



Council Chambers
2 April 2026

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Cammeraygal lands at the Council Chambers, North Sydney at 7.00pm on Monday 13 April 2026. The agenda is as follows.

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10. Notices of Motion/Questions with Notice

Nil

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Raised by Councillors

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TO: The Mayor Zoë Baker, and Councillors Antonini, Beregi, Carr, Holding, Hoy, Keen, Santer, Spenceley, and Welch

MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026

1. OPENING MEETING

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

THAT THE MINUTES of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 March 2026 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

6. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

7. MINUTES OF THE MAYOR

7.1 MM01: Roundtable working group on impacts of ‘hoon’ cars on residents of North Sydney, Kirribilli, Milsons Point, Lavender Bay, McMahons Point and beyond

On 24 March 2024, I raised a Mayoral Minute in response to resident complaints about the significant and adverse impacts of noise pollution on residents as a result of the cumulative impacts of construction and that generated by “hoon” cars. Council, therefore, resolved:

“1. THAT Council strongly advocate for the State Government to address increasing noise pollution through a review of the EPA Noise Guidelines, adoption of electric vehicles, provisions in relation to the use of electric power tools in urban areas, noise, and CCTV monitoring in areas experiencing a rise in “hoon” cars.”

Since that time I have written to the Minister for Police, the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Climate Change seeking action to address these issues, particularly “hoon” cars. In early April 2025, together with Council’s Director Open Space and Infrastructure, I met with residents of Blues Point to discuss particular impacts of these cars on their lives and to identify action that Council may take to mitigate those impacts.

The installation of traffic calming measures on Blues Point Road to slow down the cars has been identified as an action that may be taken by Council.

Unfortunately, due to the well-documented financial constraints that Council is seeking to repair, those works are not currently funded but have been identified under Blues Point Masterplan works and may be able to be delivered in the 2026/27 financial year if Council’s Special Rate Variation application to IPART is successful.

Yet traffic calming measures alone may not wholly address the impacts of this driver behaviour.

I also met with the Local Area Commander who detailed the resourcing constraints that NSW Police are managing and the difficulty of policing this behaviour.

However, too many residents continue to endure the “hoon” cars that loop at night from the Sydney Harbour Bridge, through North Sydney, Kirribilli, Milsons Point, Lavender Bay, McMahons Point and beyond.

On 2 April 2026, I again wrote to the Minister for Police on this issue – a copy of that correspondence is attached to this Minute.

Recently, I attended the launch of “Swap in the City” at Greenwood Plaza, on behalf of Council, and met a resident from Millers Point (in the City of Sydney LGA) who approached me to discuss the issue of “hoon” cars. She described how the cars start in Millers Point, then drive over the Harbour Bridge to North Sydney and Millers Point residents hear the engines from both places. She had been in contact with residents in the Bayside Council area seeking to collaborate on actions across local government areas.

Clearly, there is a more general issue beyond the North Sydney LGA. As density increases, the impacts of noise pollution will be felt more widely.

Indeed, I have now twice, informally, raised this issue with members of the Traffic Committee and those State representatives acknowledge that it has been an issue for at least a decade and that policing has been difficult, not least due to resourcing. This issue seems to fall between environmental offences (noise pollution) and anti-social behaviour and a review of enforcement strategies and responsible agencies at the State level may be the best way forward.

I therefore propose that Council initiate a “roundtable” with affected North Sydney residents, residents from Millers Point and Bayside Council area to collaborate on practical action and joint lobbying efforts to the State Government on this issue.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council invite impacted residents from the North Sydney, City of Sydney and Bayside local government areas to a roundtable working group to share experiences and to collaborate on on practical action and joint lobbying efforts to the State Government on the impacts of “hoon” cars on affected residents.

7.2 MM02: Councillor Shannon Welch – Election to President, Australia Local Government Women’s Association (NSW) (ALGWA)

At the recent ALGWA (NSW) Conference hosted by Blacktown City Council on 26-28 March 2026, Councillor Shannon Welch was elected by the members to lead the organisation as President.

On 31 March 2026, I received a letter from Cr Julie Griffiths, Secretary of ALGWA (NSW) extending sincere congratulations to Cr Welch and noting that the appointment reflects Cr Welch’s dedication to public service and the high regard in which she is held by her peers.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council congratulate Cr Shannon Welch on her election to President of ALGWA(NSW) and wish her every success in her new role.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Access and Inclusion Committee Minutes - 10 March 2026

Report of Peita Rose, Governance Officer

The purpose of this report is to outline the proceedings of the Access and Inclusion Committee meeting of 10 March 2026, and for Council to consider any recommendations from the Committee.

The Terms of Reference of the Access and Inclusion Committee state:

8.1 The Access and Inclusion Committee is not a decision-making body. The Committee is an advisory body to Council. Council may adopt or reject the Committee’s advice.

8.2 The Committee has no delegated powers from Council.

This report presents the discussions and recommendations of the last meeting of the Access and Inclusion Committee, held 10 March 2026.

The Minutes are attached for the information of Council.

Recommending:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Access and Inclusion Committee meeting held 10 March 2026 be received and noted by Council.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2026-27

Report of Ashley Cao, Rates and Revenue Coordinator, and Aigul Utegenova, Chief Financial Officer

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the proposed fees and charges for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026, and to seek endorsement from Council for the Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2026–2027 to be placed on public exhibition prior to final adoption.

In the 2024-2025 financial year, Fees and Charges comprised 20% of Council’s total annual revenue and 26% of own-source revenue.

The Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2026–2027 (Attachment 3 to this report) has been developed with reference to comparable market rates and incorporates a general increase of 3.7% on the previous year’s adopted schedule.

Several fees have been restructured or increased above CPI to address historical under-recovery, reflect market benchmarks, and better align charges with the actual cost and complexity of service delivery:

- 54 new fees and charges are proposed.
- 42 existing fees and charges are proposed to be discontinued, primarily to simplify fee structures, remove duplication, and align with updated regulatory frameworks and service delivery models.

All existing and proposed fees and charges have been assessed in accordance with Council’s *Revenue Policy*.

Fees set by statute, such as Schedule 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, will be updated as they are published and reported to Council when the final Fees and Charges Schedule 2026–2027 is submitted for adoption.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council endorse the Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2026–2027 to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

2. THAT Council note that a further report will be prepared for Council’s consideration at the submissions closing period to facilitate adoption of the Fees and Charges Schedule 2026–2027 by 30 June 2026.

9.2 Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027

Report of Emma FitzRoy, Executive Manager; Olena Tulubinska, Director Corporate Services and Aigul Utegenova, Chief Financial Officer

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to exhibit the revised Delivery Program 2025-2029 and draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027.

Council’s commitment to supporting delivery of the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 is articulated through the Delivery Program (DP), a four-year plan that outlines the strategic initiatives Council will undertake during its term.

Operational Plans then provide detailed one-year schedules of activities, services, projects, and budgets to implement the DP.

Following IPART's refusal of Council's special rate variation in May 2025, Council has undertaken detailed financial, asset, and service planning to help address the funding gap affecting infrastructure condition, service sustainability, and long-term financial resilience.

This work has informed the development of the attached revised DP and new *Draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2026-27*. It also informed development of a new and more modest application for special variation of permissible rating income that was submitted to IPART on 2 February 2026.

IPART's determination of the application is not expected until May 2026, therefore, the attached plan includes two scenarios - one based on the special variation (SV) request being refused (Scenario 1), and the other based on the special variation request being approved in full (Scenario 2).

Scenario 1 will result in a deficit operational result before capital grants and contributions of \$3.7 million and will require a reduction in infrastructure projects to manage liquidity in the short-term. Future years under this scenario will require consideration of service reductions to mitigate infrastructure risks.

Scenario 2 will ensure sufficient funding to maintain service levels and renew infrastructure. At the same time, important property planning will commence to address infrastructure and service delivery needs for the growing community.

Part 3 of the Plan lists all projects and activities proposed under Scenario 2. Items that will need to be removed, reduced, or delayed if the SV is not approved (Scenario 1) are shown with 🚫 in the attached plan).

Separate four-year budget estimates and 2026-27 budget details are provided for each scenario in Part 4A (Scenario 1) and Part 4B (Scenario 2).

Scenario 2 (full SRV approved) reflects the preferred and adopted LTFP scenario and represents Council's endorsed long-term financial strategy. It was developed through detailed analysis and modelling of Council's projected income, expenditure, capital program, asset renewal needs, and financial sustainability indicators, and assumes the full implementation of the proposed SV. As such, Scenario 2 is the scenario that aligns with Council's endorsed strategic goals.

Scenario 1 (SRV rejected in full) has been developed as a contingency scenario. It represents a fall-back position in the event that the additional income assumed in the LTFP is not available and provides the basis for a more constrained budget response.

Recommending:

1. THAT the revised Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Draft Operational Plan 2026-27, containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2026-2027, be endorsed for a period of public exhibition of not less than 28 days, from 15 April to 14 May 2026, inviting submissions from the public.

2. THAT Council receive a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition and SV determination for consideration.

9.3 Draft Fees and Charges for Commercial Activities and Group Use of Open Space

Report of Mark Richardson, Service Unit Manager Ranger & Parking Services

The purpose of this report is to present Draft Fees and Charges for the purpose of commercial and group use of public open space.

At the meeting held 23 March 2026, Council adopted the *Commercial and Group use of Open Space Policy (Policy)*.

The *Policy* requires the setting of fees and charges for the purpose of regulating commercial and group use of open space to reduce conflict with community use, as well as providing a contribution towards the costs of maintaining open space, thereby reducing the burden on ratepayers more generally.

Draft Fees and Charges have been developed in accordance with the pricing principles endorsed by Council, including fairness to the community, proportionate to impact, contribution to maintenance and management, transparency and consistency, and efficient management of public open space.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the attached Draft Fees and Charges for Commercial Activities and Group Use of Open Space for public exhibition over a period of 28 days.
- 2. THAT** Council receive a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition.

9.4 North Sydney Olympic Pool Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2025-27 - post-exhibition report

Report of Duncan Rennie, Service Unit Manager Leisure and Aquatics

This report provides the results of the community engagement undertaken in relation to the proposed fees and charges for the North Sydney Olympic Pool for the 2025 – 2027 period.

At its meeting of 9 February 2026 meeting, Council resolved to place the proposed fees and charges for the North Sydney Olympic Pool on public exhibition. Public exhibition commenced on Tuesday 10 February 2026 in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

The NSOP Draft Fees and Charges Schedule provides a recommended list of fees for all chargeable services, requests, applications, approvals, licences, hire bookings, and memberships at the new NSOP. The fees and charges will contribute towards funding ongoing operational costs, loan repayments, and building a renewal reserve.

The Schedule has been developed following a comprehensive market and competitor analysis, to ensure the proposed fees and charges are appropriate, equitable, and competitively positioned.

When consultation closed on Tuesday 10 March 2026, 133 submissions had been received - 111 via Council's YourSay platform, and 22 written submissions received by email.

Requests for resident discount, further concessions, parking discounts and support for fitness passport were key themes within the submissions received.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council note the contents of this report and the community feedback received in relation to the draft fees and charges proposed for North Sydney Olympic Pool 2025-27.
 - 2. THAT** Council adopt the Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2025-27 for the North Sydney Olympic Pool, which forms Attachment 2 to this report.
 - 3. THAT** Council endorse the proposal for free facility memberships and Learn to Swim programs (subject to availability) during the initial four weeks of the North Sydney Olympic Pool's operations.
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4. THAT Council endorse free access for the first Saturday and Sunday following opening of the facility.

9.5 2026 Council Meeting Schedule - amendment

Report of Ian Curry, Acting Service Unit Manager Corporate Governance

The purpose of this report is to propose an amendment to the 2025-26 Council meeting schedule due to the Australian Council of Local Government meeting prior to the Australian Local Government Association conference in June.

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 an amendment to the 2025-26 Council meeting schedule to allow councillors to attend the Australian Council of Local Government meeting.

Recommending:

1. THAT the 2025-26 Council meeting schedule be amended to move the 22 June meeting to 29 June 2026.

9.6 Committee of Council proposal

Report of Therese Cole, Chief Executive Officer

The purpose of this report is to recommend the establishment of a Committee of Council for the purposes of considering matters that fall within the confidential provisions of section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993.

Recent changes to Council's *Code of Meeting Practice*, reflecting updates to the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW, have removed the ability to hold pre-meeting Council briefings that are closed to the public.

Historically, these briefings provided an important forum for Councillors to receive detailed information on matters involving confidentiality and/or legal privilege prior to formal consideration by Council.

To ensure Councillors continue to have appropriate access to information, context, and expert advice necessary to support informed decision-making, it is proposed to establish a Committee of Council to consider matters in accordance with section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

The Draft Committee Charter (attached to this report) has been prepared to align with legislative requirements, Office of Local Government guidance, and Council's *Code of Meeting Practice*, ensuring that confidentiality is applied lawfully, consistently, and only where appropriate.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council endorse the establishment of a Committee of Council for the purposes of consideration of matters that fall within the confidential provisions of section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993.

2. THAT Council review and adopt the Draft Charter for the Section 10A Committee of Council.

9.7 Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030

Report of George Carrick, Access and Inclusion Coordinator

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (DIAP), which outlines Council's strategic approach to improving access, inclusion, and equity for people with disability.

Council has a legislative requirement under the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 to develop and implement a Disability Inclusion Action Plan every four years.

The Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (DIAP) outlines Council's four-year framework to improve access, inclusion, and equity across Council's programs, services, and facilities.

The Plan is informed by a review of Council's current DIAP, targeted engagement with people with disability, Council's Access and Inclusion Committee, and the community. The Plan aligns with Council's key strategic documents, including the Community Strategic Plan, the Delivery Program 2025-2029, the Operational Plan 2026-2027 and the Workforce Strategy.

Key focus areas include positive attitudes and behaviours, liveable communities, employment, and systems and processes.

Council endorsement is sought to enable the draft DIAP to proceed to public exhibition.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026–2030 for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
- 2. THAT** Council note that a further report will be presented to Council following the public exhibition period, including a summary of submissions and any recommended changes.

9.8 Planning Proposal 1/25 - 41-53 Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay

Report of Katerina Papas, Senior Strategic Planner

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the independent assessment report of Planning Proposal 1/25 for 41-53 Grosvenor Street Neutral Bay, following its consideration by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) on 11 March 2026, and that consideration be given to the recommendations of the Independent Assessment report and NSLPP.

The Independent Assessment Report recommends that Council endorse the Planning Proposal, subject to amendments, and that it be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination.

On 12 May 2025, Council received a Planning Proposal to amend the *North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013 (NSLEP 2013)* as it relates to land at 41-53 Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay.

The subject site is located within the area covered by the *Neutral Bay Village Planning Study (NBVPS)* which was adopted by Council in May 2024.

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the *NSLEP 2013* as it relates to the subject site as follows:

- increase the maximum Height of Buildings (HOB) control from 16m to 31m;
 - increase the minimum non-residential Floor Space Ratio (FSR) control from 0.5:1 to 1.2:1; and
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- introduce a site-specific provision requiring a solar access plane to achieve the required solar access to the future Grosvenor public plaza, adjacent to the subject site as envisaged under the *NBVPS*.

The intent of the Planning Proposal, as reflected in the accompanying indicative concept scheme, is to facilitate a part eight and part nine-storey mixed-use development, comprising a supermarket and retail floorspace within a podium, approximately 83 residential apartments above, and four basement levels of car parking.

The Planning Proposal is accompanied by suggested site-specific amendments to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2025 (NSDCP 2025)*. It is also accompanied by a non-binding letter of offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Council to deliver the following public benefits:

- design and construct a new public plaza on Council land at Grosvenor Lane;
- underground public parking beneath the new plaza (relocating 75 existing at-grade public parking spaces, with 10 spaces retained at grade); and
- public domain upgrades along Grosvenor Street, Cooper Lane, and Waters Lane.

An independent planning consultant (AK Planning) was engaged to undertake the assessment of the proposal on behalf of Council, given the extended planning history of the precinct as well as the current tender process that is underway for the potential delivery of a public plaza at Grosvenor Lane.

Following completion of the assessment by the consultant, the Planning Proposal was referred to the North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) for advice on 11 March 2026.

The NSLPP generally agreed with the recommendations of the independent assessment report that the Planning Proposal, subject to amendments, be supported to proceed to a Gateway Determination. The recommended amendments include:

- a revised maximum Height of Buildings control of 28 metres and a three-metre allowance for rooftop structures to limit the potential for additional storeys on the site;
- a revised sun access protection clause to achieve the required solar access to the future Grosvenor Plaza as envisaged under the *NBVPS*;
- a revised site-specific Development Control Plan (DCP) to ensure key built form and design issues are appropriately addressed at the future Development Application stage;
- and a revised VPA offer that will deliver the four-metre setback to Waters Lane, as envisaged by the *NBVPS*.

This report recommends that consideration be given to the recommendations of the independent assessment report and NSLPP.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council consider the recommendations of the independent assessment report and NSLPP, that the Planning Proposal subject to being amended to Council's satisfaction to address the recommendations of the independent assessment report and NSLPP, be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination.

2. THAT, if supported, the Planning Proposal be amended to address the recommendations outlined in the independent consultant's assessment report (LPP report) and the NSLPP Meeting Minutes dated 11 March 2026, specifically:

- a) *The Planning Proposal being amended to allow for a maximum building height of 28m with an additional 3m buffer for rooftop structure and facilities, consistent with Clause 4.3A of the NSLEP 2013.*
- b) *The Planning Proposal being amended to include a “Sun Access Protection” clause under Part 6 of the NSLEP 2013 as well as a “Sun Access Protection” Map. This clause would operate as a prohibition, preventing variation under Clause 4.6.*
- c) *The accompanying reference design being amended to provide for a 4m ground floor whole of building setback to Waters Lane.*
- d) *A site specific DCP being developed for concurrent exhibition with the Planning Proposal, incorporating the detailed controls outlined in Section 2 of this report and measures to ensure an articulated built form that maintains adequate privacy and solar access for surrounding properties.*
- e) *The proponent be invited to submit a VPA to address the extent of the public offering.*

3. THAT subject to the completion of Recommendation 2 above, the Planning Proposal be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI), in accordance with Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to seek a Gateway Determination.

4. THAT, upon receipt of a Gateway Determination, any associated amendment to the *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2025 (NSDCP 2025)* be exhibited concurrently with the subject Planning Proposal.

5. THAT the outcomes of any public exhibition be reported to Council.

9.9 Planning Proposal 1/26 - 27-37 Bydown Street, Neutral Bay

Report of Katerina Papas, Senior Strategic Planner

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the recommendations of the North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) on Planning Proposal No. 1/26, which seeks to amend the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013 (NSLEP 2013) to identify the properties at 27 – 37 Bydown Street Neutral Bay as heritage items of local significance, and to seek a resolution to forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination.

Planning Proposal No. 1/26 seeks to amend the NSLEP 2013 to identify six properties - 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 Bydown Street Neutral Bay as heritage items of local significance under Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage and on the Heritage Map.

The Planning Proposal is supported by a comprehensive heritage assessment of the subject properties undertaken by an independent heritage consultant, Vanessa Holtham Heritage & Architecture.

The independent heritage assessment concluded that, based on the available historical and physical evidence, as well as a comparative analysis of similar properties, that the properties meet the threshold for local heritage listing and recommended that the group of cottages at 27-37 Bydown Street Neutral Bay be listed as items of local heritage significance under the NSLEP 2013.

In accordance with the recommendations of the heritage assessment, the subject Planning Proposal was prepared and referred to the NSLPP for advice on 11 March 2026.

Contrary to the recommendations of the independent heritage assessment report and the Council officer's report to the NSLPP, the NSLPP recommended the Planning Proposal not be supported to proceed to a Gateway Determination. The Panel formed the view that the Planning Proposal did not have strategic and sufficient site-specific merit.

The Planning Proposal has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act 1979 and Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines (DPHI 2023). Council officers are satisfied that the Planning Proposal is consistent with applicable State and local plans and policies and is supported by a comprehensive heritage assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified heritage consultant, which recommends the properties meet the threshold for local heritage listing. Further community consultation will occur following Gateway Determination.

This report recommends the Planning Proposal to heritage list the properties at 27-37 Bydown Street Neutral Bay, be supported to proceed to a Gateway Determination.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council note the recommendations of the North Sydney Local Planning Panel Meeting of 11 March 2026 on the Planning Proposal (PP1/26).
- 2. THAT** Council endorse the Planning Proposal (included within Attachment 1 to this report) to amend the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013 such that the properties at 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 Bydown Street Neutral Bay be identified as local heritage items through their listing within Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage and identification on the Heritage Map.
- 3. THAT** Council resolve to forward the Planning Proposal (PP1/26) to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, seeking a Gateway Determination.
- 4. THAT,** upon receipt of a Gateway Determination, the Planning Proposal be publicly exhibited.
- 5. THAT** the outcomes of any public exhibition be reported to Council.

9.10 Development Assessment Performance - 2025/26 Quarter 2

Report of Stephen Beattie, Service Unit Manager Development Services

This report provides an overview and analysis of Council's development assessment performance to end quarter 2 of the 2025/26 financial year, as measured by the NSW Government's Planning League Table.

In July 2024, the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces issued a Ministerial Order of Expectations requiring all NSW Councils to meet certain development assessment targets.

For North Sydney Council, this included an expectation that in 2024/25, development applications be determined, on average, within 115 days, with the target timeframe to be systematically reduced in subsequent years.

Council's development assessment performance since January 2025 has improved significantly and now exceeds the 105-day target set by the Minister for Planning to the end of Q2 of the 2025/26 financial year, at 80 days.

Lodgement times for Development Assessments (Das) are also subject to a performance target which, this financial year, is seven days (down from 14 in 2024/25). Council is currently tracking at six days, thus also in compliance with this component of the Minister's expectations.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** this report be noted.

9.11 Proposed consultation for the naming of the new plaza – Young Street, Neutral Bay

Report of Diana Mejia, Engineering Project Manager

This report seeks the endorsement of Council to commence community engagement to seek suggestions from the community for the naming of the new plaza on Young Street, Neutral Bay.

Construction of the new plaza in Young Street, Neutral Bay was substantially completed in March 2026. This presents an appropriate opportunity to seek community input on the naming of the plaza.

A 28-day community engagement period is proposed to invite naming suggestions from the community.

Naming the plaza will support placemaking outcomes by establishing a distinct identity for the new plaza that will assist with wayfinding.

The naming process will be undertaken in accordance with Council's *Road and Place Naming Policy*, the Geographical Names Board of NSW guidelines, and NSW Addressing Policy requirements.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council endorse undertaking community engagement to seek suggestions for the naming of the new plaza in Young Street, Neutral Bay (between Military Road and Grosvenor Lane).
2. **THAT** Council note that the consultation for the naming of the new plaza in Young Street, Neutral Bay will be undertaken in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Strategy*.
3. **THAT** Council note that the outcomes of the community engagement and the proposed naming of the new plaza in Young Street, Neutral Bay will be reported back to Council for consideration.

9.12 Draft Submission to the NSW Government Proposed Reforms to Micromobility and Sharing Schemes

Report of Beth Robrahn, Team Leader Transport

This report seeks Council's endorsement of a submission to the NSW Government in response to the proposed reforms that will establish a statewide regulatory framework for micromobility sharing schemes.

The NSW Government is progressing reforms that establish a statewide regulatory framework for micromobility sharing schemes, implemented through amendments to the Road Transport Act 2013 (the Act) and related regulations. Feedback is now being sought to assist with the operationalising the regulatory framework.

A draft submission has been prepared based on Council's *Integrated Transport Strategy, Bike Action Plan*, and Council's August 2024 submission to the Inquiry regarding the use of e-scooters, e-bikes, and related mobility options. The submission also includes community feedback received in relation to bike share schemes operating in the North Sydney Local Government Area (LGA).

The key recommendations in the draft submission are as follows:

- i Clarity of Roles Responsibilities
- ii Fleet Management Approach
- iii Provide Clear Approach to Micromobility Parking
- iv Sustainable Funding
- v Clarity and Consistency in Enforcement
- vi Release of the Full Suite of Guidance Documents

Recommending:

1. THAT Council endorse the draft submission attached to this report as a formal submission to the NSW Government in relation to proposed reforms for micromobility sharing schemes that will be implemented through amendments to the Road Transport Act 2013 (the Act) and related regulations.

9.13 NSROC Tender 2027 Road Works - Linemarking

Report of Edward Wong, Manager Footpaths, Roads, & Drainage

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an analysis and recommendations from the tender process for Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) Tender for linemarking NSRC-1138998.

North Sydney Council (Council) engages line marking services through a Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) tender arrangement, and through a Schedule of Rates contract.

In late 2025 the NSROC became aware that the sole successful proponent for line marking from Tender NSRC 1116641 was involved in The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) Operation Wyvern.

A decision was made by the NSROC to suspend the services of the proponent involved in the ICAC enquiry from the NSROC panel and retender for line-marking services.

Tenders were called for on 1 September 2025. Seven tender submissions were received when submissions closed on 22 September 2025.

Tender submissions were subsequently assessed by a NSROC tender assessment panel, and two proponents have been shortlisted to provide line-marking services to Council.

If Council wishes to discuss the report, the meeting should be closed to the public to do so, in accordance with 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

(d)(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and because consideration of the matter would, on balance be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered amounts would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council note the tender process that has been undertaken by the North Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) in relation to the procurement of line-marking services.

2. THAT Council accept the short-list of tenderers as noted by the North Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) Tender Evaluation Panel, which forms Attachment 1 to this report.

2. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to take any necessary action to implement the contract NSROC Road Works - Linemarking - RFT Asphalt (linemarking)-2027.

3. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a variance in the annual adjustment of the rates within the NSROC Road Works - Linemarking - RFT Asphalt (linemarking)-2027 in the event of unforeseen circumstances that may arise requiring the adjustment of accepted rates.

4. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into extension options in accordance with the contract conditions noted within the in the tender documents for NSROC Road Works - Linemarking - RFT Asphalt (linemarking)-2027.

5. THAT Council resolve that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act:

(d)(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and because consideration of the matter would, on balance be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered amounts would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION**11. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

12. CLOSURE
