

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 4 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour
Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Zakhia, Downey, Eisler, Saleh, Madirazza
and Harika

PRESENT BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK: Councillor Huda and Waud

APOLOGIES Councillor Raffan and Tuntevski

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.06 P.M.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(1190) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Raffan and Clr Tuntevski due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

SECTION 1: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 1.1 REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2022

(1191) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that in accordance with sections 402 to 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council adopt the revised 2018-2022 Delivery Program.

- CARRIED

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PUBLIC ADDRESS

(1192)

CLR. EISLER:/CLR. DOWNEY

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

- CARRIED

ITEM 1.2

RATES HARMONISATION & FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

MR DAVID REYNOLDS (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

(1193)

CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Mr Reynolds to address Council.

- CARRIED

MRS BARBARA COOREY (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL

(1194)

CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY

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

- CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting (6.58pm), in accordance with Clause 15.18 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice and Section 10(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, His Worship the Mayor expelled Ms Barbara Coorey from the meeting for continued disorderly conduct.

(1195)

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the current requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* to harmonise its former councils' rating structures by 1 July 2021.
2. Council notes the outcomes of the community engagement program on the One Rate proposal and the responses to the matters raised.
3. Council notes that the NSW Government has released a Draft Bill - Local Government Amendment (Rates) Bill 2021 - which would amend the legislation to allow merged councils to gradually harmonise their former council rate

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structures over a period of four years - expected to be considered/determined in March/April 2021.

4. Council endorses the *Proposed Approach* to harmonising both former Council rating structures and applying to IPART for both a Special Rate Variation and Minimum Rate Application, as outlined in the report.
5. In accordance with the Minister for Local Government's recent advice, Council separately apply to the Minister for Local Government/Deputy Secretary, Local Government, Planning and Policy, to approve the setting of Minimum Rates for 2021/22 financial year as follows:

Description	Amount	Detail
Minimum Rate - Residential	\$728.18	Former Canterbury + IPART
Minimum Rate - Business	\$794.27	Former Bankstown + IPART

6. As part of the application to IPART, a summary of the community engagement outcomes noted in the report below be attached, including all submissions received and responses given by Council.
7. Council notes that Council's submission to the NSW Government on the Draft Bill suggests the harmonisation process be gradually applied over five years – consistent with its preferred approach regarding the matter.
8. Council carryout a review of its Rates and Charges, Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy, including how those it is intended to support can be aware of it.
9. Council write to the NSW Government seeking further reforms and/or consideration to indexing the rebate amount funded by the Government to ensure that it does not continue to erode and that it increases annually as a minimum.
10. The General Manager be delegated to administer all relevant requirements regarding the matter, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR KUSKOFF AND CLR DOWNEY CALLED FOR A DIVISION

For:- Clrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Madirazza, Saleh and Zakhia

Against:- Clrs Kuskoff and Waud

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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.05 P.M

Minutes confirmed 23 FEBRUARY 2021

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Mayor