

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday 11 August 2025

6:30 pm

Level 4 - Council Chambers

PHIVE

5 Parramatta Square, Parramatta

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Hayley French, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood, Councillor Steven Issa, Councillor Manning Jeffrey, Councillor Michael Ng, Councillor Sameer Pandey, Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Patricia Prociv, Councillor Tanya Raffoul and Councillor Georgina Valjak.

PRESENT – STAFF

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly PSM, Executive Director City Engagement and Experience - Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director Corporate and Property Services – Brett Smith, Executive Director City Assets and Operations - George Bounassif, Executive Director City Planning and Design – Jennifer Concato, Executive Director Community and Culture - Jon Greig, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO - Roxanne Thornton, Chief People, Culture and Performance Officer - Brendan Clifton, Chief Financial Officer - Amit Sharma, Chief Technology Officer – Les Pall, Acting Coordinator Secretariat Services - Bianca Portelli, Business Support Specialist - Leah Senkowski, ICT Service Desk Officer - Navneet Cheema and ICT Service Desk Officer - Pulasthi Hewavitharana.

PRESENT – EXTERNALS

Nil

1 OPENING MEETING

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, opened the meeting at 6.34pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the Burramattagal people of The Dharug Nation as the traditional owners of this land, and paid respect to their ancient culture and to their elders past, present and emerging.

3 WEBCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lord Mayor advised that this public meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. The recording will also be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Lord Mayor further advised that all care will be taken to maintain privacy, however as a visitor in the public gallery, the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

4 GENERAL RECORDING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the recording of a meeting of Council by the public using any device, audio or video, is only permitted with Council permission. Recording a meeting of Council without permission may result in the individual being expelled from the meeting.

5 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That the apology on behalf of Issa be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

RESOLVED: Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Ng

That Councillor Ellard be permitted to attend via audio-visual link.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MIN25-8 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on 7 July 2025

RESOLVED: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pillamarri

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

MIN25-9 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on 14 July 2025

RESOLVED: Councillor Raffoul and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest tabled at the meeting.

8 MINUTES OF THE LORD MAYOR

LMM25-28 Revitalising the Roxy Theatre (Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council note the significant elements of the cultural precinct currently under development including Powerhouse Parramatta, Riverside Theatres and Civic Link in the pipeline, as well as the future Metro West Parramatta Station, which offer the potential to establish a vibrant hub for culture, nightlife and entertainment in the heart of the Parramatta CBD.
- (b) That Council recognise this is the ideal time for the revitalisation of the Roxy Theatre to help embody the bold, visionary and global future of Parramatta as the epicentre of culture and creativity, as outlined in Creative Parramatta 2025-2033 and Parramatta 2050.
- (c) That Council call on the NSW Government to explore the purchase and restoration of the Roxy Theatre as a live music and entertainment venue.
- (d) That the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Transport, the Arts, Music and the Night-Time Economy, the Hon. John Graham MLC, Minister for Heritage, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, and the Member for Parramatta, Ms Donna Davis MP, to advocate for the position outlined in (b) and (c).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

LMM25-29 International Architecture and Local Government Awards for City of Parramatta

(Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Dr French

That Council congratulate City of Parramatta staff on their outstanding efforts in winning the following awards:

- (a) International Architecture Awards, presented by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies:
 - Parramatta Aquatic Centre: 2025 International Architecture Award Winner – Sports and Recreation category
- (b) Local Government NSW 2025 Local Government Week Awards:
 - Parramatta 2050: Winner - LGNSW Planning Award
 - Ebb and Flow: Winner - Arts and Cultural Project, Leo Kelly OAM Arts and Culture Award.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociy, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

9 PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
1.	Steve Quessy	NOM25-33	Riding of Bikes, E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Footpaths (Cr Dr Greenwood)
2.	Winton Evers	NOM25-31	Report on Carbon Credits for Planting Urban Trees (Cr Dr Greenwood)
3.	Professor Azadeh Dastyari	COM25-21/CCC25-24	Parramatta Cultural Hub – A New Community and Cultural Facility at 57–83 Church Street, Parramatta

4.	Nathaniel Smith	COM25-18/PTE25-25	[Recission Motion] Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP
5.	Derrin Brown	COM25-21/CCC25-22	Adoption of the Major Events and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030

Note: All Public Forum submissions were published and distributed to all Councillors prior to the Meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean and Councillor Raffoul

That in accordance with Section 8 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to amend the order of business to allow consideration of the below listed items ahead of any other business on the agenda:

- **NOM25-33** Riding of Bikes, E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Footpaths (Cr Dr Greenwood)
- **NOM25-31** Report on Carbon Credits for Planting Urban Trees (Cr Dr Greenwood)
- **COM25-21/CCC25-24** Parramatta Cultural Hub – A New Community and Cultural Facility at 57–83 Church Street, Parramatta
- **COM25-18/PTE25-25** [Recission Motion] Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP
- **COM25-21/CCC25-22** Adoption of the Major Events and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-33 Riding of Bikes, E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Footpaths (Cr Dr Greenwood)

(Motion of Councillor Dr Greenwood)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Greenwood and Councillor Dr Prociv

That Council note:

- (a) There are continued concerns in our community as to the safety risks and lack of proper regulation of riders of both e-bikes and illegal e-scooters that are currently being ridden:
- i. That e-bikes and e-scooters offer great micromobility options for people;
 - ii. That the NSW Government has announced plans to legalise e-scooters as part of its new E-micromobility Action Plan. It is also reviewing the definition of an e-bike in the Road Rules to align with national and international standards;
 - iii. That Bicycle NSW has published a position statement advocating for a safer regulatory framework for e-bikes, including reallocation of road space, lower speed limits, separated bike paths, and increased investment in active transport infrastructure; [Bicycle-NSW-E-bike-Position-Statement-Rev-D.pdf](#)
 - iv. Jacqui Scruby MP, independent member for Pittwater has introduced a Road Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 that is under consideration, aiming to regulate the sale, ownership, and use of e-bikes; [Road+Legislation+Amendment+Bill+2025](#)
- (b) That Council write to the NSW Premier, NSW Leader of the Opposition, Ministers and Shadow Ministers for Transport and Roads and to Donna Davis MP, calling for legislation that:
- i. Recognises the importance of e-bikes and e-scooters for micromobility;
 - ii. Properly regulates the speeding of e-bikes on shared paths, and their use on footpaths;
 - iii. Properly regulates the use of e-scooters on footpaths;
 - iv. Introduces fines and penalties for the altering of e-bikes to override the top speed controls;

- v. Introduces an appropriate maximum size and weight of an e-bike to reduce risks to pedestrians on shared paths;
 - vi. Enables local government to have adequate compliance and enforcement powers to prohibit e-bikes and e-scooters in certain areas, and to impose appropriate fines for riders who contravene laws.
- (c) That the CEO prepare a report for Council to be reported no later than December 2025 on opportunities to better manage bikes and scooters riding dangerously on footpaths through education, working with schools, and enforcement, in consultation with the Integrated Transport Advisory Panel.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-31 Report on Carbon Credits for Planting Urban Trees (Cr Dr Greenwood)

(Motion of Councillor Dr Greenwood)

RESOLVED: Councillor Greenwood and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council investigate and prepare a report on carbon credits for planting urban trees, including matters such as:
- i. Investigate the use of carbon credit units to support achieving the 30% tree canopy target.
 - ii. Consider the forestry methods and determine if any could be adapted to apply to planting large numbers of urban trees.
 - iii. Consider how the nature repair market scheme could support improvements to our riparian zones along our creeks.
 - iv. Contact the Clean Energy Regulator to discuss the development of Australian Carbon Credit method for planting urban trees.

- (b) That the report be submitted to the December 2025 meeting of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey and Councillor Dr Prociv.

Against the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCC25-24 Parramatta Cultural Hub - A New Community and Cultural Facility at 57-83 Church St, Parramatta

(Report by the City Culture Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Dr French

- (a) That Council endorse the future use and operational model of the Parramatta Cultural Hub, delivered under a VPA for the development site at 57-83 Church Street, Parramatta.
- (b) That Council endorse the housing of the Parramatta Artists Studios (PAS) as the facility operator and anchor tenant within the Parramatta Cultural Hub.
- (c) That Council note the Project Brief included as Attachment 1, outlining the proposed Parramatta Cultural Hub operating model, estimated operating budget, capital fit out costs and potential third-party funding sources.
- (d) That a further Parramatta Cultural Hub report be brought back to Council, including an updated operating budget, capital fit out costs and Functional Brief by December 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor

Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Chen left the meeting at 7.55pm.

RES25-2 COM25-18/PTE25-25 Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP

(Report by Councillor Dr Greenwood, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Dr Prociv)

RESOLVED: Councillor Greenwood and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That the resolution of the Council held on 14 July 2025 in relation to COM25-18/ PTE25-25 Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP:

That the Council

- (a) *That Council note the summary of key findings from the staff investigation on the appropriateness of all-electric building controls as outlined in this report and provided in **Attachment 1**.*
- (b) *That Council not progress with the proposed amendment to the DCP in accordance with Option 1 in the report.*

be and is hereby rescinded.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey and Councillor Dr Prociv.

Against the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED and therefore the resolution from 14 July 2025 in respect to item COM25-18/PTE25-25 (Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP) was RESCINDED.

Note: Councillor Issa arrived (online) at the meeting at 8.09pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION APPLICATION FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

RESOLVED: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pillamarri

That Councillor Issa be permitted to attend via audio-visual link.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

**COM25-18/
PTE25-25**

Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP (Project Officer)

RESOLVED: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean and Councillor Prociv

- (a) That Council note the summary of key findings from the staff investigation on the appropriateness of all-electric building controls as outlined in the report and provided in Attachment 1 of 'PTE25-25 Review of All-Electric Building Controls in the DCP'
- (b) That Council approve the public exhibition of three options, being options 1, 3 and 5, for potential DCP all-electric building controls as outlined in Attachment 8 of this report (for outside the Parramatta City Centre) and seek feedback from the community on its preference using Community Consultation Option A.
- (c) That the results of the public exhibition be reported to Council for its consideration as part of the review of the final proposed DCP controls for all-electric buildings outside the Parramatta City Centre.

- (d) That Council delegate authority to the CEO to correct any minor anomalies of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the plan-making process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey and Councillor Dr Prociv.

Against the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCC25-22 Adoption of the Major Events and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030
(Report by the Manager Events)

MOTION: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Pillamarri

That Council adopt the City of Parramatta Major Events and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030 (Strategy) at Attachment 1 to this report.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Darley and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That Council publicly exhibit, for a period of 28 days, the City of Parramatta Major Events and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030 at Attachment 1 to this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood and Councillor Pandey

Against the Amendment: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was twelve (12) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Pillamarri

That Council adopt the City of Parramatta Major Events and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030 (Strategy) at Attachment 1 to this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION DURATION OF SPEECHES

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Pandey

That in accordance with Clause 10.28 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council shorten the duration of Councillor speeches to two (2) minutes each to expedite the consideration of business at the meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

10 PETITIONS

Councillor Pandey tabled the following Petition

- Darcy Road Wentworthville - No Stopping signage at intersection on Darcy Road and Pioneer Street

A copy of this Petition is ON FILE. This Petition will be actioned in accordance with Council's [Petitions Policy](#).

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

A Rescission Motion was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these minutes.

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM25-20 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2025

(Report by the Executive Director City Assets & Operations)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-20, the Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2025, being for Items AIC25-19, AIC25-21, AIC25-22, AIC-CON25-12 and AIC-CON25-13 as detailed below, be adopted by Council, noting that item AIC25-20 be considered and voted on separately.

i. **AIC25-19 Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee held on 3 June 2025**

That Council receive and note the unconfirmed Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 3 June 2025 as per Attachment 1.

ii. **AIC25-21 Proposed Naming of a New Private Laneway in Westmead**

(a) That Council approve the preferred name of 'Bannister Lane', for the new unnamed private laneway located in Westmead.

- (b) That this name be referred to the NSW Geographical Names Board for formal assignment and Gazettal under the *Geographical Names Act 1996*.

- iii. **AIC25-22 Public Exhibition of the Draft Local Orders Policy**
 - (a) That Council approve the draft Local Orders Policy (Attachment 1) to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
 - (b) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make any necessary amendments or adjustments to the draft Local Orders Policy to give effect to Council's resolution prior to public exhibition.
 - (c) That following public exhibition, Council officers submit the final Local Orders Policy to Council for adoption.

- iv. **AIC-CON25-12 Tender Recommendation Report for ITT 324 Telemetry Network Management**
 - (a) That Council accept the tender submission from Aquamonix Pty Ltd (ABN: 26 609 047 87) and the schedule of rates submitted for the management of Council's telemetry sites and systems, for an initial term of three (3) years with two (2) one year extension options.
 - (b) That all unsuccessful tenderers be notified of the outcome.
 - (c) That the CEO be authorised to execute the contract.

- v. **AIC-CON25-13 Community Recycling Centre**
 - (a) That Council note the progress of the Community Recycling Centre project and the additional funds required to be allocated to the project.
 - (b) That Council approves the additional funding allocation of \$770,092 from the Domestic Waste Reserve to enhance the facility's operation and construction and ensure there is no Stage 2 budget shortfall.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-20/ Trialling an Upgrade to a Natural Turf Field

AIC25-20

(Report by the Group Manager Parks & Open Spaces)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That:

- (a) Council receive and note the report
- (b) the CEO monitor the results of the scheduled upgrades that are about to occur (that include upgraded drainage works) across several sporting fields and provide a report to Council on the outcomes and success of the turf upgrades, having regard to criteria that measures matters such as increased usage, availability during wet weather, maintenance costs etc.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-21 Report of the Customer Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2025

(Report by the Executive Director City Engagement & Experience)

RESOLVED: Councillor Prociv and Councillor Pillamarri

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-21, the Report of the Customer, Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2025, being for Items CCC25-19, CCC25-20 and CCC25-21 as detailed below, be adopted by Council, noting that items CCC25-22 and CCC25-24 were dealt with earlier in the meeting as recorded in these minutes, and further noting that Items CCC25-23 and CCC25-25 will be considered and voted on separately.

i. CCC25-19 Minutes of the First Nations Advisory Panel Meeting held on 8 July 2025

That Council receive and note the unconfirmed Minutes of the First Nations Advisory Panel meeting held on 8 July 2025 at Attachment 1.

ii. **CCC25-20 Minutes of the Social Sustainability and Inclusion Advisory Panel Meeting held on 8 July 2025**

That Council receive and note the unconfirmed Minutes of the Social Sustainability and Inclusion Advisory Panel meeting held on 8 July 2025 at Attachment 1.

iii. **CCC25-21 Minutes of the Cultural Advisory Panel Meeting held on 8 July 2025**

That Council receive and note the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cultural Advisory Panel meeting held on 8 July 2025 at Attachment 1.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

**COM25-21/
CCC25-23**

Adoption of the Strategic Relationships Policy

(Report by the Group Manager Communications & Customer Engagement)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Pillamarri

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition period (as outlined in Attachments 2, 3, and 4).
- (b) That Council adopt the Strategic Relationships Policy (at Attachment 1).
- (c) That the existing Sponsorship Policy (Policy 347) be rescinded.
- (d) That the existing Productive Partnerships Policy (Policy 327) be rescinded.
- (e) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to make amendments of a minor, administrative and/or non-policy nature to the adopted Policy in the process of finalising.
- (f) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to approve or receive Sponsorships in accordance with the adopted Strategic Relationships Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

**COM25-21/
CCC25-25**

Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market

(Report by the Manager Events)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That Council defer consideration of this matter to closed confidential session of this meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Question Taken on Notice on Item **CCC25-25 Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market** by Councillor Issa.

- [What is the projected FTE saving if Council were to outsource?](#)

Note: The above Question Taken on Notice was answered verbally in the Closed Session of this meeting.

COM25-22 Report of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2025

(Report by the Group Manager City Strategic Planning)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Raffoul

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-22, the Report of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2025, being for Items PTE25-29, PTE25-30 and PTE25-31 as detailed below, be adopted by Council, noting that Item PTE25-32 will be considered and voted on separately.

- i. **PTE25-29 Finalisation of Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan for 57-83 Church Street, Parramatta**
 - (a) That Council approve for finalisation the Planning Proposal for land at 57-83 Church Street, Parramatta (**Attachment 1**) which seeks the following amendments to the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (Parramatta LEP 2023):
 - i. Increase the Floor Space Ratio control from 7.2:1 to 8.4:1 for land at 83 Church Street, Parramatta (Site 1).
 - ii. Increase the Height of Buildings control from 90m to 118m (40 storeys) for land at 63 Church Street, Parramatta (Site 2).
 - iii. For Sites 1 and 2, switch off the provisions within Clause 7.14 Competitive design process of the Parramatta LEP 2023 and apply the proposed Clause 7.29 (5) Site specific provisions to exempt any future application comprising of alterations and additions from the competitive design process to ensure compliance with the approved winning design excellence competition scheme.
 - iv. For Site 1, switch off Clause 7.24 Dual water systems of the Parramatta LEP 2023 and apply the proposed Clause 7.29 (6) to reflect the approval for this site which was granted before dual water systems were mandated.
 - v. For Sites 1 and 2, amend Clause 7.29 Site specific provisions to revise the non-residential gross floor area requirement from 40% to 25% of total Gross Floor Area.
 - (b) To include a clause under Schedule 1 Additional permitted uses to allow residential basement carparking in the E2 Commercial Centre zone on Sites 1 and 2 and development for creative industries on Site 2.
 - i. That Council approve the site-specific Development Control Plan at **Attachment 2** for finalisation and

insertion into the Parramatta Development Control Plan 2023.

- ii. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the draft Planning Agreement at **Attachment 3**, and to sign the Planning Agreement on Council's behalf.
 - iii. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments and corrections of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the finalisation process relating to the Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan and Planning Agreement.
- ii. PTE25-30 Public Exhibition of Draft Concept Design for the Western River Precinct Connections**
- (a) That Council approve the Western River Precinct Connections draft concept design (**Attachment 1**) for public exhibition for a period of 28 days to allow for community consideration and feedback on the design.
 - (b) That the community feedback and the final concept plan be reported back to Council.
- iii. PTE25-31 Repeal of Former Development Contributions Plans**
- (a) That the report be deferred.
 - (b) That officers carry out an analysis on key projects to identify priority projects that should be transferred with an allocation of existing funding from former Contributions Plans, by Ward, for discussion at Ward Briefings scheduled for September 2025, and
 - (c) Further, that, following Ward briefings, a Councillor workshop be held prior to a further report to the Planning Traffic and Environment Committee and Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-22/ PTE25-32 Planning Agreement with Homes NSW relating to the Telopea Precinct Renewal State Significant Development

(Report by the Senior Infrastructure Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council provide in-principle support to the terms of the Letter of Offer dated 12 May 2025 submitted by Homes NSW (**Attachment 1**).
- (b) That Council note the importance of a timely resolution of the matter and commit to working with Homes NSW to ensure that a planning agreement is required as a condition of any planning consent issued by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, to the current State Significant Development Application for the Telopea Precinct.
- (c) That Council endorses the progression of a draft Planning Agreement, based on the 12 May 2025 Letter of Offer with the following key terms:
 - i. The value of the Planning Agreement, excluding land transactions, be equal to or more than the equivalent in development contributions payable;
 - ii. The Library and Community Centre be referred to as a 'Community Hub' within the planning agreement;
 - iii. All items, with exception of the 'Community Hub', are delivered as works-in-kind, in line with the development proposed under the SSDA and with no financial value cap assigned;
 - iv. Any monetary contributions received by Council for the fit out of the new Community Hub in Telopea be invested in line with Council's Investment Policy and restricted to the sole purpose of the fit out of the new Community Hub;
 - v. The existing Dundas Library and other community facilities at 21 Sturt Street remain open until a new library and community facility (Community Hub) is fully operational;
 - vi. The sale of 21 Sturt Street is conditioned on the dedication of a new stratum to Council and the delivery of a warm shell Community Hub and associated car parking and the payment of a monetary contribution (upfront) for the future fit out of the Hub;
 - vii. That if the Traffic items (3, 6, 8 & 9) listed in Table 1 of this report do not obtain the required Transport for NSW approvals as required by the planning

consent then Council must receive a monetary contribution equivalent to the value of the construction cost of these works at that time as a monetary contribution towards other traffic items in the area;

viii. Removal of the requirement in Item '11' in Table 1 of this report to redirect funds from the pocket park along Sturt Street to the public domain Adderton Road shop upgrade.

(d) That Council provide delegated authority to the CEO to:

- i. Negotiate a planning agreement based on the terms outlined in part (b) and (c) of this recommendation;
- ii. Endorse the legal drafting of a draft Planning Agreement if favourable terms are met;
- iii. Subject to a Councillor Briefing being held, publicly exhibit the draft Planning Agreement for a minimum of 28 days, and
- iv. Report back to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

(e) That, in the event that a draft Planning Agreement is not agreed between the parties, Council requests that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces agree to the following terms:

- i. Development contributions will be paid by Homes NSW for all applicable development. For Stage 1A development, (as previously negotiated based on application lodgement dates) contributions will be applied under the former *Parramatta Section 94A Development Contribution Plan (Amendment No. 5)*. For all other development the current contributions plan will apply.
- ii. Council must first agree in writing to accept any item intended to be dedicated to Council, and at no cost to Council;
- iii. Council's land at 21 Sturt Street must be removed from the SSDA, and
- iv. If, in the event, 21 Sturt Street is included for the purposes of residential development and roadway as part of the SSDA, Council will seek formal commencement of the compulsory acquisition process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Questions Taken on Notice on Item **PTE25-32 Planning Agreement with Homes NSW relating to the Telopea Precinct Renewal State Significant Development** by Councillor Darley.

1. Which neighbourhood park was taken out of the planning?
2. Can we clarify the reason for the increase in financial contributions for the community centre / library.

COM25-23 Report of the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2025

(Report by the Executive Director Corporate and Property Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-23, the Report of the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2025, being for Items FPG25-33, FPG25-34, FPG25-35, FPG25-36 and FPG25-37 as detailed below, be adopted by Council, noting that Item FPG-CON25-6 will be considered and voted on separately.

- i. **FPG25-33 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes of 29 May 2025**
 - (a) That the CEO update the 29 May 2025 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) minutes to comply with the ARIC Terms of Reference (November 2024), namely to include a "record of the issues considered and the actions and decisions taken by the Committee" and "provide an update to the governing body... of its activities and opinions after every Committee meeting", to the next Finance Standing Committee in August 2025.
 - (b) That all future minutes of the ARIC are consistent with the previous format (used until 28 November 2024) and/ or comply with the ARIC Terms of Reference, namely providing a summary of the issues considered, opinions provided, and actions and decisions agreed to.

- (c) That the new Chair be informed of Council's intention for the minutes to be in line with the terms of reference and former practice of Council.
- ii. **FPG25- 34 Investment Report for 30 June 2025**

That Council receive and note the report.
- ii. **FPG25- 35 Status of Outstanding Council Resolutions (As at 30 June 2025)**
 - (a) That Council receive and note the report
 - (b) That the CEO provide Council with a status update ahead of time for any resolution that is unlikely to be delivered by the resolved deadline, with:
 - i. an explanation for the delay
 - ii. options to deliver to the originally resolved timeframe
 - iii. a proposed new timeline that can be met within existing resources.
- iii. **FPG25-36 Status Report: Multi-Level Car Parks Utilisation Rates - Trial Period**

That Council receive and note the report.
- iv. **FPG25-37 Appointment of the Independent Chairperson and Members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee**

That Council;

 - (a) Appoint Mr Stephen Horne as Chairperson of the City of Parramatta ARIC for a four-year term until 11 August 2029.
 - (b) Appoint Ms Belinda Lawn and Mr David Pendleton as independent members of the ARIC for a four-year term until 11 August 2029.
 - (c) Acknowledge and thank the outgoing ARIC Chairperson Dr Colin Gellatly AO and independent member Mr Jesse Jo for their contribution. That the Lord Mayor write to the outgoing members, to thank them for their service.
 - (d) Further, that the next review of the ARIC Terms of Reference (November 2025) incorporates matters contained in the ARIC Charter (2018), such as but not limited to the selection of panel members, that are not covered in the ARIC Terms of Reference and the ARIC Charter is rescinded at such time.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

PROCEDURAL MOTION ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 9.31pm, the Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting and the following Councillors were present:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

PROCEDURAL MOTION RECONVENED MEETING

At 9.42pm, the Lord Mayor reconvened the meeting and the following Councillors were present:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

13 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

OCM25-21 Status Report: Update on the Commencement of the New Waste Service for Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)

(Report by the Group Manager Waste & Cleansing)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-22 Review of Delegations to the Chief Executive Officer (Instrument of Delegation)

(Report by the Governance and Procurement Manager)

Note: An amended version of the proposed Instrument of Delegation of Functions to the Chief Executive Officer was tabled. A copy of this document is ON FILE.

RESOLVED: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pillamarri

That Council maintain the status quo with regard to the existing instrument of delegation to the CEO, with the addition of the Transport for NSW updated authorisation delegation instrument for councils that commenced on 1 August 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM25-30 Potential Establishment of a Chinatown Precinct (Investigation as Part of Future Planning for the Parramatta CBD) (Cr Ng)

(Motion of Councillor Ng)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ng and Councillor Chen

That Council:

- (a) Recognises the significant contribution of the Chinese Australian community to Parramatta's cultural, economic, and social fabric—through small business ownership, professional services, education, cuisine, festivals, and civic engagement.
- (b) Acknowledges the community's expressed interest in the establishment of a dedicated Chinatown precinct as a means to celebrate cultural identity, boost local business, and enhance tourism.
- (c) Commits to engaging with key stakeholders—including local Chinese community organisations, business owners, residents, and planning professionals—to guide and inform the development of any proposed Chinatown precinct.
- (d) Requests Council staff to consider the viability of developing a Chinatown Precinct along Church Street (between Fitzwilliam Street and Campbell Street) as part of the South CBD Masterplan project Council resolved to pursue on 10 June 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Issa and Councillor Jeffrey

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and two (2) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOM25-32 Accreditation and Safety Standards - Council's Children's Services (Cr Dr Greenwood)

(Motion of Councillor Dr Greenwood)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Greenwood and Councillor Dr Prociv

That Councillors receive a briefing within 3 months regarding Council's operation of children's services (long day care, family day care, occasional care and pre-school) which includes an update on:

- (a) Council's performance against the 'Childcare checklist for parents' prepared by Bravehearts;
- (b) Any enquiries made by carers to Council regarding the safety of its childcare centres, in light of the recent national media coverage of abuse in other jurisdictions; and
- (c) Current information and accreditation standards regarding Council's child protection and safety practices.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-34 Toongabbie Bridge Upgrade - Project Plan (Cr Pandey)

(Motion of Councillor Pandey)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Councillor Dr Greenwood

- (a) That Council note \$25 million federal contribution by Federal Member for Parramatta the Hon. Dr. Andrew Charlton to upgrade Wentworth Avenue and reduce congestion on Toongabbie Bridge.
- (b) That the CEO develop and present a draft Project Plan for proposed upgrades to the Toongabbie Bridge. This plan should include:
 - i. Scope of proposed works
 - ii. Timeline and key milestones
 - iii. Risk assessment and mitigation strategies

iv. Community consultation and stakeholder engagement plan

(c) The report be presented at the September 2025 Council meeting agenda for discussion and consideration.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Proxiv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Question Taken on Notice on Item **NOM25-34 Toongabbie Bridge Upgrade - Project Plan** by Councillor Valjak.

- [Where has the \\$2 million funding, committed in 2019 by the state member for Winston Hills, Mr Mark Taylor, gone?](#)

NOM25-35 Options for the 2026/27 DPOP and Budget Process (Cr Darley)

(Motion of Councillor Darley)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That the CEO provide a report to Council outlining options for the 2026/27 DPOP and Budget process, including proposed timelines and level of Councilor engagement and addressing feedback from Councilors on the 2025/26 DPOP and Budget process, at the October 2025 Finance, Property and Governance Standing Committee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Dr Proxiv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Pillamarri

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOM25-36 Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) (Cr Darley)
(Motion of Councillor Darley)

MOTION: Councillor Darley and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council acknowledges the significant community concern arising from recent media reports regarding the entry of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) officers into the administrative offices of the City of Parramatta Council on 14 July 2025.
- (b) That Council notes that the organisation continues to operate as normal.
- (c) That Council acknowledges the governing body's responsibility to represent community concerns, and to uphold the integrity and reputation of the City of Parramatta Council.
- (d) That Council reaffirms its zero tolerance for any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour and commitment to the prevention, deterrence, detection and investigation of all forms of fraud and corrupt conduct, as outlined in Councils Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy (2021), and is committed to fully assisting ICAC in their enquiries, as and if required.
- (e) That Council notes that a number of questions and requests for information submitted by Councillors remain unresolved.
- (f) That Council delegates authority to the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor to jointly obtain independent, external written legal advice in response to Councillor questions community concerns, and that this delegated authority be exercised no later than 12 September 2025.
- (g) Further, that an ICAC training session is organised for Councillors, covering topics such as ICACs current priorities, common forms of corruption and their approach to investigating complaints, by the end of September 2025.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Valjak

- (a) Council wishes to reaffirm to all members of the community, that Council has a zero tolerance for any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour, and in the event that a request is ever received from an external body, Council would fully co-operate.
- (b) Council wishes to also reaffirm to all members of our community that Council will continue delivering the highest level of service

expected by them and that they can rely on their hand working Councillors to continue serving them to the best of their ability.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Valjak

Against the Amendment: Councillor Darley, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, and Councillor Raffoul

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was eleven (11) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Amendment became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Valjak

- (a) Council wishes to reaffirm to all members of the community, that Council has a zero tolerance for any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour, and in the event that a request is ever received from an external body, Council would fully co-operate.
- (b) Council wishes to also reaffirm to all members of our community that Council will continue delivering the highest level of service expected by them and that they can rely on their hand working Councillors to continue serving them to the best of their ability.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-37 Congratulations and Partnership Invitation – Western Sydney Plan for Arts, Culture and Creative Industries (Cr Dr French)

(Motion of Councillor Dr French)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr French and Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter

That Council:

- (a) Congratulates the NSW Government on the release of the 'Plan for Western Sydney Arts, Culture and Creative Industries 2025–2028', and welcomes the \$5 million funding commitment to address the historical funding disparity and support the growth of arts and culture in Western Sydney.
- (b) Notes that the Plan identifies as a priority the development of a new Western Sydney home-grown arts and culture festival, and acknowledges the strong alignment with the City of Parramatta's newly endorsed Creative Parramatta Cultural Strategy 2025–2034, which also prioritises the creation of a new Western Sydney-based arts and culture festival.
- (c) Further notes that Council's Events and Festivals Strategy 2025–2030, supported at the July 2025 Customer, Community and Culture Committee meeting, identifies the development of a new Western Sydney arts and culture festival and a South Asian Festival as key deliverables aligned with Parramatta's identity as a "Festival City".
- (d) Affirms that the City of Parramatta is ready to progress this shared priority and invites the NSW Government to partner with Council in the development and delivery of a new Western Sydney arts and culture festival.
- (e) Acknowledges that the City of Parramatta is well placed to lead this initiative in partnership with Create NSW, Destination NSW and Powerhouse Parramatta, leveraging its central location, cultural infrastructure, and strategic vision as outlined in Parramatta 2050.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-38 Traffic Congestion - Intersection of Cumberland Highway and Darcy Road (Cr Pandey)

(Motion of Councillor Pandey)

RSEOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter

That Council:

- (a) Investigate traffic congestion issues at the intersection of Cumberland Highway and Darcy Road.
- (b) Prepare a report outlining potential options to ease congestion at this intersection, including but not limited to:
 - Signal timing adjustments,
 - Intersection upgrades or modifications,
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Collaboration with Transport for NSW regarding state road responsibilities, and
 - Community feedback and impact assessments.
- (c) Provide cost estimates and feasibility assessment for each option.
- (d) Bring a report back with recommendations at the September 2025 meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

15 QUESTIONS REPORTS

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN25-20 Multi-faith Prayer Roster for Pre-Council Meeting Prayers (Cr Ellard)
(Question of Councillor Ellard)

Could it be advised when a non-Christian person would be invited to conduct the pre-Council meeting prayer?

GROUP MANAGER OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR & CEO RESPONSE:

The Secretariat team manages the annual multi-faith prayer roster.

The roster ensures that invitations to participate and offer prayers prior to Council meetings are extended to a broad range of religious leaders across the Parramatta LGA. For the current 2025 roster, availability to attend and provide a pre-meeting prayer has only been confirmed from representatives of Christian and Islamic faiths.

QWN25-21 New Home Approvals for 2023-24 in City of Parramatta (Cr Dr Greenwood)
(Question of Councillor Dr Greenwood)

In the 2023-2024 financial year:

1. How many new homes were approved in the City of Parramatta?
2. Of these how many were:
 - i. free standing homes either built or knocked down and rebuilt built on individual lots?
 - ii. dual occupancies and secondary dwellings?
 - iii. forms of multi-unit housing (townhouse/villas and apartments that are generally strata subdivided)?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

1. The number of new homes approved in 2023/24 was 2775.
2. The table below provides a breakdown of the dwellings approved via a Development Application (DA) and the dwellings approved via a Complying Development Certificate (CDC).

Building Typology	DA	CDC
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	Fin Years		Fin Years	
	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
Secondary dwellings/granny flats	39	37	NA	NA
knock down & rebuilds or new dwelling on a new lot	81	88	77	92
dual occupancies	55	39	112	131
Multi-Unit Housing/Townhouses/RFB	2411	1703	NA	NA

QWN25-22 Update on E-bike Hire Scheme for City of Parramatta (Cr Dr Greenwood)

(Question of Councillor Dr Greenwood)

1. Has the City of Parramatta Council been approached by any e-bike hire businesses to negotiate introduction of e-bikes in Parramatta?
2. If so, how many and when might Councillors expect to be informed of the proposal/s?
3. Is the launch of hire e-bikes imminent?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

1. Council has been approached by one e-bike hire provider in mid-July 2025 requesting a meeting with the CEO to brief officers on its operating model.
2. At the time of preparation of this response the meeting is yet to be held. Council officers will advise Councillors if any proposal is submitted.
3. Council officers are not aware of any imminent plans to launch e-bike hire in Parramatta.

QWN25-23 Customer Service Levels (Cr Pandey)

(Question of Councillor Pandey)

1. What service levels are in place for customer facing business units and how are we tracking with these service levels.
2. In addition, what are the service levels for Staff and Councillor interactions and how are we tracking with these.
3. Further when were the last updates to service levels?

GROUP MANAGER OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR AND CEO RESPONSE:

This matter relates to Service Request #754372 (response provided on 1 August 2025) and further information is shown below:

1. Council's adopted DPOP ([Delivery Program and Operational Plan](#)) includes a range of customer-facing service levels for various services as represented in Council's "principal activities". These include (but are not limited to) service levels for matters such as customer contact centre, pothole repairs, mowing, missed bin service requests, development applications, etc. The list of DPOP key service targets was reported to Council on 9 December 2024 and is held at **Attachment 1**.

A summary of Council's performance against service level targets is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Customer Service Requests

(Pathway System only – excludes requests dealt with via ECM and other systems)

Customer Service Requests (Total in Pathways)	2020/ 21	2021/ 22	2022/ 23	2023/ 24	2024/ 25
Received	60,171	58,066	56,479	61,266	79,657
Closed	62,077	60,449	59,727	63,358	79,859
Service level target met (%)	85%	84%	85%	86%	83%

2. The *Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy* and supporting Guidelines specify the service levels for Councillor Service Requests (SRs). Under the Guidelines, Councillor Support allocates the request to an officer who assesses it, and where possible, replies within 48 hours. If a response isn't possible within 48 hours, the matter is registered with a service standard of 7 business days. Further extensions are provided if a matter is complex and cannot be resolved within 7 days (eg: legal or enforcement actions).

The management and reporting of Councillor Service Requests and outcomes of Ward Briefings has been improved since the restructure of the Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO. New measures were implemented to comply with the *State Records Act 1998* and to ensure better accuracy, transparency, and responsiveness in handling requests.

The registration of all service requests in Council's new Request Management System provides improved accuracy in monitoring request volumes, outcomes, and follow-ups, enhancing service delivery. A weekly report, showing the number of requests received, closed, and overdue is available on Councillor Connect and is monitored weekly by the Executive Team.

Table 2 below presents data on Councillor Service Requests over the previous five-year period. Key insights include:

- a. Significant increase in Service Requests: There has been a significant increase in the total number of service requests (SRs) received and closed. Between FY 23/24 and FY 24/25, the number of SRs raised increased by 46.76%, following the implementation of new measures to capture all Councillor SRs as required under the State Records Act 1998.
- b. Significant growth in SRs received: Comparing FY 20/21 to FY 24/25, there is a substantial growth of 224.33% in the total SRs received from Councillors.
- c. Significant increase in SRs closed: The number of SRs closed saw a significant increase of 36.82% between FY 23/24 and FY 24/25.
- d. Significant growth in SRs closed over the past five years: From FY 20/21 to FY 24/25, the total SRs closed grew by more than 200%.
- e. Improvement in closure time: There has been an excellent improvement in the average days taken to close SRs, with a reduction of more than 30% between FY 23/24 and FY 24/25.

Table 2: Councillor Service Requests

Councillor Service Requests	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25*
Total number received	600	1,061	1,517	1,326	1,946
Average received per month	50	88.42	126.42	110.5	162.17
Total number closed	615	1,102	1,652	1,494	2,044
Average days to close	29	35	35	30	20
Met KPI% (7 business days)	60%	50%	42%	58%	77%

*10 month reporting period due to local government elections.

Question Taken on Notice on Item **QWN25-23 Customer Service Levels (Cr Pandey)** by Councillor Pandey.

- Councillor Pandey requested more detailed information on three aspects: (1) SLAs (Service Level Agreements/) for Councillor and staff interactions, (2) SLAs (Service Level Agreement/s) for all community-facing business units (such as customer service requests, complaints, acknowledgements, etc.), and (3) whether the Council has specific charters or standards for these service levels, similar to other councils.

QWN25-24 Governance and Process (Cr Issa)

(Question of Councillor Pandey)

1. Given our governance role, and our obligation to manage risk exposure, reputational exposure, and operational performance, all Councillors be provided, within 7 Days the following:
 - a) Council's Business Continuity Plan (BCP)
 - b) 'Critical Roles and Back-fill Arrangements' are within this (BCP) document. Otherwise a separate document that outlines the same.
 - c) Council's Enterprise Risk Register - including controls to mitigate risks
 - d) Council's Crisis Communications Plan
2. Further to the above documents, when will all questions in the email dated 21 July '25 sent from Clr Issa be answered?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND PROPERTY SERVICES RESPONSE:

1. The documents requested above are all available on the Councillor Portal (Councillor Connect). For ease of access, links to the documents were provided to all Councillors via email on 6 August 2025.
2. Council's Principal Solicitor notified Councillors via email on 23 July 2025 that answers to the questions in Councillor Issa's email would be addressed during the Councillor Briefing session in the first week of August. (A Briefing Note was also provided to Councillors).

QWN25-25 Community Recycling Centre Budget and Business Case (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Darley)

1. What is the itemised budget for the Community Recycling Centre, including actuals to date and the proposed increase as reported in AIC-CON25-13?
2. What is the status of the updated business case and proposed operating budget, as resolved on 14 April 2025 to be provided to the Major Projects Sub Committee by July 2025?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS AND OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

1. Refer to Confidential Attachment.
2. Council was previously advised that the updated business case and operating budget can only be finalised after the development consent has been granted for the operation of the facility. As at the date of this response, the development application (and any conditions for the operation of the facility) has not yet been determined.

The 2025/26 Major Projects Sub-Committee meeting dates are yet to be scheduled due to the availability of the Chair.

QWN25-26 2025/26 Endorsed Budget Expenditure (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Darley)

The following questions are asked in relation to the endorsed 2025/26 Budget:

1. What is the operating expenditure for the administration business unit of each directorate, broken down by budgeted costs and required savings?
2. What specific Major Council Plant & Other Equipment Replacement Program items have been budgeted for to be funded from the Domestic Waste Reserve, totalling \$1.5m in FY26 and \$6m in FY26-29?
3. What are the specific enhancements to the New Years Eve and Australia Day events as covered by the increase of \$1.3m in expenditure for events?

4. What proportion of the events budget is spent on the different event categories as outlined in the Draft Events Strategy?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE & PROPERTY SERVICES RESPONSE:

1. Table 1 highlights expenditure for the administration business unit of each directorate, broken down by budgeted costs and required savings.

Budgeted Costs and Required Savings by Directorate Admin

Directorate	2025-26 Budget	
	Budgeted Costs	Savings Target
City Assets and Operations	1,381,635	(4,690,535)
Community and Culture	658,383	(4,518,975)
Finance and Information	672,223	(2,617,169)
City Engagement and Experience	619,049	(1,029,926)
City Planning and Design	1,472,918	(262,076)
People Culture and Performance	677,830	(685,903)
OLM and OCEO	503,441	(368,452)
Total	5,985,477	(14,173,037)

Budgeted costs may include: salaries, wages, training and development, office expenses, professional services, panel costs, accommodation, accreditation, compliance, governance reporting, travel, etc.

2. The program includes replacement of plant, vehicles and equipment required for the delivery of domestic waste services including waste compactors, operational vehicles and ancillary plant and equipment required for waste collection and management. These assets are essential to maintaining safe, reliable and efficient domestic waste operations across the LGA. Replacement is aligned with asset lifecycle planning and service delivery requirements.
3. Enhancements included a variety of infrastructure and programming improvements aimed at expanding the scale of the events while maintaining safe and effective delivery. These include additional and larger scale staging and increased amenities across the expanded site for New Years Eve, further investment into performing artists for both New Years Eve and Australia Day and other key advertising and programming features to amplify the events.

To support increased attendance and expanded event offerings, significant investment will also be made into safety and security measures. These include additional security, police, temporary CCTV and fencing across the site to assist with crowd flow.

The Draft Events Strategy outlines a diverse mix of event categories, each designed to engage the community in different ways, from large-scale city-wide celebrations to more localised activations.

The Strategy is supported by additional events that are delivered by other Directorates of Council, reflecting the broad scope and shared responsibility for community engagement.

Event categories and proportion of budget expenditure for the City Engagement and Experience Directorate Events Strategy (including marketing spend) is shown below:

Event Category	% of budget expenditure	Audience
Global City Events	39.20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parramatta ratepayers and residents • Metropolitan Sydney • Interstate • International
Greater Western Sydney	31.61%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parramatta ratepayers and residents • Metropolitan Sydney
Parramatta Community	10.68%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parramatta ratepayers and residents
Event Activations	11.45%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parramatta ratepayers and residents • Metropolitan Sydney • Interstate
Civic Importance	7.05%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parramatta ratepayers and residents • Metropolitan Sydney

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

QON25-25 Questions Taken on Notice at the 14 July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Pandey asked a question on MIN25-6 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on 10 June 2025.

- Can future publications of Council's Minutes be made searchable on the website?

GROUP MANAGER OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR AND CEO RESPONSE:

All Council business papers (Agenda and Minute documents) will be searchable PDF documents.

Councillor Issa asked a question on COM25-18/PTE25-24 Finalisation of Planning Proposal and Site Specific DCP for 53-61 Rawson Street, Epping.

- Is the neighbouring property three storeys, and is that what was zoned?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

The neighbouring property to the west is part of the Boronia Gardens apartment complex and is known as 13 Carlingford Road, Epping. The apartment buildings are three storeys high and are zoned R4 High Density under the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 with a permissible building height of 11m.

Councillor Pandey asked two questions on CCC25-16 Proposal to Create a Cultural Walk in Parramatta.

- When Councillors submit a Motion, and before the staff response has been finalised, can the relevant Executive Director (or other relevant staff) contact the Councillor to discuss the proposed staff response to ensure the intent of the motion has not been lost?

GROUP MANAGER OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR AND CEO RESPONSE:

This process is already undertaken. Executive Directors (or other appropriate staff) ensure contact is made with the relevant Councillor prior to finalisation of a staff response to a Motion or Question with Notice.

- [What is the cost of a plaque?](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE RESPONSE:

The cost of commemorative plaques vary dependent on size and materiality between \$2000 - \$7000.

Councillor Pandey asked a question on CCC25-15 Annual Community Grants Program.

- [Can a copy of the grant guidelines/recognition of Council with grant recipients be provided to all Councillors by the end of the week?](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE RESPONSE:

A Briefing Note was uploaded to Councillor Connect for the information of Councillors.

Councillor Pandey asked two questions on CCC25-17 Public Exhibition of Concept Designs for Harris Park Streetscapes and Welcome Treatment.

- [What does Harris Park contribute towards our total economic activity and do we have any projections for growth in economic activity and how do we plan to achieve them?](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & DESIGN RESPONSE:

Parramatta's Gross Regional Product (GRP) is currently approximately \$31bn.

Council does not have access to GRP by suburb. However, one indicator of economic activity is available through jobs numbers. Parramatta LGA currently has 184,846 local jobs, and approximately 1,400 of these jobs are located in Harris Park.

Council does not currently have projections for growth in economic activity in Harris Park. However, estimated jobs growth into the future is 1,650 jobs in 2051. This limited level of growth is consistent with the fact that Harris Park has a large conservation area and any potential for increase in development is constrained by heritage controls.

- I have concerns around missed tourism opportunity for Harris Park, do we have any data around this and how many people are visiting Harris Park.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE RESPONSE:

During the 2023/2024 period, the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA) welcomed 126,316 international visitors and 427,760 domestic visitors, according to data from Economy ID. Specific visitation data for Harris Park is not available.

QON25-26 Questions Taken on Notice at the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Raffoul asked a question on Item AIC25-20 Trialling an Upgrade to a Natural Turf Field.

- Wondering if we can touch on Homeland Reserve and whether that would be a great candidate for a trial, and if not, why not?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

The cost of a trial at Boronia Park is \$4.16 million and it was chosen over Homelands Reserve due to its higher level of usage and its location in a higher-density area, resulting in greater community demand on the field. Additionally, Boronia Park is already equipped with a stormwater harvesting system, which would support the irrigation needs if Council were to construct a field with high water requirements.

If Homeland Reserve was nominated as a possible trial site, the estimated cost of the trial is likely to exceed \$4.16 million.

QON25-27 Questions Taken on Notice at the Customer, Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Jeffrey asked a question on Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market.

- Can staff provide a response on the final comparison to facilitate the program in-house vs outsourced?

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ENGAGEMENT & EXPERIENCE
RESPONSE:**

Refer to the Confidential Attachment for this response.

QON25-28 Questions Taken on Notice at the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Darley asked a question on Item PTE25-32 Planning Agreement with Homes NSW relating to the Telopea Precinct Renewal State Significant Development.

- [Can clarification be made on the status of the Development Application for Adderton Road?](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE:

The development consent for DA/168/2013 (55 Adderton Rd and 1-11 Telopea Street, Telopea) is active and not lapsed. The applicant is currently dealing with officers on the design of a public domain plan.

Councillor Raffoul asked a question on Item PTE25-32 Planning Agreement with Homes NSW relating to the Telopea Precinct Renewal State Significant Development.

- [Can the Ward Councillors be kept updated on the status and responses regarding the Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road intersection, including receiving a copy of the response from Transport for NSW?](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE

Yes, Council officers will update Councillors of the outcomes of any meetings or correspondence received in relation to the intersection.

Councillor Issa asked a question on Item PTE25-32 Planning Agreement with Homes NSW relating to the Telopea Precinct Renewal State Significant Development.

- [Do we think the value of the land at Sturt Street has increased or not?](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE

The land valuation process, including two peer reviews, for 21 Sturt Street was undertaken in 2022. The valuation process also included the valuation of the new stratum for the new community hub (4,150sqm of floor space) and 20 car parking spaces.

It was concluded the values for the community hub and Sturt Street were equal value and as such the Homes NSW Letter of Offer reflects this by stating *"Homes NSW will acquire Council's interest in 21 Sturt Street in return for the dedication of a new stratum lot including the Multipurpose Community Centre & Library to Council at nil cost"*. It is Council Officer's opinion that if the valuation process was repeated today, the same outcome would occur. This is because the land value may have increased at 21 Sturt, but so would the value of the future community hub stratum and car parking spaces.

QON25-29 Questions Taken on Notice at the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Darley and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean asked a question on FPG25-35 Status of Outstanding Council Resolutions

- Regarding resolution AIC-CON25-8 (Epping Aquatic Centre Refurbishment and Re-opening Feasibility) (12 May 2025). This resolution doesn't appear in the report. Resolution number CON25-4 (Supplementary Information Report for AIC-CON25-8 Epping Aquatic Centre Refurbishment and Re-opening Feasibility) (12 May 2025) appears on the report, but this was only a 'receive and note' resolution. Council's resolution on this matter is linked to report AIC-CON25-8, and this is missing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN

Resolution AIC-CON25-8 (Epping Aquatic Centre Refurbishment and re-opening Feasibility) was missing from the report. This resolution has been returned to the report and will appear in the next quarterly report (period ending 30 September 2025). It is noted that further reports are due before the end of 2025 on this matter.

Councillor Darley asked additional questions on FPG25-35 Status of Outstanding Council Resolutions

- Can a process be formalised to require a Status Report to be provided to Council if a resolved deadline is not able to be met,

and for the Status Report to propose an adjusted date for delivery accompanied by an explanation for the delay?

GROUP MANAGER OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR AND CEO

The current quarterly Outstanding Resolutions Report provides regular updates to Council, including any occasions where Executive Directors provide an adjusted response date for delivery. Supporting explanatory comments are also made in the report for the information of Council and individual councillors.

Should Council resolve to introduce an additional reporting process requiring a separate Status Report to be prepared on every occasion when there is a change to a proposed delivery date (ie: new reports in addition to the scheduled Quarterly Report) it will require the diversion of staff resources from each Directorate to produce a separate report and will impact business productivity. The proposed duplication of reporting is not supported by the Executive Team.

- When will the Major Projects Sub-Committee be meeting, in accordance with resolution number NOM25-17 (Community Recycling Centre – Status Reporting and New Business Case) (14 April 2025). The resolution requires this meeting to have occurred in July 2025.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND PROPERTY SERVICES

The Major Projects Sub-Committee Convenor has provided a proposed calendar of dates/meeting schedule for 2025/26 to the Chairperson. Meeting dates have not been scheduled yet due to availability of the Chairperson.

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- Why resolution number OCM25-17 (Cumulative Impact Review: Events and Road Closures in Harris Park (Oct-Nov 2025) (10 June 2025) marked as completed, when the resolved Expression of Interest process for community-run Diwali events in Harris Park from 2026 has not yet occurred?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ENGAGEMENT AND EXPERIENCE

The resolution has been marked as completed as it has been actioned by staff – the Expression of Interest process has been programmed to commence in February 2026 and relevant parties have been made aware of the new process. Therefore, the matter can be marked as completed and can be removed from the outstanding resolutions report.

Councillor Darley asked Questions on **Item FPG-CON25-6 Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results)**.

Refer to the Confidential Attachment for the question and officer response.

PROCEDURAL MOTION EXTENSION OF TIME

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That in accordance with Clause 18.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, at 10.55pm, Council extend the time of the meeting until 11.30pm to allow consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda.

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Proxiv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Note: Prior to moving into Closed Session, the Lord Mayor invited members of the public gallery to make representations as to why any item had been included in Closed Session. No member of the gallery wished to make representations.

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Raffoul

That at this time of the meeting, being 10.55pm, the Chair advised that the meeting would move into Closed Confidential Session to allow consideration of matters in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993.

Accordingly, members of the press and public were excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld. This action was taken to discuss:

- **COM25-21/ CCC25-25 - Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market**

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

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- **COM25-23/ FPG-CON25-6 - Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results)**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains a discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor,

Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak
(Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Ellard left the meeting at 10.56pm and did not return.

Note: Council moved into Closed Session at 10.56pm.

16 CLOSED SESSION

COM25-21/ **Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market** **CCC25-25** (Report by the Manager Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council note the review of the Parramatta Farmer's Market, including stallholder satisfaction, public perception and attendance.
- (b) That Council endorse Option 1 in this report as the proposed revitalisation plan for the Parramatta Farmer's Market, featuring increased stallholder numbers and diversity, improved entertainment and amenity, refreshed branding, and delivery through a supported operator model.
- (c) That Council endorse a staged growth strategy for markets across the Local Government Area, commencing with quarterly seasonal markets in Parramatta from December 2025 - August 2026 with further consideration to future sites in other locations across the city, consistent with Council's Event and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030.
- (d) That an update on this strategy be provided as part of the 2026/2027 budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Issa

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

COM25-23/ FPG-CON25-6 Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results)

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(Report by the Rates & Receivables Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Darley and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That Council defer this matter to the October Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

PROCEDURAL MOTION RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Raffoul

That Council return to Open Session, the time being 11.16pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Council returned to Open Session at 11.17pm.

17 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Raffoul

That the recommendations in relation to the following items:

- **FPG-CON25-6** - Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results)
- **CCC25-25** - Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market

be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alteration and amendment thereto.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

**COM25-21/
CCC25-25**

Review and Revitalisation of Parramatta Farmers Market

(Report by the Manager Events)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council note the review of the Parramatta Farmer's Market, including stallholder satisfaction, public perception and attendance.
- (b) That Council endorse Option 1 in this report as the proposed revitalisation plan for the Parramatta Farmer's Market, featuring increased stallholder numbers and diversity, improved entertainment and amenity, refreshed branding, and delivery through a supported operator model.
- (c) That Council endorse a staged growth strategy for markets across the Local Government Area, commencing with quarterly seasonal markets in Parramatta from December 2025 - August 2026 with further consideration to future sites in other locations

across the city, consistent with Council's Event and Festivals Strategy 2025-2030.

- (d) That an update on this strategy be provided as part of the 2026/2027 budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Issa

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

COM25-23/ FPG-CON25-6 **Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results)**
(Report by the Rates & Receivables Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That Council defer this matter to the October Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting.

Record of Voting:

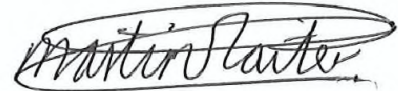
For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Councillor Darley left the meeting at 11.17pm and did not return.

18 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.18pm.

This page and the preceding 54 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 August 2025 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 8 September 2025.



Signature of the Chairperson