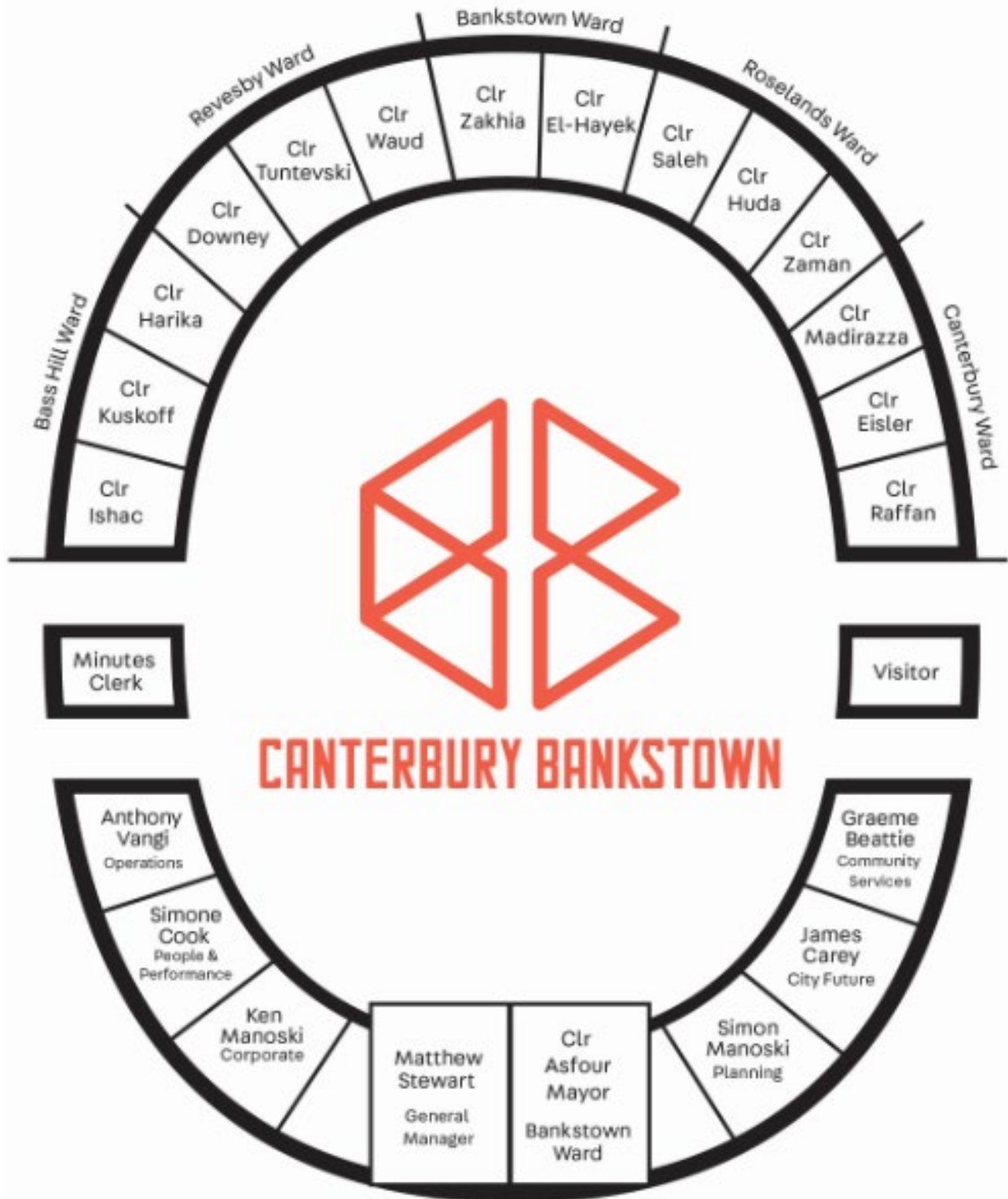




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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

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

APOLOGIES: Clrs Kuskoff and Madirazza

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.05 PM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Mrs Helen Williamson and Mr Ken King.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(697)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 August 2019 be adopted.

- CARRIED

(698)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 September 2019 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(699)

CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Kuskoff due to health reasons and Clr Madirazza due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

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

In respect of Item 7.3- Licence of Office Space at Belmore Sports Ground – Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd, Clr Saleh declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to her working association with Bulldogs Rugby League Club and indicated she would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 7.3- Licence of Office Space at Belmore Sports Ground – Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his working association with Bulldogs Rugby League Club and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HELEN WILLIAMSON AND KEN KING
(700) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be received.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 MAYOR'S DASHBOARD
(701) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council endorses the launch of the Mayor's Dashboard which will provide information on Council's services and benefit the community.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
(702) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 4.4
(703) **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**
CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the request from Mirath in Mind who are staging a musical entitled "Where Oceans meet" and donate \$2,000 towards this event.
2. Council support the request from the Milperra Colts Junior Rugby League Football Club who held a "Day at the Footy" memorial day at Killara Reserve and waive the field hire fee of \$277.50.
3. These funds be made available from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.5
(704) **AFL GRAND FINAL - SUPPORT THE GIANTS**
CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. In support of GWS Giants playing in the upcoming AFL Grand final, Council fly the GWS flag in front of the Bankstown Knowledge and Learning Centre for the remainder of this week and should they win, it remain for another week.
2. GWS banners be flown along Rickard Road, Bankstown. The production of these banners is to be funded from Council's Street Banner Program.

- CARRIED

(705) **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that permission be granted to those people who have made the necessary application to address Council for five minutes.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1 DRAFT LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT AND PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR NEW LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

MS BARBARA COOREY (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

(706) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Ms Coorey to address Council.

- CARRIED

MOTION CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ISHAC

That

1. Council exhibit the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement *Connective City 2036* at Attachment A and supporting documents at Attachment B between 25 September and 15 November 2019 in line with the proposed exhibition program outlined in Attachment C.
2. Council prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for Gateway Determination to create the new Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan. The Planning Proposal will not have any changes to planning provisions, it is to seek the Department's requirements for exhibition including agency engagement requirements up front so as to not delay this process.
3. A detailed report be provided to Council on the planning proposal after a Gateway Determination has been received and prior to exhibition.

AMENDMENT CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. RAFFAN

That

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3. A detailed report be provided to Council on the planning proposal after a Gateway Determination has been received and prior to exhibition.
 4. The local strategic planning statement identify the following areas for their special natural, scenic or architectural value and ensure that these areas are protected from inappropriate future development.
 - (a) Areas south of the East Hills Rail Line at East Hills, Padstow, Panania, Picnic Point and Revesby.
 - (b) Areas in the east of our city along the Cooks River and conservation areas including around Ashbury, Hurlstone Park and Earlwood.
 5. Council undertake further analysis and refinement of these areas during the exhibition of the Local Strategic Planning Statement.
 6. Council include provisions into the new Canterbury Bankstown LEP to ensure the special character of these areas is protected and enhanced.
- CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLR ISHAC ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION.

(707)

CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that

1. Council exhibit the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement *Connective City 2036* at Attachment A and supporting documents at Attachment B between 25 September and 15 November 2019 in line with the proposed exhibition program outlined in Attachment C.
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- CARRIED

For:- Cllrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Raffan, Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

Against:- Nil

ITEM 5.2 **LIVABLE HOUSING DISCUSSION PAPER**
(708) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that

- 1. Council exhibit the Discussion Paper, as provided in Attachment A, in accordance with the Draft Community Participation Plan.
- 2. The matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 **SMART CBCITY ROADMAP**
(709) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

- 1. Council adopt the Smart CBCity Roadmap (attachment A)
- 2. Council note the attached Smart Cities Immersion Tour Report (Attachment D) and the aspects relevant to Council business and/or the local community.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

(710) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 296(2), (3) and (5A) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), as applied and modified by Section 18, that arrangements be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections, polls and constitutional referendums of the Council, including the 2020 Local Government Election.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.2 STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

(711) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. HUDA

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

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.3 LICENCE OF OFFICE SPACE AT BELMORE SPORTSGROUND - BULLDOGS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB LTD

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 7.3- LICENCE OF OFFICE SPACE AT BELMORE SPORTS GROUND – BULLDOGS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB LTD, CLR SALEH DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO HER WORKING ASSOCIATION WITH BULLDOGS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB AND INDICATED SHE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 7.3- LICENCE OF OFFICE SPACE AT BELMORE SPORTS GROUND – BULLDOGS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB LTD, CLR EL-HAYEK DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO HIS WORKING ASSOCIATION WITH BULLDOGS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB AND INDICATED HE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

CLRS EL-HAYEK AND SALEH TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.45 PM.

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(712) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that

1. Council enter into a licence agreement for 12 months with Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd for the office space at Belmore Sportsground (Lot 1 DP 1181276) on terms and conditions outlined in the report.
2. The General Manager be authorised to sign final documentation.

- CARRIED

CLRS EL-HAYEK AND SALEH RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 6.46 PM.

ITEM 7.4 **DEDICATION OF 34 NYORA STREET, CHESTER HILL AS PUBLIC ROAD AND COMMENCEMENT OF STREET NAMING PROCESS**

(713) **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Section 47(f)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, authority be granted for Lot 1 DP 208838, 34 Nyora Street, Chester Hill to be dedicated as public road by the placement of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette under Section 10 of the Roads Act 1993.
2. Authority be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to survey documents and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
3. Council commence the process to name the road between Nyora Street and Carnegie Road, Chester Hill in accordance with Council's Naming Policy and the Geographical Names Board's (GNB) Guidelines.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019**

(714) **CLR. ZAMAN:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 August 2019 be received and noted.

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2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

CLR DOWNEY TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.55 PM.

ITEM 8.1 SSROC STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT (SLI) PROGRAM UPDATE
(715) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Council continue with its current membership in the SSROC SLI Program and note the information in this report regarding the SSROC SLI Program.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 MAJOR EVENTS PROGRAM UPDATE JULY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2020
(716) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the proposed program of Major Events as outlined in this report.
2. Council allocate \$25,000 to trial a Village Festival Program in the 2020/2021 Operational Plan.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE PROSPERITY & INNOVATION REFERENCE GROUPS MEETINGS
(717) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Prosperity & Innovation Reference Groups meetings be endorsed.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 9.2 **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**
(718) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 September 2019, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 10: **NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

ITEM 10.1 **NOTICES OF MOTION**
(719) **CLR. ZAMAN:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 **SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES IN TOWN CENTRES**

CLR DOWNEY RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 6.59 PM.

(720) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Implement a trial "Buy Local" campaign to support local centres.
2. Identify and formulate specific actions to support the future vitality of our Town Centres as part of the development of Council's Economic Development Strategic Plan.
3. Write to the State Government requesting that they implement a metropolitan wide monitoring program on the health of the retail sector in Town Centres.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.3 **STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER ASSOCIATION**
(721) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council investigates opportunities to partner with the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Association of NSW to reduce the number of staffies surrendered to Council's facilities.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.4 **COOKS RIVER SHEET METAL PILING**
(722) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Writes to the NSW Government demanding that they clearly identify the appropriate agency responsible for the sheet metal piling and to identify how and when their future removal and river bank rehabilitation will be managed.
2. Continues to support the work of the Cooks River Alliance in the development of the Coastal Management Program, for the long term viability of the Cooks River catchment.
3. Prepares concepts of the bank treatment required and construction costs to better understand the extent of works required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.5 **IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS**
(723) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

RESOLVED that Council develops suitable marketing material for distribution and/or use by schools within the LGA to promote safe and responsible driver behaviour around schools.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.6 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL CAR PARKING CRISIS

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.08 PM AND RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7.10 PM.

CLR EISLER TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.09 PM AND RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7.11 PM.

(724) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Minister for Health for additional car parking provisions to be provided by way of the construction of a new multi-story car park at Bankstown Hospital for patients, visitors and hospital staff to use.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.7 AIR QUALITY MONITORING

(725) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that Council writes to the Minister for Energy and Environment with the request to review the Sydney Air Quality Monitoring Network with a view to installing an additional air quality monitoring site in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME

(726) CLR. SALEH:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council writes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. David Elliot MP, requesting the review of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme trial be expedited and that the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA be considered as a priority for any future rollout of the scheme.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.9
(727)

IMPACTS OF RETURN AND EARN
CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.10
MOTION

LOCAL ROAD SPEED LIMITS
CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

That Council

1. Write to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, requesting that they pilot a 30km/h urban speed limit within selected roads and streets within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA.
2. Makes representations to NSW Police, supporting their urban road speed enforcement and encouraging them to undertake more high-visibility enforcement in residential areas.

AMENDMENT

CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HARIKA

That Council makes representations to NSW Police, supporting their urban road speed enforcement and encouraging them to undertake more high-visibility enforcement in residential areas.

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT.

(728)

CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that Council makes representations to NSW Police, supporting their urban road speed enforcement and encouraging them to undertake more high-visibility enforcement in residential areas.

- CARRIED

CLRS WAUD AND TUNTEVSKI STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

For:-

Clrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Raffan, Saleh and Tuntevski

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Against:- Clrs Ishac, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

ITEM 10.11 **POWERING OUR CARPARKS**
MOTION **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ZAMAN**

That as part of the redesign of Marion Street and Griffith car parks, Council consider sustainability measures such as solar power, electric vehicles charging stations and plants and vegetation.

AMENDMENT **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

That as part of the redesign of all car parks, Council consider sustainability measures such as solar power, electric vehicles charging stations and plants and vegetation.

CLR ZAKHIA AND CLR ZAMAN ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION.

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

RESOLVED that as part of the redesign of all car parks, Council consider sustainability measures such as solar power, electric vehicles charging stations and plants and vegetation.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11: **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

(730) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

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 11.1, 11.2 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 Declarations - City Wide Planning Instrument

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Item 11.2 T09-20 CARES Facility in Bass Hill

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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.

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.32 PM AND
REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.52 PM.**

ITEM 11.1
(731)

DECLARATIONS - CITY WIDE PLANNING INSTRUMENT

CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that Council adopt the proposed approach with regards to the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2
(732)

T09-20 CARES FACILITY IN BASS HILL

CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes that no tenders were received to operate the CARES facility in Bass Hill.
2. In accordance with clause 178(3)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, invites, pursuant to clause 167 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, fresh tenders on a revised scope of works for the Licence of the Cycling and Road Education facilities at Walshaw Reserve.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.53 PM

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Mayor

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**3 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-
PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

4 MAYORAL MINUTES

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 4.1

Telstra

Connections and communicating. They are vital for society to function and historically they have been supported by a telecommunication network that has been given treatment, under Commonwealth legislation, to allow this critical infrastructure to be placed where it is needed, when it is needed and without interference from other levels of Government. For years payphones have provided something of a security network, particularly for those more vulnerable and socially disadvantaged. There is no question in my mind that this should continue to be the case.

Where once upon a time payphones consisted of a handset and keypad however, Telstra are now proposing to install 2.7m high monoliths, incorporating a 2m high digital display, where – conveniently – third party advertisements can be displayed and a phone attached to the billboard. They are also suggesting that these replacement payphones should be relocated to high pedestrian areas, under the guise of smart city benefits, but where – conveniently again – they will be able to maximise their advertising revenue.

As an example, in Campsie they are proposing to bring five of these payphones from side streets onto an already congested Beamish Street.

There has been no consideration to the cumulative impact of this visual clutter nor their impacts on pedestrian movements however; each one is determined, under the legislation, to be a “low-impact facility”. And because of Telstra’s determination of these monoliths as being a low-impact facility, councils lose any ability to apply planning controls to protect areas where such advertisements are unsuitable, or the impacts, for any reason, detrimental to our community.

This is nothing more than a bold revenue grab by Telstra, at the expense of our community.

Earlier this year, the City of Melbourne began proceedings against Telstra following Telstra’s move to use the Telecommunications Act and the provisions contained within it, to ride roughshod over councils’ planning controls on advertisements. The Cities of Sydney and Brisbane have since joined proceedings.

I note that a hearing date has been set down for Wednesday, 23 October in the Federal Court. I provide my full support to those Cities and will watch closely as proceedings unfold.

ITEM 4.2 Drug Testing Bill

As I am sure everyone is aware, the Federal Government have reincarnated the draconian idea of drug testing welfare recipients, one that they first thought up in 2017. As it was back then, the Canterbury Bankstown LGA is one of three council areas to be identified for the trial. I have gone on the public record a number of times pushing back on this ridiculous, ideologically driven piece of legislation that promises to only cause harm, division and stigmatisation. I have made a detailed submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee and have previously appeared at the public hearing in 2018.

However, I am more interested in being proactive and demonstrating leadership where the Federal Government has failed to do so.

I fully support evidence-based measures that assist members of our community obtain meaningful employment, including the transitioning of those who receive welfare. I also fully support the medical and scientific advice about the public health issue that is drug dependency; whether those suffering with it are on welfare or not.

Drug dependency is an issue that has wide-ranging effects which are not limited to welfare recipients, who may be using drugs in a harmful and dependent manner. It is a scourge that requires a public health response, not punitive measures targeted at the most vulnerable in our community.

To achieve this, we need a sector with the right capability, skills and resources to support those who wish to eliminate their dependency. To punish individuals, with the full knowledge that the support networks are not there, as this legislation promises to do, is reprehensible. We need to see an overall lift in the drug rehabilitation sector and this can only be delivered through funding.

Furthermore, if we are to encourage those, currently subsisting on welfare, to move to meaningful employment, there need to be the jobs there available for them. Just recently, it was revealed that there are, on average 19 applicants for each entry level job in our current market. That means for every new entrant, 18 people miss out. We need the Federal Government to do their job and stimulate the economy to create the jobs for these people to move to.

I intend on writing to the Federal Government to urge them in the strongest possible terms to put in place a proper, evidenced-based plan to lift the capability of the drug rehabilitation and supporting services sector and to invest in job creation programs, starting with what they plan to do to ensure that, if they go ahead with this abhorrent trial, there will be the services and the jobs there for our community.

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ITEM 4.3

Father Charbel Abboud – St Charbel’s Monastery Punchbowl

I would like to warmly welcome Father Charbel Abboud as the newly appointed Father Superior of St Charbel’s Monastery at Punchbowl.

St Charbel’s is a dynamic and inspirational centre of learning, religious instruction and community engagement.

The Church has a proud history of ongoing contributions to our community and I am sure Father Charbel Abboud will continue the good work of his predecessors in his role as a community leader, religious figure and educator. His appointment as Father Superior will provide an enormous contribution to Canterbury Bankstown and the Maronite community in general.

I would also like to thank Father Louis Ferkh for his outstanding contribution after serving three years as Father Superior and wish him well in his new appointment as head of North Lebanon College.

I move this Mayoral Minute.

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ITEM 4.4 Local Community Based Donations

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

University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age has 6,000 members and over 500 leaders who provide lectures, courses, tours and educational programs to local seniors in some of our own local venues.

I have recently received a request to consider waiving the hire fees for their seniors' classes within the LGA, which amounts to a waiver of \$967.60 which I support.

Pedalling for Padstow Community Care

Mr John Grinsell will again be riding in the 50km Spring Cycle Event from North Sydney to Sydney Olympic Park, to raise funds for the Padstow Community Care, a registered not-for-profit charity that provide crucial community support in times of great stress and need.

Mr Grinsell has contacted Council requesting support for Padstow Community Care via his fundraising initiative and I would be happy to support it with a \$200 donation.

I wish Mr Grinsell good luck in his 50km ride.

No Excuse for Abuse

Once again, the community will come together in a display of solidarity and support for the clear message that violence against women is not something that our community will tolerate. The No Excuse for Abuse march will take place at Parry Park in November.

To facilitate the march, it has been requested that Council staff temporarily remove four telegraph poles and reinstate them after the event. In support of this event, I am proposing that the cost of these works, coming to \$3,500, be funded from the relevant operational budget.

Pakistani Youth Council

In November, the Pakistani Youth Council will be holding a theatrical production *Drama on Kashmir* on 15 November 2019.

I understand the production, which will be held in the Bryan Brown Theatre, will be the first time it is performed in Australia and in support of it I propose a donation, to go toward their hire fees, of \$500.

Zonta Club of Sydney West

Last year Council sponsored the Zonta Citizenship Award, as a way of recognising the talented and dedicated youth that we are blessed to have in our City.

The Zonta Club have once again requested that Council sponsor an award in their 2020 Citizenship Awards. These awards recognise the civic contribution of year 10 students. The value of the sponsorship is \$250 and I believe it is fitting that Council contribute this small amount in the name of recognition.

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, with the exception of the donation for “No Excuse for Abuse”, which is to be funded from the relevant operational budget.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 5.1 **Application to Amend Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015: 74 Rickard Road and Part 375 Chapel Road, Bankstown**

AUTHOR **Planning**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This report considers a planning proposal application to amend the floor space ratio and building height controls for land at 74 Rickard Road and part 375 Chapel Road, Bankstown to facilitate a university.

ISSUE

Council is in receipt of a planning proposal application for the site at 74 Rickard Road and part 375 Chapel Road, Bankstown. The application is requesting to increase the building envelope controls from 4.5:1 FSR / 53 metre building height to 8:1 FSR / 83 metre building height for the purposes of an educational establishment (university).

The Greater Sydney Commission has classified Bankstown as a strategic centre with an emerging health and education precinct. The proposed university is a City shaping infrastructure project that aligns with the Commission's initiative and would inject a significant number and variety of jobs to the Bankstown CBD.

Council's assessment indicates the proposal has strategic merit subject to undertaking further built form analysis to ensure overshadowing and wind impacts meet the required planning rules as outlined in this report.

The Local Planning Panel considered Council's report on 30 September 2019 and endorsed the report's recommendation to proceed to Gateway. The Local Planning Panel's recommendations have informed the recommendations presented to Council in this report.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The application to amend Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 for the site at 74 Rickard Road and part 375 Chapel Road, Bankstown proceed to Gateway subject to the following:
 - (a) Permit a maximum 83 metre building height, subject to consultation with Bankstown Airport and the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.
 - (b) Permit a maximum 8:1 FSR, subject to the proposal satisfying the following solar access and wind impact requirements prior to the exhibition of the planning proposal:

- (i) Council to amend the LEP with the following solar access control: Development must allow for 4 hours of continuous solar access to a consolidated area of Paul Keating Park between 10am and 3pm on 21 June (inclusive of existing shadow). The size of the consolidated area must be a minimum 50% of the area of Paul Keating Park (not including the footprint of the Council Chambers).
 - (ii) The applicant to undertake further analysis to demonstrate how the proposal would comply with the solar access control, and minimise wind impacts, noting that the proposed 8:1 FSR may need to be reduced to adequately address these issues.
- 2. Subject to the issue of a Gateway Determination, Council exhibit the planning proposal and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.
- 3. Council request the applicant to provide a detailed response and/or justification for Council's consideration on the following issues and these supplementary studies be incorporated into the DCP as appropriate:
 - (a) how the proposal may address the need for public domain works at The Appian Way (between Rickard Road and The Mall), Civic Drive, Jacobs Street and Rickard Road, to improve pedestrian connections to public transport and shops (the public domain works would be consistent with the Draft Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan);
 - (b) how the proposal may address the bike parking requirement and associated end-of-trip facilities on the site;
 - (c) an updated SIDRA traffic model to address the identified gaps for the purposes of consultation with the Roads and Maritime Services;
 - (d) how the proposal may address the car parking requirements for students, staff and visitors (if the applicant is unable to meet these requirements, Council's Planning Agreements Policy may be applied to address the shortfalls);
 - (e) how the proposal may address the on-site loading space requirements; and
 - (f) require active street frontages at The Appian Way, Rickard Road and Paul Keating Park.
- 4. A draft site specific DCP Amendment be prepared and exhibited, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition. The DCP would address the relevant site specific planning matters referred to in the Report to the Panel, the Panel minutes and any necessary outcomes from Council's consideration of the above mentioned (item 3) reports and information to be submitted by the applicant.
- 5. The applicant to contribute to an additional culvert at North Terrace. This infrastructure improvement is required to support the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

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- A. Existing Land Zoning, Floor Space Ratio and Building Height Maps
 - B. Local Planning Panel–Council Report
 - C. Application–Planning Proposal Report (Urbis, dated 18 December 2018)
 - D. Application–Urban Design Report (Lyons Architecture, dated 20 December 2018)
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- E. Application–Supplementary Planning Information Package (Lyons Architecture, dated 12 August 2019)
- F. Application–Email–Additional Information (Urbis, dated 27 August 2019)
- G. Application–Letter–Additional Information (WSU, dated 30 August 2019)
- H. Application–Transport Management and Accessibility Plan (Arup, dated 17 July 2019)
- I. Application–Academic Plan (WSU, dated September 2019)
- J. Application–Vertical Campus Benchmarks (Lyons Architecture, dated 26 October 2018)
- K. Application–Updated Architectural Design Concept Drawings (Lyons Architecture, dated 12 August 2019)
- L. Application–Aeronautical Impact Assessment (Landrum & Brown Worldwide (Aust) Pty Ltd, dated 26 March 2019)
- M. Application–Shadow Diagrams (Lyons Architecture, dated 25 July 2019)
- N. Application–Survey Plan (RPS, dated 2 August 2018)
- O. Application–Urban Design Review–The Appian Way Alignment (Lyons Architecture, dated 9 July 2019)
- P. Application–The Appian Way Realignment Mark–up (Lyons Architecture, dated 1 August 2019)
- Q. Application–Landscape Concept Plans (Aspect Studios, 13 December 2018)
- R. Application–Pedestrian Wind Environment Study (Windtech, dated 28 May 2019) (Attachment R)
- S. Application–Heritage Impact Statement (Urbis, dated 23 August 2019)
- T. Application–Interior Narrative Concept (Lyons Architecture, dated 1 August 2019)
- U. Application–Document ‘Not lazy learning, how informal spaces power students’ (Hassell, dated September 2017)
- V. Council–Site Flood Assessment Report
- W. Council–Peer Review of Transport and Traffic
- X. Council–Urban Design Peer Review Report
- Y. Council–Best Practice Research–Open Spaces in City Centres, Solar Amenity Controls (City Design Unit, dated 13 September 2019)
- Z. Council–Solar Amenity Study, Case Study: Paul Keating Park (City Design Unit, dated 16 August 2019)
- AA. Local Planning Panel–Minutes

POLICY IMPACT

The location of the proposed university is consistent with Council's policies, namely the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Draft Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan.

Council's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement classifies Bankstown as a major centre for intensive jobs and commerce, including those relating to education (Metropolitan Direction, page 21). The assessment of the application submitted to Council indicates the proposal would act as a catalyst to achieve this direction and would provide an education focus for this precinct.

The Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement also proposes to improve the public domain in the Bankstown CBD (Evolution 8, page 83). Paul Keating Park and The Appian Way are acknowledged as primary urban spaces in the Bankstown CBD. The assessment identifies the need for the proposal to undertake further analysis to confirm that the overshadowing and wind impacts on these public spaces align with the planning rules set out in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As Councillors will recall, Council, at its Ordinary Meetings in December 2017 and June 2018 resolved to negotiate a 99 year ground lease with WSU on Council's land at 74 Rickard Road and part 375 Chapel Road, Bankstown, with respect to the project.

In accordance with the Council's Probity Plan, both the property and/or commercial terms are being considered and/or negotiated independent of any planning issues and will be the subject of a separate report, when finalised.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The proposal represents a major education investment and will transform the energy and experience of Bankstown. According to the application's Planning Proposal Report, the delivery of a proposed university to the Bankstown CBD constitutes a significant public benefit (Attachment C, page 16), together with the following community benefits (Attachment C, page 79):

- The proposal includes public domain improvements adjacent to the site boundaries i.e. Rickard Road and The Appian Way;
- The proposal would have flow-on economic benefits to existing and new commercial and retail businesses that would service the proposed university;
- The proposal would provide increased capacity to conduct and showcase research and teaching relevant to the region;
- The proposal would provide a unique opportunity for local businesses to exchange knowledge and link with other national and international research precincts; and
- There is the potential for partnerships with Council to expand social infrastructure by making spaces within the building publicly accessible.

The proposal also provides opportunities to:

- Establish an educational anchor that would draw the community and local students into career pathways;

- Transform the Bankstown CBD into a place to innovate, with support services for local start-ups, social enterprises and creative industries.
- Grow the night time economy and support local businesses in the Bankstown CBD.
- Attract facilities such as conferencing facilities, restaurants and cafes to support the growth in workers, students and visitors.

Should the proposal proceed to Gateway, this report recommends further discussions with the applicant in relation to the funding and delivery arrangements for supporting infrastructure, namely (but not limited to):

- Water infrastructure to enable the development to adequately deal with flooding constraints;
- Public domain works at The Appian Way (between Rickard Road and The Mall), Civic Drive, Jacobs Street and Rickard Road to public transport and shops.

The applicant would need to provide a detailed response and/or justification for Council's consideration prior to the exhibition of the planning proposal.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Site Description

The site is Council owned land (3,678m² in area) and comprises the following properties:

Property Address	Property Description	Existing Zone	Site Area	Land Classification	Existing Uses
74 Rickard Road, Bankstown	Lot 5, DP 777510	B4 Mixed Use	3,329m ²	Operational	63 at-grade public car spaces, driveway and lawn
375 Chapel Road (part), Bankstown	Lot 6, DP 777510	B4 Mixed Use	349m ²	Operational	Driveway

The site is zoned B4 Mixed Use under Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015. Educational establishments (including universities) are permitted in this zone subject to consent. The maximum floor space ratio is 4.5:1 and the maximum building height is 53 metres. The existing Land Zoning, Floor Space Ratio and Building Height Maps are provided in Attachment A. The site is subject to an overland flow path and prescribed airspace restrictions. Vehicle access to the site is from Rickard Road.

Figure 1: Site Map



Proposal Description

In December 2018, the applicant submitted a planning proposal application (RZ-7/2018) to Council to amend Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 as follows:

	Existing Controls	Proposed Controls
Maximum FSR	4.5:1	8:1
Maximum building height	53 metres	83 metres

Based on the updated architectural design concept drawings, the proposed university is to comprise:

Building design	Proposal
Gross floor area	29,270m ²
Number of storeys	19 (refer to Figure 2)
Enrolment number	10,000
Student load capacity of the building	3,400 (estimated 2,000 students at any one time)
Staff load capacity of the building	600–650 (estimated 350–650 staff and 150 visitors at any one time)
Off-street car parking spaces	84–94 (including 4 DDA bays) subject to the final basement design
Off-street bicycle parking spaces	32 (staff)

The application is supported by a range of documents as provided in Attachments C–U.

Figure 2: Proposed university viewed from Paul Keating Park



Source: Western Sydney University

Local Planning Panel

Council carried out an assessment of the application and engaged independent specialists to undertake peer reviews of the flooding, traffic, transport and urban design information submitted by the applicant. Council's assessment report is provided in Attachment B and the peer reviews are provided in Attachments V–X.

Council's assessment indicates the proposal has strategic merit to proceed to Gateway subject to:

- The applicant to confirm the delivery of supporting infrastructure. Based on the submitted studies and peer reviews, the infrastructure required to support the proposal includes (but is not limited to):
 - Water infrastructure to enable the development to adequately deal with flooding constraints;
 - Public domain works at The Appian Way (between Rickard Road and The Mall), Civic Drive, Jacobs Street and Rickard Road to public transport and shops.

The delivery mechanism would ordinarily involve a planning agreement to legally deliver the public benefits. However, Council is currently in discussions with the applicant and Bankstown Central in regard to the funding and delivery arrangements for stormwater infrastructure works that would have broader benefits to the Bankstown CBD, while reducing the level of flooding on the site.

- The applicant to undertake further analysis to test the overshadowing and wind impacts as a result of the proposal.

A key issue throughout the assessment process has been the need to balance public amenity requirements against the city shaping nature of the proposal. While there is strong strategic planning merit in relation to the strategic context, the compatibility of the proposed building with its surroundings will need to be further addressed prior to the exhibition, with particular respect to overshadowing on Paul Keating Park.

In accordance with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Direction, the Local Planning Panel considered the assessment report and peer reviews on 30 September 2019 to recommend whether the matter should proceed to Gateway. The Panel's recommendations, as provided in Attachment AA, are:

1. *The application to amend Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 proceed to Gateway subject to the following:*
 - (a) *Permit a maximum 83 metre building height subject to consultation with Bankstown Airport and the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.*
 - (b) *Permit a maximum 8:1 FSR subject to the proposal satisfying the solar access and wind impact requirements as outlined in section 5 of this report.*
2. *The amendments to BLEP2015 consider using Clause 2.5 to create more certainty around the linking FSR and height to the proposed university use.*
3. *Council to complete the Paul Keating Park Masterplan to gain a deeper appreciation of the eventual built outcome of the park (including the provision of active street frontage of The Appian Way, Rickard Road and the Park).*
4. *Council request the applicant to provide the following detailed responses and/or justifications for Council's consideration and any outcomes from these studies be incorporated into the DCP as appropriate. This work and the DCP is to occur prior to exhibition of the planning proposal and DCP (post gateway):*
 - (a) *how the proposal may address the need for public domain works at The Appian Way (between Rickard Road and The Mall), Civic Drive, Jacobs Street and Rickard Road, to improve pedestrian connections to public transport and shops (the public domain works would be consistent with the Draft Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan),*
 - (b) *how the proposal may address the bike parking requirement and associated end-of-trip facilities on the site,*
 - (c) *an updated SIDRA traffic model to address the identified gaps for the purposes of consultation with the Roads and Maritime Services,*

- (d) *how the proposal may address the car parking requirements for students, staff and visitors (if the applicant is unable to meet these requirements, Council's Planning Agreements Policy may be applied to address the shortfalls),*
 - (e) *how the proposal may address the on-site loading space requirements, and*
 - (f) *further analysis to demonstrate how the proposal would comply with the proposed solar access control, and minimise wind impacts, noting that the proposed 8:1 FSR may need to be reduced to adequately address these issues (this analysis may also assist in the reduction of visual bulk, which has been raised as design issue).*
5. *Council prepare a draft site specific DCP to be exhibited concurrently with the planning proposal. The DCP would address all the relevant site specific planning matters referred to in the Report to the Panel, these minutes and any necessary outcomes from Council's consideration of the above mentioned (item 4) reports and information to be submitted by the applicant.*

In considering the Panel's comments, it is proposed to proceed with the Panel's recommendations with the exception of recommendations (2) and (3).

In relation to recommendation (2), the purpose for clause 2.5 is to enable additional permitted uses for particular land. According to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Practice Note 11-001, wherever possible, land uses should be governed by the Land Use Table, and clause 2.5 should only be used where Council has demonstrated why this cannot be achieved.

Given that the B4 Mixed Use zone on the site currently permits educational establishments and the proposal is not seeking an additional permitted use, the use of clause 2.5 is not necessary in this case. In addition, Council has control over the future use of the land as it is the land owner and will be required to provide land owner's consent for development applications.

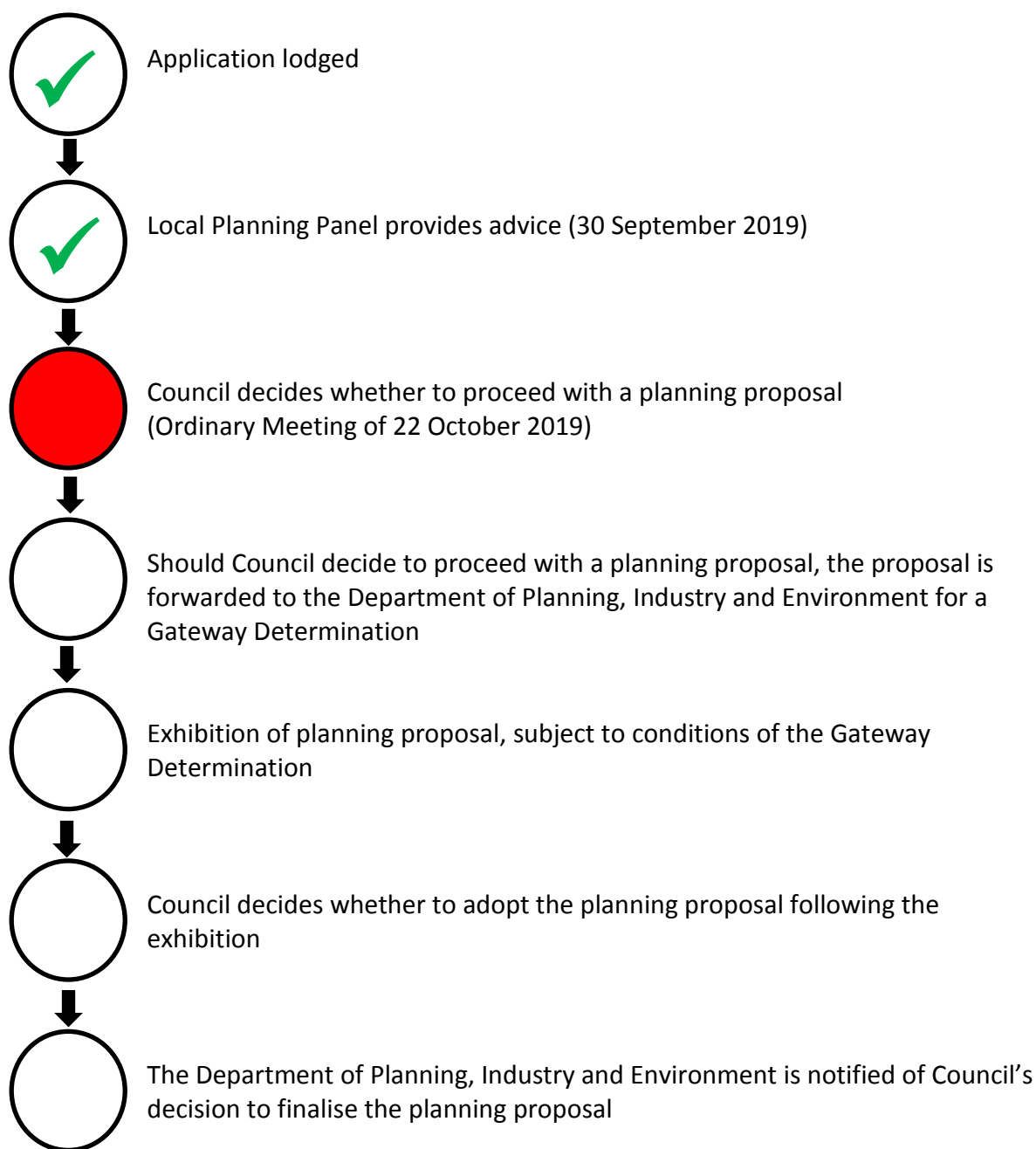
In relation to recommendation (3), the preparation of the Paul Keating Park Masterplan is independent of the planning proposal, and would be subject to separate consideration by Council and exhibition.

Next Steps

Planning Proposal

The next step is to prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to seek a Gateway Determination (refer to Figure 3). Following the exhibition of the planning proposal, the matter would be reported to Council.

Figure 3: Gateway process



DCP Amendments

Should the proposal proceed to Gateway, it is proposed to prepare DCP Amendments to support the planning proposal. The DCP Amendments would address the following matters (but is not limited to):

- how the proposal may address the need for public domain works at The Appian Way (between Rickard Road and The Mall), Civic Drive, Jacobs Street and Rickard Road, to improve pedestrian connections to public transport and shops (the public domain works would be consistent with the Draft Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan);
- how the proposal may address the bike parking requirement and associated end-of-trip facilities on the site;

- an updated SIDRA traffic model to address the identified gaps for the purposes of consultation with the Roads and Maritime Services;
- how the proposal may address the car parking requirements for students, staff and visitors (if the applicant is unable to meet these requirements, Council's Planning Agreements Policy may be applied to address the shortfalls);
- how the proposal may address the on-site loading space requirements;
- require wind mitigation measures;
- require active street frontages at The Appian Way, Rickard Road and Paul Keating Park; and
- demonstrate the link between the FSR and height and the proposed university use.

Following the exhibition of the DCP Amendment, the matter would be reported to Council.

Supporting Infrastructure

Should the proposal proceed to Gateway, it is proposed to discuss with the applicant the funding and delivery arrangements for supporting infrastructure, namely (but not limited to):

- Water infrastructure to enable the development to adequately deal with flooding constraints;
- Public domain works at The Appian Way (between Rickard Road and The Mall), Civic Drive, Jacobs Street and Rickard Road to public transport and shops.

The applicant would need to provide a detailed response and/or justification for Council's consideration prior to the exhibition of the planning proposal.

ITEM 5.2 Draft Housekeeping Amendments to Bankstown DCP 2015 and Canterbury DCP 2012

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This report proposes draft housekeeping amendments to Bankstown Development Control Plan 2015 and Canterbury Development Control Plan 2012. The proposed amendments have been identified through the day-to-day operation and use of the DCPs, and a Council resolution of 23 July 2019.

ISSUE

The Development Control Plan (DCP) is a planning document, which supports the Local Environmental Plan by providing additional objectives and development controls to enhance the function, appearance and amenity of development. The development controls include storey limits, setbacks, building design, landscaping and parking requirements.

Council is currently preparing a new comprehensive, citywide Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan as part of the Accelerated Local Environmental Plan Program, however this project is expected to be completed in 2020. In the interim, Council continues to periodically review its DCPs to ensure the development controls reflect Council resolutions, Court decisions and development outcomes. At the same time, Council continues to investigate ways to streamline the development assessment process without compromising the quality of the development outcomes.

This report proposes to exhibit draft housekeeping amendments to the DCPs, with a further report to Council following the exhibition period.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council exhibit the draft amendments to Bankstown Development Control Plan 2015 and Canterbury Development Control Plan as provided in Attachment A.
2. The matter be reported to Council following the exhibition period.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Draft DCP Housekeeping Amendments
- B. Explanatory Notes

POLICY IMPACT

The intended outcome of the draft housekeeping amendments to the DCPs is to continue to deliver high quality development while facilitating a simpler and faster development assessment process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This matter has no financial implications for Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council is currently preparing a new comprehensive, citywide Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan as part of the Accelerated Local Environmental Plan Program, however this project is expected to be completed in 2020.

In the interim, there is a need to undertake the proposed housekeeping amendments to ensure Council's development controls remain contemporary and relevant to successfully manage development across the city. This report seeks to exhibit proposed changes to the DCPs for public comment. A further report would be provided to Council following the exhibition period.

DETAILED INFORMATION

This periodic review identifies a number of draft housekeeping amendments to Bankstown DCP 2015 and Canterbury DCP 2012. The tables below summarise the draft housekeeping amendments as provided in Attachment A, with additional explanation in Attachment B.

Table 1: Key Draft Housekeeping Amendments to Bankstown DCP 2015

Development controls	Summary of Key Draft Housekeeping Amendments to Bankstown DCP 2015
Exemption Status of Pine Trees (Part B11)	Clarify the non-exempt status of the Norfolk Island Pine tree as resolved by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 23 July 2019.
Parking Rate for Child Care Centres (Part B6)	Following the adoption of a new parking rate (Part B5) at the Ordinary Meeting of 28 May 2019, delete the former parking rate (Part B6) to remove any inconsistencies in the DCP.
Dual Occupancies (Part B1)	Reinforce that Council discourages internal stacked or tandem garages, and the possible conversion of internal car parking spaces to habitable floor space which may result in dual occupancies greater than the maximum 0.5:1 FSR.
Housing Estates (Part B1)	Increase the minimum road width from 17 to 18 metres to better fit on-street parking on both sides of the road.
Multi Dwelling Housing in Zone R2 (Part B1)	Delete the existing DCP controls for multi dwelling housing in Zone R2 once the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment approves the planning proposal to prohibit multi dwelling housing in Zone R2 in the former Bankstown LGA. The DCP controls would no longer be relevant.

Table 2: Key Draft Housekeeping Amendments to Canterbury DCP 2012

Development controls	Summary of Key Draft Housekeeping Amendments to Canterbury DCP 2012
Engineering Specifications (Appendix 1)	Align the stormwater disposal requirements for dual occupancy development with Bankstown DCP 2015.
Parking Rate for Boarding Houses (Part B, Table B1.2)	Align the parking rate for boarding houses with Bankstown DCP 2015.
Rear Setbacks to Rear Lanes in Business Zones (Part D)	<p>Section D1.3.4 previously did not require business zoned land to provide a rear setback if the land adjoined a rear lane. The reason is the rear lane would act as a separation buffer to adjacent properties.</p> <p>The housekeeping amendments (Amendment No. 5) to the DCP inadvertently removed this development control. To address this anomaly, it is proposed to reinstate this development control.</p>
Vehicular Crossings (Part B)	Align the maximum width for residential vehicular crossings with Council's Vehicular Crossing Policy and Bankstown DCP 2015 (maximum 5.5 metres).

Next Steps

Should Council support the recommendations of this report, the next step is to exhibit the draft housekeeping amendments for public comment. Council will receive a further report following the exhibition period.

6 POLICY MATTERS

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

7 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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ITEM 7.1 Disclosure of Interest Returns 2018/19

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with Clause 4.21 of Councils Code of Conduct 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 lodgement (30 September 2019).

ISSUE

Disclosure of Interest Returns of Councillors, Canterbury Bankstown Local Planning Panel (CBLPP) members and designated persons for 2018/19 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 2018/19 be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

This matter addresses Councils requirements under the Code of Conduct.

In accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Regulations, Pecuniary Interest returns of Councillors and designated persons are open access information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This matter has no direct financial impact upon Councils adopted budget or forward estimates.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This report demonstrates transparency in Local Government and ensures Council is accountable to the community and meets legislative requirements.

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ITEM 7.2 Code of Meeting Practice - 2020 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 2020.

ISSUE

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice it is proposed to schedule Council Meetings for 2020, as follows;

25 February
24 March
28 April
26 May
23 June
28 July
25 August
27 October
24 November
8 December

An extraordinary meeting will need to be separately called in September 2020 to conduct the mayoral election, following the 2020 Ordinary Election of Council.

Council will be in recess after the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 December 2019 to 25 February 2020. A report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council in February 2020 informing Council of any matters determined under Delegated Authority during the recess period.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2020 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.

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ITEM 7.3 Update to Council's Instrument of Delegation

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of the report is to review Council's Instrument of Delegation following recent amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 that increased the threshold for which tenders need to be called from \$150,000 to \$250,000. In light of this change it is proposed to review Council's Instrument of Delegation.

Council's Instrument of Delegation was last reviewed on 24 October 2017.

ISSUE

To consider varying Council's Instrument of Delegations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Instrument of Delegation be amended as detailed in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 relating to *Section 377 – General power of the council to delegate* and *Section 380 – Review of delegations* have been met. Council may review the delegations at any time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no community impact.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The NSW State Government recently amended section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 to increase the tendering threshold from \$150,000 to \$250,000. This means that Council's will not be required to call tenders for goods and services unless the value of the spend is greater than \$250,000. Purchases valued at \$250,000 or less will be undertaken in accordance with Council's procurement guidelines. The Minister for Local Government has stated that the amendment will cut unnecessary red tape and save time and costs for Councils and their communities.

In light of the State Government's decision to increase the tendering threshold, it is proposed also to review the broader delegations for determining tenders. Under the current arrangements, the General Manager can determine all tenders except for:

- Tenders for property transactions
- Tenders where only one or no submissions are received
- Where it is proposed no tender be accepted and Council negotiate with relevant parties
- Tenders for services currently provided by Council staff
- Tenders with a value exceeding \$1million (excluding GST)

Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 includes a list of functions that Council cannot delegate to the General Manager. These functions include:

- the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),
- the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,

Therefore the current limitations on the General Manager's delegation in respect of property transactions and for services currently provided by Council staff can be removed as they are superseded by legislation.

In addition, in order to achieve faster response times for determining tenders and delivery of council's works program it is proposed that

- the requirement to report tenders to council where only one submission is received be removed from the instrument. A resolution will still be required where no tenders are received, accepted or negotiated by Council and;
- the value of tenders to be determined by the General Manager be \$2million (excluding GST).

It is expected that the proposed amendments to the instrument of delegation will provide further benefits to Council in terms of time savings for completion of Council's capital works programs through faster response times in determining tenders.

Irrespective of any amendments to the Instrument of Delegation, Council will continue to follow its current policies, procedures and processes and abide by the tendering provisions requirements of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 when purchasing goods and services.

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ITEM 7.4 Unaudited 2018/19 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 2018/19 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 2019 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 Office of Local Government.

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 2019 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 2019 Ordinary Meeting, should the variations be material.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council resolves that the attached 2018/19 Unaudited Annual Financial Reports, for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 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 2018/19 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.

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- A. Draft Unaudited 2018-19 Financial Statements CBCity

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 2019. A more complete assessment of Council's results will be provided, when the audit process is complete and presented to Council in November 2019.

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ITEM 7.5 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2019

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 2019.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at September 2019 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. CPG Research & Advisory Sep 19 Monthly Investment Report

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.

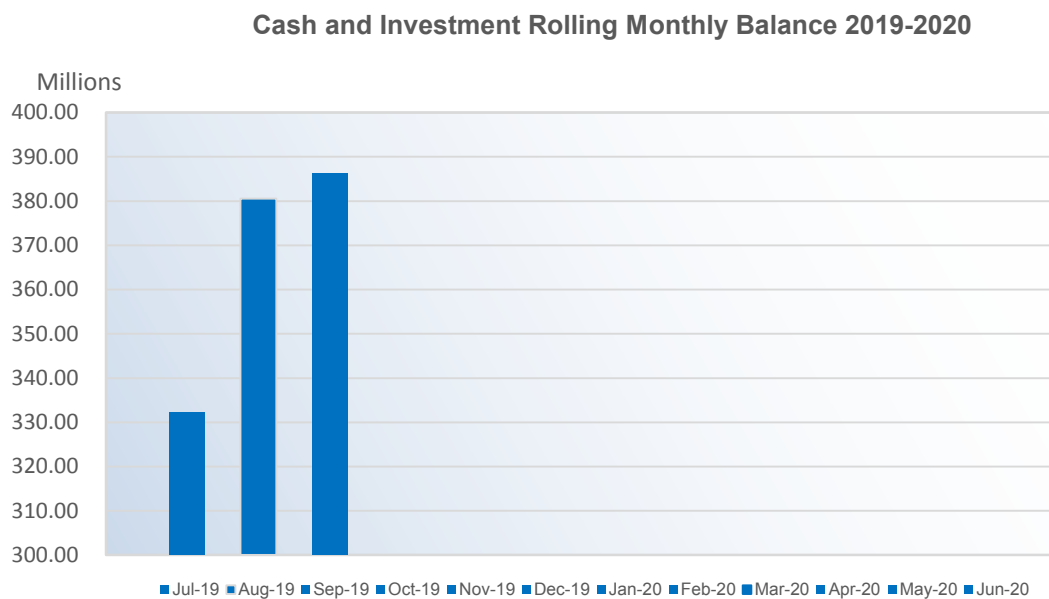
DETAILED INFORMATION

Cash and Investment Summary – as at 30 September 2019

In total, Council's Cash and Investments holdings as at 30 September 2019 is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$
Cash at Bank	933,572
Deposits at Call	67,039,943
Term Deposits	254,230,000
Floating Rate Notes	64,090,957
Total Cash and Investments	386,294,472

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 2019 to June 2020.



A summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 30 Sep 2019 is as follows:

Interest Income	Sep 2019 \$	Year-to-date Sep 2019 \$
Budget	773,333	2,320,000
Actual Interest	782,696	2,382,572
Variance	9,363	62,572
Variance (%)	1.21%	2.70%

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	18	100
Working Capital Funds (0-3 months)	9	100
Short Term (3-12 months)	24	100
Short – Medium (1-2 years)	15	70
Medium (2-5 years)	34	50
Long Term (5-10 years)	0	5
Total Cash and Investments	100%	

Portfolio Allocation	
	Actual % of Portfolio
Cash at Bank	0.2
Deposits at Call	17.4
Term Deposits	65.8
Floating Rate Notes	16.6
Total Cash and Investments	100%

8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

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ITEM 8.1 Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the feedback received on the draft *Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan* (the Plan) and to present the Plan for adoption and implementation.

The Plan was prepared to guide transport and streetscape improvements in the Bankstown CBD over the next 10-20 years and provides the vision, principles, strategies, draft concepts and prioritised action plan.

The Plan was placed on public exhibition from 6 May to 24 June 2019. A total of 46 submissions were received, of which 35 were supportive, 4 were unsure and 7 were not supportive. Following a review of the feedback received, and noting that a number of matters will be resolved in subsequent detailed design, the Plan is recommended for adoption by Council.

ISSUE

Within 20 years the number of jobs, students and residents in the Bankstown CBD is forecast to double, putting more demand on the streets and transport network.

The CBD currently suffers from negative perceptions of safety, high car use, time delays, difficulties accessing parking, inefficient use of land, areas with poor amenity and poor image.

To support the positive transformation of the CBD, Council requires an integrated transport and streetscape plan to ensure the city centre builds on its qualities and becomes a more accessible and appealing destination.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council adopt the *Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan* (Attachment A) as the basis for future transport and public realm planning in Bankstown CBD.
2. Council notes that some elements of the Plan may need review or refinement following the outcomes of the TfNSW review of bus routes and layover.
3. Council commence the following priority actions during 2019-2021:
 - a. Detailed design for The Appian Way streetscape transformation (from Rickard Road to North Terrace);
 - b. Master plans for Marion Street Carpark and Griffith Park/ Brandon Avenue Carpark;
 - c. Public Domain and Streetscape Design Manual;
 - d. The use of Smart Parking technology in Council's carparks; and

- e. Support TfNSW upcoming Integrated Transport Plan, including designs of intersection and peak hour clearway improvements to the Ring Road;
- f. Support TfNSW with implementing an active travel program with an education provider.

ATTACHMENTS

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- A. Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan
- B. Community Engagement Report
- C. Officer response to key issues raised in community consultation

POLICY IMPACT

The *Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan* is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan, particularly the Council commitments in the following two areas:

Liveable and Distinctive:

- *“Make town centres liveable and distinctive”*
- *“Plan for a liveable, safe, attractive public domain”*
- *“Our town centres are transformed through the Complete Streets approach”*

Moving and Integrated:

- *“Plan for safe, attractive transport hubs that support all modes of transport”*
- *“Enable more journeys to be made without a car”*
- *“Provide pedestrian and cycle routes”*
- *“Promote and undertake road safety initiatives”*

The Plan will provide guidance for operational matters and capital works projects in the Bankstown CBD including:

- CBD Property Renewal Strategy and associated master plans/ studies;
- CBD Parking Strategy;
- Griffith Park Master Plan;
- Paul Keating Park Master Plan;
- Walking and cycling plans;
- Capital works program.

The Plan will also provide guidance for development assessment within the CBD on matters such as street interface, parking and access, upgrades of the public domain and contributions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommendations of the *Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan* are proposed to be implemented progressively over the next 10-20 years and specific projects will be considered as part of the annual Operational Plan and forward capital works.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The recommendations of the draft *Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan* will have a significant positive impact on the community in terms of improvements to transport, access, streetscapes, safety and greenery in the CBD, as well as a significantly improved image of Bankstown CBD. The Plan has been informed by comprehensive consultation with the community and stakeholders and has received predominantly positive feedback and support.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

Bankstown is undergoing a period of major transformation with a forecast doubling of residents, jobs, and students within 20 years and a high frequency Metro service and new university campus for 10,000 students within 5 years. The Greater Sydney Commission is leading the Bankstown Collaboration Area to align state agencies and key stakeholders at the city-scale and Council's draft Local Strategic Planning Statement positions the CBD as the primary strategic centre.

The growth of the CBD will put more demand on the transport network and public domain. The CBD also faces existing challenges including:

- Higher than average car use despite the good public transport services;
- Safety issues for all road users, particularly pedestrians;
- A large quantity of public parking (compared to other similar town centres) which generates high traffic volumes.
- Unpaid all day parking attracting commuters at the expense of shoppers and visitors.
- Bus routes and layover areas impact the amenity of the public realm.
- Limited high amenity areas result in poor city image/ perception of the CBD.
- Pedestrian activity limited to discrete areas in the CBD.

In light of the challenges, Council resolved to prepare a transport strategy for the Bankstown CBD in March 2016.

With a clear link between the transport and urban design issues, and in the context of the NSW Government's Movement and Place approach and Council's aspirations for Bankstown as a strategic centre, a more holistic 'Complete Streets' approach was used. This term is used internationally to describe a best practice approach to designing streets and transport systems to provide both smart mobility as well as high amenity, safe and appealing destinations that attract people and support thriving business.

In December 2017 a team of urban design, landscape and transport consultants were engaged and with guidance and input from staff across Council a rigorous process of analysis, visioning, master planning, concept design and traffic modelling was undertaken throughout 2018-19.

In April 2019 Council authorised public exhibition of the draft Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan for 6 weeks. The consultation was undertaken in May-June 2019 and the feedback has been taken into consideration (refer to below sections). The final Plan is now presented to Council for final adoption.

Summary of the Plan

The *Bankstown Complete Streets Transport and Place Plan* (Attachment A) is an integrated transport and place framework that will link major projects into a cohesive centre, enhance accessibility by all modes, and redefine the image of centre to create an attractive destination.

The Plan provides:

- A Vision for the CBD describing the destination qualities and balanced accessibility.
- 12 principles to guide the design of streets relating to integration, safety, place, culture and design excellence.

- 10 strategies for changing the function and character of the street network including minimising traffic through the CBD with traffic calmed, high amenity CBD streets; an effective ring road to provide good access to the edges; simplifying bus routes; connecting cycle links and enhancing an 'activity spine' and a 'cultural trail' to link key destinations.
- A master plan designating the function of each street and identifying bike routes, bus routes and key parking stations. Key elements include two new 'shared zones' (The Appian Way and Fetherstone Street); a new urban plaza on Fetherstone Street; simplified bus routes via the extension of Jacobs Street; preventing through-traffic on Olympic Parade and Fetherstone Street; new bike routes and new pedestrian links.
- Concept plans and perspectives for each street to illustrate their potential transformation with wider footpaths, street trees, cycle lanes, seating and traffic calming.
- A prioritised Action Plan to deliver the proposed transformations and upgrades.

The overall outcomes of the project will be:

- Safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists;
- Improved accessibility and wayfinding to key destinations;
- A more attractive CBD and improved city image;
- Benefit to businesses with more pedestrian activity and improved city image;
- A greener CBD with cooler streets and reduced emissions; and
- A healthier community with more active transport and social public realm.

Community Consultation

Extensive community consultation was undertaken from Monday 6 May - Monday 24 June 2019 and comprised the following:

- Have Your Say webpage with document viewer, interactive map to access information and visualisations of 32 streets, explanatory video, 360 degree virtual reality scenes of three locations, document downloads and online survey. There were 7,842 impressions (views) by the public of the Have Your Say platform and Council's document reader, with 1,713 people viewing multiple project pages; 1,112 views of the interactive map; 7,099 street views; 745 views of the project video; and 367 downloads of project collateral (reports, brochures etc).
- A 6-day Future Street activation in partnership with Council's Smart Cities team outside Bankstown train station with landscaping, posters, tablets, virtual reality goggles and staff on-hand to discuss the project.
- Five community information sessions/ pop-up sessions in the Bankstown CBD with tablet screens, virtual reality goggles and printed materials. Staff logged a total of 733 conversations with commuters, shoppers and/or residents at the sessions.
- Social media posts reaching 26,168 people with 1,193 views of the project video and 507 reactions/ comments/ likes to the posts.
- 3,500 letters/ postcards delivered to all residents, businesses and landowners within the study area.
- Letters to relevant government agencies, transport operators, schools, institutions, clubs, chambers of commerce and advisory committees.

- Advertisements placed in the Torch, Inner West Times, An Nahar, Dan Viet and Chinese Herald papers reaching a total readership of 247,000.
- Posters in the Bankstown Customer Service Centre, Bankstown Library and Bankstown Arts Centre.

Community Feedback

a. Online Survey

35 online surveys were completed over the exhibition period of which:

- 27 supported the Plan;
- 2 were unsure about the Plan;
- 6 did not support the Plan.

b. Interactive Map

The interactive map provided the opportunity to 'like' or 'dislike' a specific street concept. There were 128 clicks with 90% 'likes' and 10% 'dislikes'. Sentiment for most streets was positive except for City Plaza North which was negative and Fetherstone Street which was neutral.

c. Direct Submissions

11 direct submissions were received, of which 8 supported the Plan overall (subject to detailed or site specific comments), 1 did not support and 2 did not indicate whether they supported or not.

Of note, both WSU and Vicinity support the proposal for The Appian Way to be transformed into a pedestrian priority shared zone (noting flooding issues need to be resolved). Given that both parties are planning major developments on this street it is recommended that Council prioritises detailed design to ensure coordination and delivery of this major upgrade.

Also of note, Transport for NSW and Vicinity have indicated in-principle support for simplifying the bus routes and layover arrangements, with TfNSW agreeing to undertake a more detailed review over the next 6-12 months in order to reach an agreed position. This may result in changes to the proposed bus routes and layover locations shown, however it is recommended to leave the Plan unchanged at this time and review if necessary when the final arrangement is agreed.

A more detailed overview of all feedback received is provided in the Community Engagement Report (Attachment B) and officer responses to the key issues raised in the surveys and direct submissions are provided in Attachment C. Overall the feedback was considered to be mostly supportive and most issues raised would be addressed in subsequent detailed design in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

Conclusion

Significant consultation was undertaken with a large audience reach. In the context of the number of interactions/ views there were relatively few submissions. The submissions received indicated majority support for the Plan (35 support, 4 unsure, 7 do not support). Similarly, 90% of like/ dislikes of individual streets were supportive. Overall the consultation indicates a high level of support from residents, business and government.

It is acknowledged that a number of detailed aspects will require further review and refinement in the implementation of the Plan, particularly the future bus routes and layover arrangements. The concept plans shown in the Plan are an indicative guide and will undergo a process of detailed design development in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

Overall the Plan is considered an appropriate and supported vision and strategic guide for Bankstown CBD with a best practice approach to movement and place and consistency with the strategic intent for Bankstown as an attractive destination for business, students and residents.

It is recommended that the final Plan (Attachment A) be adopted by Council in order to guide transport and public realm decisions and ensure the content is addressed in a number of major upcoming developments and planning projects in the CBD. It is also recommended that a number of priority projects be commenced this financial year, and that the implementation of the plan be reflected in future operational plans and capital works budgets in order to deliver the significant community benefits in safety, amenity, accessibility and sustainability.

ITEM 8.2 Child-Friendly CB City Action Plan

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

To inform Council of the Child-Friendly CB City Report and Action Plan and seek endorsement for public exhibition of the Child-Friendly CB City Action Plan.

ISSUE

The Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) is a global UNICEF scheme encouraging cities around the world to place children at the forefront of their urban planning. It was launched in 1996 following a UN resolution to make cities liveable places for all, declaring that the well-being of children is the ultimate indicator of a healthy habitat, a democratic society and good governance.

Numerous cities have made submissions and been acknowledged officially as Child-Friendly. In Australia there was one city, Bendigo that had received the title which has since been rescinded. More recently UNICEF Australia developed guidelines suitable to the Australian context, while not granting formal Child-Friendly status.

While the recognition would be welcome, Canterbury-Bankstown strives to be innovative and a liveable place for all regardless of any acknowledgement, and being child-friendly is a significant part of our Operational Plan. We have therefore undertaken broad consultation across our community and developed a Child-Friendly CB City Report and Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorses the draft Child-Friendly CB City Action Plan including actions, responsibilities and time frames.
2. The draft Child-Friendly CB City Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
3. At close of exhibition a further report be prepared to consider any submissions received.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Child-Friendly CB City Action Plan

POLICY IMPACT

There is no policy impact as a result of the report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Many actions in the plan will not have an immediate financial impact and can be funded through existing operational budgets. All other priority actions should be considered in the preparation of future delivery programs and operational planning budgets.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council is committed to enriching the lives of CB City residents. The action plan supports the rights of all children, and therefore all current and future residents of our city. The plan requires collaboration with community organisations and members and in this way brings the community together and makes it stronger.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The CFCI encourages local governments around the world to assess how well children's rights are upheld in their cities according to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which applies to all children and young people aged under 18 years. To be a child-friendly city is to be a city in which the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programs and decisions.

During the latter half of 2018 we undertook broad consultation with children, young people, families, community groups and organisations. Research of a range of information and statistics relevant to children and young people was also undertaken. All feedback and related information have been compiled in the comprehensive Child Friendly CB City Report as well as a children's Summary report in child friendly language. Findings are described under the six categories of Health, Safety, Education, Participation, Play and Leisure, and Belonging.

Engagement process

Engagement with the community included:

- Three separate online surveys targeted at three groups: children and young people; parents and carers; service providers. Total of 204 responses received.
- Nineteen focus groups organised with 14 different organisations across 14 different suburbs, with a total of 167 children and young people
- Interviews with 10 different services including police, education and health.
- Meeting with a range of parents and carers who have children aged under two or with a disability, to speak on behalf of children who could not participate.

All suggestions received from the community are compiled in a lengthy list of recommendations in the Report. These are now summarised and grouped together to form an accessible, user friendly Action Plan. The plan contributes to the CB City Safe and Strong destination.

According to the United Nations, local government needs to take ownership of promoting and upholding children's rights as they know and understand their communities better than any other level of government. The Initiative calls for cooperation across our City to make it a better place for children. All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child (Article 3 CRC). Our findings show that various units in Council are already contributing to positive outcomes for children, and some are also consulting with and considering the needs and priorities of children. There is also a range of organisations and community groups that work to support better outcomes for children.

The plan

The structure of the action plan includes:

- An overview of the CFCI and our vision to be a Child-Friendly City, along with a community profile and comparison statistics of numbers of children in general and according to UNICEF priority groups.
- The planning context describing the Initiative in Global, State, and Local contexts, defining Council's roles, and linking the plan to numerous other Council action and strategic plans.

- The framework and directions with key priorities under each of the six chosen categories for the Child Friendly CB City Report. Each priority has at least one action proposed, with at least one unit of Council having responsibility, and a short, medium or ongoing time frame.
- There are 65 actions under the six categories and 25 of these are deemed short term (up to 2 years), easily achieved or already in place and need to continue or expand. There are 26 actions considered long term ongoing projects that may already be in place or be a new proposal. The remaining 14 are medium term with a 2 to 4 year time frame.
- Alignment of the plan with Council's Community Strategic Plan and vision. Achieving the Child Friendly City Action Plan involves an ongoing, cyclical process of community consultation and evaluation, creating a report and action plan, reviewing and progressing actions, and starting again to demonstrate continuous improvement.

The Child-Friendly City Action Plan recognises the need for all levels of government, community organisations, NGOs and community members to work together to support outcomes for children. It also provides opportunity for Council to build on and make improvements across a range of Council services and operations. Council's Child and Family Reference Group will assist by advocating, educating and facilitating communication and implementation of relevant actions within the community.

Public exhibition

The exhibition period will be an opportunity to continue conversations with the community and stakeholders and confirm priority actions. The community engagement process took place 12 months ago and there may be further feedback or other community members who did not engage and may want to provide feedback.

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ITEM 8.3 Abolishment of Library Overdue Fees

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Canterbury-Bankstown City Library Service recently conducted a trial abolishment of overdue fees to assess the impact this would have on the borrowing patterns of library items.

ISSUE

This report provides a summary of the impacts of the trial abolishment of overdue fees conducted from 2 October 2018 to 30 June 2019 in Council's Library Services.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council exhibit the amendment to the fees and charges regarding the abolishment of library overdue fees in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
2. The matter be reported back to Council at the end of the exhibition period.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

If the recommendation is supported amendments will need to be made to the Library Services Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no major financial impact as these fees are not brought to account and as stated in the report there were only \$8,000 collected in 2017/18. There will also be the benefit of the return of overdue items to the Library Collection. During the trial period this resulted in the return of 1,760 outstanding items.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Community will benefit from the waiving of fines and from the return of books to the collection as the trial has shown.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Canterbury-Bankstown City Library Service recently conducted a trial abolishment of overdue fees to assess the impact it would have on the borrowing patterns of library items. Overdue fees, common place for more than 20 years in many public libraries, were introduced in an attempt to encourage library members to return items in a timely manner. In recent years, however, public libraries have been abolishing overdue fees, arguing that charging overdue fees undermines the mission of libraries to provide free and equitable access to information so that all members of the community may educate themselves.

Many public libraries offer

- free membership,
- free attendance at programs and events,
- free borrowing of physical and online resources and
- free access to public computers.

Overdue fees are today regarded as being a barrier to access, especially for low-income families and members who are ashamed or financially unable to pay, and this results in members discontinuing their library use entirely.

Unfortunately, while families are encouraged to avail themselves of library resources that are freely available, the threat of accumulating overdue fees, discourages those in the community who could most benefit from accessing library services and borrowing items.

There can be valid reasons for members not returning items on time, such as

- lack of transport,
- illness or
- having to care for others

In addition, the abolishment of overdue fees would have little impact on Council's income. In 2017/18, only \$8,000 was collected in overdue fees from members and the cost in staff time to collect fees often exceeds the income collected.

At May 2018, there were 37,000 individual overdue fees on library memberships. Of these, 9% were for adult members, 15% for junior members and 19% for youth members. This highlights the fact that borrowing privileges for junior and youth are more affected by overdue fees than for other users. Parents often feel they can't come into the library, while the fees remain unpaid and their children are prevented from borrowing. Furthermore, when these children become adults, it becomes difficult to convince them that the library is a welcoming and supportive place.

The trial to abolish overdue fees has led to a 30% reduction in overdue items. At May 2018, 5,760 items with a significant replacement value were overdue. However, at June 2019 after the trial less than 4,000 items were overdue. This tends indicate that members were no longer fearful to return overdue items when overdue fees were not accrued. There has also been a reduction in the amount of time Staff members have had to spend in awkward exchanges with library members about overdue fees.

During the overdue fee trial period the circulation of physical items increased, particularly in the children's collections. Compared to the same period the previous year, junior fiction loans increased by 51% from 73,658 to 111,397 items; junior graphic novel loans increased 181% from 5,129 to 14,412 items; junior non-fiction loans increased 54% from 27,397 to 42,145 items; junior magazines increased 148% from 1,001 to 2,377 items and loans of literacy materials also increased 92% from 3,661 to 7,019 items. A total of 1,000,200 physical items were borrowed from Canterbury-Bankstown libraries in 2018/19 and only 3% remain overdue at June 2019.

While it is challenging to study the effect of overdue fees on circulation patterns, it appears that the policy of charging overdue fees has not been effective in getting books returned to the Library any faster, it is costly to enforce, and it alienates community members, especially those who may need access to the library due to economic hardships.

The trial showed that without the threat of an overdue fee members were no longer embarrassed or afraid to return items; the majority of borrowed items were returned, often close to their due date; circulation increased, particularly children's resources; and staff members were able to redeploy their time to promote library services and resources to members.

Public libraries are increasingly becoming community hubs and the community should be encouraged, not deterred, from using their local library. The abolishment of overdue fees will encourage library members to return items, making financial sense in terms of return on investment, and will ultimately provide an incentive for community members to re-establish a connection with their library service.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ITEM 9.1 **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2019**

AUTHOR **Operations**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 October 2019.

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

The recommendations of the Committee is in line with the objectives of the Committee 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 8 October 2019, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

A. Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2019

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

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ITEM 10.1 **Notices of Motion**

AUTHOR **Office of the General Manager**

ISSUE

The attached schedule provides information to questions raised at Council's previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Correspondence sent
- B. Correspondence received
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ITEM 10.2 Impacts of Return and Earn

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

“That Canterbury Bankstown Council provide a report on the issues and impacts to council recycled waste collection as a result of the Return and Earn, NSW container deposit scheme.”

BACKGROUND

Since the NSW Container deposit scheme started rolling out across NSW on 1st December 2017, there has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of cans and bottles littering our streets and parks.

Unfortunately we are seeing new issues as a result of the Return and Earn scheme.

I have received numerous enquiries and complaints from residents concerned about people who are rummaging through their bins to collect bottles and cans.

Some residents feel this is an invasion of their privacy and have resorted to putting their bins out very late at night or early the next morning.

Other residents have reported that the collectors often throw out other waste from their bins to retrieve the cans and bottles, leaving them a mess to clean up every fortnight. In some cases residents have reported that the entire contents of their recycle bin have been emptied out.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

Actions arising out of the proposed motion can be accommodated as part of the 2019-20 Operational Plan (OP Ref: 2.3.2)

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ITEM 10.3 Auslan Assistance at Council Meetings

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

“Council investigate the provision of Auslan interpretive services for members of the community wishing to address Council Meetings and that the outcome of this investigation be considered in the next update of the Code of Meeting Practice.”

BACKGROUND

Council’s commitment to the inclusion of people with a disability is unquestioning; one of the first action plans to be adopted by Canterbury Bankstown Council in 2017 was the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

It has occurred to me that one of the great potential inhibitors to participating in the democratic process, for members of our community, is a lack of interpretive services at Council meetings, specifically Auslan for those in our community who are deaf.

I note in our DIAP that one of our ongoing actions is to ensure Council events are inclusive and accessible. I am asking for this to be investigated and considered for inclusion in the next update of the Code of Meeting Practice.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

The Motion is consistent with Council’s adopted Disability Inclusion Action Plan and can be incorporated in and funded as part of Council’s 2019-20 Operation Plan (OP Ref: 1.2.6).

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ITEM 10.4 Street Signs

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

“That Council investigate providing for sale, street name signs that have been decommissioned and are excess to Council’s needs.”

BACKGROUND

Most residents have noticed new street signs being erected throughout our city since the middle of last year. These new signs have black capital letters identifying street names and include Council’s branding and were endorsed by Council’s access committee, of which I proudly chaired. Most significantly, these new signs provide greater contrast and visibility and provide optimum accessibility by further assisting people living with vision impairment to go about their daily lives.

I’d imagine that with almost 1,000km of roads, Council must replace hundreds, if not thousands of these street signs every year, some of which are completely destroyed, but many I would guess, would have minor damage, or are simply faded and no longer meet the requirement to be reflective at night.

Instead of sending decommissioned street signs to the scrap-heap I would like to see them offered for sale to the public.

There is an attraction in owning a little piece of the city connected to our personal history. The connection can be in a shared name, the nostalgic memories of the street they spent their childhood on, or perhaps where their grandparent’s house once was. It would also make a perfect gift for residents like myself who love where they live and appreciate the sentimental value of such items to proudly display in the shed or the “pool room”.

I acknowledge that with such an idea there remains unanswered questions about probity, fair and equitable process, and cost. This is why I am calling for Council to investigate providing for the sale of street name signs that are no longer needed and use the money to re-invest back into the community.

It is my hope that decommissioned street signs won’t be consigned to the historical scrap-heap, but that the community will be able to share in these wonderful mementos and keep a little bit of their history alive in their own homes.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

Subject to Council's consideration, a disposal process to ensure transparency and equity can be developed. Such signs have no asset value, however a nominal figure will need to be determined. There are no funding implications arising from the motion as written.

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ITEM 10.5 Enhancing Osprey Habitat

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

“That Council:

1. Investigates the current availability of nesting habitat for Ospreys and other raptors within Canterbury-Bankstown LGA;
2. Uses this information to work with neighbouring councils to help inform the development of Georges River and Cooks River Coastal Management Programs, to consider a regional approach to provision and enhancement of raptor habitat.”

BACKGROUND

It has recently been identified that a pair of Osprey (a species of raptor) local to the region have prepared a nest on a crane in Illawong, following the destruction of their previous nest site located on a channel marker in the Georges River. Eastern Osprey are classified as vulnerable in NSW and like any species, these birds have specific nesting requirements that need to be met to successfully reproduce.

Some other coastal councils have taken unique steps to address the nesting needs of this species, including construction of artificial nesting platforms. There is an opportunity for Council to explore how we can support the protection of these unique raptors. This includes better understanding their presence in the catchment and exploring what can be done to encourage their nesting.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

Actions arising out of the proposed motions can be funded by and incorporated as part of Council’s Biodiversity Program (OP Ref 2.1.5).

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ITEM 10.6 Women Only Swimming

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

“That Council examines the feasibility of trialling additional women-only swimming times at its aquatic centres.”

BACKGROUND

I have been contacted by members of the community, seeking additional opportunities for women-only swimming times at Council’s aquatic facilities. I understand that there are currently women-only swimming times at a number of our aquatic facilities, however some can’t make it to these sessions and an additional session would assist.

As new facilities and upgrades take place, I am confident that the needs of all of our community will be considered and incorporated, with inclusion a priority. There is however a need to look at what can be done now and I am asking Council to examine what can be trialled to improve access leading into summer.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from the motion as written, however if any trial involves after hours overtime this would be evaluated as part of the trial and as part of our operations, and if need be reported back to Council.

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ITEM 10.7

Movember

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

“That Council:

1. 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 on behalf of each Councillor and \$50 donation on behalf of each staff member growing a ‘mo’ for Movember; and
2. Increase awareness and broader community participation by holding a Canterbury Bankstown Council on-line Movember competition with the winner of the best ‘mo’ to be crowned Canterbury Bankstown’s “Mr Mo Bro” of the year. ”

BACKGROUND

Movember is an annual event that takes place in the month of November, where men grow a moustache to raise awareness and funds for men’s health projects. Growing a ‘mo’ is a light hearted, fun way of raising awareness of the most prominent health issues faced by men such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

It’s well known that men tend to have poorer health outcomes due to their reluctance to seek medical treatment and only attend when their illnesses are in their later stages, which has serious consequences.

The statistics on men’s health is very concerning;

- On average, men die 6 years earlier than women
- Men are three times more likely to die from suicide than women
- More men die of prostate cancer each year than women do of breast cancer, but this type of cancer receives much less funding.

Last year a total of 89 staff and two Councillors took part in Movember. The total amount raised was \$4,650. This is a terrific outcome and I am proud of our organisation for putting Men’s Health on the radar. I understand that staff will once again get involved in the Movember campaign with a number of staff ‘Growing Their Mo’ as well as ‘Hosting an Event’.

However, this year I believe that we can do one better to increase awareness of men's health issues and encourage broader community participation by holding an on-line Movember competition where bona fide residents that have grown a 'mo' in the month of November can submit a photo of their 'mo', and the winner of the best 'mo', be crowned Canterbury Bankstown's "Mr Mo Bro" of the year.

I firmly believe that this is an important cause that Council should continue to highlight and support, and I encourage our residents, staff and Councillors to get involved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

Costs incurred as a result of the proposed motion can be funded from Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship program.

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ITEM 10.8 Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags

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

“Writes to the NSW Government urging the Government to ban single-use plastic bags in NSW.”

BACKGROUND

NSW is the only State Government yet to ban the single use Plastic Bags.

Earlier this month, the NSW Liberal Government voted against a Bill, put forward by Labor, to ban single-use plastic bags. In voting it down, the Minister invited all parties to work with the Government on tackling plastic waste.

I don't disagree with a bipartisan approach to plastic waste. But given the NSW Government has voted down such a bill in 2016, 2017, 2018 and now in 2019, it begs the question what has the Government been doing about plastic waste except sitting on their hands.

Furthermore, whilst an overall strategy to address plastic waste is certainly something to aspire to, it does not and should not preclude sensible action being taken now such as banning single-use plastic bags, just as every other state and territory has.

Supermarket giants Woolworths and Coles have voluntarily phased out single-use bags, whilst Target and Kmart have also committed to stop handing them out. Bunnings haven't given out plastic bags to customers for a number of years.

Now it's time for the NSW State Government to stop dragging the chain and introduce a ban so that all States and Territories in Australia are aligned.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

There are no cost implications arising from the motion as written.

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ITEM 10.9 Speed Reduction in Narrow Streets

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

“That Council writes to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, requesting that they pilot a 40km/h urban speed limit in selected narrow roads and streets within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA.”

BACKGROUND

The Canterbury Bankstown Local Government area continues to experience, and further expects in the future, higher levels of growth in residential development. More duplexes, villas, granny flats and units will appear in our suburbs, and this residential development will of course bring more cars to our local roads and streets.

Local residents are concerned with speeding vehicles on our local roads, and in particular those residing in our narrow streets. I have heard their concerns loudly and clearly.

We must ask ourselves the question: given the changing face of our neighbourhoods, is a 50km/h speed limit low enough? I don't believe it is in certain narrow streets and I am calling on the Roads and Maritime, as the authority responsible for speed limits in NSW, to trial a 40k/h limit in one or more of our narrower streets in order to try and help reduce the future possibility of serious road injuries and fatalities.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

There are no cost implications arising from the motion as written.

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ITEM 10.10

Memorials

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

“That Council investigate appropriate sites and required works to allow for the relocation and re-installation of memorials currently located at Belmore RSL.”

BACKGROUND

The Campsie RSL Group will close Belmore RSL as of Dec 31st 2019. The Campsie RSL Group have a number of memorials located on site. They expressed an interest in donating these and contributing to the cost of relocation of the memorials in the local area. Specifically, they identified the option to relocate them to Terry Lamb Reserve as part of the implementation of actions identified in the Belmore Masterplan.

The memorials have local historical and cultural significance. It is important that Council work with the Group to ensure these memorials remain accessible and visible for the local community.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

The motion, as written, can be incorporated as part of Council’s Local History Programs (OP Ref 3.1.1).

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ITEM 10.11 Bidding for Council Work - Training and Education for Businesses

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

“That Council’s Economic Development Strategy incorporate a relevant training program/short-course associated with providing interested businesses the opportunity to gain an understanding of the regulatory framework and required information when bidding for Council work.”

BACKGROUND

As you would all agree, one of the cornerstones of our economy is the ongoing success of small to medium size businesses throughout all cities throughout our country. Indeed, there are in excess of 33,000 registered businesses based in our local government area, employing over 118,000 dedicated staff.

I am proud of the great work Council does in supporting our local economy and businesses to ensure we remain one of the most prominent business areas within our state. Certainly, Council’s proposed Economic Development Strategic Plan, which I understand will come back to Council for its consideration early in the new-year, demonstrates our commitment to this.

Whilst the proposed Strategy outlines a detailed “education and training program”, I propose that it also incorporates Council’s commitment to further supporting our local businesses, by way of it also committing to buying locally, where it demonstrates value-for-money for Council.

As one of our cities biggest employers, and with a budget of around \$350M, it’s important that this Council provides those interested throughout our local economy the understanding, know-how and ability to respond to the required regulatory requirements when bidding for Council work.

Our proposal to establish a “Business Hub” would certainly provide the opportunity for Council to provide the necessary insights into the required process for quoting and/or tendering for Council work, as they arise, including relevant rules around complying with relevant Council Codes, Policies and Business Ethics Statements.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

Council's Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan was recently endorsed by Council (July 2019) and exhibited for public comment. The final adoption of the Strategy is expected to be reported to Council early in the new-year. Subject to Council's consideration, the proposed motion would be incorporated in Council's Strategy.

11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

11.1 T17-20 Kelso Park South Playing Surface Upgrade

11.2 T34-19 Lease of Council Premises, Kiosk, Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

General Manager's Statement

Confidentiality

Councillors and staff are reminded of their obligations in respect to the need for confidentiality and not disclose or otherwise misuse the information which is about to be discussed, failure to do so could result in a reference to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and/or result in a prosecution in accordance with Sec. 664 of the Act for which the maximum penalty is \$5,500.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides that Council may, by resolution, close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of matters as listed in that section, or for any matter that arises during the course of business during the meeting that should be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.

Council's Agenda for this meeting contains reports that meet the criteria specified in Section 10A(2) of the Act. To consider these reports in confidential session, Council can adopt the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

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 11.1, 11.2 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 T17-20 Kelso Park South Playing Surface Upgrade

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Item 11.2 T34-19 Lease of Council Premises, Kiosk, Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

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.