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**Min.884      C10/20-580 Proposed Christmas / New Year Operations 2020 - 2021****Resolved (Sarkis/Zaiter)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the implementation of the operational arrangements outlined in this report with the amendment of the pool closures being 7pm for the 2020/21 Christmas/New Year period and that these details be published to the community; and
2. In accordance with Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager or in their absence, to the persons acting in these roles, during the period of Council recess to jointly exercise the powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council which cannot reasonably be deferred to the first Ordinary Council meeting following the Council recess. This period:
  - a) Commencing at midnight on the day of the Council meeting held immediately before the recess period as approved by Council (16 December 2020); and
  - b) Concluding at the time of commencement of the first Council meeting held immediately after the end of the recess period (3 February 2021); and noting that any such decisions are to be unanimous and circulated to Councillors for their information, and will be reported to the first Ordinary Council meeting following the recess period.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**C10/20-581 Review of Compliments and Complaints Management Policy and Guidelines**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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**Min.885      C10/20-582 Rates Harmonisation****Resolved (Lake/Sarkis)**

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of the community engagement undertaken on the options for rates harmonisation.
2. Adopt option 1 no SRV increase as per community consultation feedback.
3. Register with IPART for a single minimum rate for Cumberland. The residential minimum will commence at \$650, increase by 10% for four years; the business rates minimum will be \$1,200 and increase by CPI.
4. Approve the rates structure for consultation with ratepayers:
  - i) Single minimum rates residential ratepayers
  - ii) Ordinary residential rates
  - iii) Business – Commercial Rate

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- iv) Business – Shopping Centre Rate
  - v) Business – Industrial Rates
5. Adopt in principle a gradual transition of rates, noting current legislation has not been amended to allow this. Council does have a Plan B, as outlined in this report, to achieve a gradual transition of rates without any loss of \$8m in rates income at risk.
  6. Write to the Minister of Local Government and Local Government NSW (LGNSW) in support of new amendments to legislation that allow Council to opt-in into a maximum period of 5 years for a gradual transition to the new Cumberland rate. Outlining that Cumberland supports the ratepayers whom have a lower capacity and want to avoid a 40% increase in one year.
  7. As per IPART guidelines, inform all ratepayers of the expected impact to ratepayers and businesses over five years and one year using gradual transition and single year transition options.
  8. Note that the gradual transition plan will be included in the annual Operational Plan pending amendments to the *Local Government Act*.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**C10/20-583 Finalisation of Laneway off Church Street, Lidcombe  
Proposed Road Closure**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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**C10/20-584 Investment Report - September 2020**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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**C10/20-585 Report on Variations to Development Standards  
Approved Under Delegation - July to September 2020 Quarter**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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**Min.886 C10/20-589 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020 -  
Determination of Voting Delegates**

**Motion (Attie/Zreika)**

That Council determine the following 10 Councillors to be registered as voting delegates for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020:

1. Councillor Attie
2. Councillor Christou
3. Councillor Cummings
4. Councillor Garrard
5. Councillor Lake
6. Councillor Rahme
7. Councillor Saha