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1. Opening Meeting

At the commencement of business (7:00pm) those present were: The Mayor, and Councillors Antonini, Beregi, Carr, Holding, Hoy, Keen, Santer, and Welch.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor.

2. Acknowledgement of Country RECOGNITION OF THE CAMMERAYGAL PEOPLE

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of North Sydney local government area, the Cammeraygal people.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Councillor Welch.

3. Apologies and applications for leaves of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by councillors

It was moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Councillor Keen:

1. **THAT** Council grant Leave of Absence to Councillor Spenceley.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

192. RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Council grant Leave of Absence to Councillor Spenceley.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Motion was moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Councillor Holding.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

193. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11 August 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. Disclosures of Interest

The following Disclosures of Interest were made:

Re: 10.6	Strategic Review of Community Grants and Subsidies
Councillor Welch	On the Board of the Crows Nest Community Centre (non-pecuniary, significant)

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Councillor Carr	Chair, Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (non-pecuniary, significant)

Re: 10.6	Strategic Review of Community Grants and Subsidies
Councillor Keen	Volunteer at St Mary's House (non-pecuniary, less than significant)

Re: 11.1	Notice of Motion 17/25: LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference - Cr Santer
Councillor Keen	Works in the tourism industry (pecuniary)

6. Public Forum

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Santer:

1.THAT the Public Forum be opened, and that the following items be considered as part of the Public Forum:

8.1	Closure of Milsons Point Post Office
10.3	July 2025 Month-End Financial Report
10.8	183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay - Voluntary Planning Agreement
10.9	Proposed DCP amendment - electrification of new residential developments
10.10	Fire and Rescue NSW Inspection Report - 229 Miller Street, North Sydney

10.11	North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update
11.1	Notice of Motion 17/25: LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference - Cr Santer

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

194. RESOLVED:

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11.1	Notice of Motion 17/25: LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference - Cr Santer

7. Items Considered by Exception

It was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Santer:

1. THAT the Recommendations for the following Items be adopted:

10.1	Matters Outstanding to 28 July 2025
10.4	Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 31 July 2025
10.5	Council Meeting Schedule 2025-26
10.7	North Sydney Local Planning Panel Report FY2024/25
10.12	Proposed Acquisition of Lease by Transport for NSW for construction of Warringah Freeway Upgrade

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil
Absent: Nil

195. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Recommendations for the following Items be adopted:

10.1	Matters Outstanding to 28 July 2025
10.4	Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 31 July 2025
10.5	Council Meeting Schedule 2025-26
10.7	North Sydney Local Planning Panel Report FY2024/25
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8. Mayoral Minutes

8.1. MM01: Closure of Milsons Point Post Office

On 14 August 2025 I wrote to Australia Post on behalf of concerned residents seeking clarification on Australia Post’s intentions in respect of the Milsons Point Post Office, following a “For Lease” sign appearing on the building.

The Milsons Point Post Office is a thriving, essential service centrally located close to Milsons Point railway station and within 300m walking distance from the significant social housing complex *Greenway* which provides housing for approximately 400 residents. Many of these residents are elderly and English is not their first language. Many do not have access to digital technology and rely upon the Post Office for banking and paying bills.

The Milsons Point Post Office is a vital part of the Milsons Point community providing essential services that residents rely on daily. Many community members, particularly the elderly and those without access to digital services, depend on the Post Office for sending and receiving mail and other vital services. The closure of this facility would create significant hardship for these individuals.

The Post Office also plays a crucial role in supporting local businesses. Many small businesses in the area use the Post Office for shipping products, receiving supplies, and other logistical needs.

On 22 August 2025 I received the attached response from Australia Post confirming that the Post Office will close on 12 November 2025.

This decision has been made without consultation with (or consideration of the impacts on) the community that the facility serves.

I therefore recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council write to the Minister for Communications seeking an urgent review of the decision by Australia Post to close Milsons Point Post Office.
- 2. THAT** Council write to Member for Warringah, Zali Steggall OAM to urge her to renew her submissions to the Commonwealth Government on the closure of the Milsons Point.

The following people spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Bryce Gunn (President, Greenway Tenants Group)
- Michael Bracka (as a representative of the Milson Precinct, and with the support of the Lavender Bay Precinct Executive)

A Motion was moved by The Mayor:

- 1. THAT** Council write to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister for Communications, the Federal Minister for Health, Disability, and Ageing, and the CEO of Australia Post, seeking an urgent review of the decision by Australia Post to close Milsons Point Post Office.
- 2. THAT** Council write to Member for Warringah, Zali Steggall OAM to urge her to renew her submissions to the Commonwealth Government on the closure of the Milsons Point Post Office.
- 3. THAT** Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Roads, and the Minister for Families and Communities, and Disability Inclusion, seeking clarification on the rental increase for the Australia Post tenancy and a request that there be a rent moratorium to support the continued tenancy.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

196. RESOLVED:

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8.2. MM02: Anzac Park – return of public open space to include properties acquired on Cammeray Avenue, Cammeray

The Warringah Freeway Upgrade/Western Harbour Tunnel (WFU/WHT) projects have not only denuded our local government area of more than 3,000 mature trees but will result in the permanent loss of public open space to the road corridor.

Land at Cammeray, St Leonards, and Anzac Parks will be permanently lost and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has yet to quantify the final losses nor to advise whether any additional land may be provided to mitigate these losses.

TfNSW acquired a number of properties in Cammeray to support construction of the projects, including three houses in Cammeray Avenue adjacent to Anzac Park.

Recently, I attended Anzac Park Precinct, and they raised the prospect of those Cammeray Avenue houses being included into the land at Anzac Park at the conclusion of the project.

This suggestion has significant merit.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council write to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Roads urging the State Government to include the three properties acquired on Cammeray Avenue into the public land to be returned to community care and control at the conclusion of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade/Western Harbour Tunnel works.

The Motion was moved by The Mayor.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

197. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council write to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Roads urging the State Government to include the three properties acquired on Cammeray Avenue into the public land to be returned to community care and control at the conclusion of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade/Western Harbour Tunnel works.

8.3. MM03: Submission on Berrys Bay Place, Design, and Landscape Plan

In February 2023, following community consultation, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) released the final Berrys Bay Master Plan. The Master Plan provided a conceptual layout with proposed functional uses for a foreshore park at Berrys Bay to be delivered as part of the Western Harbour Tunnel project.

The Western Harbour Tunnel Place, Design, and Landscape Plan (Part 2) for Berrys Bay has been on exhibition since late July 2025.

Whilst TfNSW has consulted with Council and Council provided a “functional brief” to inform the design of the proposed “Woodley’s Shed” community pavilion, Council has not yet made a formal submission.

The functional brief provided by Council to TfNSW calls for a facility that can accommodate multiple user groups with a minimum indoor space of 300m² to ensure that the space is flexible and can cater for a wide range of uses.

A number of individuals and Waverton Precinct have provided submissions on the Place, Design, and Landscape Plan (PDLP) and a number of themes have emerged:

- issues with the proposed “Woodley’s Shed” design; and
- access to the harbour, particularly for kayaks.

The Draft PDLP as exhibited provides for a meeting room of 100m² with banquet style seating for 80 people. This is much smaller than Council’s functional brief which sought a minimum of 120 persons seated theatre style – which will allow school and university groups to utilise the space and large community functions (both public and private).

Indeed, the space proposed is approximately equivalent to the Caretaker’s Cottage and Mess Hall at the Genia McCaffery Centre for Sustainability at The Coal Loader which are not able to cater for larger functions or groups.

The design of the proposed pavilion with the upturned boat form bears little, if any, relationship to the existing Woodley’s Shed footprint. The design preferences form over function and unnecessarily constrains the proposed community use. Indeed, previous concepts provided to Council depicted a much simpler form, closer to the form of Woodley’s Shed.

In terms of access to the harbour, the design ought to include provision for kayaks and other small craft to launch, in circumstances where the nearest jetty structures are at the unsafe Dolphin Wharf (Carradah Park) or the privately leased jetty at the Quarantine Depot – neither accessible to the public.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council provide a submission to Transport for NSW seeking design changes to the proposed community pavilion (Woodley's Shed) to:

- (a) better address the functional brief provided by Council including a capacity to provide for a minimum of 120 persons seated theatre style,
- (b) a simpler form (without the upturned boat) to reflect the historic Woodley's Shed footprint and allow for joint use of the indoor/outdoor space, and
- (c) provision for kayaks and other small craft to access the harbour.

The Motion was moved by The Mayor.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 2

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Carr and Councillor Keen

Absent: Nil

198. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council provide a submission to Transport for NSW seeking design changes to the proposed community pavilion (Woodley's Shed) to:

- (a) better address the functional brief provided by Council including a capacity to provide for a minimum of 120 persons seated theatre style,
- (b) a simpler form (without the upturned boat) to reflect the historic Woodley's Shed footprint and allow for joint use of the indoor/outdoor space, and
- (c) provision for kayaks and other small craft to access the harbour.

Public Forum

10.3. July 2025 Month-End Financial Report

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 6).

AUTHOR: Aigul Utegenova, Chief Financial Officer

PURPOSE

This report provides an overview of North Sydney Council's financial performance for the period ended 31 July 2026. It compares budgeted versus actual financial results and year-to-date (YTD) trends to support decision-making and financial planning.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- For the first month of 2025/26, Council's operating result before capital grants and contributions is in line with budget, with a small favourable variance of \$0.255 million.
- The overall surplus from continuing operations was \$79.727 million, which is \$3.330 million above the YTD budget, mainly due to higher-than-expected developer contributions (\$3.075 million above budget) and stronger interest income (\$0.151 million above budget). These gains were partly offset by lower user charges and fees (\$0.428 million below budget) and other income (\$0.214 million below budget).
- Operating expenses were \$0.658 million below budget, with savings in employee costs (\$0.270 million), materials and services (\$0.324 million), and other expenses (\$0.041 million), partly offset by minor variances in other categories.
- Overall, income was 102.97% of budget for the month and expenses were 95.11% of budget. While early developer contributions and higher interest earnings have boosted the result, continued monitoring of core revenue streams, particularly user charges and fees, will be important.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council note the July 2025 End of Month financial results.

The following person spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- George Loiterton (local resident)

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

199. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council note the July 2025 End of Month financial results.

10.8. 183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay - Voluntary Planning Agreement

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 6).

AUTHOR: Katerina Papas, Senior Strategic Planner

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's in-principal support of an offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) relating to a Planning Proposal (4/24) for 183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay. The VPA offer is for the provision of affordable housing on the site and public domain works.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On 27 November 2023, Council resolved to refuse a Planning Proposal for 183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay. The Planning Proposal sought to increase the maximum building height control from 16m to 43m (12 storeys) and increase the minimum non-residential floor space ratio control from 0.5:1 to 2:1 under the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan (NSLEP) 2013.
- Following this decision, the applicant lodged a rezoning review with the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI). This was considered by the Sydney North Planning Panel (SNPP) on 5 May 2024 which recommended the Planning Proposal proceed to Gateway Determination, subject to addressing several matters, including investigating opportunities for the delivery of affordable housing with a target of at least 5% provision as per the Greater Sydney Region Plan.
- A Gateway Determination was issued by the DPHI on 11 April 2025 with a condition that "prior to finalisation (of the Planning Proposal/LEP making process), a suitable mechanism must be in place to secure 5% affordable housing on the site." The Planning Proposal was recently the subject of public exhibition.
- On 27 June 2025, the applicant submitted a revised letter of offer (dated 10 June 2025) to enter into a VPA with Council to deliver public benefits, including public domain improvements (provision of a 2.5m setback along Military Road for footpath widening and increased setback of 135m² to contribute to a future Rangers Road Plaza), public bicycle parking, and the provision of 5% of the total potential residential development uplift as affordable housing.
- Whilst acknowledging that Council has previously objected to the proposal, the VPA will assist Council in securing public benefits and increase the provision of affordable housing in the North Sydney Local Government Area (LGA).
- It is recommended that the VPA offer be accepted by Council on an "in-principle" basis but with amendments as per the terms outlined in Table 2 of this report, and that Council staff be delegated the authority to negotiate the detailed terms of the agreement. If

accepted, it is intended that the draft VPA will be placed on exhibition for public comment for a minimum of 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council resolve to accept, in principle, the letter of offer provided at Attachment 1 to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement for the provision of affordable housing and public domain improvements, subject to the terms outlined in Table 2 of this report.
- 2. THAT** Council grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate the detailed terms of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement.
- 3. THAT** the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be publicly exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 4. THAT** the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be reported to Council.

The following people spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Tony Polvere - remotely (Planning Consultant representing the landowner and proponent)
- Meredith Trevallyn-Jones (local resident)

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini:

- 1. THAT** Council resolve to accept, in principle, the letter of offer provided at Attachment 1 to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement for the provision of affordable housing and public domain improvements, subject to the terms outlined in Table 2 of this report and with the following change to Table 2 Affordable Housing (page 15 of the report):

Given the significant uplift proposed and the need for affordable housing in the LGA, the terms of the VPA should specify that up to 30% and no less than 5% of the total gross floor area of the residential component of the development is to be provided as affordable housing in perpetuity. The applicant's letter of offer frames the contribution as 5% of the uplift achieved which is inconsistent with the Gateway Determination condition and is also inconsistent with how affordable housing requirements are to be applied within the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development Precinct (Clause 7.5 of the NSLEP 2013).

- 2. THAT** Council grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate the detailed terms of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement.
- 3. THAT** the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be publicly exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 4. THAT** the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be reported to Council.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

200. RESOLVED:

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Given the significant uplift proposed and the need for affordable housing in the LGA, the terms of the VPA should specify that up to 30% and no less than 5% of the total gross floor area of the residential component of the development is to be provided as affordable housing in perpetuity. The applicant's letter of offer frames the contribution as 5% of the uplift achieved which is inconsistent with the Gateway Determination condition and is also inconsistent with how affordable housing requirements are to be applied within the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development Precinct (Clause 7.5 of the NSLEP 2013).

2. THAT Council grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate the detailed terms of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement.

3. THAT the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be publicly exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.

4. THAT the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be reported to Council.

10.9. Proposed DCP amendment - electrification of new residential developments

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 6).

AUTHOR: Jack Li, Strategic Planner

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of a draft amendment to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan (NSDCP) 2025*, for exhibition, that seeks to discourage gas connections and gas appliances in new residential development for environmental, health, and economic reasons.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On 11 December 2023, Council considered a Mayoral Minute to ban the installation of gas appliances in new residential dwellings. Council resolved that a report on amending Council's planning controls to require that all new residential developments be all-electric be prepared for Council's consideration. This report has been prepared in response to that resolution.

- On 17 June 2024, a Councillor Briefing was held to discuss a preliminary review of options and potential approaches.
- A further Councillor Briefing was held on 21 July 2025 providing updated information on the use of gas and recommending that draft Development Control Plan (DCP) controls be prepared to prohibit the gas connections and appliances in new residential developments.
- This report recommends that Council pursue a staged amendment of the NSDCP 2025, initially to prevent gas in new residential developments, with consideration to potentially expanding to non-residential developments, and alterations and additions to residential developments in the future, subject to further investigation and research.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the draft amendment to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2025* to prevent gas connections and the installation of gas appliances in new residential development, as outlined in this report and detailed in Attachment 1, for the purposes of public exhibition.
- 2. THAT** the draft amendment to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2025* be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
- 3. THAT** Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make minor modifications to correct any numerical, typographical, interpretation, and formatting errors, if required, in preparation for the public exhibition.
- 4. THAT** the outcomes of the public exhibition be reported to Council.

The following person spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Dr Anthony Hull (Deputy Chair - Doctors for the Environment NSW, and Anaesthetist)

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Antonini.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 2

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Carr and Councillor Keen

Absent: Nil

201. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the draft amendment to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2025* to prevent gas connections and the installation of gas appliances in new residential development, as outlined in this report and detailed in Attachment 1, for the purposes of public exhibition.
- 2. THAT** the draft amendment to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2025* be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

- 3. THAT** Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make minor modifications to correct any numerical, typographical, interpretation, and formatting errors, if required, in preparation for the public exhibition.
- 4. THAT** the outcomes of the public exhibition be reported to Council.

10.10. Fire and Rescue NSW Inspection Report - 229 Miller Street, North Sydney

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 6).

AUTHOR: Jad Davis, Executive Compliance Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to determine whether to issue a Fire Safety Order in response to an inspection report received from Authorised Fire Officers of Fire and Rescue NSW concerning the premises located at 229 Miller Street, North Sydney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Authorised Fire Officers from Fire and Rescue NSW conducted an inspection of 229 Miller Street, North Sydney and issued an inspection report to Council.
- When an inspection report is received, it must be tabled at a Council meeting for Council to determine whether it will exercise its powers to give a Fire Safety Order and notify the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue of its determination.
- The items identified in the inspection report are considered routine and relatively minor for a building of this size and nature. Council staff are currently liaising with the building owners to facilitate the rectification of the fire safety matters raised. The issue of an Order in this instance, would add unnecessary administrative burden without improving fire safety outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council does not exercise its powers to give a Fire Safety Order in response to the Fire and Rescue NSW inspection report.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW of its determination.

The following person spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Davie Macdonald

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Santer:

- 1. THAT** Council does not exercise its powers to give a Fire Safety Order in response to the Fire and Rescue NSW inspection report.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW of its determination.

3. THAT Council receive an update from Council’s Director Planning & Environment in relation to timeframes for implementation.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

202. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council does not exercise its powers to give a Fire Safety Order in response to the Fire and Rescue NSW inspection report.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW of its determination.
- 3. THAT** Council receive an update from Council’s Director Planning & Environment in relation to timeframes for implementation.

10.11.North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 6).

AUTHOR: Gary Parsons, Director Open Space & Infrastructure

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There has been a significant increase in onsite activity and resources which has resulted in substantial progress across many areas of the project. The project is now transitioning to fit out and commissioning activities.
- The contractual date for Practical Completion for the project is 11 July 2024. Icon recently provided an updated program indicating 18 November 2025 as their forecast date for Practical Completion (handover). It is anticipated that it will take two - three months to commission and operationalise the facility before it can be open to the public.
- Council must now extend key consultancies from the end of August 2025 to the end of November 2025, to align with the most recent Practical Completion date issued by Icon. Construction Works insurance has now been extended to the 18 November 2025, in line with the advised forecast date for Practical Completion.

- The revised construction contract sum is currently \$92.28m, which includes 13 variations totalling \$22.7k that have been agreed and closed since the last report to Council.
- The total project commitments remain within the forecast costs to completion of \$122m. It should be noted that this forecast was provided to Council in February 2024, with an anticipated date for project completion of December 2024. There are a significant number of variations either under assessment or that are yet to be submitted, which will place further pressure on the allocated budget for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A (2):
(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.
- 2. THAT** the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.
- 3. THAT** Council note the contents of this report in relation to the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.
- 4. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to extend the agreement with Brewster Hjorth Architects Pty Ltd for Design Services to 30 November 2025 at a cost of \$264,050 (excl GST) for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment using the extenuating circumstances provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that the additional costs can currently be accommodated within the existing allocated budget.
- 5. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to extend the agreement with the APP Group Pty Ltd for Project Management resources to 30 November 2025 at a cost of \$261,680 (excl GST) for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment using the extenuating circumstances provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that the additional costs can currently be accommodated within the existing allocated budget.
- 6. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to extend the agreement with the CPM Pty Ltd for Programming services to 30 November 2025 at a cost of \$7,080 (excl GST) for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment using the extenuating circumstances provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that the additional costs can currently be accommodated within the existing allocated budget.
- 7. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to extend the agreement with the Blue Stone Management for Quantity Surveying Services to 30 November 2025 at a cost of \$31,600 (excl GST) for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment using the extenuating circumstances provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that the additional costs can currently be accommodated within the existing allocated budget.
- 8. THAT** Council note the extension of Contract Works Insurance for the redevelopment of North Sydney Olympic Pool to the anticipated Practical Completion date of 18 November 2025, at a cost of \$270,757(excl GST).
- 9. THAT** Council note that current financial commitments for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment remain within the forecast cost to completion of \$122m, however there are a significant number of variation claims that are still to be submitted.

The following person spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Davie Macdonald

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

203. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A (2):

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

2. THAT the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

3. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.

4. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to extend the agreement with Brewster Hjorth Architects Pty Ltd for Design Services to 30 November 2025 at a cost of \$264,050 (excl GST) for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment using the extenuating circumstances provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that the additional costs can currently be accommodated within the existing allocated budget.

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8. THAT Council note the extension of Contract Works Insurance for the redevelopment of North Sydney Olympic Pool to the anticipated Practical Completion date of 18 November 2025, at a cost of \$270,757(excl GST).

9. THAT Council note that current financial commitments for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment remain within the forecast cost to completion of \$122m, however there are a significant number of variation claims that are still to be submitted.

Councillor Keen declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 8:09pm.

11.1. Notice of Motion 17/25: LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference - Cr Santer

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 6).

1. THAT Council note the report below on the outcomes of the Conference - Destination and Visitor Economy - held in Kingscliff in June 2025.

2. THAT when sufficient funds become available, Council undertake a program of identifying potential tourism destinations and local business opportunities, in consultation with the State and Federal Governments, inbound tour operators, domestic wholesalers and accommodation providers, with a view to establishing a tourism industry in North Sydney.

3. THAT Council approach Destination NSW to seek their support in:

- establishing tourism product based in North Sydney and the North Shore;
- and marketing North Shore product to the domestic tourism industry and domestic and overseas consumers.

4. THAT Council establish a cooperative program with neighbouring councils in tourism product packaging and marketing.

The following person spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Davie Macdonald

A Motion was moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Councillor Welch:

1. THAT Council note the report below on the outcomes of the Conference - Destination and Visitor Economy - held in Kingscliff in June 2025.

2. THAT, subject to resourcing and further Council resolution, Council undertake a program of identifying potential tourism destinations and local business opportunities, in consultation with the State and Federal Governments, inbound tour operators, domestic wholesalers and accommodation providers, with a view to establishing a tourism industry in North Sydney.

3. THAT Council approach Destination NSW to seek their support in:

- establishing tourism product based in North Sydney and the North Shore;
- and marketing North Shore product to the domestic tourism industry and domestic and overseas consumers.

4. THAT, subject to resourcing and further Council resolution, Council establish a cooperative program with neighbouring councils in tourism product packaging and marketing.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

204. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council note the report below on the outcomes of the Conference - Destination and Visitor Economy - held in Kingscliff in June 2025.

2. THAT, subject to resourcing and further Council resolution, Council undertake a program of identifying potential tourism destinations and local business opportunities, in consultation with the State and Federal Governments, inbound tour operators, domestic wholesalers and accommodation providers, with a view to establishing a tourism industry in North Sydney.

3. THAT Council approach Destination NSW to seek their support in:

- establishing tourism product based in North Sydney and the North Shore;
- and marketing North Shore product to the domestic tourism industry and domestic and overseas consumers.

4. THAT, subject to resourcing and further Council resolution, Council establish a cooperative program with neighbouring councils in tourism product packaging and marketing.

Councillor Keen returned to the meeting at 8:20pm.

9. Reports of Committees

Nil

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Matters Outstanding to 28 July 2025

AUTHOR: Ian Curry, Manager Governance

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding the status of resolutions arising from Mayoral Minutes, Notices of Motion, and Questions Without Notice.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Each month, a report is presented to Council on the status of resolutions arising from Mayoral Minutes, Notices of Motion, and Questions Without Notice.
- The attached table has been updated to include resolutions up to the 28 July 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the report be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 7).

205. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the report be received.

10.2. Q4 Review of the Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2024/25

AUTHOR: Jenny Gracey, Corporate Planning Coordinator

PURPOSE

The Quarterly Review presents a progress update against the Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2024/25 for the fourth quarter (Q4), 1 April to 30 June 2025, and includes project status (traffic lights) and the corporate scorecard.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Operational Plan 2024/25 (Year 3 of the Delivery Program 2022-2026) was adopted by Council on 24 June 2024 and commenced on 1 July 2024.
- As at the end of the 2024/25 reporting year, a total of 192 projects were scheduled in the Operational Plan to commence or continue. Of these:
 - 118 were completed (blue status)
 - 22 were on track (green status)
 - 38 were delayed (amber status)
 - 13 were not progressing (red status)
 - 1 was discontinued
- Of the 13 projects not progressing, nine were not progressing due to funding constraints.
- This is the final progress report against the Delivery Program 2022-2026. A new suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the *Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035*, *Delivery Program 2025-2029* and *Operational Plan 2025-2026*, were adopted by Council and commenced on 1 July 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Quarterly Review (April – June 2025) of the Operational Plan be received.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini:

1. **THAT** the Quarterly Review (April - June 2025) of the Operational Plan be received.

2. **THAT** Council note the impact that funding constraints is having on Council's performance and ability to deliver projects and services.

3. **THAT** Council note that capital expenditure is lower than the original budget due to projects being deferred and the delay in the North Sydney Olympic Pool project.

4. **THAT** Council note that staff costs are below budget due to the holding of vacancies to improve Council's liquidity in the short term.

5. **THAT** Council acknowledge the Quarter 4 highlights across a range of areas including:

- Environmental Care
- Community Education
- Neighbourhood Activation
- Supporting Young People
- Families and Children
- Community Inclusion
- Multicultural Engagement
- Volunteering
- Housing and Homelessness
- Road and Pedestrian Safety
- Active Transport
- Lighting Improvements
- Enhancement of Parks and Public Spaces

and the engagement of the North Sydney community which resulted in behaviour change following from Council's waste reduction workshops; over 1,500 attendees at Youth Week Colour Festival; the reach of the Library Instagram grew by 275%; and new active transport infrastructure including raised crossings and cycling infrastructure.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 2

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Carr and Councillor Keen

Absent: Nil

206. RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Quarterly Review (April - June 2025) of the Operational Plan be received.

2. **THAT** Council note the impact that funding constraints is having on Council's performance and ability to deliver projects and services.

3. **THAT** Council note that capital expenditure is lower than the original budget due to projects being deferred and the delay in the North Sydney Olympic Pool project.

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and the engagement of the North Sydney community which resulted in behaviour change following from Council's waste reduction workshops; over 1,500 attendees at Youth Week Colour Festival; the reach of the Library Instagram grew by 275% and new active transport infrastructure including raised crossings and cycling infrastructure.

10.3. July 2025 Month-End Financial Report

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 11 - 12).

10.4. Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 31 July 2025

AUTHORS: Shirley Chen, Financial Controller, and Aigul Utegenova, Chief Financial Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the performance of Council's investments and loans for the month ending 31 July 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- All investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and Council's Financial Investments Policy.
- For the month of July, the total investment portfolio (which includes Term Deposits, Floating Rate Notes and Bonds) provided a return of +0.31% (actual), or +3.74% p.a. (annualised), marginally outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.30% (actual) or +3.60% p.a. (annualised).

- Returns on investments exceeded the July YTD budget by \$151,433. This result includes fees paid to Council's investment advisers for the period.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report on Investments held at 31 July 2025, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings, be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 7).

207. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the report on Investments held at 31 July 2025, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings, be received.

10.5. Council Meeting Schedule 2025-26

AUTHOR: Ian Curry, Manager Governance

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to determine a schedule of Council Meeting dates for 2025/26.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Local Government Act prescribes that Councils are required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.
- This report proposes a schedule of Council meetings to September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council adopt the attached Council Meeting schedule for 2025/26.

2. THAT Council note the attached planned Agenda publication dates for Council Meetings in 2025/26.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 7).

208. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council adopt the attached Council Meeting schedule for 2025/26.

2. THAT Council note the attached planned Agenda publication dates for Council Meetings in 2025/26.

Councillor Carr and Councillor Welch declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the following item and left the meeting at 8.26pm.

10.6. Strategic Review of Community Grants and Subsidies

AUTHOR: Gabrielle Rennard, Service Unit Manager Community Resilience and Sustainability

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to outline the financial support North Sydney Council has provided to the community through grants, subsidies, in-kind support, and other forms of assistance.

The report highlights opportunities to approach Council's financial support for community groups in a more structured manner to enhance transparency, effectiveness, accountability, and better align financial support with Council's strategic directions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council provides a diverse range of grants, subsidies, and other forms of assistance to various community groups and individuals. Council's Operational Plan 2025–2026 identifies over \$1.3 million in the 2025 – 2026 budget allocated for direct financial contributions and subsidies. This is a similar budget to that which has been applied in past years.
- In addition, this report outlines a further (approximately) \$2M in indirect community investment, provided by Council, to support local not-for-profit organisations, including community and cultural centres. This includes support for building maintenance, rates, waste and recycling services, and foregone rental income associated with Council-owned properties.
- In total, Council's community investment exceeds \$3.3million per annum. Of this, approximately \$2.1million is specifically allocated to the operation of community and cultural centres, incorporating both direct financial and in-kind support.
- Investment in community programs and community-led initiatives contributes to community belonging, pride, and inclusion. The way funding programs are structured, governed and reviewed is critical in ensuring maximum value through the limited funding pool.
- Current funding programs are historical and many lack clear guiding frameworks, levels of accountability, or indications of effectiveness. Many of these programs are very small in scale and are distributed amongst numerous community organisations and entities. Given the significant and ongoing investment that Council makes in this sector, it is important that this be as effective and transparent as possible. A review of these programs has not occurred for many years.
- This report recommends that Council conduct a comprehensive review of all grants and historical subsidy programs to ensure that future investments are strategic, effective,

financially viable, and accountable, while also supporting the establishment of a Community Investment Framework.

- One specific area that is proposed to be amended during 2025/26 is the financial contributions to our community centres. These collectively would account for \$793,100 plus indirect funding and support) in 2025/26 and represent the largest component of these grants and subsidy programs.
- Direct discussions with each of the four centres (Crows Nest, Kirribilli, North Sydney, and Neutral Bay) have occurred. Based on the financial situation of each, it is proposed that the direct financial contribution of \$77,250 allocated to the Kirribilli Community Centre, along with 50% of the \$481,010 contribution allocated for the Crows Nest Community Centre, be redirected to establish a capital reserve fund, dedicated to the maintenance and renewal of these facilities.
- These recommendations are premised on Council's documented historical lack of investment in building maintenance and renewal and need to address this shortfall over time.
- The report also specifically seeks Council endorsement for the allocation of funding for the 2025 Small Grants and Creative Grants with combined funding of \$46,669. These grant programs were open to the community for submissions during the first half of 2025 and it is important that these be followed through.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the commencement of a comprehensive review of the Community Grants and Subsidies Policy and the creation of comprehensive guidelines, with the aim of establishing a Community Investment Framework for community consultation.
- 2. THAT** Council approve the recommended funding allocations for the 2025/26 financial year for eligible community projects as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2. This includes, \$19,696 for the Creative Grants Program and \$26,700 for the Small Grants Program.
- 3. THAT** Council note the budget allocation of \$1,321,534 financial assistance to community as outlined in the Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 and reflected in this report.
- 4. THAT** Council reduce the direct financial grant of \$481,010 to the Crows Nest Community Centre to \$240,505 and allocates \$240,505, in the 2025/26 year to establish a capital reserve for building improvement and maintenance for this building.
- 5. THAT** Council replace the \$77,250 direct financial grant to the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre in the 2025/26 year, with the creation of a capital reserve for building improvement and maintenance for this property to the same value.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Santer:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the commencement of a comprehensive review of the Community Grants and Subsidies Policy and the creation of comprehensive guidelines, with the aim of establishing a Community Investment Framework for community consultation and that the review include governance arrangements for the community centres.
- 2. THAT** Council approve the recommended funding allocations for the 2025/26 financial year

for eligible community projects as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2. This includes, \$19,696 for the Creative Grants Program and \$26,700 for the Small Grants Program.

3. THAT Council note the budget allocation of \$1,321,534 financial assistance to community as outlined in the Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 and reflected in this report.

4. THAT Council reduce the direct financial grant of \$481,010 to the Crows Nest Community Centre to \$240,505 and allocates \$240,505, in the 2025/26 year to establish a capital reserve for building improvement and maintenance for this building.

5. THAT Council replace the \$77,250 direct financial grant to the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre in the 2025/26 year, with the creation of a capital reserve for building improvement and maintenance for this property to the same value.

6. THAT, in order to reduce inherent conflicts of interest and promote participation in decisions relating to the use and maintenance of Council assets and the allocation of public funds, Council urges sitting councillors serving on community centre boards to resign from those positions.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 6 / 1

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy and Councillor Santer

Against: Councillor Keen

Absent: Nil

209. RESOLVED:

1.THAT Council endorse the commencement of a comprehensive review of the Community Grants and Subsidies Policy and the creation of comprehensive guidelines, with the aim of establishing a Community Investment Framework for community consultation and that the review include governance arrangements for the community centres.

2. THAT Council approve the recommended funding allocations for the 2025/26 financial year for eligible community projects as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2. This includes, \$19,696 for the Creative Grants Program and \$26,700 for the Small Grants Program.

3. THAT Council note the budget allocation of \$1,321,534 financial assistance to community as outlined in the Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 and reflected in this report.

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5. THAT Council replace the \$77,250 direct financial grant to the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre in the 2025/26 year, with the creation of a capital reserve for building improvement and maintenance for this property to the same value.

6. THAT, in order to reduce inherent conflicts of interest and promote participation in decisions relating to the use and maintenance of Council assets and the allocation of public funds, Council urges sitting councillors serving on community centre boards to resign from those positions.

Councillors Carr and Welch returned to the meeting at 8:34pm.

10.7. North Sydney Local Planning Panel Report FY2024/25

AUTHOR: Stephen Beattie, Service Unit Manager Development Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to detail the activities of the North Sydney Local Planning Panel for the 2024/25 financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report is provided in response to the provision contained within Section 2.20 (5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which requires that “council is to monitor the performance of local planning panels constituted by the council.”
- Reports are to be provided to the Planning Secretary annually, based on any given financial year.
- This report outlines the role of the North Sydney Planning Panel and its activities and performance during the 2024/25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the North Sydney Local Planning Panel Report 2024/25 report be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 7).

210. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the North Sydney Local Planning Panel Report 2024/25 report be received.

10.8. 183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay - Voluntary Planning Agreement

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 13 - 15).

10.9. Proposed DCP amendment - electrification of new residential developments

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 15 - 17).

10.10. Fire and Rescue NSW Inspection Report - 229 Miller Street, North Sydney

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 17 - 18).

10.11. North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 18 - 21).

10.12. Proposed Acquisition of Lease by Transport for NSW for construction of Warringah Freeway Upgrade

AUTHOR: Duncan Rennie, A/Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the approach by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to extend the lease of land at Cammeray Golf Course, St Leonards Park, and Anzac Park, for the construction of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- TfNSW has approached Council to extend the lease of land at Cammeray Golf Course, St Leonards Park and Anzac Park for the purpose of constructing the Warringah Freeway Upgrade.
- Extension of the Construction Lease over areas at Cammeray Golf Course and St Leonards Park are proposed until 30 September 2029 (inclusive) being three (3) years, seven (7) months, and four (4) days.
- Extension of the Construction Lease over the area at Anzac Park is proposed until 30 August 2027 (inclusive) being one (1) year, six (6) months, and four (4) days.
- TfNSW have assessed compensation for Council's interest as Crown Land Manager pursuant to the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (the CLM Act) and Council's appeal proceedings in the Land Environment Court North Sydney Council v Transport for New South Wales [2024] NSWLEC 100 (the Proceedings).

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council note Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has approached Council to extend the lease of land within Cammeray Golf Course, St Leonards Park and Anzac Park.
- 2. THAT** Council accept the TfNSW offer of compensation for Council's interest in the lease areas outlined in this report in accordance with the CLM Act and Proceedings.
- 3. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed of settlement to move through the compulsory acquisition process for the construction lease only.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 7).

211. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council note Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has approached Council to extend the lease of land within Cammeray Golf Course, St Leonards Park, and Anzac Park.

- 2. THAT** Council accept the TfNSW offer of compensation for Council's interest in the lease areas outlined in this report in accordance with the CLM Act and Proceedings.
- 3. THAT** Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed of settlement to move through the compulsory acquisition process for the construction lease only.

11. Notices of Motion

11.1. Notice of Motion 17/25: LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference - Cr Santer

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 21 - 22).

12. Matters of Urgency

Nil

13. Closure

The meeting concluded at 8:35pm.