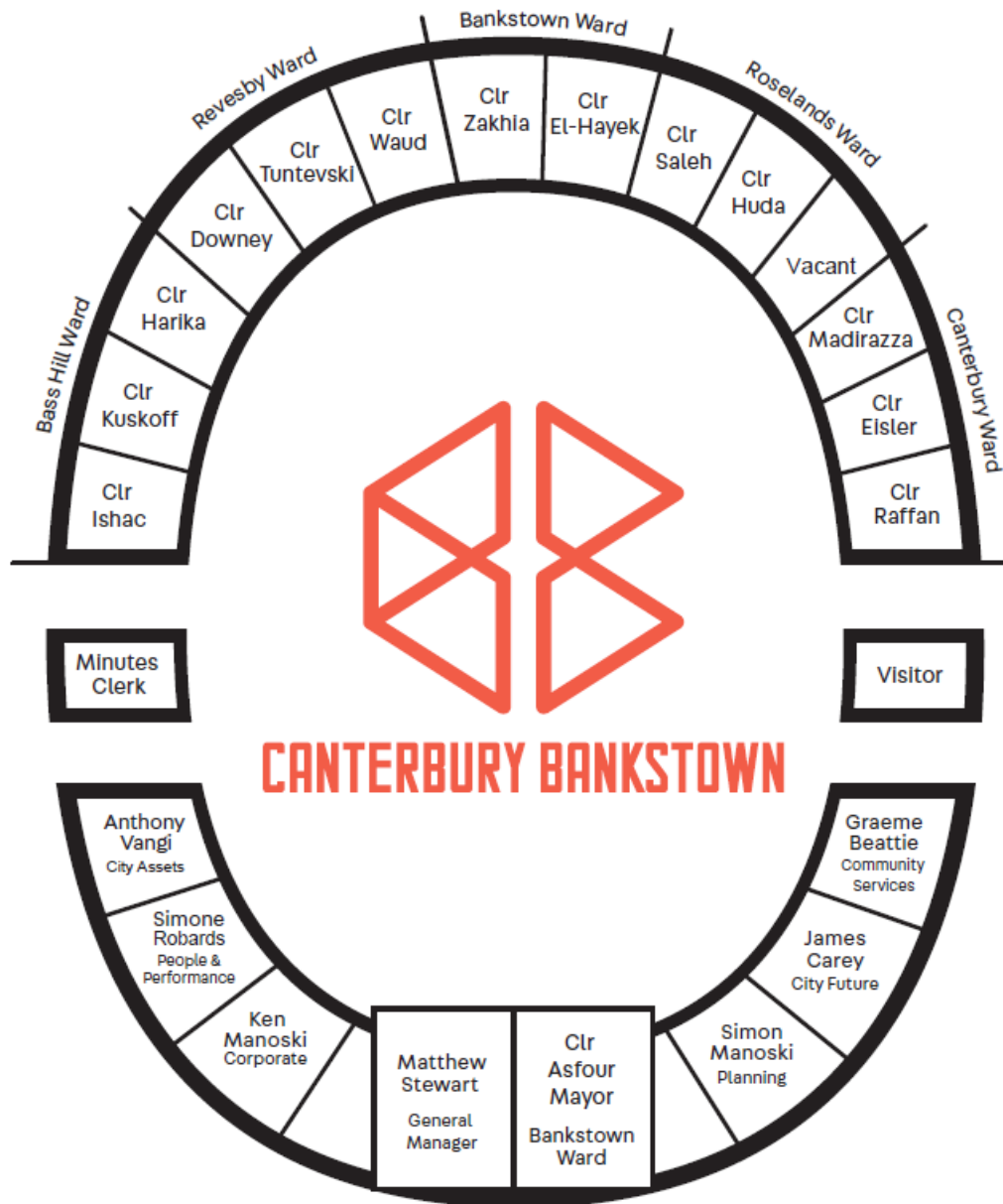




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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

1.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 25 May 20217

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MINUTES OF THE
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PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour
Councillors El-Hayek, Waud, Downey, Eisler, Saleh, Madirazza, Harika

PRESENT BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK: Councillors Raffan and Zakhia

APOLOGIES: Councillors Huda, Kuskoff and Tuntevski

COUNCILLOR ISHAC WAS NOT PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.01 PM.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY

(1296)

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that permission be granted to Councillors Zakhia and Raffan to attend the meeting remotely by zoom due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

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.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(1297)

CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2021 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(1298)

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Huda due to health reasons and to Clrs Kuskoff and Tuntevski 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 4.6 – USU Support, I Clr Raffan declare a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to my employment with the United Services Union and advise that I will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 4.7 – Local Community Based Donations, I Clr Saleh declare a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to a close family member being an employee of the Lebanese Muslim Association and advise that I will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 4.7 - Local Community Based Donations, I Clr El-Hayek declare a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to my working association with the Lebanese Muslim Association and advise that I will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 11.1 – Insurance Policy Placement Coverage for Council, I Clr Asfour declare a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given my role on the Board of StateCover. Given this and as a precaution, I will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 MIDDLE EAST UNREST
(1299) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Mayoral minute be received.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 MYANMAR FUNDRAISING
(1300) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council support and donate \$1500 to the Burmese Community Development and Collaboration which will go towards medical assistance and humanitarian aid, and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 4.3
(1301)

NSW LIBERAL RORTS

CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the NSW Senate Inquiry report including all its recommendations.
2. Council call on community groups and organisations to add their voice to our “GIVE US OUR SHARE” petition protest.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.4
(1302)

AUSGRID

CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council commence a planning proposal to rezone the site at 30 Trevenar Street, Ashbury from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation with all the planning rules applicable to Peace Park to be applied to this site.
2. Council also write to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and seek his support for this site to be provided as a public space for the Ashbury community.
3. An audit of similar sites be undertaken, and Councillors be briefed accordingly.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.5
(1303)

HOSPITALS

CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council calls on the NSW Government to name the site for the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

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2. Council arrange a meeting with Sydney Area Health Service to better understand the future plans for Canterbury Hospital with the view Council may be of assistance in any synergies and planning in the immediate area.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.6 **USU SUPPORT**

In respect of Item 4.6 – USU Support, Clr Raffan declared a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to her employment with the United Services Union and vacated the meeting taking no part in debate on the matter.

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE MEETING AT 7.04 PM.

CLR ISHAC ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 7.06 PM.

CLR MADIRAZZA TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.10 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.13 PM.

(1304) **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council support the campaign by the United Services Union for Council to opt for full time employees ahead of contractors when and where practicable. Council further encourage staff to consider getting behind the campaign.

- CARRIED

CLR RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7.15 PM.

ITEM 4.7 **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

In respect of Item 4.7 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr Saleh declared a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to a close family member being an employee of the Lebanese Muslim Association and vacated the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 4.7 - Local Community Based Donations, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his working association with the Lebanese Muslim Association and vacated the chamber taking no part in debate on the mater.

CLRS SALEH AND EL-HAYEK TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.15 PM.

(1305) **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

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1. Council support the Vietnamese Students' Association Annual Charity Dinner being held on Sunday 30th May 2021, by way of \$1000 donation and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
2. Council support the Lebanese Muslim Association (LMA) by waiving an amount of \$2,480 being 50% of the fee hire for the use of Parry Park Overflow Carpark totalling \$4,960 and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
3. Council support CanAssist Balranald by waiving an amount of \$412.50 fee hire for the use of Revesby Community Hall and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
4. Council support the Arab Australian Federation who are hosting a community event for between 100-150 people at the Bryan Brown Theatre on Thursday 17 June, 2021 by way of \$1000 donation and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
5. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

CLRS SALEH AND EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7.16 PM.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

(1306)

CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC

- i) Permission be granted to those people who have made the necessary application to address Council for five minutes.
- ii) Standing Orders be suspended and Items 5.2 and 5.4 be dealt with now.
- iii) Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.2 EXHIBITION OF PLANNING PROPOSAL: 297-299 CANTERBURY ROAD IN REVESBY
MR ALISTAIR KNOX (FROM BOUPAUL PTY LTD) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

(1307) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Mr Knox to address Council.
- CARRIED

MR GEORGE KARAVANAS (ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

(1308) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the Planning Proposal as shown in Attachment A and that it be sent to the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment for finalisation.
2. Council endorse the draft site-specific Development Control Plan for 297-299 Canterbury Road, Revesby as shown in Attachment B to amend the Bankstown DCP 2015 and draft Consolidated DCP and that it be brought into effect once the LEP amendment is finalised.
3. Council enter into the Planning Agreement as provided in Attachment C.

- CARRIED

For:- Ctrs Asfour, Eisler, El-Hayek, Ishac, Madirazza, Waud and Zakhia

Against:- Ctrs Downey, Harika, Raffan and Saleh

ITEM 5.4 DRAFT CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN CONSOLIDATED DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

MR IAN WATSON (FROM CARINYA ROAD FLOOD RISK SAFETY COMMITTEE AND RESIDENT ACTION GROUP) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

CLR ISHAC TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.37 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.38 PM.

(1309) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY

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

- CARRIED

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(1310)

CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 as provided in Attachments A–K.
2. Council adopt the Guides and Heritage Conservation Area Character Statements that support the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 as provided in Attachments L–Q.
3. Council note the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 will come into effect on the date that the Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2021 is published on the NSW legislation website and:
 - (a) The Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 is to apply to development applications lodged on or after this date.
 - (b) The Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 is to repeal Bankstown Development Control Plan 2015 and Canterbury Development Control Plan 2012 on this date in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
 - (c) The former Council policies will be revoked on this date:
 - (i) Bankstown Demolition and Construction Guidelines
 - (ii) Bankstown Development Engineering Standards
 - (iii) Bankstown Tree Management Manual
 - (iv) Bankstown Waste Management Guide for New Developments
4. The General Manager be given authority to:
 - (a) Incorporate the DCP Amendments for 15–33 Brighton Avenue, Croydon Park in the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 on the date that the planning proposal is published on the NSW legislation website.
 - (b) Include any matters that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment remove from the Draft Consolidated Local Environment Plan as part of its review process, to ensure there are no gaps in planning policy.
 - (c) Make formatting and other minor changes to the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan 2021 provided these do not change the intent of the Development Control Plan.
5. The draft DCP at Chapter 7.3 (clause 4.5) and Chapter 8.2 (section 4.2, clause C2) be amended to correct an administrative error so that any references to 9 metres is changed to 3 metres in the B2 and B6 zones as per the current controls.

- CARRIED

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For:- Clrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Ishac, Madirazza, Raffan, Waud and Zakhia

Against:- Clr Saleh

STANDING ORDERS BE RESUMED.

ITEM 5.1 EXHIBITION OF PLANNING AGREEMENT - 74 RICKARD ROAD, BANKSTOWN (WSU BANKSTOWN CAMPUS)

(1311) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council enter into the Planning Agreement as provided in Attachments A to E.
2. The General Manager be given authority to make minor changes to the document that may be required for the purposes of execution, so long as these do not alter the intent or substance of the planning agreement.

- CARRIED

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

Against:- Nil

ITEM 5.2 EXHIBITION OF PLANNING PROPOSAL: 297-299 CANTERBURY ROAD IN REVESBY
THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 1308 ON PAGE NO. SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 5.3 EXHIBITION OF PLANNING PROPOSAL: 353-355 WATERLOO ROAD IN GREENACRE
(1312) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that

1. Having regard to the number of community concerns and issues as outlined in the report, that Council does not proceed with this Planning Proposal for 353-355 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.

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2. Council advises the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment of its decision, accordingly.

- CARRIED

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

Against:- Nil

ITEM 5.4 DRAFT CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN CONSOLIDATED DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 1310 ON PAGE NO. SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS

Nil

SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - DETERMINATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR FEES 2021/2022

(1313) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that

1. Council do not take up the recommended 2.0% increase for Mayor and Councillors, as determined by the NSW Government's Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.
2. Council continue to apply the current fees, being the 2020/21 fees set by Council for the Mayor and Councillors, for the ensuing financial year.
3. The current Additional Fee for the Deputy Mayor, being 20% of the Mayors Additional Fee, to remain as is.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 7.2 **NAMING REQUEST - JACK MUNDEY PARK**
(1314) **CLR. EISLER:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the proposal to name the previously unnamed land at 15 Close Street, Canterbury, 'Jack Munday Park'.
2. The naming proposal be referred to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) for approval and registration.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.3 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**
(1315) **CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 April 2021 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 **CANTERBURY TOWN CENTRE STAGE 2 PROJECT - CLOSE STREET RESERVE SITE**
(1316) **COMPOUND LICENCE**
CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. That the information be noted.
2. Council agree to a short-term licence agreement to Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd for the establishment of a site compound in Close Street Reserve, Canterbury for the purposes of completing the Canterbury Town Centre Stage 2 Works.

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3. The General Manager be authorised to complete and sign all required documents, based on the terms and conditions as outlined in the attached report, as required.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2021

(1317) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 May 2021, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(1318) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Notice of Motions and Questions with Notice with the exception of Items 10.5 and 10.6

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(1319) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.2
(1320)

CITY FRIENDSHIPS

CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that Canterbury Bankstown Council seek to enter into a Friendship City arrangement with the cities of Tripoli, El Mina, El Minieh and El Dinnieh.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3
(1321)

HOONING

CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Writes to the Local Police Area Command requesting their assistance by conducting an Operation targeting anti-social behaviour, speeding and reckless driving in the Greenacre in the area.
2. Writes to the Minister for Customer Service and Minister for Police and Emergency Services requesting they look to implement online reporting and dedicated hotlines to report anti-social driving.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.4
(1322)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that Council, thanks and acknowledges the positive role that Council's own Domestic Violence Awareness programs and campaigns have played educating, raising awareness and changing attitudes towards domestic violence in our community.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.5 TREES AND SECONDARY DWELLINGS

MOTION CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. WAUD

That Council investigates the likely implications of introducing a new exemption under Council's two Tree Management Orders, allowing trees within 3m of a secondary dwelling to be removed and that Council be briefed on the outcome of this investigation.

- LOST

CLRS EL-HAYEK AND HARIKA STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

For:- Clrs Eisler, Ishac, Madirazza, Waud and Zakhia

Against:- Clrs Asfour, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Raffan and Saleh

ITEM 10.6 RATE HOTLINE

(1323) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that Council includes details of a dedicated rate inquiry phone and email in its next rates notice to assist rate payers in the event they wish to make any inquiry about their rates.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

PRIOR TO CONSIDERING THE REPORTS IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION COUNCILLORS RAFFAN AND ZAKHIA WHO WERE ATTENDING THE MEETING BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK DECLARED THERE WERE NO PERSONS WITHIN SIGHT OR HEARING OF THEM.

(1324) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. HARIKA

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 Item 11.1 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 Insurance Policy Placement Coverage for Council

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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 8.20 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 8.26 PM.

ITEM 11.1 INSURANCE POLICY PLACEMENT COVERAGE FOR COUNCIL

In respect of Item 11.1 – Insurance Policy Placement Coverage for Council, Clr Asfour declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given his role on the Board of StateCover. Given this and as a precaution, he vacated the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.25 PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR HARIKA ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

(1325) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the insurance policy placements as recommended by Council's insurance broker, JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd, for the financial year 2021/2022 and enters into the necessary contracts of insurance.
2. Pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council accepts that a tender process would not have achieved a satisfactory result for the contracts identified in resolution 1 above, because of the following extenuating circumstances:
 - a. Council relies on its insurance brokers to identify and place suitable policies of insurance rather than via a market process; and
 - b. In any event, many of the policies are not able to be struck on an open market basis, particularly with broadform insurance policies covering public liability, professional indemnity and industrial special risk.
3. The General Manager be authorised to enter into the contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.
4. In consultation with Council's Insurance Broker, the General Manager be delegated authority to annually make arrangements to adequately insure Council for the term of the contract, as required, noting that for each of those

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arrangements the same extenuating circumstances identified in resolution 2 above will apply.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.26 PM AND ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.29 PM.

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Mayor

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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ITEM 4.1 A Child Safe City

Councillors,

This minute relating to Child Safe Standards is one which leaves me a little uneasy and with mixed emotions.

On one hand, I am proud to bring it to Council tonight. . . . while on the other, it makes me angry that in this day and age it is necessary we are still having to highlight these issues. The simple fact is, Our Children need to be protected, at all times, no matter what the circumstances.

Over the last pick a number. . . .10, 20, 30 years there have been any number of reports, inquiries and even a Royal Commission into the institutional responses to child sexual abuse. And still there are reports of abuse occurring.

Councillors, we must lead the way and make a very decisive statement when it comes to protecting our Children. Not only are we implementing the Child Safe Standards, but we are following the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations identified by the Royal Commission.

We want the community to know that as a Council we are committed to being a Child Safe organisation and we will advocate for and promote the safety of all children within our community.

Our statement of commitment is very clear.

It acknowledges children as individuals with rights, and that we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and neglect. The focus will be on treating all children with fairness and respect.

I commend the Statement of Commitment to Children and Young People, which I have included below, for your support on behalf of Council, the Children and Young people of this City and the broader community. I further support Council engaging with the community about this important initiative.



The City of Canterbury Bankstown Statement of Commitment to Children and Young People

We are committed to being a Child Safe Organisation that leads and promotes child safety within our community.

We view children as individuals with rights and we take responsibility for upholding those rights.

Our organisation values and respects children and places child safety and well-being at the centre of everything we do involving or in relation to children.

We have zero tolerance for child abuse or neglect.

To ensure we provide safe spaces for children we are committed to supporting their meaningful engagement and participation in decisions that affect them. We believe children should have a say in what happens to them. We will listen to them believing they have valuable things to say and ensure we act on their concerns and ideas.

We have robust policies and procedures focused on children's safety and well-being and we are committed to training and keeping our people informed of their requirements.

We are committed to following the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations identified by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and to ensuring we meet the 10 Child Safe Standards developed by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

As a Child Safe organisation, we will focus on what is best for children; treat all children with respect and fairly; welcome and encourage children's families and communities to participate in the organisation; and ensure children receive services from skilled and caring adults.

NOTE: Children in this context are all those aged under 18 years.

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ITEM 4.2 Technology Trials

Councillors,

We are a Smart City and should be proud that we are one of the leading Councils when it comes to innovation and technology.

Our recent work in the space of Artificial Intelligence in our waste services won us high acclaim both locally and internationally and not to mention the work we did around data mapping in our Bankstown CBD.

Tonight, I would like to highlight a project that Council has been trialling since last October.

And I will add the first Council in Australia. This small device we have is an earpiece that when worn by two parties can interpret language and enable them to have a conversation.

We have hundreds of languages and dialects spoken in our City every day. This will help our officers from lifeguards to engagement officers talk to residents in their language.

This is cutting edge technology that will have enormous benefits to organisations. . . like ours. . . that are customer focused and deal with the public face to face.

A typical example would be our community engagement officer attending to an issue where the resident only speaks Arabic. Without an interpreter present the conversation is going nowhere, but with the aid of this new device both parties can speak in their own language and understand what the other party is saying.

There is still some work to refine this ear piece, but it is the way of the future. A way forward in giving our community the best possible customer experience, no matter their ethnicity.

Councillors, I move tonight that Council continues to trial this revolutionary technology in the hope we can be a trailblazer in this space and pioneer this next level of communication and engagement with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities across Australia.

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ITEM 4.3

Eid Al-Adha

My next Mayoral minute is one of community . . . and supporting those who contribute so much to making our City a great place to live.

Councillors, July 20 is an important day on the Islamic Calendar.

It's a day when Muslims worldwide celebrate Eid Al-Adha . . . it honours the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismail as an act of obedience to God's command. And as most of us know, before Ibrahim could sacrifice his son, Allah provided a lamb to sacrifice instead. Here in our City, Muslims will gather in the morning and offer up prayers on this most important feast day.

As in the past, our parks including Paul Keating Park and Roberts Park will accommodate the thousands of Muslims expected to participate and pray.

And I can inform you that already a number of Not for Profit organisations have indicated they will be booking the facilities across our LGA for their communities.

Councillors, tonight I propose Council supports these Not for Profit organisations, by providing financial assistance with the hiring of our parks, estimated to be around \$4000, and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

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ITEM 4.4 Alfresco Dining

Councillors,

Our City is open for business and that's the message I want to send to all our small businesses.

The heart and soul of our local economy.

And when it comes to attracting hundreds of thousands of locals and visitors to our City. . . . our culturally diverse cafes and restaurants dishing up cuisines from around the globe, do us proud.

They not only make us an envied and desired destination of choice but help create local jobs and generate local wealth.

Councillors, during Covid we supported our local businesses in a number of ways, one of which was waiving footway dining fees. . . that support is due to finish at the end of June 2021.

The opportunity to make a real statement to our small businesses and indeed the entire community is NOW.

There is no doubt the State Government and indeed our Council are working overtime on kickstarting the night-time economyand waiving outdoor dining fees is just one of the measures.

Waiving fees will provide a tremendous boost to businesses and the broader community, but it will also come at a cost. . . . a cost that will be borne by Council and not the State Government.

But one thing residents can be assured of, is that we will continue to invest significant resources in ensuring public spaces used by restaurants and cafes are clean and well-maintained. And our thorough food safety inspection program is maintained.

Councillors, there are some in the community that continually chip away at the smallest things but fail to open their eyes to the tremendous work that is being done in our City.

So tonight, a night we are also presenting our operational budget, I propose that Council waive the 2021/22 "Outdoor Dining Fee" acknowledging the operational cost implication in the order of \$200,000.

Let's open up the City to more Alfresco dining and more visitors.

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ITEM 4.5 South West Metro

Councillors,

As we all know work is well underway on the South-west metro, the rail link between Sydenham and Bankstown.

With all projects there are always issues which unexpectedly arise and this project is no different. I want to make it quite clear from the outset that Council supports a properly built and resourced Metro project, if it meets our requirements, and we realise the enormous potential and investment it brings to our City.

But I would also like to assure the community that Council has their best interests at heart to ensure the project is delivered in line with community expectations.

In the last couple of weeks, Council prepared and sent a submission to Sydney Metro calling for an Independent Architect to review the design of the service buildings being proposed along the route. This submission followed concerns by Councillors and some members of the community living near the proposed service buildings.

Separately, the exhibition and public engagement over the “new look” design for Bankstown station has just ended. Council and the community were presented with a slick and glossy presentation which includes tree lined walkways, an outdoor open plaza area and for the first time in 100 years pedestrians will have access to both sides. These are all significant improvements to the original design proposed by Sydney Metro.

While we fully support these changes, I now have some serious concerns about the station project after hearing that an alternative design to the Station buildings were presented to the Design Review Panel. These are clearly inferior and designed to cut costs.

Not something we, or indeed the community have not seen, agreed to, or would support.

Councillors, tonight I propose we write to Sydney Metro, CEO and Minister Constance seeking clarity about the latest design and the intention behind it. It is in all our interests to ensure there are no downgrades to the current design and that the proper investment and quality design is delivered.

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ITEM 4.6 Health Infrastructure

Councillors,

Collaboration and partnership, common courtesies when different levels of Government work together to achieve a desired outcome.

Well, all these things seem to have been thrown out the window when it comes to finding a site and building the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital. A hospital we were promised in March 2019.

At last month's Council meeting, I again raised the fact that the March 31 deadline for naming the site had come and gone and that NSW Health Infrastructure had begun invasive drilling at the Bankstown Sporting Complex, a former brick pit.

If you recall, that invasive drilling would take around 7 days and Council would receive all the testing results of the samples taken from the dozens of holes bored across the playing fields. Well, I've got some news which probably won't surprise you!

Not only was the drilling extended, but Council has not received one scintilla of information relating to any testing carried out. In fact, we have reached out to NSW Health Infrastructure on a number of occasions for further information, only to be deflected back and forth to other Departments.

Nothing! ZIPPO!

What are they trying to hide! When I visited the testing site, it was clear they were pulling up a thick black sludge. But we won't know what's being pulled up because they won't tell us.

And it's a bit rich for Liberal party supporters to be making informed comments on Facebook when NO information has been provided to Council at all.

Where is the collaboration . . . where is the partnership? Unfortunately, I'll now have to GIPA this information which is an absolute joke.

Councillors, Our City needs a new hospital and we want to work with the State Government to achieve the best outcomes for our residents. But what we need right now is clarity about the new site location and transparency.

Tonight, I propose to write to head of NSW Health Infrastructure calling for the results of the testing of soil samples taken from the Bankstown Sporting Complex and to seek an update on the hospital site location and if they refuse to work in partnership I propose to both lodge a GIPA and seek legal advice about obtaining the important health information originally promised.

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ITEM 4.7 Local Community Based Donations

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

SolarBuddy Program

SolarBuddy is an Australian charity uniting a global community with a big dream to gift six million solar lights to children living in energy poverty by 2030. East Hills Girls Technology High School has asked for assistance funding a their SolarBuddy Program running this year involving students in STEM on an international scale. Ultimately, the program aims to promote Literacy in Girls in third world countries by building and providing SolarBuddy lights. These lights will mean they can read at night, helping students after dusk to improve their education outcomes.

I recommend Council join our community and industry partners and contribute to this great imitative. Currently other local community groups have rallied together and have raised supporting the program by providing 60 lights.

Considering this, I recommend that Council support East Hills Girls High SolarBuddy Program by way of \$1,625 donation for the purchase of 50 solar lights.

Konnekt Kids Program

Penny Appeal Australia a not-for-profit organisation has teamed up with Hand in Hand Disability, joining forces to contribute to the community through promoting, enhancing and maintaining the welfare, education, sense of belonging and cultural needs of disadvantaged community members.

They have asked for financial assistance of to enable them to continue to deliver their ongoing school holiday program “Konnekt kids” that focuses on community inclusiveness for children, aged between 4 and 8 years of age, with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and raise awareness amongst individuals and families about the support services available within the area.

Accordingly, I recommend that Council support Penny Appeal Australia with a \$500 donation.

St Charbel’s Monastery

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 provide an enormous contribution to Canterbury Bankstown and the Maronite community in general.

They have asked for financial assistance with respect to their end of year fundraising efforts to enable them to continue to provide Community Care Program.

Considering this, I recommend that Council support the St Charbel's by way of \$1,000 donation.

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Bankstown

Saint Nicholas is fully devoted to those in our community those in search of the truth. And aim to help our community at every opportunity through works of charity and opening their doors to anyone in need.

They have asked for financial assistance with their fundraising event "Dinner of Unity" on Saturday 31 July 2021, at Emporium Reception hall at Bankstown.

Considering this, I recommend that Council support the Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Bankstown and their Dinner of Unity Event by way of \$1,000 donation.

Vision Islam

Vision Islam, not-for-profit organisation committed providing education to the community have asked for financial assistance in respect to the cost of hiring Paul Keating Park for a community Eid Prayer Event that was held during May to celebrate the month of Ramadan.

Considering this, I recommend that Council support the Vision Islam by way of \$1,000 donation to help cover the cost of use of Paul Keating Park. This will help lower the costs involved to have a successful event community on the day of the event.

Bankstown City Lions

Last Friday night the Bankstown City Lions held their Annual Gala event to raise money in support of the many kids who participate in all of their football programs. By way of support of all the families that Bankstown City Lions support, I propose that Council donate the value of a table, being \$1,000 to assist their ongoing development of programs for grassroots football in our City.

Padstow Community Care

For more than 35 years, Community Care have been committed to supporting the most vulnerable people in our communities. With many struggling with everyday financial needs, emotional and mental health concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic issues that have followed. Community Care is raising funds to assist the community through their Winter Appeal Fundraiser.

Many households across our community are facing a difficult Winter. With unexpected job losses, family breakdowns and significant health issues many are facing unprecedented challenges this Winter. Community Care help make ends meet in the face of growing financial and emotional hurdles.

Considering this, I recommend that Council support Padstow Community Care Winter Appeal by way of \$500 donation.

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.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 5.1 Heritage Grant Fund 2020-2021

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine applications made under the Heritage Grant Fund for the 2020-2021 Financial Year.

ISSUE

Council's Heritage Incentives Policy provides for a yearly grant fund, which offers grants up to \$5,000 per property for restoration, maintenance and upkeep of heritage listed properties. Council received 23 applications during this funding round.

Council's Heritage Reference Group members were consulted and provided recommendations on the applications for Council's consideration, using the criteria set under Council's Heritage Incentives Policy.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the recommendations as outlined in Attachment A and grants be allocated in accordance with Council's Heritage Incentives Policy.
2. All owners who submitted an application be advised of Council's decision.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment\(s\)](#)

- A. Recommended Heritage Grants
- B. Heritage Incentives Policy

POLICY IMPACT

The Heritage Incentives Policy allows for and provides the operational criteria for Heritage Grant Funds to be allocated. This report makes recommendations in accordance with this policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Should Council decide to proceed as per the recommendations of this report, the total cost to Council would be \$56,000, consistent with the budget envelope adopted by Council at its meeting of 23 June 2020. This expenditure can be accommodated through Council's existing operational budget which has been allocated for this purpose.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The recommendations will have a positive community impact through restoration and improvement of heritage listed properties, which might not otherwise occur if funding assistance was not provided.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Introduction

Council adopted the Heritage Incentives Policy on 25 September 2018. This Policy provides for a Heritage Grant Fund that covers the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area.

The Heritage Grant Fund provides funding for eligible projects specifically relating to listed heritage Items. The first funding round was held during the 2018-2019 financial year and second round held last financial year. This is the third funding round of heritage grants.

The photo below shows a property in Hurlstone Park that benefitted during the second round of funding from a grant for painting and repairs:



Image 1: Property in Euston Road, Hurlstone Park after painting works to front timber work funded by the previous heritage grant fund round.

2020-2021 Heritage Grant Fund

A round of funding commenced during the 2020-2021 financial year. All owners of listed heritage properties (over 200) in Canterbury Bankstown were advised in January 2021 and given approximately two months until 25 March 2021 to make an application. A total of 23 applications were received and considered for funding.

Funds

The fund provides grants of up to maximum of \$5,000 per application.

For external maintenance works there is no requirement to provide matching funding. For other works grant funding is on a dollar for dollar basis but not exceeding 50% of the total cost of the approved works and up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Assessment of applications received

The applications were referred to Council's Heritage Reference Group members to provide recommendations.

Specific recommendations for grant funding are provided in Attachment A. Of the 23 applications received, 16 are recommended to receive grant funding. Where properties have received previous funding but the application has merit on heritage grounds, part funding of the \$5,000 maximum amount has been recommended. This is in keeping with the Heritage Incentives Policy which seeks to prioritise funding for properties that have not previously received a grant.

The recommendations are submitted for endorsement by Council.

A copy of the Heritage Incentives Policy which provides the assessment criteria and information required in applications, is provided in Attachment B.

Next steps

If Council decides to proceed with endorsing the Heritage Grant funding as recommended, the next step in the process will be to advise applicants of its decision. At that point, funding will be allocated in line with the Heritage Incentives Policy.

A further round of funding has been budgeted for and will occur in the 2021-2022 financial year.

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ITEM 5.2 Flood Planning Amendment to s10.7 Planning Certificates

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of changes to its Local Environmental Plans and information shown on planning certificates that will occur on 14 July 2021 as a result of State Government reforms of the NSW 'Flood Prone Land Package'. Planning certificates provide information about planning controls that apply to specific sites and are typically sought when properties are being sold or developed. Council currently issues around 8,000 certificates per year.

The aim of the changes is to ensure transparency about which properties are affected by irregular, high-risk flood events, managing flood risk up to and beyond the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) flood (also known as the 1 in 100 year flood event) and considering flood risks up to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) level, which is the largest flood that could conceivably occur at a particular location.

ISSUE

The State Government's 'Flood Prone Land Package' reforms due to come into effect on 14 July 2021 include:

- Removing the existing Clause 6.3 'Flood Planning' in the Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 and Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 and insert a new State Government prepared Flood Planning clause; and
- Changes to the advice required to be provided regarding certain flood affected properties on Section 10.7 Planning Certificates. Council currently does not classify low flood risk areas as being flood affected (consistent with current State Government legislation), but under the proposed changes, these areas will now be recognised as being flood affected on planning certificates. However, in those areas, no additional planning requirements will apply because Council's policy settings relating to properties identified as low flood risk will not change.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment\(s\)](#)

- A. Proposed amendment to Schedule 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
- B. Revised Local Environmental Plan flood clauses

POLICY IMPACT

The State-led changes will include changes to Council's Local Environmental Plans (or Council's consolidated LEP if it is made before 14 July 2021) and s10.7 Planning Certificates reporting requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Council will need to undertake an analysis to comply with the State-led requirements. Council has commenced the procurement process to engage an independent specialist to undertake the necessary updates in relation to planning certificates. These costs can be accommodated within Council's existing operational budget.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The State Government-led changes do not result in any community impacts. Public exhibition of the proposed changes was undertaken by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment during April and June 2020. As a result of the exhibition, some changes were made to the draft flood planning legislation package including changes to the new LEP clause clarification of the supporting guidance and flooding guideline.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The proposed 'Flood Prone Land Package' reforms require changes to Council's Local Environmental Plans and obligations for providing information about 'Flood related development controls' on Section 10.7 Planning Certificates.

Changes to Council's Local Environmental Plans

The changes to the Bankstown LEP (BLEP) 2015 and Canterbury LEP (CLEP) 2012 include:

- Remove existing clause 6.3 from both LEP's.
- Remove Flood Planning Map from CLEP 2012, and
- Insert new standard clause 5.21 into both LEP's (refer Attachment B).

The changes will delete the existing flood clauses (Clause 6.3 'Flood planning') and overlay maps in the LEPs and introduce a new standard flood clause to be known as Clause 5.21 'Flood planning'. In light of the Consolidated LEP scheduled for gazettal by 30 June 2021, the proposed changes will likely be included into the new Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2021 provided it is made before these reforms come into effect on 14 July 2021. There is no action required from Council in regard to the above changes to the BLEP 2015 and CLEP 2012, as these will be made automatically via a State-led amendment to NSW State Environmental Planning Policy.

Attachment B shows a new flooding clause that will be introduced into Council's LEPs on 14 July 2021.

The new flooding clause contains additional requirements that development applications must consider such as safe evacuations in the event of a flood; the potential to modify, relocate or remove proposed buildings if the surrounding area is impacted by flooding or coastal erosion; and the impact of development on projected changes to flood behaviour as a result of climate change.

Changes to Section 10.7 Planning Certificates

In relation to Planning Certificates, the changes will include the following:

1. Amend required information issued in Planning Certificates to identify where land is affected by the following flood events and subject to flood related development controls:
 - a. Within a 1:100 flood event plus freeboard (i.e. flood planning area)
 - b. Within the extent between the 1:100 flood event and the probable maximum flood (PMF) event
2. Remove existing advices which identified where land is within a 1:100 flood event and subject to flood related development controls

Figure 1 below shows part of the current Salt Pan Creek flooding map. The properties shown in light blue are categorised as 'Low Flood Risk' and are not currently described as flood affected properties on Section 10.7 Planning Certificates issued by Council. These Low Flood Risk properties will be the only type of properties that are affected by the changes discussed

in this report. Properties in the pink, dark blue and green flood risk precincts on the map are currently noted (and will continue to be) as flood affected properties on Section 10.7 Planning Certificates.

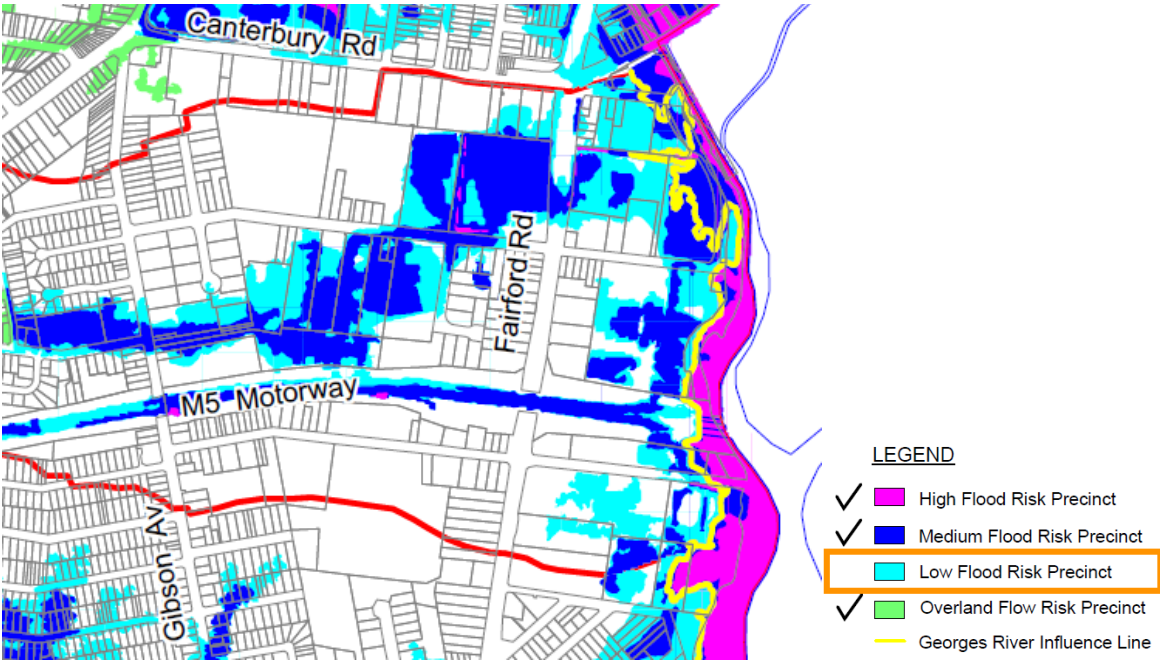


Figure 1: The light blue properties are within the low flood risk precinct that will be affected by the changes. These properties will now be shown as ‘flood affected’ on planning certificates.

To confirm the number of properties impacted by this change and to ensure accurate advice is provided in Section 10.7 Planning Certificates required under the changes, analysis of Council’s existing flooding maps is required to be completed by Council. Council is in the process of engaging a consultant to undertake this work in order to achieve consistency with the new flood planning reforms.

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ITEM 5.3 **Report on Council's Performance in the Assessment of Development Applications for the first three quarters of the 2020/21 financial year, Clause 4.6 Variations Approved for the third quarter of the 2020/21 financial year, Planning Related Legal Appeals and Planning Proposal Update**

AUTHOR **Planning**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform Council in relation to:

1. Council's performance relative to other Group 3 (large to very large metropolitan) Councils on key planning indicators based on the NSW Department of Planning's most recent data;
2. Performance for processing of development applications for the first three quarters of the 2020/21 financial year;
3. Development applications approved with a Clause 4.6 Variation for the third quarter of the 2020/21 financial year; and
4. Planning related legal appeals currently before the Land and Environment Court.
5. Active Planning Proposals.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment\(s\)](#)

- A. Summary of Local Development Performance Monitoring Data (FY19)
- B. Clause 4.6 return for third quarter 2020/21
- C. Land and Environment Court appeal list (as of 16 June 2021)
- D. List of active Planning Proposals

POLICY IMPACT

This matter has no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This matter has no financial implications.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The timely processing of development applications increases housing stock, provides employment opportunities, additional facilities for the community and improves the appearance of the City. Council's record of being one of the fastest Councils in metropolitan Sydney for processing development applications is a significant benefit for the community and industry in this regard.

However, it is also important to ensure that the community is protected from inappropriate development. This report will detail that in instances where Council has not supported poor development outcomes, Council has been successful in defending a majority of appeals lodged by applicants, or in affecting changes to a proposal to advance it to a point that it satisfactorily meets relevant planning rules and can be approved.

The progression of planning proposals stimulates the NSW economy, creates jobs and housing, delivers infrastructure, provides public benefits to the community and facilitates urban renewal across the city where appropriate and it can be demonstrated that a change to planning rules will result in an improved locality based on a broad number of factors, including economic, social and environmental factors.

DETAILED INFORMATION

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Comparison of key development data for CB City relative to other Group 3 metropolitan Councils.

Recently, the NSW Department of Planning released its Local Development Performance Monitoring Data for Financial Year 2018/19 (FY19). Based on the most recently available Department of Planning data (FY19), CBCity remains the third fastest Council among Group 3 Councils (large to very large metropolitan Councils) for the assessment of development applications, measured in gross median days.

The following conclusions can be drawn from the graphs which have been provided at Attachment A.

- CB City determined the fourth highest number of development applications across the group 3 Councils for FY19.
- CB City had the fifth highest capital investment value of determined development applications across group 3 Councils for FY19.
- CB City had the third lowest determination times (measured in gross median days) for development applications across group 3 Councils for FY19.

It should be noted that CB City achieved these results with no change in FTE staff devoted to DA assessment. Across the Group 3 Councils, 10 of the 18 Council's had an increase in staff levels. Increases were between 3% and 36%.

Processing of development applications for the first three quarters of the 2020/21 financial year

For the first three quarters of the 2020/21 financial year, Council determined 811 development applications and 267 Section 4.55 applications (applications to modify a development consent), with a total capital investment value of approximately \$1.1 billion (\$1,100,218,703). The median gross determination times for all development applications for the first three quarters was 61 days.

Reporting of development applications which involved a Clause 4.6 submission

On 21 February 2018, the NSW Government's Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued Planning System Circular PS 18-003 Variation to Development Standards. The Circular requires that a report of all variations approved under delegation from a Council must be provided to a meeting of the Council at least once each quarter.

During the third quarter of the 2020/21 financial year, a total of eleven variations to an environmental planning instrument were approved. The attached report is the required report and includes all results for the third quarter of the current financial year.

Current planning related appeals before the New South Wales Land and Environment Court

Attachment C to this report provides details of the appeals currently before the New South Wales Land and Environment Court, as of 16 June, 2021. The attached list identifies a total of 20 appeals. At the commencement of the 2020/21 financial year, there were 33 active appeals, with the current listing representing a 39% reduction in appeal numbers. It is worth noting that of all the appeals on the attached list, four relate to the redevelopment of the “Riverlands” site and one relates to a Building Information Certificate.

The active matters relate to refused development applications, or “deemed refused” matters, where Council has requested modifications to a proposal to bring about an acceptable development outcome and the applicant has sought approval through the Court rather than amend the development.

2. PLANNING PROPOSALS

At its Ordinary Meeting on 8 December 2020, Council resolved to receive a regular report detailing all planning proposals. The section below provides Council with an understanding of the planning proposals currently before Council and at what stages of the planning proposal process each is at. It should be noted that all privately initiated planning proposals are considered by the Canterbury Bankstown Local Planning Panel with the Panel advice being forwarded to Council for its consideration. All planning proposals are made public at the time of being considered by the Panel and prior to being considered formally by Council.

Council is currently progressing 16 planning proposals, which are detailed in the attachment to this report (and divided into stages in Figure 1 below). Of these, 4 are related to Council’s master planning program and are located in Campsie and Bankstown. The largest of Council’s planning proposals is for Bankstown Central, with an approximate capital investment value of \$1.3 Billion. There are several other major urban renewal proposals at various stages of the process, including Chester Square, WSU Milperra and three private hospitals. The Planning Proposals for Bankstown and Campsie, which will implement the changes contemplated in the Master Plans, will be reported to Council later in 2021.

Two out of 16 of Council’s planning proposals are with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to be finalised.



Figure 1: Number of planning proposals at key stages of the process

Acceleration Programs

As part of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Planning Reform Action Plan, Council has participated in a number of acceleration programs introduced to boost the NSW economy, reduce assessment timeframes, create jobs and finalise long standing proposals. Council has achieved all targets relating to these programs.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment advised Council of new KPI targets to finalise planning proposals within a year of a Gateway determination, known as the 'Horizon Program'. Council successfully completed assessment and consideration of the two relevant planning proposals being for the properties located at 297-299 Canterbury Road, Revesby (private hospital) and 353-355 Waterloo Road, Greenacre (Chullora Marketplace). Both of the 'Horizon Program' planning proposals were submitted to the Department by the due dates in the Gateway Determinations. The Department will make the final decision for each planning proposal.

In regard to the Public Spaces Legacy Program, all planning proposals and regionally significant development applications have been finalised or are with the Department for finalisation. The remaining commitments include achieving a median DA timeframe of 59 days at 30 June and completing the consolidated LEP by June 2021, which has been with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to be finalized since 10 July 2020.

Council has received a letter from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment advising that Stage 1 of the Legacy Program has been successfully completed. Subject to meeting the Stage 2 commitments by 30 June 2021, Council can apply for funding of up to \$5.5 million for public open space. Consistent with the Council resolutions on 25 August 2020 (item 8.1) and 8 December 2020 (also item 8.1) these funds will be directed towards improvement and upgrades to Paul Keating Park.

6 POLICY MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 6.1 Adoption of the Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the feedback received on the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036 (the Strategic Plan) based on community feedback, and to present the Strategic Plan for adoption and implementation.

ISSUE

The Canterbury-Bankstown Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036 supports our Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2036, which captures the community's vision to be Prosperous and Innovative. It further strengthens our Local Strategic Planning Statement, Connective City 2036, to build and become a city equal to that of any other across Australia.

The Strategic Plan is written in the current context where our city finds itself in a favourable environment with government agencies and the private sector making significant investments which will change our economic landscape. The Strategy guides the actions and priorities for economic development to 2036.

The draft version of the document was placed on public exhibition from 24 March 2021 to Monday 26 April 2021 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders. Following the exhibition period, the submissions have been considered and the Strategic Plan is presented for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036 (Attachment A) and consider the actions as part of future operational plans.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment\(s\)](#)

- A. Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036
- B. Economic Development Strategy 2036 Submissions Table

POLICY IMPACT

The Economic Development Strategy is closely aligned with the Community Strategic Plan's direction to be 'Prosperous and Innovative', and our Local Strategic Planning Statement, Connective City 2036.

This Strategic Plan will provide guidance on the priorities and function of Council and provide input into future Operational and Delivery Plans.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts to Council at this stage of the report. The recommendations provide future action for Council to work towards, many of which will require significant community and stakeholder engagement. As Council considers each stage of the strategy it will separately outline and report the financial impacts of each project.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Economic Development Strategy 2036 demonstrates to the community Council's commitment to the future economic growth of the City. It sets out a number of key focus areas, programs to promote the city, attract investment and create jobs.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Canterbury Bankstown is the 8th largest economy in NSW with a gross regional product of \$15.8 billion. We currently have the largest (and growing) population in NSW, the second highest number of registered businesses in the State, and a pipeline of game-changing projects that will see us expand significantly over the next 15 years and beyond. Our expected growth will literally change the landscape of the city, as well as take our population to half a million residents, and tens of thousands of new jobs and students.

Canterbury Bankstown is a city with a hierarchy of centres with the potential to grow and create jobs and businesses. These centres will be a focus for future marketing and economic development initiatives.

The City of Canterbury-Bankstown is truly one of Sydney's greatest assets. This Strategic Plan builds on the City's strengths and connectivity, to deliver local jobs, a strong local economy, and a diverse, skilled workforce that is an integral part of the Greater Sydney economy, and a City of significance in the State, Nation and beyond.

In direct correlation to the business community's hopes and aspirations, underpinning the Economic Development Strategic Plan are the principles of promotion, people and places. Under these principles are five proposed program areas, each with associated actions designed to positively impact on the future growth of the city. These program areas are:

- **Marketing the City**
The Vision for Canterbury-Bankstown is to be a City that is thriving, dynamic and real. The Marketing the City Program seeks to change perceptions and increase awareness of the opportunities within Canterbury-Bankstown. It also seeks to improve communication between Council, the local business community and future investors.
- **Training and Skills Development**
Both the community and local business expressed a desire to improve employment and training opportunities for local young people. This initiative seeks to work with the local education, training and employment services sector to lift work-readiness and diversify the local skills base. This will increase people's access to economic opportunities as well as support flexible learning pathways over the course of a lifetime.
- **Entrepreneurship**
Canterbury-Bankstown has a higher percentage of owner-manager rates than the Greater Sydney region. The Entrepreneurship Program takes an innovative approach to supporting local entrepreneurs, particularly migrant entrepreneurs, to start-up, manage and grow their own businesses. It embraces non-traditional support models reflective of the diverse business types in the area.

- **City Economy Building**
Canterbury-Bankstown forms an integral part of the Greater Sydney economy. This initiative seeks to engage with and support the health, education, creative, professional, food and retail sectors to grow, innovate and employ. It also seeks to help them revitalise and activate the Bankstown CBD, Campsie, and our local neighbourhood centres, both day and night.
- **Industrial Economy Building**
This initiative seeks to engage with and support manufacturing, transport and aviation sectors to remain in place, absorb technology, innovate and grow.

Public exhibition process

The draft version of the document was placed on public exhibition from 24 March 2021 to Monday 26 April 2021 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders.

As part of this process, a number of tools were used to engage with stakeholders including Council's "Have Your Say" (HYS) page, Facebook and social media. Details of the draft Strategic Plan, and how to give feedback, were also emailed to over 52,000 local registered businesses on 31 March as part of our monthly business electronic direct mail update. The public exhibition of the draft Strategic Plan was advertised in the Council News section of local papers and on Council's social media platforms. Following the exhibition period, the submissions have been considered and the Strategic Plan is presented for adoption.

Summary of public submissions

The community engagement activities primarily focused on digital engagement methods due to the impact of the pandemic.

The exhibition achieved good digital reach with more than 400 project views, downloads and readings of the Strategy. Three submissions were also received offering their support for the Strategic Plan. Key digital highlights from the exhibition include:

- 162 unique visitors viewed a cumulative 230 pages of project information.
- 136 participants viewed the Strategic Plan via the Issue reader tool
- One third of readers viewed multiple project pages.
- There were an additional 35 downloads of the strategy document.

There was unanimous support for the Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036. Further detail on each of the submissions can be found in Attachment B.

ITEM 6.2 Adoption of the Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the feedback received on the draft Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26 (the Plan) based on community feedback, and to present the Plan for adoption and implementation.

ISSUE

The Canterbury-Bankstown draft Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26 recognises that the City already has a growing night time economy. The Plan proposes actions that focus specifically on expanding what happens in our city at night. It identifies a number of themes and initiatives required to deliver a viable and vibrant after-dark economy, and allows us to celebrate our diverse commercial, social and cultural fabric.

The Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-2026 has been written following consultation with businesses to build thriving after-dark offerings. The actions in here are scalable across the LGA as we mature into a truly 24-hour city.

The draft version of the document was placed on public exhibition from 24 March 2021 to Monday 26 April 2021 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders. Following the exhibition period, the submissions have been considered and the Plan is presented for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26 (Attachment A) and consider the actions as part of future operational plans.

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- A. Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021_2026
- B. Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021_26 Submissions Table

POLICY IMPACT

The Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26 is closely aligned with the Community Strategic Plan's direction of 'Prosperous and Innovative', and our Local Strategic Planning Statement, Connective City 2036. It sets the scene for the future development of the City's night time economy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts to Council at this stage of the report. The recommendations provide future action for Council to work towards, many of which will require significant community and stakeholder engagement. As Council considers each initiative, it will separately outline and report the financial impacts of each project.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26 demonstrates to the community, Council's commitment to support, invest in, and grow our after dark economy. It sets out a number of key focus areas, and actions to create jobs and add to the City's attractions.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Canterbury Bankstown is the 8th largest economy in NSW with a gross regional product of \$15.8 billion. We currently have the largest (and growing) population in NSW, the second highest number of registered businesses in the State, and a night time economy which has been growing at a rate above Sydney, NSW, and a number of other cities since 2015.

Approximately 20% of all employment in Canterbury Bankstown is either directly or indirectly related to the night time economy. In 2019, over 28,000 people were employed in over 7,000 businesses which trade and contribute to the City's night time economy.

The night time economy is defined as consumer oriented economic activity that occurs outside of the day time hours of 6am – 6pm.

There are generally, two types of night time economy establishments.

- Core – which would include food, drink and entertainment venues such as restaurants, food trucks, cafes, pubs, bars, night clubs, theatres, cinemas, live music venues and food delivery services, that are directly associated with a vibrant night life, and;
- Non-Core – other businesses such as pharmacies, medical centres, gyms, supermarkets, convenience stores, green grocers, accommodation, retail, dry cleaners, transport providers and educational establishments that support Core, and also importantly support people who work at night.

From an economic perspective a viable night time economy adds to the City's growth and stimulates a variety of jobs, particularly for younger people. Analysis by Deloitte Access Economics in 2017 estimated that the value of Greater Sydney's night time economy was \$27.2 billion, supporting 234,000 jobs.

The night time economy is important socially and culturally. It is typically during the evenings and after work that most people choose to enjoy their leisure time with friends and family. Further, cultural events and festivals are often celebrated at night, including major sporting events and performing arts, such as music, theatre and cinemas.

A growing and exciting after dark economy is an important feature of a modern and attractive city. It adds value and significantly lifts the attractiveness of the city for residents and visitors.

The Night Time Economy Action Plan puts forward four themes to act as a framework for the various actions aimed at realising the vision of a vibrant, welcoming and diverse after dark economy. These themes are:

- Identification
These actions are focused on reviewing and analysing the needs of night time economy hubs within the LGA to determine those that are thriving, those that need to be invigorated and those that are emerging and can be nurtured.

- **Invigoration**
Includes actions associated with Events and Activations and the provision of guidelines on how to quickly improve vibrancy through lower-cost enhancements and encourage businesses to diversify their product offering and extend trading hours.
- **Invitation**
Delivering a branding and marketing campaign to attract residents, workers and visitors to night time hubs through advertising, community events and new business offerings, and;
- **Investment**
Actions to attract public and private funding into night time hubs through investment attraction campaigns, centre master planning programs and place-making initiatives.

Public exhibition process

The draft version of the document was placed on public exhibition from 24 March 2021 to Monday 26 April 2021 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders.

As part of this process, a number of tools were used to engage with stakeholders including Council’s “Have Your Say” (HYS) page, Facebook and social media. Details of the draft Plan, and how to give feedback, were also emailed to over 52,000 local registered businesses on 31 March as part of our monthly business electronic direct mail update. The public exhibition of the Plan was advertised in the Council News section of local papers and on Council’s social media platforms. Following the exhibition period, the submissions have been considered and the Plan is presented for adoption.

Summary of public submissions

The community engagement activities primarily focused on digital engagement methods due to the impact of the pandemic.

The exhibition realised good local digital reach with more than 300 visitors viewing the project information and three submissions supporting the plan being received. Key highlights for the exhibition were:

- 326 unique visitors viewed a cumulative 431 pages of project information.
- Total viewing time for the HYS platform was five hours three minutes.
- There were an additional 50 downloads of the draft plan document.
- An additional 222 reading sessions initiated on the exhibition’s document reader.

There was strong support for the Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26. Further detail on each of the submissions can be found in Attachment B.

7 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 7.1 **Adoption of the 2021/22 Operational Plan, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Strategy**

AUTHOR **City Future**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements (Local Government Act 1993 S402-406) include the need for Council to develop a Delivery Program, supporting annual operational plans and associated resourcing strategies. These documents represent Council's response as an organisation to the 10-year community strategic plan for the City – CBCity 2028:

1. The 2018-22 Delivery Program sets out the principal services Council will undertake, priorities, service commitments, transformative actions and measures for the period 2018 to 2022. It was adopted in June 2018 and revised in February 2021; and
2. The Operational Plan outlines the financial resources to be allocated and the projects to be completed in that financial year. It includes a breakdown of Council's operating budgets and planned expenditure, as well as other financial information, and Council's Revenue Policy, Pricing Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges. Operational Plans are prepared annually and, following a minimum 28-day exhibition period, are usually required to be adopted by Council prior to 1 July each year.
3. Resourcing Strategies detail how Council will provide for asset, financial and workforce management.

The aim of these documents is to maintain and improve services, deliver on infrastructure needs, and provide a tangible contribution to CBCity 2028.

ISSUE

This report seeks to:

- adopt the 2021/22 Operational Plan (including the 2021/22 Budget and accompanying financial statements and the 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges (Attachment A)); and
- reflect latest financial information and forecasts in the 10-year Long Term Financial Plan, and the 10-year Asset Management Strategy.

The documents have been developed as Council and the community cope with the impact of the environmental and health emergencies during 2020/21, which have impacted Council's ability to provide services and facilities in the present, and to fund and provide for future operations. It incorporates upcoming rates harmonisation and the financial sustainability initiatives approved by IPART in May 2021.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. In accordance with sections 402 to 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council adopt the Operational Plan 2021/22 including 2021/22 Budget, 2021/22 Capital Expenditure Program, Council's Revenue and Pricing Policies and 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges, and updated asset and financial resourcing strategies.
2. Those members of the community that have provided formal submissions be thanked and advised of Council's responses in this report.
3. Council resolve to gradually harmonise its former Council's Ad Valorem Ordinary Rates over an eight year period, commencing 1 July 2021.
4. Council resolve to establish and identify the following Business Sub-Categories in setting its Ordinary Rate – as outlined in the Operational Plan:
 - Business – Commercial Large
 - Business – Commercial General
 - Business – Industrial Large
 - Business – Industrial General
 - Business – Ordinary
5. In accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1993, Council makes the following Rates and Charges – former Bankstown City Council:

5.1 Rating

Subject to the provisions of Sections 404 and 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, an ordinary rate be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 upon the land value of all rateable land within the former Bankstown City Council categorised as Residential or Business as detailed in the following table:

Category / Sub-Category	Ad-Valorem Rate	Minimum Rate \$
Residential – Ordinary	0.00209487	\$728.18
Business – Commercial Large	0.00555172	\$794.27
Business – Commercial General	0.00555172	\$794.27
Business – Industrial Large	0.00555172	\$794.27
Business – Industrial General	0.00555172	\$794.27
Business – Ordinary	0.00555172	\$794.27
Bankstown Town Centre Special – see 3.1.1	0.00947900	Nil

The residential and business ad valorem rates in the table above have been adjusted to account for year 1 (2021-22) of the eight year gradual harmonisation process in order to have one harmonised rating structure for the City by 1 July 2028.

5.1.1 Bankstown Town Centre Special Rate

A Bankstown Town Centre Special Rate will be levied on rateable land value of the land delineated on the map and on the list held in Councils offices and described in the

Operational Plan, being part of Council's area consisting of properties which formerly comprises the Bankstown Town Centre Local Improvement District which, in Council's opinion the land to be rated benefits, or will benefit from the works, services, facilities or activities; or contributes or will contribute to the need for the works, services, facilities or activities, or has or will have access to the works, services, facilities or activities provided or undertaken or proposed to be undertaken within the part of Council's area.

5.2 Domestic Waste Management Service Charges

Subject to provision of Sections 496, 501, 502 and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, annual Domestic Waste Management Charges be made and levied on a pro-rata quarterly basis for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, as follows:

Type of Charge	Short Name	Annual Charge
An Annual Domestic Waste Management Service charge per service for each parcel of Rateable Residential land for which a service is available.	Domestic – Waste Management	\$580.00
Each additional service in respect of single dwelling premises.	Domestic Waste Extra Service	\$317.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 240L.	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$350.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 660L.	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$963.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 1100L.	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$1,575.00
Each additional service in respect of recycling.	Extra Recycling Service	\$89.00
Each additional service in respect of Greenwaste.	Extra Green Waste Service	\$145.00
Rateable Vacant Land	Domestic Waste Vacant Land	\$151.00

5.3 Stormwater Management Charges

Council make and levy an annual stormwater management service charge for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 as follows:

Description of Charge	Charge
Annual residential property charge	\$25.00
Annual residential strata property charge	\$12.50
Annual business property charge per 350 square metres or part there-of for non-vacant business land	\$25.00
Annual business property charge per 350 square metres or part there of surface land area for strata business unit (proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement) not less than \$5.00.	\$25.00
Mixed Developments – see below	

5.3.1 Mixed Developments

- Adopt the dominant Rating category as applied to the parcel of land as determined by the Valuer General and apply to each relevant property; and
- In the event that a mixed development is 50% residential and 50% business, Council will apply a residential stormwater management charge.

5.3.2 Bankstown Airport

- For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an annual Stormwater Management Charge of \$25.00 per property plus an additional \$25.00 for each 350 square metres or part of 350 square metres by which the area of the parcel of land exceeds 350 square metres.

5.3.3 Exemptions

- Bowling and Golf Clubs - where the dominant use is open space;
- Council-owned land;
- Properties zoned: Open space 6(a); Private Recreation 6(b); and Rural.

5.4 Interest Rate on Overdue Rates & Charges

Subject to the provisions of Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993 the rate of interest charged on overdue rate instalments be set at the maximum rate specified by the Minister for Local Government from time to time. The current rate of interest is 6.0% per annum.

5.5 Voluntary Pensioner Rebate

In addition to the current maximum pensioner rebate of \$250.00 per annum, Council continue to provide a further voluntary rebate, totalling \$40.00 per annum in accordance with Council's 'Rates and Charges, debt recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy.

- 6 In accordance with sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council makes the following Rates and Charges – former Canterbury City Council:

6.1 Rating

Subject to the provisions of Sections 404 and 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, an ordinary rate be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 upon the land value of all rateable land within the former Canterbury City Council categorised as Residential or Business as detailed in the following table:

Category / Sub-Category	Ad-Valorem Rate	Minimum Rate
Residential – Ordinary	0.00186136	\$728.18
Business – Commercial Large	0.00474255	\$794.27
Business – Commercial General	0.00474255	\$794.27
Business – Industrial Large	0.00474255	\$794.27
Business – Industrial General	0.00474255	\$794.27
Business – Ordinary	0.00474255	\$794.27

The residential and business ad valorem rates in the table above have been adjusted to account for year 1 (2021-22) of the eight year gradual harmonisation process in order to have one harmonised rating structure for the City by 1 July 2028.

6.2 Domestic Waste Management Service Charges

Subject to the provisions of Sections 496, 501, 502 and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, annual Domestic and Non-Domestic Waste Management Charges be made and levied on a pro-rata quarterly basis for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, as follows:

Type of Premises	Short Name	Annual Charge
Single dwellings, a granny flat, dual occupancies and villas & townhouses (having and controlling use and storage of own bins).	Domestic Waste Service	\$580.00
Strata units and flats (with 1 or more bedrooms, not being flats owned by charitable or benevolent institutions for the housing of aged, infirm or disabled persons).	Domestic Waste Service	\$580.00
Flats owned by charitable or benevolent institutions for the housing of aged, infirm or disabled persons.	Waste Management – Non Rateable	\$580.00 for each rubbish bin
Properties categorised as Business (with or without residential accommodation)	Waste Management – Business	\$580.00
Each additional service.	Domestic Waste Extra Service	\$317.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 240L.	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$350.00
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Vacant Land – refers to land that is devoid of buildings and excludes land on which building works are in progress	Domestic Waste - Vacant	\$151.00

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- 7 Council adopt the proposed Financial Management and Asset Management Strategies and actions, as outlined in the report.
- 8 Council adopt the use of Ward Funds, as outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

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- A. 2021/22 Operational Plan, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges
- B. Summary of Submissions received on the 2021/22 Operational Plan
- C. Financial Management Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan 2021-2031
- D. Asset Management Strategy 2021-2031

POLICY IMPACT

The Operational Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 2021/22 Operational Plan sets out Council's Revenue Policy, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2021/22 financial year.

They have been prepared acknowledging that the considerable financial impacts from recent environmental and COVID-19 health emergencies, will continue to be felt as we enter the new financial year. Actual and projected income and expenditure will continue to be reviewed and adjusted as we work through the existing and future challenges and reporting to Council regularly.

The 2021/22 Operational Plan and accompanying Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Strategy incorporates the rates harmonisation process and the financial sustainability initiatives approved by IPART in May 2021.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Operational Plan details the projects, activities and finances to implement in 2021/22 to align to the 2018-22 Delivery Program. The budget has been premised on providing as many business-as-usual services and facilities as possible, and with the need to be flexible and sensitive to changing community and staff needs during 2021/22.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Operational Plan 2021/22

Under the Local Government Act 1993, councils are required to develop a hierarchy of plans known as the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework. The plans focus on short and long-term issues facing the City and aim to anticipate the needs and expectations of current and future communities. This process has been more challenging as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact on the way we deliver services and facilities. The entire integrated planning suite will be reviewed following the 2021 local government elections.

In 2021/22 Council will commit to spending \$358.4 million on services and facilities, and to deliver a \$65.4 million capital program which provides for \$24.7 million in road and transport improvements, \$1.8 million on footpaths and boardwalks, \$6.7 million in town centres, \$13.6 million on parks and sporting facilities, \$4.9 million on community building upgrades, and \$3.4 million on water quality improvement. During 2021/22, the community can expect to see:

- a new community space in Hurlstone Park;
- a new splash park in Greenacre;
- a new playspace in Parry Park, Peace Park and Paul Keating Park;
- field reconstruction at Earlwood Oval and Walshaw Park, a new Little Athletics facility at Kelso Park North, and a new synthetic playing surface at Padstow Park;
- designs for a new community centre in Thurina Park and Griffith Park;
- scoping and designs for a new Sustainable Resource Recovery Facility at Kelso Park and a Towards Net Zero emissions plan;
- town centre improvements at the Oneata and Haldon Street intersection, Lakemba to facilitate the ongoing development of the Ramadan Nights festival and economic viability;
- a new signature event for the City and a Village Festivals Grants Program;
- road resurfacing in Beamish Street, Campsie, and Johnston Road, Bass Hill;
- Smart initiatives like Smart parking in Marion Street, the Activated Data Roadmap, and SafeTV school crossings;
- initiatives from a Night Time Economy Action Plan; and
- town centre upgrades and master plans, and neighbourhood scale streetscape works at Revesby and Greenacre.

Financial Management

Whilst Council's current financial position is considered sound (from a cashflow perspective), Council's broader financial position continues to reflect a Net Result of negative \$0.8M. Once adjusted for one-off capital grants and contributions (which establishes/provides the true result of managing our day-to-day operations), Council's net result further declines to negative \$35.0M.

As noted in previous reports, whilst the negative net result does not present any immediate financial concerns, it does convey Council's inability to adequately fund (in the long term):

- the replacement of our infrastructure assets (Depreciation Expense);
- pressure to both align and/or increase service levels across the local government area;

- exponential increases in non-discretionary costs, such as the emergency services levy, local government election costs and waste levies; and
- recoup the loss of rating revenue to fund services/capital (ie. former Canterbury Council Special Rate Variation - \$5.1M per annum).

Council's Long Term Financial Plan highlights the adopted strategy Council has provided to address this imbalance and importantly has developed a path which ensures we remain financially sustainable. Council has an ongoing commitment to refining/reviewing our cost-base, particularly through ongoing efficiency improvements throughout our operations, to ensure that we are making every effort to deal with the pressures, as noted above.

In addition to the above, the recent developments of the COVID-19 virus have greatly affected many of Councils operations. In responding to the crisis, Council has implemented a number of initiatives and support packages to assist our community throughout the pandemic. The total financial impact of the pandemic on Council's operations is estimated to be around \$21M (2021/22 impact \$3M, 2020/21 impact \$12M, and 2019/20 impact \$6M).

Council's Financial Management Strategy addresses Council's long term financial sustainability challenges including our commitment to slow expense-growth, adequately fund the maintenance and renewal of infrastructure through our approved IPART special rate variation and manage our liabilities for future generations.

Our strategy includes measures to tackle and absorb the broader economic environment and ensure we are ready to respond to issues, such as:

- Harmonising services and revenue funding across the local government area;
- The expected growth in housing and its impact on our service and infrastructure needs;
- Revitalising and re-investing in our CBD, town centres, libraries and recreational facilities;
- Enforcement of required regulatory and compliance standards expected of our community;
- Preserving our fragile natural environment;
- Building confidence in our City by identifying relevant opportunities to support our local economy and attract investment; and
- Taking a positive and leading role in responding to the reforms set out by the NSW Government.

Throughout the exhibition period, Council's 2021/22 budget has been adjusted to reflect items not known at the time of preparing the Budget. The net financial impact of those changes is reflected in the tables and/or information below:

Item	Exhibited Budget \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Change \$'000
INCOME			
Grants & Contributions - Operating	25,659	25,159	(500)
Grants & Contributions - Capital	31,202	34,228	3,026
	56,861	59,387	2,526
EXPENDITURE			
Employment Costs	152,267	152,295	28
Material & Contract	90,257	90,266	9

Other Expenses	41,330	40,262	(1,068)
	283,854	282,823	(1,031)
NET CHANGE			3,557

By way of summary, some of the more notable changes were made as a result of the following issues:

- Variation of Grants income of \$2.5M from the time of preparing the draft 2021/22 budget.
- Other Expenses decreased by \$1.1M compared to original budget estimates including a reduction for grants related to operational expenditure of \$0.5M

A summary of the capital budget adjustments are as follows;

Item	Exhibited Budget \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Changes \$'000
Bridges	340	840	500
Buildings	4,340	4,866	526
Carparks	845	845	0
Drainage Conduits	2,400	2,400	0
Waste Management	1,700	2,100	400
Town Centres	5,250	6,665	1,415
Open Space	11,005	12,270	1,265
Park/Street Furniture	509	434	(75)
Park Lighting	500	750	250
Park Signs, Fences & Screens	215	215	0
Pathways and Boardwalks	1,800	1,800	0
Road Pavement	11,495	14,655	3,160
Traffic Management Devices	8,014	8,358	344
Water Courses	80	80	0
Water Quality Devices	915	915	0
Operational Assets	8,130	8,160	30
TOTAL CAPEX	57,538	65,352	7,814

- The above changes include around \$3.0M relating to grant funding received for application on capital projects. The more notable projects added include \$1.4M in Town Centres for the delivery of the Lakemba Ramadan Lights Project, \$1.2M for Open Space projects including Panania Tennis Centre and Paul Keating Park and Road Pavement Project and Design costs of \$3.2M.

Use of Councillor Ward Funds

In addition, requests to allocate the following Ward Funds for specific projects have been received and reflected as part of this budget process.

Project	Councilor	Allocation \$
Cooks River Bike Repair Stations	Eisler	15,000
Holden & Trevenar St – Public Domain Works	Raffan	15,000
Smith Park-Facility Upgrades	Downey	6,000
Smith Park-Facility Upgrades	Tuntevski	7,500
Kelso North - Little Athletics	Downey	3,000
Kelso North - Little Athletics	Tuntevski	7,000
Installation of electronic scoreboard at Roberts Park	Asfour	5,000
Installation of electronic scoreboard at Roberts Park	El-Hayek	5,000
Lansdowne remote control track improvements	Ishac	15,000
Johnstone Reserve improvements	Waud	15,000
Sandakan Commemorative Plaque	Waud	5,000
Earlwood Oval improvements	Madirazza	15,000
Bankstown City Sports Complex basketball	Zakhia	15,000

- As noted, Council has varied certain fees and charges to reflect certain adjustments, particularly statutory fees advised during the exhibition period, administrative/text changes made to the content and formatting, alignment of certain fees and reducing, where appropriate, certain fees applied by Council.

A summary of the changes is as follows:

Fees or charge	Exhibited Fee (excl. GST) \$	Revised/New Fee (excl. GST) \$	Reason for Change
COMMUNITY SERVICES MEALS ON WHEELS			
Meal Only	7.20	7.30	Adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the product
Dessert Only	2.80	2.75	Adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the product
Cultural Meal Only	7.20	7.30	Adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the product
Salad Only	8.20	8.40	Adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the product
PROPERTY & RATING INFORMATION RATING ENQUIRY & PROCESSING			
Interest on Overdue Rates – (IPART to advise)	* 0% per annum for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (inclusive); and * 7% per annum for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (inclusive).	6.0% per annum	Statutory fee change
CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS ROADWAY & FOOTPATH RESTORATIONS			
Restoration Inspection Fee (minimum)	571.00	195.00	Previous fee included three inspections
GROUND HIRE – PASSIVE PARKS BUSKING			
Busking Licences Per Day	16.50	16.50	Previous Fee description only noted Bankstown CBD. This fee is applicable across the whole LGA and not specific to the Bankstown CBD.
CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS ROADWAY & FOOTPATH RESTORATIONS ROADWAY			
Up to 1m2 – Minimum Fee (Refundable if no Restoration is Required)	656.00	656.00	Refund criteria added to fee description

Over 1m2 up to 20m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee		315.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Over 20m2 up to 50m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee		265.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
1 – 50m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee	310.00		Discontinued Fee as new replacement fees introduced
CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS ROADWAY & FOOTPATH RESTORATIONS FOOTPATH			
Concrete – Over 1.5m2 up to 20m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee		262.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Concrete – Over 20m2 up to 50m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee		217.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Concrete – 1.5 – 50m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee	222.00		Discontinued Fee as new replacement fees introduced
Restoration – asphalt up to 1 m2 – Minimum Fee		656.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Restoration – Over 1m2 up to 20m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee		230.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Restoration – Over 20m2 up to 50m2 – Per Square Metre in addition to minimum fee		175.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Restoration – concrete vehicular crossing– Minimum Fee	656.00		Discontinued Fee as new replacement fees introduced
Restoration – Over 50m2 – Chargeable at actual cost		Quote	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Restorations – asphalt – over 1.5 square metre – per square metre	205.00		Discontinued Fee as new replacement fees introduced
CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS ROADWAY & FOOTPATH RESTORATIONS Kerb & Guttering & Miscellaneous Restoration Charges			
Light/Medium/Heavy Duty Vehicular Crossing restoration works– Up to 1 Square Metre - Minimum Fee		656.00	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
Night Works		Quote	New Fee – Sliding scale introduced to be more competitive in the marketplace
CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS CHILD RESTRAINT FITTING			
Installation of Child Restraint Fittings (Limited fittings available) Refer to Explanatory Notes 20(n)	16.00	Free	Council to utilise online bookings and remove administrative costs associated with payment processing. Council will control future costs by capping the number of sessions at the present level of 18.
Additional seats (each)	10.00	Free	

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL NOTES

CHILD RESTRAINT FITTING	(l) Bookings are required to be made with Council's Road Safety Officer. The number of child restraint fittings are limited to the budget available. The service is only available for residents and rate payers in the Canterbury Bankstown local government area. Charge is per seat.	(l) Online bookings are required to be made. The number of child restraint fitting sessions is limited to 18 days / year. The service is only available for residents and rate payers in the Canterbury Bankstown local government area.	Council to utilise online bookings and remove administrative costs associated with payment processing. Council will control future costs by capping the number of sessions at the present level of 18.
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Financial Management Strategy (FMS) and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

As has been discussed with Council in the past, Council's current financial position and performance is considered sound (from a cashflow perspective). That said, Council's long term financial plan forecasts a number of financial challenges, particularly in adequately funding Council's required asset renewal, maintenance and backlog requirements.

In the main, Council's LTFP largely confirms/indicates:

- The former Council's assessment in suggesting the need for financial reform in order to remain sustainable into the future;
- Identifies some of the financial pressures Council will continue to face, in terms of escalating non-discretionary costs, cost-shifting and reduction in government grants, particularly allocations made to Council under the Financial Assistance Grants program;
- Council's approach to managing growth, throughout the local government area, particularly from a financial perspective;
- Added funding required to meet Council's ongoing asset maintenance, asset renewal and backlog estimates; and
- Council's ability to generate additional funding for new initiatives and/or increased service levels across operations.

Council's updated Financial Management Strategy provides the guidance to ensure that we have the scale and capacity to remain financially sustainable for the long term.

The Strategy provides an analysis of various financial scenarios and the likely financial impact for each scenario over a 10 year period. Council's recently approved SRV has been reflected in Council's plan – as its "base case" scenario – and outlines how it will provide the opportunity to address the challenges we face – and importantly the level of funding required to ensure that Council delivers on the community's servicing expectations and the ongoing management of all assets.

Rates Harmonisation

Recently, the Government passed a number of changes to the Local Government Act, including changes relating to the harmonisation of rate paths for newly merged Council's.

By way of background, in 2016 the NSW Government mandated that amalgamated Council's must maintain its former Council's rate path (rate freeze) till 30 June 2020 which was extended to 30 June 2021.

As part of its recent changes, newly merged Council's now have the discretion to harmonise its former Council rate paths up to an 8 year period, commencing 1 July 2021. In accordance with this amendment Council's residential and business ad valorem rates will be gradually harmonised over an 8 year period from 1 July 2021 in order to have one harmonised rating structure by 1 July 2028. The gradual harmonisation of residential and business ad valorem rates will minimise the harmonisation impact on our ratepayers.

The updated Financial Management Strategy (incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan) can be found in Attachment C.

Asset Management Strategy

Council's 10-year Asset Management Strategy and Financial Management Strategy (incorporating Long-term Financial Management Plan) are aligned to improve asset management capabilities to continue to provide sustainable and affordable services.

Council's 2021/22 capital program is in keeping with Council's current 10-year Asset Management Strategy and acknowledges that:

1. The cost of maintenance and renewal continues to grow.
2. There is a gap between the funding available for ongoing maintenance and renewal of our assets and what should be spent to keep the assets in reasonable condition. This will reduce the level of service for the community.
3. Infrastructure backlog will be increased.

The attached revised Asset Management Strategy incorporates Council's financial sustainability initiatives and is considered a balanced approach that while not completely eliminating the asset backlog, will slow the rate of increase, allow Council to meet its financial sustainability benchmarks, provide the best possible level of asset management, and consider the impact on ratepayers in the current economic climate.

The updated Asset Management Strategy can be found in Attachment D.

Communication and Engagement

Council considered the draft Operational Plan at its meeting held on 27 April and gave approval for public exhibition from 28 April to 28 May 2021. A number of strategies were used to ensure that the exhibition achieved good coverage of the City however usual exhibition arrangements were modified to incorporate health restrictions which were in operation at the time:

- Notices published in the electronic version of local papers, including a weekly feature;
- All documents made available on the Council's website;
- Local Members of Parliament advised and meetings offered;
- E-Notifications sent to Council's contacts for community groups; and
- Posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; and
- On-line Haveyoursay community forum including capacity to read the draft plan online.

Exhibition in the digital environment indicated a very good awareness and 'informed' status of participants shown by:

- 10,680 views of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter posts;
- 129 referrals on social media to the project page;
- 472 visitors to the project information – an increase of 35% on last year;
- Viewing time of 15 hours 11 minutes – up 24% on last year;
- 299 views of the draft Plan on the document reader tool – down 2% on last year;

- 180 documents downloaded – up 11% on last year; and
- Three submissions and one comment

The matters raised in the four submissions received are summarised Attachment B. Some of the general feelings and thoughts to come from the exhibition included:

- Need for more works in the Canterbury Town Centre and surrounds;
- Support for continued investment in asset management;
- Need for footpath works for Bishop Street and Nina Street, Revesby; and
- Clarification of the proposed Kelso Waste Resource Centre project.

There were a number of administrative/textural changes made to the content and formatting, resulting from further internal review during the exhibition period. These do not result in substantive changes and do not impact on the 2021/22 year, except where mentioned in this report.

CONCLUSION

Council's goal is to provide residents with high quality facilities and services and position the City to best capture future opportunities. Our integrated planning suite ensures sufficient attention is given to strategic decision-making at the local level. It details future direction, significant initiatives and projected budgets to guide progress and measure performance. Each annual operational plan is a further step towards achieving the goals outlined in Council's long-term plans and in the 10-year plan for the City – CBCity 2028.

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ITEM 7.2 Stronger Community Fund - Quarterly Report

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) was established by the NSW Government to provide newly merged Councils with funding to kick start the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services. The City of Canterbury Bankstown was allocated \$10 million in funding. Councils were required to consult with their community to allocate the SCF through two programs:

- A Community Grants Program – Allocating up to \$1 million in grants of up to \$50,000 to incorporated not-for-profit community groups, for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities; and
- A Major Projects Program – Allocating all remaining funding to larger scale priority infrastructure and services projects that deliver long term economic and social benefits to communities.

As required under the SCF Guidelines, an Assessment Panel was established to assess and recommend projects for funding. The Panel was made up of the Mayor or delegate, State Members of Parliament, a representative from DPC, and an independent probity advisor.

ISSUE

In accordance with SCF Guidelines developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Council is required to provide quarterly progress reports to a Council meeting on the expenditure and outcomes of the SCF. This report covers the period March 2021 – May 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the progress of the implementation of projects funded through the Stronger Communities Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

In line with the Stronger Community Fund (SCF) Guidelines developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Council is required to table progress reports at least quarterly to a Council Meeting on the expenditure and outcomes of the SCF. In addition, Council must also provide six monthly reports each year by 31 July and 31 January to the Office of Local Government (OLG) on those projects selected for funding, delivery progress and expenditure to date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All funding provided to Council has been allocated and/or committed projects through the Community Grants Program and Major Projects Program. All interest and surplus funds from completed projects has been reallocated to ongoing projects within the Major Projects Program.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The delivery of programs and projects funded under the SCF will deliver social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits to the community. The delivery of the Major Projects will result in new or improved infrastructure and services to the community.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Projects being delivered under the Major Projects Program are either complete or substantially underway. While it is anticipated that many of the projects funded by the SCF should be completed by June 2021, it should be noted that construction of some of these projects will be completed later in the 2021 calendar year as outlined below.

Major Projects Program - Stage 1

In December 2016, Council endorsed four high priority projects totalling \$3.6 million for funding under the Major Projects Program. Work has been progressing on the delivery of these projects, with two of the Stage 1 projects completed. As outlined at the 23 June 2020 Council Meeting, the Canterbury Road Underpass is no longer funded by the SCF.

An update on the status of Stage 1 projects is as follows:

Project	Progress
Regional Sports Framework – Multipurpose synthetic surface at Jensen Park	COMPLETE. This project is complete and was officially opened on 23 February 2019. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
All Abilities Playground – Bankstown City Gardens Stage 2	COMPLETE. This project is complete and was officially opened on 28 September 2018. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
Wiley Park Parkland upgrade and renewal	The Wiley Park Masterplan was adopted by Council in 2019. The design of the Wiley Park Ponds Project is underway, with the program slightly delayed due to additional works being included in the design scope. During May, Council went out to tender for the design of the Wiley Park Playspace.

Major Projects Program – Stage 2

Stage 2 projects under the Major Projects Program were endorsed by Council in March 2018 where the remaining \$5.4 million in SCF funding was allocated for the below projects. Three projects are now complete. Progress on these projects is outlined below:

Project	Progress
Changing Places portable facility for community events	COMPLETE. This project is complete, and the facility was officially launched last year. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
Community engagement vehicle	COMPLETE. This project is complete and the upgraded Kombi has been used on a regular basis to support Council's community engagement activities. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
Cooks River interactive litter capture device	The new litter capture device was installed onsite during May. The associated media campaign launch will be launched in June and will be ongoing for a number of months.

Project	Progress
Enhanced play experience at Greenacre	Playspace design complete. Traditional 'Smoking Ceremony' held in February 2021 prior to the commencement of early works on-site in March 2021. During May, the bulk earthworks commenced and the design contract for the Bespoke Tower Play Element was awarded. Further community engagement for the sensory overlay, artwork and wayfinding is also occurring.
Parry Park upgrade and renewal	Designs completed. The tender for construction will soon be issued. Adjacent Koala Road kerb & gutter, footpath and carparking works are complete.
Red Chair Movement	COMPLETE. This project is complete following the installation of the new infrastructure at Panania and Riverwood. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
Smart Cities, kick start of the City's journey	COMPLETE. The Activated Data Roadmap and public consultation work has concluded, and the plan is ready and will be submitted for formal adoption by Council this financial year. Final Project Report is being prepared for submission to OLG.
Solar Farm	Tenders have been reviewed with final submission of successful tenderer expected to be tabled at the July Council meeting.
Implementation of Sports Facilities Strategy - Recreation Initiatives	<p>A portion of these funds were allocated towards the new amenities building at Wagener Oval which was completed mid-2020.</p> <p>Several projects being delivered in the 2020/21 capital works program have an allocation of SCF funding. Installation of the Kelso North Baseball Lighting is in construction, with works due for completion in June. The design for the upgrade of Marco Reserve Sportsfield Lighting is complete and ready for tender. Upgrade of the Rudd Park natural fields is progressing following delays in delivery due to the issue of sourcing turf following the flood event earlier this year.</p>

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ITEM 7.3 Disclosure of Interest Returns

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct (sections 4.21, 4.25, 4.26 and 4.27), amendments to Disclosure of Interest Returns and new Returns lodged by staff appointed to designated positions in the Organisation structure are required to be submitted to the General Manager and tabled at a meeting of the Council.

ISSUE

During the reporting period (1 February 2021 to 31 May 2021) four new returns were lodged by designated staff. The Disclosure of Interest Returns are tabled as required by Council's Code of Conduct under sections 4.26 and 4.27.

RECOMMENDATION

That the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is nil financial impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is nil community impact.

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ITEM 7.4 **Cash and Investment Report as at 31 May 2021**

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 31 May 2021.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 May 2021 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Imperium Markets Monthly Investment Report May 21

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

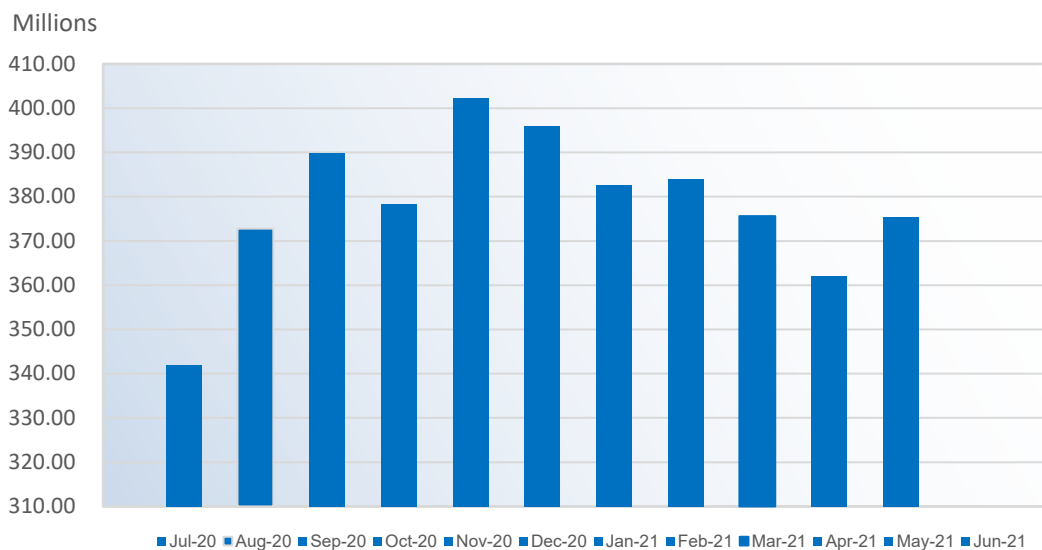
Cash and Investment Summary – as at 31 May 2021

In total, Council’s Cash and Investments holdings as at 31 May 2021 is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$
Cash at Bank	7,707,899
Deposits at Call	47,045,782
Term Deposits	247,611,000
Floating Rate Notes	59,055,179
Bonds	14,000,000
Total Cash and Investments	375,419,860

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 2020 to June 2021.

Cash and Investment Rolling Monthly Balance 2020-2021



A summary of Council’s investment interest income earned for the period to 31 May 2021 is as follows:

Interest Income	May 2021 \$	Year-to-date May 2021 \$
Budget	522,715	5,749,868
Actual Interest	440,479	5,284,857
Variance	(82,236)	(465,7011)
Variance (%)	(15.73)	(8.09)

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	14.6	100
Working Capital Funds (0-3 months)	4.4	100
Short Term (3-12 months)	18.5	100
Short – Medium (1-2 years)	20.7	70
Medium (2-5 years)	40.5	50
Long Term (5-10 years)	1.3	5
Total Cash and Investments	100%	

Portfolio Allocation	
	Actual % of Portfolio
Cash at Bank	2.1
Deposits at Call	12.5
Term Deposits	66.0
Floating Rate Notes	15.7
Bonds	3.7
Total Cash and Investments	100%

8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 9.1 **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2021**

AUTHOR **City Assets**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 June 2021.

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 are 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 June 2021, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

A. Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2021

POLICY IMPACT

This matter has no policy implications to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMUNITY IMPACT

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

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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10.2 Review of Parking Rates for Places of Public Worship	109
10.3 Home Fire Safety Checks Program	111

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ITEM 10.1 **Notice of Motions**

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 attachment\(s\)](#)

- A. Notice of Motion Status Table
- B. Correspondence sent in relation to Notice of Motions
- C. Correspondence received in relation to Notice of Motions

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ITEM 10.2 Review of Parking Rates for Places of Public Worship

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

“That Council undertake a review of parking rates applied to new or expanding Places of Public Worship in Canterbury Bankstown.”

BACKGROUND

‘Places of Public Worship’ is the term for buildings used for religious worship like churches, temples, synagogues and mosques. They are permitted in a wide area throughout Canterbury Bankstown. From a planning perspective, the way they operate is complex – each offers different services, their peak times vary, some have ancillary uses and there are special events to take into consideration.

I regularly hear from my constituents about the need to get car parking right for this type of development. Too much parking and we make it hard for these important institutions to get approved, too little and the streets are flooded with cars. We need to make sure the right balance is struck.

As a result, I’d like to receive a review of the current controls, with these considerations front of mind so that we can get controls right and understand possible options to improve the way we manage parking for places of public worship.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

The requested review can be undertaken as part of our current spatial planning work and a briefing provided to Councillors.

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ITEM 10.3 Home Fire Safety Checks Program

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

“That Council continue to engage with Fire and Rescue NSW and provide ongoing support in promoting the Home Fire Safety Checks program.”

BACKGROUND

The Home Fire Safety Checks program was established by Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) to engage with disadvantaged and vulnerable communities in respect of home fire safety initiatives.

As part of its Home Fire Safety Checks program FRNSW conduct home safety visits to provide tips and advice as well as to install/check smoke detectors.

Many people don't realise that not only is this a free service but FRNSW will also provide a free smoke detector if needed.

Given as many as 80% of residential properties either have faulty or no smoke alarms installed, the program is vital to educating our community on home safety initiatives that can save lives. Councillors would recall the recent tragic fire that occurred in Campsie.

Council actively helps to promote this service

- through our community safety e-newsletter,
- on the council's website,
- at community safety outreach and forums,
- assisting local residents completing the FRNSW application form to join the program and
- Inviting FRNSW to promote the Home Fire Safety Checks program at Council run community events.

I am proposing that Council continue to assist FRNSW in getting the message out to our community about the Home Fire Safety Checks program through our existing community engagement resources.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no costs implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.

11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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

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 Item in confidential session for the reasons indicated: