCity has an active voice in this space and is working with internal stakeholders as well as external stakeholders to innovate the current frameworks as they currently stand, but also lobby to make improvements to policy and governance frameworks which will allow us to become a smart city and make lasting, impactful and real improvements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Whilst there are no immediate financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the Smart CBCity Roadmap, Council must acknowledge that becoming a Smart City comes at a cost. Council has dedicated some operational budget to implement Smart City initiatives. Future budgets will be considered as part of future operational plan budgets.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The proposed framework and definition of a Smart City for Canterbury-Bankstown has a focus on making real improvements, all of which will see the community impacted in a positive way. In building a Smart City, we will be seeking to make life easier, simpler, clearer and more effective.

We also predict some positive impact on the environment as smart thinking has the potential to tackle some of our biggest environmental challenges. Specifically, Council's primary focus in as identified in our program prioritisation work has been investigating smart solutions to tackle the waste and sustainability challenges we face, by closing the loop and creating service improvements.

By adopting the Smart CBCity Roadmap and endorsing the program, there will almost certainly be a positive impact on Canterbury-Bankstown's reputation. We will secure our place as a key stakeholder in the success of building a stronger Sydney, we will be recognised worldwide as a hub for innovation, and most importantly, our community will see the valuable work we are doing to enhance, improve and simplify their lives.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The Smart CBCity Roadmap marks the beginning of Canterbury-Bankstown's journey towards becoming a leading Smart City. It is not intended to be a comprehensive plan with fixed solutions, rather, it focuses on some underlying principles outlining what is important, our motives and the outcomes technology and data needs to deliver to our community.

The roadmap also provides a solid base for the development of future-focused actions to take advantage of the changing world. It provides the framework to inform actions swiftly and to encourage experimentation and reflective learning. It is not a fixed plan and will evolve and change as quickly as technology does.

Sitting within our Strategic Planning framework as a supporting plan under the Prosperous and Innovative destination, the Smart CBCity Roadmap will act as a North Star for CBCity's Smart City efforts, guiding our approach, direction, investment and success.

Within the Roadmap we have clearly defined what a Smart City means to us:

"Using technology infrastructure, community engagement and connectivity to evolve our City and make real improvements."

The 12 CBCity Smart Principles have been identified:

1. Vision led – we must create a more sustainable and socially just Canterbury-Bankstown
2. People matter – we must focus on the people
3. Problems matter – we must solve real problems.
4. Personal – we must look through the eyes of our community
5. Collaborate – we must do this together
6. Inclusive – we must not create digital divide
7. Experimental - We must experiment, learn, apply and scale
8. Doable – we must be realistic
9. Open – we must deliver open government, not just open data
10. Meaningful – we must create knowledge not just data
11. Business – it's not all tech start ups
12. Culture – we must develop a culture of innovation and adaptability

We have identified the building blocks required before taking discrete Smart City Projects. Whilst the end goal of the Smart CBCity Roadmap is to deliver real improvements, which involves completing a number of high profile and priority projects, there are some foundational pieces of work that need to be completed before we can start working on some of the more tangible projects. In short, we need to walk before we can run. This includes setting up our governance structure and policy framework to ensure these projects will be supported, sustainable and have long-lasting benefits.

Pending the successful implementation of our foundational work, the Smart Strategic Pillars mapped which categorise the projects we plan to work on. These are:

- Smart People
- Smart Places
- Smart Process

Within the Roadmap, Council takes a clear stance on the types of projects that will operate under the Smart Cities program with a criteria and methodology for adoption alongside a proposed governance structure to progress the program. It is important to note that we cannot do everything, and by leveraging partnerships, we do not need to do everything. Our Smart CBCity Principles, alongside our criteria for project selection provide a strong framework for Council to move forward in the Smart Cities space by helping Council to prioritise its extensive, growing and often competing projects.

Throughout the process of developing the Smart CBCity Roadmap, Council has already taken steps to consult with the community prior to public exhibition, including:

- Two sessions with our FutureCITY panel of technology experts operating in the LGA;
- A community engagement seminar whereby community members were invited to have their say about their comfort level around the Smart City Roadmap;
- A draft of the document made available on 22 June 2018, receiving more than 184 visits/downloads and 82 comments, all of which have been considered when developing the amended Smart CBCity Roadmap to go on exhibition;
- Additionally, there have been more than 188 visits to the Smart CBCity webpage, 179 visits to the Smart City Projects and 33 visits to the Smart Cities Partnerships page which has been public since 22 June.

During September, Council resolved to join the City Possible Program as a founding member. The program provides an opportunity to learn from other leading Smart Cities all over the world and collaborate on common challenges, then design, develop, test and pilot potential solutions. Membership provides Council with an opportunity to meet other city leaders from an international network. It is recommended that Council leverage this partnership and undertake an immersion tour of the United States, visiting leading Smart and Connected Cities to better understand the benefits and implementation of Smart Cities.

This tour's purpose is to provide Councillors and senior leadership with an opportunity to immerse themselves in some of the world's leading Smart Cities, building understanding, developing opportunities and growing support for the future development of our own smart cities program, ensuring meaningful investment on behalf of the community and longevity of the programs benefits.

The tour is proposed to run in June 2019, visiting New York City, Boston, Pittsburgh and Toronto. Interested Councillors and relevant senior staff attending will be required to cover their own international airfares. Appropriate/reasonable on-ground expenses associated with the tour will be met from the Councillors facilities policy for training and development. Activities will include experiencing smart cities technology 'in the wild', meeting with key thought leaders in the space, analysing and assessing how other Councils are working to create a smart city and more. Subject to Council's decision, a detailed summary of required funding/expenditure will be accounted for and reflected in the appropriate quarterly budget review process.

This provides a significant development opportunity for us to experience first-hand, the success of other Smart Cities.

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ITEM 7.6 Proposed Licence Agreement for the Bankstown City Football Club

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Bankstown City Football Club are seeking to enter into a new Licence agreement for the clubroom located within Jensen Park amenities building for the purpose of conducting activities relating to the management of the Bankstown City Football Club.

ISSUE

This report is seeking Council endorsement to enter into a Licence agreement with the Bankstown City Football Club (BCFC).

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. In principle Council agrees to enter into a five year Licence agreement, with a five year option, with the Bankstown City Football Club subject to the outcome of the public exhibition process.
2. If no submissions are received from the public exhibition process, that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign all documents in accordance with the resolution above under the Common Seal of Council, as required.
3. A clause be included into the Licence agreement that the current annual rental fee of \$1200 P/A will be applied until the updated Community Facilities Policy is adopted. Any changes to the rental amount will be applied to the agreement as per the provisions of the updated Community Facilities Policy

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The sporting clubhouse will be used for activities relating to the operation of the sporting club for the provision of sporting activities. The site is classified as Community Land and categorised as a “**sportsground**”, therefore granting a lease, licence or other estate for the current proposal would be consistent with the core objectives outlined in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The proposed licence is required to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with Section 47A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993. At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should there be no submissions, Council will proceed to enter into a licence with BCFC as outlined in the report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed licence agreement will have an annual rental amount of \$1200 as per the current Community Facilities Policy (CFP). As this policy is under currently under review the intent is to have a clause in the Licence agreement that stipulates that if the rental amount and/or maintenance responsibilities for this facility changes with the updated CFP adopted by Council, then these will change to be in line with the provisions of the updated policy.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Bankstown City Football Club have been a long term tenant of this facility and the Licence agreement will provide security and tenure for the future use of the sporting clubhouse clubroom.

The Licence agreement does not cover the use of shared spaces within the facility, such as the toilets, change rooms and the canteen. These are community assets and are available to each hirer of the facility therefore the Licence agreement will have minimal if not any impact to the community and other user groups.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The BCFC are a long term hirer of the Jensen Park fields and have been one of the long term tenants within the amenities building, specifically the sporting clubhouse. They are a football club under the Football NSW banner. Bankstown City FC is an Australian soccer club from the Sydney suburb of Sefton in New South Wales, Australia. They compete in the National Premier Leagues NSW 3 Men's and National Premier League 1 Women's, playing their home games at Jensen Oval.

Under Council's current Community Facilities Policy (former Bankstown Council), which was adopted in 2009, the proposed use of the clubroom by the BCFC meets the principles that apply to the use and management of Council community facilities under the policy.

The proposal for Council to enter into another Licence agreement with the BCFC is due to this allowing Council flexibility to cater to diverse, changing and competing community needs. A licence agreement better facilitates capacity utilisation, more efficient management, and a more shared use of a facility than a lease agreement.

Under the provisions of the policy, a maximum term of five years will offered however an option of an additional five years will be considered if the club can demonstrate a minimum of \$40K capital investment in the facility prior to, or at the time of, the time of the licence being offered. The BCFC recently successfully applied for Community Building Partnership funding and undertook an extension of the clubroom to the value of approximately \$100K.

Therefore, the BCFC are eligible for a five year agreement with a five year option. A Council resolution and public exhibition requirements will be undertaken prior to any licence being issued.

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ITEM 7.7 **Licence Agreement with Active Kids Pre-School Centre of Excellence**

AUTHOR **Community Services**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council resolved on 27 March 2018 to in principle enter into a five year Licence agreement with Active Kids Pre-School Centre of Excellence (AKPS), subject to any submissions received at the conclusion of the public exhibition period. Council's intent to enter into the agreement with AKPS was advertised in The Torch and on Council's Have Your Say page from 1 May, with the process concluding 11 June, 2018.

This report is to confirm that no submissions were received.

ISSUE

This report is seeking Council endorsement to enter into a Licence agreement with Active Kids Pre-School Centre of Excellence.

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with the resolution at the Ordinary Meeting on 27 March, 2018 to enter into a five year Licence agreement with Active Kids Pre-School Centre of Excellence, that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign all documents in accordance with the resolution above under the Common Seal of Council, as required.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The property is classified as Community Land and any agreement offered can only be done so in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. Council's intent to enter into this agreement went on public exhibition and no submissions were received. Therefore Council can proceed to enter into a licence with AKPS as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed licence agreement will provide Council with \$50K in rental income + annual CPI increases per year for a period of five years. In addition, AKPS Kids will contribute \$25K for capital upgrades to the facility.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Active Kids will be able to continue to provide childcare services to the community of Canterbury Bankstown with no impact to the community or disruption to service.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The Active Kids group have been located at 64 Penshurst Rd, Narwee since 1994 and are a commercial business who have provided child care and pre-school care for children in the Canterbury area for the past 24 years.

Council officers are proposing to enter in a new five year licence agreement and increase the rent to \$50K p.a. + GST and annual CPI increases. In addition, Council will include in the lease an obligation for Active Kids to complete the proposed capital works at their own cost within the first two years of the agreement.

Under the Local Government Act, Council can enter into a five year licence agreement without going to tender. The relatively short timeframe of the agreement will also provide Council with the opportunity to review options for the future management of the site in relation to Council's network of child care facilities.

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ITEM 7.8 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2018

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide the council with a written report each month, which sets out the details of all money that council has invested under section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council's investments are managed in accordance with Council's investment policy. The report below provides a consolidated summary of Council's total cash investments.

ISSUE

This report details Council's cash and investments as at 30 September 2018.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 Sept 2018 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

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- A. CPG Monthly Investment Report September 2018

POLICY IMPACT

Council's investments are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements and its Cash and Investment Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Interest earned for this period has been reflected in Council's financial operating result for this financial year. Council's annual budget will be reviewed, having regard to Council's actual returns, as required.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no impact on the community, the environment and the reputation of Canterbury Bankstown.

DETAILED INFORMATION

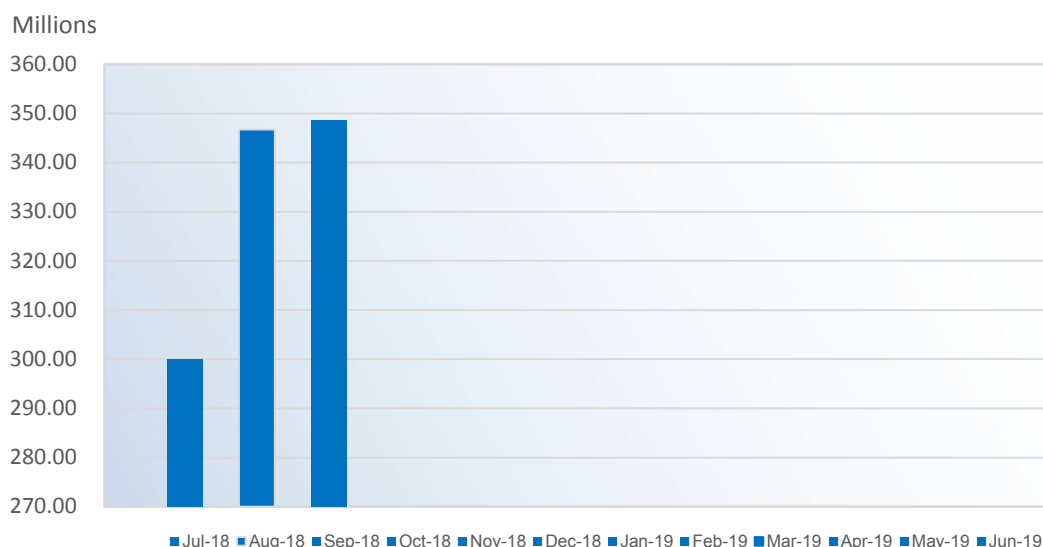
Cash and Investment Summary – as at 30 September 2018

In total, Council's Cash and Investments holdings as at 30 September 2018 is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$
Cash at Bank	1,989,931
Deposits at Call	49,863,825
Term Deposits	254,623,000
Floating Rate Notes	42,098,581
Total Cash and Investments	348,575,337

Council's level of cash and investments varies from month to month, particularly given the timing of Council's rates and collection cycle, its operations and carrying out its capital works program. The following graph outlines Council's closing cash and investment balances from July 2018 to June 2019.

Cash and Investment Rolling Monthly Balance 2018-2019



A summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 30 Sept 2018 is as follows:

Interest Income	Sept 2018 \$	Year-to-date Sept 2018 \$
Budget	718,750	2,156,250
Actual Interest	836,230	2,334,298
Variance	117,480	178,048
Variance (%)	16.35%	8.26%

Council is also required to ensure that its portfolio has an appropriate level of diversification and maturity profile. This is to ensure that funds are available when required and where possible to minimise any re-investment risk.

The tables below outline Council's portfolio by maturity limits and investment type:

Maturity Profile		
	Actual % of Portfolio	Policy Limits %
Cash	15	100
Working Capital Funds (0-3 months)	8	100
Short Term (3-12 months)	25	100
Short – Medium (1-2 years)	20	70
Medium (2-5 years)	32	50
Long Term (5-10 years)	0	5
Total Cash and Investments	100%	

Portfolio Allocation	
	Actual % of Portfolio
Cash at Bank	1
Deposits at Call	14
Term Deposits	73
Floating Rate Notes	12
Total Cash and Investments	100%

8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

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ITEM 8.1 Enclosed Swimming Areas in the Georges River

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

On 20 February 2018 Council resolved to investigate the feasibility of installing a netted swimming area in the Georges River, within our LGA.

The purpose of this report is to update Council on this investigation.

ISSUE

The Georges River is a key natural asset flowing through the LGA, and forms the southwest boundary from Georges Hall to Padstow Heights.

The parks along the river are popular locations for picnics, boating, sightseeing, bushwalking, jet-skiing, fishing and water skiing. Swimming, is the one activity that is missing, and could add further appeal and value to area.

To provide safe swimming areas in the River there are numerous factors that need to be considered. These include:

- water quality
- hazards that discourage and impede swimmers
- general swimming safety
- appropriate infrastructure
- competing interests
- legal liabilities
- a fit-for-purpose river health monitoring program

Water quality is the most significant factor preventing the opportunity for swimming. The Georges River is susceptible to faecal pollution and water quality is not always suitable for swimming. Sewage overflows and stormwater are not managed consistently and the lack of tidal flushing often prevents cleaner water from entering the Georges River in its mid to upper reaches. Existing swimming enclosures in the Lower Georges River (Oatley, Carss Point), which experience greater flushing processes, are currently rated as Poor Quality which makes them risky for swimmers.

While Council supports the principle of a swimmable Georges River, it recognises that a well-funded, long term strategic approach is needed to address the range of issues affecting the whole of Georges River. This approach should include all jurisdictions and stakeholders, and be led and resourced by the NSW Government. It also requires a commitment from organisation like Sydney Water to prioritise the management of sewer overflows and its other key assets. An active example of this is the strategy to make the Parramatta River swimmable by 2025.

This is facilitated by the Parramatta River Catchment Group and substantially funded by Sydney Water and the Environment Protection Authority.

The Georges Riverkeeper (GRK) Committee (the former Georges River Combined Council GRCCC) is a regional Council-funded organisation that looks at the broader river catchment and its issues. Using a similar model to the Parramatta River strategy, there is an opportunity for the GRK to prioritise this issue and facilitate a process to achieve a swimmable Georges River.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approaches the Georges Riverkeeper Committee to take the lead in developing a river-wide strategy and campaign to achieve a swimmable Georges River.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

There is no current policy impact. However, the outcomes of this proposal could assist to inform new policies should Council decide to further investigate enclosed swimming sites on the Georges River.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Georges Riverkeeper may require some nominal contributory funding from member Councils to assist in the investigation of several of the issues associated with swimming. However, this possibility and its quantum is unknown at this stage and will be assessed following a response from the Georges Riverkeeper.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

It is anticipated that community views will be sought through engagement activities on the desirability and issues for swimming in the Georges River. However, there is no community impact initially.

DETAILED INFORMATION

An assessment has been undertaken to investigate the feasibility for installing a netted swimming area where people can swim safely in the Georges River and the issues that would need to be addressed for this to occur. The assessments undertaken includes site suitability, water quality, as well as reviews of the Georges River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan, community interest and learnings from Parramatta Catchment Group.

Water Quality & River Health

The water quality in the Georges River is highly variable and is affected by a number of factors and threatening processes. In addition, the Canterbury Bankstown section of the Georges River misses out on the advantages of tidal flushing and a pulse of cleaner water coming in from the Woronora sub-catchment.

In the most recent State of the Beaches report (2016-17), Carss Point Baths and Oatley Bay Baths in the lower Georges River were downgraded to Poor water quality. This means the location is susceptible to faecal pollution, and water quality is not always suitable for swimming. However, river health monitoring is limited and does not provide Council or the community with timely information about the suitability of river health. The fact that the existing baths remain open means that swimmers may be exposed to health risks from time to time. This has a direct impact on the capacity for the mid-Georges River to host swimming enclosures.

Stormwater in urban areas often contains sewage from leakages and overflows. Sewage overflows can occur in wet weather when the network has exceeded capacity due to rainwater entering the system. The mix of sewage and rainwater discharges drains into waterways usually by way of the stormwater system. The role and commitment of Sydney Water, as the major sewerage and stormwater asset manager in the Georges River, has been inconsistent in terms of a focused, long term commitment to cleaning up the Georges River and eliminating pollution sources.

River Health Monitoring

One of the first steps required to address water quality and river health issues, is to establish a suitable water monitoring framework that models and prioritises water quality actions. While there is a broad river health monitoring program for the Georges River, a comprehensive, fit for purpose modelling and monitoring regime will be required to give Council the information to be confident that the river is fit for swimming. This will require a regional approach led by Sydney's lead water agencies and regulators.

This is a key issue that would currently prevent the implementation of any formal swimming sites.

Safety, Risk and Council Liabilities

Apart from variable water quality and its impact on human health there are a number of other safety issues relevant to swimming. While some of these issues are specific to the rivers, most of the issues are shared with coastal councils that divert considerable resources and costs to the management and upkeep of beaches. If Council is to declare an area of Georges River "safe to swim", there are a number of obligations that it would need to fulfil.

River conditions are variable and change throughout the day. Swimmers would need to be mindful of submerged objects, changing currents and varying depths. Swimmer competency and safety is a significant issue that Council may need to address through the introduction of signs, education programs and lifeguard patrols if it formalises a swim zone.

Council's liability and risks may also extend beyond the location of a formally netted swimming area and beyond prescribed operating hours. To date no investigation has occurred into Council's possible liability by declaring the Georges River safe to swim, albeit in a certain area. Some of the unknown issues include if visitors swim outside a designated zone or outside of patrolled hours and experience incidents.

Council's risk profile is likely to be affected by a decision to create a netted swim zone. The extent of any changes would need to be investigated in detail as part of any future Council consideration.

Community Interest

At present, community interest for swimming in the Georges River is unknown. The extensive community engagement for the Community Strategic Plan didn't identify swimming in the Georges River as a priority, so further investigation would be required.

Learnings from Parramatta River Catchment Group

The mission for a swimmable Parramatta River by 2025 was launched in December 2014, and received funding commitment to commence the Masterplan in August 2015. This campaign is supported by a catchment-wide Masterplan that is facilitated by the Catchment Group, but fully supported, with significant long term funding from the NSW Government.

The first step was gaining support for the project and obtaining funding. An extensive amount of time was taken to do in-depth water quality modelling undertaken that combined wet weather overflows, stormwater and hydrodynamics in the river – this was the first time modelling has been undertaken in such an integrated way in Australia.

Like the Parramatta River Catchment Group (who have allowed 10 years and millions of dollars to achieve a swimmable Parramatta River), a whole of river strategy would need to be led at a regional level and adopted to ensure that the water quality is monitored and maintained across the whole catchment.

Total Catchment Approach

The Georges River Coastal Zone Management Plan outlines the focus for the catchment. Whilst water quality improvement is an objective of the Plan, improving the quality to make the river swimming is not a current goal set out in the Plan. The Plan also does not currently compel state agencies to prioritise and resource actions to clean up the Georges River.

As part of the 2018-19 work plan, a community survey by the Georges Riverkeeper is being conducted to define a liveable Georges River. This will provide guidance regarding the community's level of interest in swimming.

The issue of swimming in the Georges River has been raised in the past in catchment management circles and is widely recognised as a regional issue (ie factors that affect one location along the Georges River are influenced by other parts of the River). Therefore, the issues that will need to be considered prior to a Council decision about a netted swimming area extend well beyond the immediate scope of a locality or a single local government area and also include state Government agencies.

Conclusion

Once a coordinated strategic approach is defined, agreed to and resourced to achieve a swimmable Georges River, Canterbury Bankstown Council can feel confident enough and commence a process to identify, budget and plan for suitable sites to establish and manage swimming enclosures.

However, a campaign for a safe, swimmable Georges River requires a regionally led strategic approach, a sound knowledge base (environmental, social and economic), and a long term commitment from the NSW Government. It then requires a comprehensive plan of action to improve water quality and eliminate threatening processes such as sewer overflows. Once these have been achieved, Council looks forward to playing a regional role in providing swimming opportunities in the Georges River for its residents and visitors.

ITEM 8.2 Charging Ahead - Electric Vehicles for Council's Pool Fleet Vehicles

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

At the June 2018 Ordinary Council meeting, it was resolved that Council's pool vehicles to be replaced with Electric Vehicles (EV) if applicable, when due for replacement. It was also resolved that a report be prepared addressing how Council can invest in infrastructure to make electric vehicle technology accessible to our community and provide access to Council's electric pool vehicles through hire or car share arrangements.

ISSUE

There is a global transition to more efficient and less polluting vehicles, with the uptake of private and business EV. In Europe and America there has been broad political support for a range of incentives progressively introduced over time by different governments. In Australia, currently there are no financial or non-financial incentives or concessions for EV's or for provision of charging infrastructure. As a result the adoption of EV technology remains slow.

Council is providing leadership by introducing EV's to Council's own fleet, demonstrating commitment to sustainability and innovation and delivering the community expectation of a clean and green city.

Currently there is significant community interest in home solar power generation. Moving to low or zero emission vehicles is anticipated to be the next major step to reducing dependence on fossil fuels. Published market research from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency show that availability of public charging infrastructure has a positive correlation with increased EV uptake.

As a smart city, Council can lead by example to support the uptake of EV's, by addressing the common barriers, of lack of charging infrastructure which leads to range anxiety and lack of information and experience with the EV technology. Through a community information program and access to trial EV vehicles, Council can help to foster the adoption of EV technology and usage.

RECOMMENDATION That

1. Council support the placement of community L2 Electric Vehicle chargers in Bankstown and Campsie, as outlined in the report.
2. Council support the community use of Council's electric vehicles pilot program for a period of up to twelve months, as outlined in this report.

3. A further report(s) be provided on the matter, as required.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

Council's Fleet Policy will not be impacted with the introduction of EV's to the vehicle fleet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The installation of the two community EV chargers, and piloting the community EV car share program for up to twelve months will be accommodated from within Council's fleet vehicle budget.

Separately, expenditure required to acquire the EV pool vehicles, associated EV chargers and solar panels will be funded from Council's existing 2018/19 capital works program.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The introduction of 10 EV's into Council Fleet will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 tonnes of CO₂ (carbon dioxide equivalent) per year.

Through the development and delivery of a Fleet Pool EV information and car-share program Council will be providing an innovative opportunity that will allow community access to EV technology and EV driving experience.

DETAILED INFORMATION

As a smart city, Council has the opportunity to support community uptake of EV's, by addressing the common barriers of:

- lack of charging infrastructure which leads to range anxiety and
- lack of information and experience with the EV technology.

Through a community information program and providing the ability to drive EV's, Council can help to foster the adoption of EV technology and usage.

Public Place Electric Vehicles Chargers

Research into the charging infrastructure in public places has determined that Level 2 Chargers are the most suitable and cost effective for local community use. These chargers can provide up to 50 km of driving range per hour, which would meet the need for local residents to address the barrier of "range anxiety".

Two Level 2 EV chargers are currently being installed in the Canterbury Town Centre Upgrade. Additional suitable locations at Campsie and Bankstown for installation of public place EV chargers have been identified. After installation these can be monitored for use and charging points can be increased as demand grows.

It is proposed to provide public place EV charging at no cost but with parking time limits, for example 2 hours limit. This is the present current standard at other councils and also commercial or retail sites.

Fast Chargers, known as Level 3 chargers were also investigated, as they provide 80% battery capacity within 30 minutes. Research and discussions with NRMA highlighted that Level 3 Chargers are best suited to longer distance travellers or areas of very high demand. NRMA will be installing a large number of Level 3 Chargers across NSW but do not currently have plans for installing any in the Sydney metropolitan area at the present time.

Community use of Council Electric Vehicles

Investigations have been undertaken on options to provide community members with the opportunity to experience driving EV vehicles. Community use of Council Fleet EV's have been assessed from risk, financial, insurance and logistical perspectives.

Partnering with a well-established online car-sharing company to manage community use, is the most suitable option available, allowing the community to access the vehicle via an online calendar and booking schedule. As part of a contract, essential requirements could be managed by the company including, borrower screening, bookings, tolls, fines, key exchange, insurance and car repairs if required.

Such a program could for example, allow for two of the Pool EV's to be made available for Canterbury Bankstown residents use when not needed for Council operations (for example on Saturdays and Sundays between 8 am to 8 pm). Limiting the hiring sessions to 2 or 3 hours would provide the opportunity for more members of the community to access the vehicles. Council will be engaging a suitable car-share company to develop a pilot program of up to 12 months for local community members.

Electric Vehicles for Council Fleet

Internal investigations identified that Council Pool Vehicles are the most suitable to be replaced with EV as the first stage, with charging infrastructure installed where the vehicles are garaged overnight.

With ten pool vehicles scheduled for replacement over the next 18 months, these vehicles will be replaced with the most suitable EV brands and models. The charging infrastructure will also be installed at the most suitable locations.

ITEM 8.3 Draft Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct Masterplan

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This masterplan creates the long term vision for the Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct. The draft masterplan is a 20 year plan recommending future uses for the areas currently occupied by Belmore Bowling Club, Terry Lamb Reserve, Belmore Sports ground, Peter Moore Fields and surrounding lanes linking the green space to Belmore Station and Loch Street Campsie. The Draft Masterplan is presented for endorsement for public exhibition, and the results be reported back to Council.

ISSUE

The open space being master planned is the only open space in Belmore. The suburb is a growing area located close to major transport hubs currently being transformed by State Government.

As such Council undertook the Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct Masterplan which is the area outlined in red on the map below.



Figure 1: Masterplan Study Area

This report summarises the findings of the Masterplan, commissioned by Council and establishes a vision and prioritised implementation plan for the future of the site. The Masterplan is not funded. It will inform future grant submissions, discussions with the NSW Government as part of the future planning under the Sydenham to Bankstown precinct planning and future Council s94 Plan reviews.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council exhibit the attached Draft Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct Masterplan.
2. A further report to Council be made following public exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct preferred Masterplan option

POLICY IMPACT

The Masterplan will provide a strategic level framework to guide future decisions for the Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct. It providing passive and active spaces, plus green connections and create a dynamic community space.

Council policy positions such as those included in the playground and play spaces strategic plan and the draft cultural strategic plan have been integrated into this masterplan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Council's capital works budget for 18-19 allocates \$300,000 to initiate design of the adopted masterplan priority actions and \$450,000 for the Belmore Sports Facility Review. The Masterplan will also inform future grant submissions, discussions with the NSW Government as part of the future planning under the Sydenham to Bankstown precinct planning and future Council s94 Plan reviews.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct's design and uses will reflect the community's diversity. As the home of the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs and Sydney Olympic, the precinct will celebrate and enhance these important community connections.

In preparation of the Masterplan, consultation was undertaken with various key stakeholders as well as drop in sessions with the community and targeted focus groups.

Further community consultation and engagement will occur over the next few months. Completion of evidence based engagement will result in the provision of a masterplan reflecting the communities' needs and aspirations.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

At the Ordinary Meeting of 28 March 2017, Council resolved to commence the preparation of a masterplan for the Belmore Sports and Community Precinct.

The masterplan was developed with input from the community and stakeholders. The masterplan includes a long term vision for the precinct and identifies future opportunities for improvements to the public spaces, provision of community infrastructure and connections to the town centre. The preferred option will include a cost estimate and be included in an implementation plan.

Preparation of the masterplan commenced in February 2018 with the appointment of an independent lead consultant (Tyrells) to provide master planning and community and stakeholder engagement services.

Objectives

The main objectives of the project are to –

- Engage with key stakeholders and community.
- Improve connections between Campsie and Belmore Station.
- Improve public amenity and safety around and within the site.
- Improve links at the southern edge of the site.
- Integrate with the State Government proposed Active Transport Corridor and Linear Park (also known as the Southwest Greenway).
- Improve the regional sporting facility and associated training fields, including a review of parking options.
- Provide a district level playground and associated café, amenities.
- Reimagine the future of the Belmore bowling club.
- Include best practice environmental sustainability initiatives.

Consultation

The following engagement has occurred as part of the project:

1. *Focus Group:*

A focus group was held on Monday 9 April 2018. The focus group covered issues and aspirations for the site. The group was sourced as a statistically representative sample of the Belmore and Campsie community. The focus group included hard to reach people.

2. *Key Stakeholder meetings were held with:*

- Belmore Boys High School,
- All Saints Grammar
- Youth Off The Streets (registered and attended session)
- Barnados (registered and attended session)
- Belmore Youth Resource Centre (registered & attended session)
- Belmore PCYC (registered and did not attend)

- Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs Football Club
 - Canterbury Leagues Club
 - Belmore Bowling Club
 - Canterbury Hospital
 - Sydney Olympic Football Club
 - Watson's women's group
 - Council's Inter faith committee
 - Council's (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) ATSI committee
3. *Have your say webpage:*
Council's "have your say" webpage has been live since 26 April 2018
4. *Campsie Food Festival stall:*
A stall was set up at Campsie Food Festival held on Saturday 12 May 2018
5. *Other:*
- Government Department Engagement workshop
 - Drop in sessions – held on Saturday 2nd June 2018 and Wednesday 6 June 2018.
 - Regular Project Control Groups held internally with representation from various departments within Council.

Masterplan summary

The masterplan is a 20 year plan guiding the future of Belmore's only open space.

Vision

As Belmore's only large park, the masterplan aims to unite the parklands and create a place that reveals the diverse Belmore community, and provide a diversity of public uses including passive recreation, active recreation, playgrounds, sports uses and a new community hub.

Key Masterplan Initiatives

The key masterplan initiatives are:

- a. **Entry** – The entry avenue from Belmore Station to Terry Lamb Reserve has a series of existing trees that define the character of this space. The masterplan aims to transfer this underutilised space into a planted pedestrian boulevard that provides social gathering spaces, and passive recreation spaces. As Belmore develops this avenue will become a vibrant linear park. Refer to Attachment A, pages 24-26.

Terry Lamb Reserve - Terry Lamb Reserve is an underutilised open space. It has several significant trees, but does not provide the diverse open space uses of an important urban parkland of this scale. The masterplan aims to unite Terry Lamb Reserve and the area facing Leyland Parade into one large public open space providing a diversity of uses including active recreation, social gathering spaces and a regional playground. A new community hub will be built that will become the new public face of the Belmore Sports Ground and provide a community focused address to the park. The hub will provide for the diverse needs of Belmore and will be subject to further needs analysis.

It is likely to include community spaces, café, amenities, indoor hall and court, affordable function spaces, a designated ATSI community space, a storage space for the Bowling Club, a new entry to the Belmore Sports Ground and parking for the Sports Ground. Refer to Attachment A, pages 27-28.

- b. **Belmore Sports ground** - The Belmore Sports Ground will continue as a sporting centre of excellence and training facility for the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs and Sydney Olympic. The masterplan improves the pedestrian access to and around the Sports Ground and visual connection through the site. There is an opportunity to provide shared pedestrian access to The Hill and the paths around the concourse which will allow the precinct to provide a network of public paths and routes throughout the parklands. Improved fencing and security surrounding the sports ground will allow for the public to access the surrounding areas, while the field remains off limits, and enables it to be secured for private sessions and game days. Refer to Attachment A, pages 29-30.
- c. **Peter Moore Fields** - The Peter Moore Fields will be a support field for the sporting centre of excellence, with improved public access and uses around their edges. The area will have improved walking and cycling paths, and a consolidated group of buildings providing internal space for maintenance, change rooms, amenities and canteen. The eastern side of The Hill will be transformed into publicly accessible green terraces that provide additional open space with views over the sports fields. Refer to Attachment A, pages 31-32.
- d. **Lilian Lane** – Lilian Lane will be upgraded to provide walking and cycling access together with a pedestrian crossing across Loch Street, connecting the parkland to Campsie. There is potential in the future to provide improved visual access into the lane with selective purchase of land on the corner of Loch Street. Refer to Attachment A, page 33.

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ITEM 8.4 Moving to a New Energy Future

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council had multiple energy contracts expiring in 2019, this presented an opportunity to align contracts, and explore different procurement methods to include the purchasing of renewable energy.

Council commenced work with SSROC in late 2017, into the investigation of a large joint contract for both grid electricity and renewable energy via a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

At the April 2018 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved that the General Manager be delegated the authority to determine the matter and be authorised to sign all relevant documentation.

ISSUE

In September 2018, Council made history, by signing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) contract. The contract is a transformative shift in the way Council buy's electricity. This innovative ground-breaking procurement agreement guarantees that 20% of the total electricity purchased will be from renewable energy, delivered from the Moree Solar Farm in northern NSW, at a fixed price. This price is 10% lower than current grid price, for the next 11 ½ years.

When the contract comes into effect in July 2019, Council will increase the use of renewable energy from 1.5% (solar generated on council facilities) to 21.5% of total electricity consumed. This aligns with the Community's vision for a Clean and Green City.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The 2013 Our Energy Future: SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan, has a vision to see up to 30% of the region's energy needs being provided through renewable sources. Participating in this PPA brings Council substantially closer to realising this vision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of electricity is a standard recurrent cost reflected in Council's annual budget and will be made available each year to meet the ongoing costs of the service, as required.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Increasing the total amount of renewable energy purchased by Council for delivery of services including street lighting, will significantly reduce the environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions resulting from Council operations. Reduced use of fossil fuels will also contribute to mitigating the impact of climate change as well as improved public health through cleaner air. This contract demonstrates that council is listening to the community's vision for clean and green city.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The contract is a transformative shift in the way Council buy's electricity and confirms that energy generated from fossil fuel is losing the price advantage over renewable energy.

With the current pricing market for grid electricity volatile and continually increasing, this contract provides Council the opportunity with a long-term renewable energy component that is stable and a cost advantage for Council.

Led by SSROC, this is one of the first successful, (non contract-for-difference) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) contracts in Australia. The success of the contract, is a result of 20 councils, (19 metropolitan and one regional) making a commitment to bring this innovative energy contract to realisation, by supporting renewable energy.

Renewable energy in Australia is emerging as a multi-benefit system combining climate change mitigation with avoiding environmental and health costs associated with the use of fossil fuels. Considering current and projected climate change impacts, the benefits of renewable energy will become more important in the decades to come.

An increasing number of countries are showing awareness of these benefits and are aligning national energy policies to reflect the financial and social benefits of actively pursuing renewable energy. This is not the case in Australia as there is little support from State Authorities. Therefore, this falls back to Local Councils to set their own agenda for innovation and action in regard to renewable energy.

From July next year, 20% of electricity used by Canterbury-Bankstown for delivering services and running facilities such as libraries, swimming pools, childcare centres, street lighting and sports field lighting, will be coming from a 56 Mega Watt (MW) Moree Solar Farm in northern NSW.

The Solar Farm covers 280 Ha, has 222,800 solar panels and is the first large-scale solar project in Australia to use a single-axis tracking system, with PV modules that follow the sun's path from east to west to maximize the energy generated during the day and lengthen the period in which that energy is generated.

This joint contract demonstrates Local Government's leadership and commitment to support renewable energy, mitigate climate change and deliver a broader regional employment and economic benefit.

Council provided significant leadership on this joint project, with various staff providing their skills, expertise and time throughout all stages of the project. Council is also an integral part of the success of the contract, because as the largest council in NSW (by population), Canterbury-Bankstown is buying the greatest percentage of the total Megawatt load in the combined agreement.

All participating Councils, including Canterbury-Bankstown have aggregated electricity volumes and successfully achieved an innovative ground-breaking procurement agreement for renewable energy. Through this agreement, Canterbury-Bankstown is prepared to show leadership, demonstrate commitment and support for solar power and move to a new energy future.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 9.1 Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2018

AUTHOR Operations

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 October 2018.

The Committees have been constituted to advise and make recommendations in relation to traffic activities. They have, however, no delegated authority and cannot bind Council.

The recommendations of the Committees are in line with the objectives of the Committees and with established practices and procedures.

ISSUE

Recommendations of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 October 2018, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

A. Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2018

POLICY IMPACT

This matter has no policy implications to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Potential costs arising out of recommendations of the Traffic Committees are detailed in future Works Programs for Roadworks/Traffic Facilities.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The recommendations will improve road safety for the community whilst minimising the adverse impacts on residential amenity. Community consultations have been carried out where required.

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 10.1 **Notice of Motions and Questions with Notice**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

ISSUE

The attached schedules provide information to questions raised at Council's August Ordinary meeting and also a status report on Notice of Motions resolved at previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Notice of Motion Table
- B. Correspondence relating to Notice of Motions
- C. Questions with Notice Table

Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 16 October 2018

ITEM 10.2 Domestic and Family Violence Policy

I, Councillor Bilal El-Hayek hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council:

1. Support the General Manager increasing the Domestic & Family Violence paid leave provision for Canterbury Bankstown Council employees to 10 days per year.
2. Call on Local Government NSW to vary the Local Government (State) Award to include 10 days paid Domestic and Family Violence Leave per year for all employees working in the local government sector.
3. Call on businesses, community groups and not-for-profit organisations in the Canterbury Bankstown area to implement their own Domestic & Family Violence Policies and paid leave provisions for their employees.
4. Through our Business Advisory Service, provide support to local businesses, not-for-profit organisations and community groups who wish to implement appropriate policy, guidelines and leave provisions for employees.”

BACKGROUND

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, one in four Australian women have experienced violence by a current or former partner during their lifetime. In our own community, Canterbury Bankstown ranks 78th in the state for recorded domestic violence related assaults. Bearing in mind that domestic violence is under reported and, on average, it takes seven incidents of domestic violence before it is actually reported to police.

Family and domestic violence is an epidemic in our society and has a significant impact on the community, which includes children being exposed to violent behaviour, higher rates of alcohol and other drug use, mental health issues, incarceration of abusers and families living in temporary housing. It is estimated that domestic violence costs the NSW economy more than \$4.5 billion each year. Last year, as I understand, 53 women were killed as a result of domestic violence committed by a current or former partner.

While there are many people working at all levels of government and across communities, including Canterbury Bankstown, to reduce violence against women and their children, businesses also need to play an important role in supporting their employees who experience domestic violence.

When people experience domestic and family violence, they need time to go to the police, seek legal advice, attend court hearings, attend medical appointments, arrange accommodation, and seek counselling support for them and/or their family. They need to be able to do this without worrying about losing their job or whether they have enough leave to cover them financially while they deal with the impact of this type of violence.

As an employer, it can be difficult and challenging supporting an employee who is experiencing domestic violence. This is why it is so important to have policies and procedures, leave provisions and support services in place so that managers know what to do if one of their employees comes forward seeking help and so that employees know that their organisation cares and is there to help them if needed.

Earlier this year, the Fair Work Commission ruled that employees covered by modern awards will now be entitled to 5 days unpaid domestic violence leave. Canterbury Bankstown Council is a leader in this field having already introduced a policy, procedure and support for its employees, including paid leave, without having to be compelled by legislation.

The General Manager has advised me that he will now further extend this paid leave provision to 10 days per year. This is a move that I as a White Ribbon Ambassador, believe all Councillors, as civic leaders in our city, should wholeheartedly support.

However, we need to do more, and once Canterbury Bankstown Council will lead the way. While we, as an organisation, already do a lot to support our employees, this is an opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership and to value employees working in Council, in our sector and in our community.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

When somebody is suffering or experiencing Family or Domestic Violence they can't simply check it at the door when they come to work. It is difficult to separate what happens at home and what happens at work, because we are whole people and our personal and work lives are integrated.

All of our team members and leaders have responsibility for the wellbeing of our people. It is our job to make people feel safe at work and the wellbeing of our staff is very important to me. Everyone deserves to have access to what they need to be happy and productive at work; that includes their wellbeing and this requires the time to access support (and to not just feel supported but to actually be supported), so they can be the best version of themselves.

Council has a progressive Domestic and Family Violence Leave Policy, and it has developed leadership in supporting people. Council is also a leader in our community and this motion brings this together. Council can not only lead by example on this important issue but it can be a mentor to caring businesses in the City who wish to develop important policies and also support their staff like we do. Our People and Performance team are uniquely placed to support organisations both with policy development and education on why this is so important for a healthy and productive workforce.

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ITEM 10.3

Movember

I, Councillor Steve Tuntevski hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council supports Movember during the month of November to raise awareness of men’s health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention, including a \$100 donation for each Councillor and \$50 for each staff member growing a ‘mo’ for Movember.”

BACKGROUND

Since 2004, the Movember Foundation has run events in November to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues. It’s known that men tend to have poorer health outcomes due to their reluctance to seek treatment, and statistically will die 4.5 years earlier than women. I understand this year, staff will get involved in Movember with a number of staff ‘Growing Their Mo’ as well as ‘Hosting an Event’.

As leaders of our community, I am firmly of the belief that this is an important cause we should highlight and support, accordingly I move that for each Councillor or staff member growing a ‘mo’ for the Movember fundraiser, Council donate \$100 for each Councillor and \$50 for each staff member.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

Council staff have previously supported this worthy cause and I would anticipate approximately 20 staff members participating.

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ITEM 10.4 Community Awareness of Breast Screening

I, Councillor Nadia Saleh hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council promotes the importance of breast screening in early detection of breast cancer through its library and knowledge centre network for four weeks in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.”

BACKGROUND

Breast cancer is the most likely cancer to afflict women and the most widespread among the population. This year, over 18,000 people are expected to contract the disease and just over 3,000 will die from it; the overwhelming number of both will be women. By the time a woman reaches her 85th birthday, there is a 1 in 41 chance that she will have contracted and died from breast cancer.

The cause of breast cancer appears predominantly linked to genetic factors, and are out of our control. Therefore the most important thing is early detection and early treatment.

Survival rates among women diagnosed with breast cancer have been increasing, no doubt because cancers are being detected earlier and treatments are improving. The recommended screening tool is mammography and women in Australia over the age of 40 are eligible for free screening every two years; the screening program reduces mortality rates by between 21 and 28%. Within our own Civic Tower is Breast Screen NSW which offers mammography services to our local community.

I don't believe however that the benefits of this screening program have adequately penetrated the community. October is the Breast Cancer Awareness month and I move that Council promote the importance of breast cancer screening and general awareness of breast cancer through its libraries and knowledge centres for the remainder of the month of October and first two weeks of November.

Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 16 October 2018

ITEM 10.5 Acknowledgement of Lebanese Independence Day

I, Councillor Bilal El-Hayek hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That

1. Council acknowledge and celebrate Lebanese Independence Day by raising the Lebanese flag on 22 November 2018 and on that date each year thereafter, in a prominent and suitable location.
2. A small Ceremony be held on 22 November 2018 to acknowledge the Australian-Lebanese community.”

BACKGROUND

The 22 November is the day Lebanon finally gained its independence from French Colonial rule, its President, Prime Minister and members of Cabinet were either released from imprisonment or permitted to return from exile. For the 52,000 plus Canterbury Bankstown residents that identify as having Lebanese ancestry and the almost 20,000 that were born there and who now call our City home, it is a day of significance.

The Australian-Lebanese community have added much to our Nation’s history and successes and our own City’s. They have threaded their stories, food and culture into the rich social tapestry that links all of our residents and our communities would be less without their contribution.

Through the public acknowledgement and celebration of raising the Lebanese flag on 22 November, it is my hope that this will encourage all our residents to learn a little bit more of our Australian-Lebanese community’s story. As this will be the first time the flag is raised, I think it is only fitting that a small Civic Ceremony be held to celebrate this occasion.

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ITEM 10.6 Boarding Houses

I, Councillor Nadia Saleh hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council receive a briefing on boarding houses in the City of Canterbury Bankstown including the number of operating boarding houses and applications, relevant planning controls and the known impacts on the community”

BACKGROUND

In recent months, there has been a lot of attention on and concern raised about boarding houses within the community. This has extended to media, social media and representations to councillors from members of the community concerned at the number of applications, the sites of specific proposals and the anticipated impact these developments will have.

I understand that there are circumstances where Council’s control over these developments is limited or removed. I believe all councillors would benefit from a thorough briefing on the matter. This briefing should cover the planning controls that are presently in place, the total number of operating boarding houses, number of applications and any other information relevant to fully informing councillors.

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ITEM 10.7 Defunding Streamwatch

I, Councillor Steve Tuntevski hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council writes to the NSW Minister for the Environment urging the NSW Government to re-establish a long term funding commitment and host organisation for the Streamwatch Program beyond June 2019 that includes schools as well as community groups.”

BACKGROUND

Streamwatch is a long running citizen science water monitoring program that enables community groups to monitor the quality and health of local waterways in Sydney.

Initiated by Sydney Water in the 1990s its coordination was transferred to the Australian Museum in 2012. From its humble beginnings, the Streamwatch program quickly extended beyond schools into a citizen science program. It connects people to their local environment and links community with Council activities.

Streamwatch data can be used as an early warning system for pollution events and to provide a historical record of how waterway health has tracked over time. More importantly, data collected can contribute to catchment work upgrades resulting in cleaner waterways in our city.

Schools and community groups were actively involved in the program within the Cooks, Parramatta and Georges River catchments such as at Earlwood, Birrong, Sefton, Georges Hall, East Hills, and Wolli Creek. However it is my understanding that when coordination of the Streamwatch program was shifted away from Sydney Water, funding and support for school-based Streamwatch groups was stopped. Over the past five years the program has relied on limited funding and an uncertain future for its continued existence. This has resulted in all school groups stopping across the Canterbury Bankstown area.

Now, the future of the entire Streamwatch program is under threat due to a lack of funding commitment beyond June 2019. The program is considered to be in “caretaker” mode and interested community members are now discouraged from offering their contributions. I understand that the only current group still operating in Canterbury Bankstown are in two locations along the Cooks River in Earlwood.

The Streamwatch program can be a successful school and community based environmental program, however, it needs an ongoing commitment from the NSW Government across all of Sydney. It also needs to reintroduce school groups who have been the largest participants over the years.

As a regional council with the largest population in NSW, which is surrounded by the Georges, Cooks and Parramatta River catchments, we have a responsibility to demand the Minister for the Environment to reinstate its commitment and funding to the Streamwatch Program.

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ITEM 10.8 National and State Disability Safety and Access Standards for Toilet and Washroom Facilities

I, Councillor Glen Waud hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council investigate and evaluate if the current toilet and washroom facilities located at all council parks & reserves across the CB LGA meet both the current National & State disability safety and access standards for such facilities.”

BACKGROUND

Creating better access and higher safety standards for those in our community with a disability is of great importance to many families.

It is my belief that this Council has a high level of awareness regarding this.

However, I believe that we now need to focus on this particular matter as another important part of our vision to provide the best level of support for those members of our community with a disability.

11 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

12 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

There were no items submitted for this section at the time the Agenda was compiled.

